

Korea Policy Forum Virtual Roundtable Discussion



Assessing the Biden-Yoon Summit: 70-Year Alliance and New Thinking

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM (EDT)

10:00 PM – 11:30 PM (KST)

Virtual via Zoom

EVENT DESCRIPTION

U.S. President Joe Biden and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol will have their meeting at the White House on April 26. While commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the US-ROK alliance this year, the two leaders will explore a path to strengthen and expand the decades-old alliance based on new thinking on the strategic environment that the allies face. Three leading experts from the U.S. and South Korea, respectively, will be joining us to discuss their analyses of the results of the summit meeting. The GW Institute for Korean Studies, the East Asia National Resource Center, and the U.S-China Policy Institute at Ajou University invite you to join us for an engaging discussion on this important topic.

This event is on the record and open to the public.

The event will be recorded and made available on GWIKS' YouTube channel.



EVENT SCHEDULE

	Presentations
9:00 AM – 9:05 AM (EDT)	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jisoo M. Kim, Director of the GW Institute for Korean Studies (GWIKS) • Heung-Kyu Kim, Director of the U.S-China Policy Institute
9:05 AM – 9:45 AM (EDT)	Moderator: Yonho Kim, Associate Director of the GW Institute for Korean Studies (GWIKS) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Military and Diplomacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Chaesung Chun (Professor, Seoul National University) ▫ Sue Mi Terry (Director, Asia Program and the Hyundai Motor-Korea Foundation Center for Korean History and Public Policy, Wilson Center) 2. Economic Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Danny Leipziger (Managing Director of The Growth Dialogue, The George Washington University) ▫ Seungjoo Lee (Professor, Chung-Ang University) 3. Domestic Reactions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Jung Eun Lee (Editorial Writer, Dong-A Ilbo) ▫ Josh Rogin (Columnist, Washington Post)
9:45 AM – 10:15 AM (EDT)	Roundtable Discussion (30 min)
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM (EDT)	Q&A

PROFILES (Alphabetical Order)

◇ SPEAKERS



CHAESUNG CHUN is a Professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Seoul National University, teaching international relations theory and security studies. He is the Director of the National Security Center of the East Asian Institute. He is a member of the advisory committee for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defense, and the Ministry of Unification. He was a Visiting Professor at Keio University in Tokyo from 2017-2018 and from 2010-2011. He also previously served as the Director of the Center for International Studies at Seoul National University. The books he has authored include: *Sovereignty and International Relations: Northeast Asian International Relations Theory: Politics among Incomplete Sovereign States*

(2020), *Sovereignty and International Relations: Modern Sovereign States System and the Evolution of the Empire* (2019), *East Asian International Relations* (2011), and *Is Politics Moral?: Reinhold Niebuhr's Transcendental Realism* (2012). He received his B.A. and M.A. from Seoul National University and his Ph.D. from Northwestern University in the field of International Relations Theory.



HEUNG-KYU KIM is the founder and Director of U.S.-China Policy Institute and Professor in the Department of Political Science and Diplomacy at Ajou University. He previously served six years as Professor at the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS), MOFA. His past career experiences include serving as the Chairperson of the Reform Commission of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a board member of the Policy Advisory Commission in the Presidential National Security Council, and other governmental positions such as in the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Unification, and National Defense, the Army, and the National Assembly. Dr. Kim has

written more than 300 articles, books, and policy papers regarding Chinese politics and foreign policy, U.S.-China relations, and security issues in Northeast Asia. Dr. Kim's publications include *China and the U.S.-ROK Alliance: Promoting a Trilateral Dialogue* (CFR, 2017), *Enemy, Homager or Equal Partner?: Evolving Korea-China Relations* (2012), and *From a Buffer Zone to a Strategic Burden: Evolving Sino-North Korea Relations during Hu Jintao Era* (2010). His book *China's Central-Local Relations and Decision-Making* received an award for Excellency of the Year by the Ministry of Culture in 2008. He also received the NEAR Foundation Academic prize of the year in the area of foreign policy and security in 2014. Dr. Kim received his B.A. and M.A. in International Relations from Seoul National University and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Michigan.



JISOO M. KIM is Korea Foundation Associate Professor of History, International Affairs, and East Asian Languages and Literatures. She currently serves as the Director of the Institute for Korean Studies and the Co-Director of the East Asia National Resource Center at GW. She also serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Korean Studies*. She is a specialist in gender, law, and emotions in Korean history. Her broader research interests include gender and sexuality, crime and justice, forensic medicine, literary representations of the law, history of emotions, vernacular, and gender writing. She is the author of *The Emotions of Justice: Gender, Status, and Legal Performance in Chosŏn Korea* (University of

Washington Press, 2015), which was awarded the 2017 James Palais Prize of the Association for Asian Studies. She is also the co-editor of *The Great East Asian War and the Birth of the Korean Nation* by JaHyun Kim Haboush (Columbia University Press, 2016). She is currently working on a book project tentatively entitled *Sexual Desire, Crime, and Gendered Subjects: A History of Adultery Law in Korea*. She received her M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. in East Asian Languages and Cultures from Columbia University.



JUNG EUN LEE is an editorial writer and a reporter at the Dong-A Ilbo Daily in South Korea. She worked as a Washington correspondent from 2019 to 2021. She specializes in national security and foreign affairs, and has been reporting on North Korea, denuclearization of the Korean peninsula, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Strategy. She was dispatched to Channel A, the affiliate broadcasting company of Dong-A Ilbo, as a Senior Reporter at the political desk in 2014. She was a Visiting Scholar at the U.S.-Korea Institute (USKI) at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies from 2014 to 2015. She obtained her B.A. in Journalism from Seoul National University, and M.A. from the Graduate School of North Korean Studies.



SEUNGJOO LEE is Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Chung-Ang University (Seoul, Korea) and the Chair of Trade, Technology, and Transformation Research Center at East Asia Institute. He currently serves as a member of the Advisory Committee on Economic Security and Foreign Affairs (Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Dr. Lee has previously taught at the National University of Singapore and Yonsei University. He has also held various positions in academic associations in Korea such as the Korean Association of International Studies and the Korean Political Science Association. He is the co-author of *The Political Economy of Change and Continuity*

in Korea: Twenty Years after the Crisis. He also edited, among other works, *Korea's Middle Power Diplomacy*, *International Political Economy in Cyberspace*, *International Politics of Belt and Road*, and *Trade Policy in the Asia-Pacific*. His publications appeared in various journals such as *Comparative Political Studies*, *The Pacific Review*, *Asian Survey*, *Natural Hazards Review*, *Asian Journal of Peacebuilding*, and *Korean Political Science Review*. His current research focuses on the economy-security nexus, economic statecraft, the U.S.-China technology competition, and global digital governance. He received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of California at Berkeley.



DANNY LEIPZIGER is Professor of International Business at George Washington University and the Managing Director of [The Growth Dialogue](#), a network that works to extend sustainable economic growth to as many places on the planet as possible. The Growth Dialogue seeks to connect high level policymakers and thought leaders with those whose policy decisions can benefit from practical experience and the latest academic work on economic growth. Dr. Leipziger, a former vice president of the World Bank, headed the Bank's Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM) Network of more than 700 economists and other professionals working on economic policy formulation in the area of growth and poverty, debt, trade, gender and economic empowerment, and public sector management and governance. He advised three

successive World Bank presidents and represented the World Bank at major international conferences, including G20 meetings. He also served as Vice Chair of the Spence Commission on Economic Growth and Development. He has published extensively on economic development and international finance.



JOSH ROGIN is a columnist for the Global Opinions section of the Washington Post and a political analyst with CNN. He is also the author of *Chaos Under Heaven: Trump, Xi, and the Battle for the 21st Century*, released in March, 2021 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Previously, he has covered foreign policy and national security for Bloomberg View, Newsweek, The Daily Beast, Foreign Policy magazine, Congressional Quarterly, Federal Computer Week magazine, and Japan's Asahi Shimbun. His work has been featured on outlets including NBC, ABC, CBS, FOX, MSNBC, NPR, and many more. He has been recognized with the Interaction Award for Excellence in International Reporting and as a Finalist for the Livingston Award for Young Journalists. He has also received journalism fellowships from the Knight Foundation, the East-West Center, and the National Press Foundation. He has a B.A. in International Affairs from the George Washington University and studied at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. He lives in Washington, DC with his wife Ali Rogin of the PBS News Hour.



SUE MI TERRY is Director of the Asia Program and the Hyundai Motor-Korea Foundation Center for Korean History and Public Policy. Prior to joining the Wilson Center, Dr. Terry served in a range of important policy roles related to both Korea and its surrounding region. Formerly a Senior Fellow with the Korea Chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), she served as a Senior Analyst on Korean issues at the CIA (2001-2008), where she produced hundreds of intelligence assessments—including a record number of contributions to the President's Daily Brief, the Intelligence Community's most prestigious product. She received numerous awards for her leadership and outstanding mission support, including the CIA Foreign Language award in 2008. From 2008 to 2009, Dr. Terry was the Director for Korea, Japan, and Oceanic Affairs at the National Security Council under both President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama. In that role, she formulated, coordinated, and implemented U.S. government policy on Korea and Japan, as well as Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania. From 2009 to 2010, she was Deputy National Intelligence Officer for East Asia at the National Intelligence Council.

◇ MODERATOR



YONHO KIM is an Associate Research Professor of Practice and the Associate Director of GW Institute for Korean Studies. He specializes in North Korea's mobile telecommunications and U.S. policy towards North Korea. Kim is the author of *North Korean Phone Money: Airtime Transfers as a Precursor to Mobile Payment System* (2020), *North Korea's Mobile Telecommunications and Private Transportation Services in the Kim Jong-un Era* (2019) and *Cell Phones in North Korea: Has North Korea Entered the Telecommunications Revolution?* (2014). His research findings were covered by various media outlets, including Wall Street Journal, The Atlantic, Yonhap News, and Libération. Prior to joining GWIKS, he extensively interacted with the Washington policy circle on the Korean peninsula as Senior Researcher of the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Senior Reporter for Voice of America's Korean Service, and Assistant Director of the Atlantic Council's Program on Korea in Transition. He holds a B.A. and M.A. in International Relations from Seoul National University, and an M.A. in International Relations and International Economics from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.