

KOREAN PENINSULA SEMINAR

APRIL 1, 2025

9:15 AM - 9:30 AM **Coffee Chat**

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM **Introductory greeting**

- Dr. Karen Ross, CPDD Executive Director
 - Dr. Jay Jinseop Jang, Korean Peninsula Project Director
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9:45 AM - 10:45 AM **Part 1 (North Korea's Nuclear Threats)**

- Presentation: **Dr. Hwee Rhak Park**, CPDD Korea Study Visiting Scholar and former Dean of the Graduate School of Political Science at Kukmin University, South Korea. "**North Korea's Nuclear Threat to U.S. Global Strategies.**"
- Discussants: Dr. Paul Kowert, Chair of the Department of Political Science, and Dr. Jay Jinseop Jang, Korean Peninsula Project Director

Dr. Park argues that North Korea's nuclear capabilities could destabilize the strategic nuclear balance between the United States, Russia, and China, potentially undermining the credibility of the U.S. nuclear umbrella and diminishing America's global strategic influence.

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM **Coffee Break**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Part 2 (Human Security Concerns for South Korea's Aging Population)**

- Presentation: **Dr. Yeonjung Kim** CPDD Korea Study Visiting Scholar and Associate Professor at Korea Nazarene University. "**Understanding Elderly Suicide in South Korea.**"
- Discussants: Dr. Pamela Nadash, Associate Professor at the Department of Gerontology.

Despite being one of the most advanced and prosperous economies in the world, South Korea exhibits the highest suicide rate among OECD countries. Notably, the suicide rate among individuals aged 65+ is alarmingly high at 40.6 per 100,000. Dr. Kim will analyze the causes of elderly suicide, reflecting on Korean cultural factors and relevant theories of suicide.

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DATE/TIME

Tue, April 1, 2025
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LOCATION

Room 3545
Campus Center, UMB