

#WomenPeaceKorea

Suggested Reading List: What we are Reading and Watching

We encourage you to check out as many of these materials as you can — but if you are short on time, be sure to read our top 5 (marked with asterisks: **).

Articles and Statements

Materials prepared for the 2015 WCDMZ Walk

1. **Korea 101

A breakdown of historical events, from Korea's liberation from Japan, to the recent past.

<https://www.womencrossdmz.org/korea-situation-101/>

2. **Women Cross DMZ (WCDMZ) Statement on Historic Korean Summit

Applauds Korean leaders on their commitment to denuclearization and demilitarization.

<https://www.womencrossdmz.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/WCDMZ-Statementon->

3. Summit-and-Panmunjeom-Declaration-1.pdf

Women Cross DMZ 2015 Declaration on the Women's Walk for Peace Women Cross DMZ declares their intent to work with the women of Korea to achieve peace.

<https://www.womencrossdmz.org/our-story/declaration-of-2015-internationalwomens-walk-for-peace-reunification-of-korea/>

4. Women Cross DMZ 2015 Post Walk Reflections

Women Cross DMZ's final reflections on the Walk for Peace in Korea.

<https://www.womencrossdmz.org/web/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Final-Closing-Statement.pdf>

5. Crossing Borders: a feminist history of Women Cross DMZ – Suzy Kim

- Author Suzy Kim responds to critics of the Women Cross DMZ trip to Korea by diving into the history of the organization and details of the four-day trip.

<https://apjff.org/2015/13/33/Suzy-Kim/4355.html>

Recent articles

1. **Historic Korean Summit Sets the Table for Peace—and US Pundits React With Horror, by Tim Shorrock -The Nation, 2 May 2018.

2. The Nation: Historic meeting between Kim Jong-un and Moon Jae-in leads to peace agreement for Korea.

<https://www.thenation.com/article/historic-korean-summit-sets-the-table-for-peaceand->

3. Tim Shorrock on North Korea Nuclear Deal: Will the U.S. Drop Sanctions & Economic

Embargo - Democracy Now, 30 April 2018.

Kim Jong-un pledges to abandon nuclear weapons if the US formally ends the Korean War.

https://www.democracynow.org/2018/4/30/tim_shorrock_on_north_korea_nuclear

4. Korea and the Geopolitics of the Impossible by John Feffer - Foreign Policy in Focus, 25, April 2018.

An analysis of the Korean peace agreement and possible predictions for where it may lead. <https://fpif.org/korea-and-the-geopolitics-of-the-impossible/>

5. What It Will Take to Achieve a Nuclear-Free Korean Peninsula – Christine Ahn, Truthout, March 14 2018.

Many fear that peace is unachievable if Trump & Kim Jong-un fail to come to an agreement.

<http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/43835-what-it-will-take-to-achieve-a-nuclearfree->

6. We Can Avoid War with North Korea—If We Listen to Women Peacemakers - Erica Fein, Ms. Magazine, 25 January 2018.

Peace is obtainable by letting women's voices be heard in the struggle for peace in Korea.

<http://msmagazine.com/blog/2018/01/25/can-avoid-war-north-korea-listen-womenpeacemakers/>

7. Candlelight and the Yellow Ribbon: Catalyzing Re-Democratization in South Korea – Nan Kim, Asia-Pacific Journal. July 15, 2017.

Explores the role of collective memory in galvanizing the people's movements and the overwhelming popular dissent of the Candlelight Revolution of 2016-2017 in South Korea.

https://www.academia.edu/36626137/Candlelight_and_the_Yellow_Ribbon_Catalyzing

8. Korea on the Brink: Reading the Yongp'yong Shelling and its Aftermath – Nan Kim, The Journal of Asian Studies, May 2011.

Traces how the two Koreas went from the peacemaking breakthroughs of the first inter-

Korean summit in June 2000 to the brink of war during the Korean military crisis of 2010; includes historical analysis of recurring conflicts surrounding the Northern Limit Line (NLL).

https://www.academia.edu/720534/Korea_on_the_Brink_Reading_the_Yönp_yöng_Shell_ing_and_its_Aftermath

10. A Peaceful United Korea is a Landmine-Free Korea, 2018 Asia Platform to Ban Landmines - Statement from the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) regarding ridding Korea of all land mines and cluster munitions.

<http://www.icbl.org/en-gb/news-and-events/news/2018/a-peaceful-united-korea-is-alandmine-free-korea.aspx>

11. A New Generation Against the Bomb – Ray Acheson, The Nation. April 27, 2018
The youth-led fight against gun violence can learn from the global antinuclear movement.

<https://www.thenation.com/article/a-new-generation-against-the-bomb/>

Reports

1. Reimagining Peacemaking: Women’s Roles in Peace Processes - International Peace Institute, 2015.

Inclusion of women’s groups influences both peace & gender-sensitivity in decisionmaking.

<https://www.ipinst.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/IPI-E-pub-Reimagining-Peacemaking.pdf>

2. 7 Myths Standing in the Way of Women’s Inclusion - Alice Nderitu and Jacqueline O’Neill, Inclusive Security, June 2013.

Presentation and debunking of seven common misconceptions that prevent mediators from capitalizing on the benefits of women’s participation.

<https://www.inclusivesecurity.org/publication/7-myths-standing-in-the-way-ofwomens->

3. Interactive Report: Women’s Participation in Peace Processes – Council on Foreign Relations, January 2018.

Peace negotiators often overlook a strategy that could reduce conflict and advance stability: include women.

<https://www.cfr.org/interactive/womens-participation-in-peace-processes>

Podcasts

1. **Intercepted Podcast: War Games

A conversation with Christine Ahn, Women Cross DMZ, and Jeremy Scahill on US war crimes on the Korean Peninsula.

<https://theintercept.com/2018/05/02/intercepted-podcast-war-games/>

Videos

1. **Memory of Forgotten War Trailer (12 mins) – directed by Deann Borshay Liem and Ramsay Liem, MU Films, 2013.

Personal accounts convey the human cost of military conflict in the Korean Peninsula.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJdYktPYy34>

2. **Crossings Trailer (7 mins) – directed by Deann Borshay Liem, MU Films, forthcoming.

Details the Women Cross DMZ delegation in 2015 — short summary of their trip

<https://vimeo.com/134056505>

Password: xrossing2015

3. 2015 Peace Walk Walking for Peace: Reuniting Families, Ending the Korean War Introduces Women Cross DMZ and their reasons for organizing the crossing

<https://www.facebook.com/WomenCrossDMZ/videos/2246394798720156/>

4. Dispelling Myths about North Korea - Prof. Suzy Kim, Rutgers University. National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), July 2016. Common myths in mainstream media representation of North Korea.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNf3wM0feb8>

5. The Korean War, A History. With Bruce Cumings

Overview of the Korean War - from historical origins, to military conflict, to present day.

Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ba3dgDUtE9A>

Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KCBH2QVLok>

Books: Fiction

1. Park Wan-suh: *Who Ate Up All the Shinga?* An Autobiographical Novel. - Translated by Yu Young-nan and Stephen Epstein. Columbia University Press

The extraordinary autobiography of Park Wan-suh during the Japanese occupation of Korea and Korean War while she was a child.

<https://cup.columbia.edu/book/who-ate-up-all-the-shinga/9780231148986>

2. Han Kang: *Human Acts*. Hogarth Press, 2014, translated by Deborah Smith. Han tells the stories of survivors and victims of the 1980 Gwangju uprising in South Korea.

3. Han Kang: *The Vegetarian*, Hogarth Press, 2016, translated by Deborah Smith The story of Yeong-hye, who becomes vegetarian after a nightmare about human cruelty.

4. Min Jin Lee: *Pachinko*. Grand Central Publishing, 2017. A four-generation saga of a family — from Japanese-occupied Korea, to Japan in the 1980's.

5. Kyung-sook Shin: *Please Look After Mom*. Translated by Chi-Young Kim. Knopf. 2011. This novel explores themes around identity and self-sacrifice through the story of a family in search of their missing mother after her disappearance in Seoul.

Books: Non-Fiction

1. *Memory, Reconciliation, and Reunions in South Korea: Crossing the Divide* - Nan Kim, Lexington, 2016.

This book provides a lens for understanding the cultural processes of moving from enmity to engagement amid the complex legacies of the global Cold War on the Korean Peninsula. <http://bit.ly/2rDd43a>

To read the book's chapter on the emotional discoveries by families first learning their relatives were still alive in North Korea, more than a half-century after losing all contact:

<http://bit.ly/2liFmWP>

2. Contentious Activism and Inter-Korean Relations - Danielle L. Chubb. Columbia University Press, 2014.

This book seeks to provide international observers with a better understanding of the policymaking management of inter-Korean relations.

<https://cup.columbia.edu/book/contentious-activism-and-inter-koreanrelations/9780231161367>

3. Korea's Grievous War – Su-kyoung Hwang. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016.

This book recounts the civilian experience of anticommunist violence, beginning with the Cheju Uprising in 1948 and continuing through the Korean War until 1953.

<http://www.upenn.edu/pennpress/book/15572.html>

4. DMZ Crossing: Performing Emotional Citizenship Along the Korean Border - Suk-Young Kim. Columbia University Press. 2014.

These are the stories of people testing the limits of Korean division, resisting geopolitical borders and learning to define their national identity.

<https://cup.columbia.edu/book/dmz-crossing/9780231164825>