Non-Traditional Security Issues in North Korea

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The conference brought together the work of leading North Korea experts to analyze the following NTS issues in the North Korean context: energy security; gender security; transnational organized crime; human migration; foreign media and its effects on NTS issues; food security; the Responsibility to Protect; refugee issues; the role of NGOs in protecting individuals from NTS threats; and the international human rights regime and human security. This carefully-crafted assortment of perspectives shed light on the most critical issues regarding North Korean NTS.

The conference drew a lot of attention not only from the academic community but also from the policy circle and the media. Many embassies in Seoul sent their representatives. The YTN and the Yonhap News covered the conference, interviewing some of the conference participants.

Conference Program

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Panel 1: Issues of Non-Traditional Security (NTS) in North Korea I

“Rethinking Traditional and Non-traditional Security in North Korea”
Jae-Jung Suh, Professor, Johns Hopkins University
Brendan Howe, Professor, Ewha Womans University

“North Korea’s Energy Security: Challenges and Assistance Approaches”
Peter Hays, Executive Director, Nautilus Institute
David Von Hippel, Senior Associate, Nautilus Institute

“Gender Security in North Korea”
Kyung-Ae Park, Professor, University of British Columbia

“Securitizing Transnational Organized Crimes and North Korea’s NTS”
David Kang, Professor, University of Southern California
Panel 2: Issues of Non-Traditional Security (NTS) in North Korea II

Issues of North Korean Migrants from the Perspective of Human Security
Woo Young Lee, Professor, University of North Korean Studies

Non-Traditional Measuring the Impact of Foreign Radio in North Korea
Peter Beck, Pantech Fellow, Stanford University

Food Security and Famine in North Korea
Suk Lee, Research Fellow, Korea Development Institute

Panel 3: Global Cooperation for Promoting NTS of North Korea

The Responsibility to Protect and its Limits in North Korea
Tsuneo Akaha, Professor, Monterey Institute of International Studies

North Korean Refugees and International Cooperation
Shin-wha Lee, Professor, Korea University

“The Role of NGOs in Protecting Pyongyang’s NTS”
Scott Snyder, Senior Associate, Asia Foundation/Pacific Forum CSIS

Road to Kill: Human Security in North Korea
Heajeong Lee, Professor, Chung-Ang University