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**“Can the US Pick Up the Pieces of Its Failed North Korea Policy?”**

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**Abstract:** The failure of the recent February 2012 Leap Year Agreement between the United States and North Korea may have brought down the curtain in the last act of the Obama Administration's failed policy towards North Korea. With the upcoming elections in the United States and South Korea as well as a DPRK shift to a tougher policy towards both countries, there is little chance of further talks over the rest of 2012. The issue now is how to avoid any provocations by Pyongyang over the next 4-6 months. Beyond the upcoming elections, will it be possible to get a handle on Pyongyang, and particularly its gradually expanding programs for weapons of mass destruction? This talk will examine the question of whether such an effort, critical for future peace and stability on the peninsula and in Northeast Asia, can succeed or whether the region will have to learn to live with Pyongyang as a growing, but nuclear power.

**Bio:** Joel S. Wit is concurrently a Visiting Scholar at US-Korea Institute at SAIS and a Senior Research Fellow at Columbia University Weatherhead Institute for East Asian Studies. He has served as Senior Advisor to Ambassador Robert L. Galluci from 1993-1995, where he developed strategies to help resolve the crisis over North Korea's weapons program, and as Coordinator for the US-North Korea's weapons program and as Coordinator for the US-North Korea Agreed Framework from 1995-1999. He was also a key participant in the establishment of the Korean Peninsular Energy Development Organization (KEDO). Prior to his efforts on the Agreed Framework, Wit was assigned to the State Department's Office of Strategic Nuclear Policy. He was also a Guest Scholar at the Brookings Institute from 1999-2001. In addition, he has published numerous articles on Northeast Asian security issues. He received his M.I.A. from Columbia University in 1979 and his B.A. from Bucknell University in 1976.