



Korea Peace Network

# ENGAGING NORTH KOREA:

U.S. POLICIES TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS

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Tensions between the U.S. and North Korea have arguably reached historic highs in the first few months of 2016. Relations between the two countries appear deadlocked following North Korea's nuclear test in January, the largest ever U.S.-South Korea military exercises, several North Korean rocket launches, US-led sanction efforts, vicious rhetoric and more. Further, the Obama Administration's policy of 'strategic patience' has not yielded diplomatic progress and both official and back-channel dialogue have reportedly ceased.

Yet, despite the impasse between the two countries, there remain an array of policy options to help de-escalate tensions, increase understanding, build trust, and ultimately pave the way for a peacebuilding process. Join the Korea Peace Network and GWU's Partnership for International Strategies in Asia as we explore a menu of policy options to build a more peaceful Korean peninsula and Northeast Asia. An all-day event, the Summit on North Korea will feature discussions with academics, policy analysts, U.S. government officials, practitioners from across the foreign policy spectrum, and more.

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9:00 – 9:15 AM: WELCOME

9:15 – 10:45 AM: PANEL I

The Korea Exception to the Mine Ban Treaty  
& Obama's Last Days in Office

*Panelists:* Megan Burke, Executive Director of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines  
Jae-kook Cho, lead Korea landmine expert, Yonsei University (video)  
Channapha Khamvongsa, Executive Director, Legacies of War project  
*Moderated by:* Professor Eleana Kim, University of California, Irvine

11:00 – 12:30 PM: PANEL II

Remembering the Forgotten: Retrieving the Remains of U.S. Veterans Left in North Korea  
*Keynote Address:* Governor Bill Richardson

*Panelists:* Rick Downes, Executive Director of the Coalition of Families of the Korean and Cold War POW's/MIA's  
LCDR Daniel Colón, Policy and Plans, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency – Department of Defense  
*Moderated by:* Mickey Bergman, Senior Advisor, The Richardson Center

12:30 – 1:30 PM: LUNCH PROVIDED BY AFSC

1:30 – 3:00 PM: PANEL III

Communication Breakdown: People-to-people  
Exchanges & Building Understanding

*Panelists:* Linda Lewis, DPRK Country Representative, American Friends Service Committee  
Frederick F. Carriere, Research Professor of Political Science, Maxwell School- Syracuse University  
Jennifer Clinton, President, Global Ties  
*Moderated by:* Charissa Zehr, Legislative Associate for International Affairs, Mennonite Central Committee

3:30 – 6:00 PM: FILM SCREENING &  
REMARKS ON DIVIDED FAMILIES

Film: "People are the Sky" - Dai Sil Kim-Gibson

*Panelists:* Nan Kim, Associate Professor of History, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee & author of the new book, Memory, Reconciliation and Reunions of Separated Families in Contemporary South Korea: Crossing the Divide (Lexington)  
Daisil Kim-Gibson, Independent Filmmaker and Writer  
*Moderated by:* Aiyoung Choi, Executive Committee Member, Women Cross DMZ