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**“Territorial Disputes in East Asia: Origins and the U.S. Responsibility”**



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**Abstract:** Territorial disputes in East Asia have been complicated with different geographical and historical backgrounds. With growing nationalistic sentiments of the nations involved, they pose grave threats to peace and stability in the region and have potential to become the flash points with the involvements of major powers. One common aspect of these disputes is that they are originated from the incomplete postwar settlement of the World War II. The US shares the responsibility and need to play important roles in resolving the disputes peacefully and in bringing the countries to cooperative and friendly relations.

**Bio:** Joon-woo Park, a former senior diplomat from Korea, is the 2011–12 Koret Fellow with the Korean Studies Program (KSP) at Stanford University. Park brings over 30 years of foreign policy experience to Stanford, including a deep understanding of the U.S.-Korea relationship, bilateral relations, and major Northeast Asian regional issues. In view of Korea’s increasingly important presence as a global economic and political leader, Park will explore foreign policy strategies for furthering this presence. In addition, he will consider possibilities for increased U.S.-Korea collaboration in their relations with China, as well as prospects for East Asian regional integration based on the European Union (EU) model. He will also teach a course during the winter quarter, entitled *Korea’s Foreign Policy in Transition*.

In 2010, while serving as ambassador to the EU, Park signed the EU-South Korea Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in Brussels. That same year he also completed the Framework Agreement, strengthening EU-South Korea collaboration on significant global issues, such as human rights, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, and climate change. Park’s experience with such major bilateral agreements comes as the proposed Korea-U.S. FTA is nearing ratification. Park holds a BA and an MA in law from Seoul National University.