

## Invitation

Launching the *Berlin Forum on Korea and Northeast Asia* series of conferences, workshops, and individual talks, the Institute of Korean Studies (IKS) at Freie Universität Berlin is pleased to invite you to its conference on *The Role of Germany and Europe in the Maintenance of Peace on the Korean Peninsula*.

What is widely perceived to be the most imminent threat to peace on the Korean peninsula, the “nuclear crisis”, has also come to constitute one of the most pressing challenges facing not only regional actors in Northeast Asia, but the international community as a whole. In light of repeated failures in attempting to resolve this crisis, and the rapid escalation of the conflict in 2017, a renewed debate about the prospects of an international solution seems more topical than ever.

While German and European engagement with the nuclear crisis on the Korean peninsula has historically been rather limited, recent statements by Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel and Federal Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel suggest an increased awareness among the highest German political echelons of the specific potential of a German and European involvement in the relevant diplomatic endeavours. In line with this, the inaugural conference of the *Berlin Forum on Korea and Northeast Asia* wants to inquire into the details of possible German and European contributions to opening up and maintaining formal and informal channels of communication with North Korea in the process of working towards a peaceful and lasting diplomatic solution to the nuclear crisis.

The Institute of Korean Studies (IKS) at Freie Universität Berlin is looking forward to welcoming distinguished guests from the fields of academia, politics, and the diplomatic service for an overall number of three panel discussions that will also engage with “European Perspectives on the Role of Germany in East Asia” and the issue of “Northeast Asian Institution Building and the Lessons from Europe”. Please join us for a day of topical and in-depth reflection on *The Role of Germany and Europe in the Maintenance of Peace on the Korean Peninsula* on 2 December 2017 in the Harnack-Haus near our Institute’s premises in Berlin Dahlem.

Prof. Dr. Eun-Jeung Lee  
Director of the Institute of Korean Studies

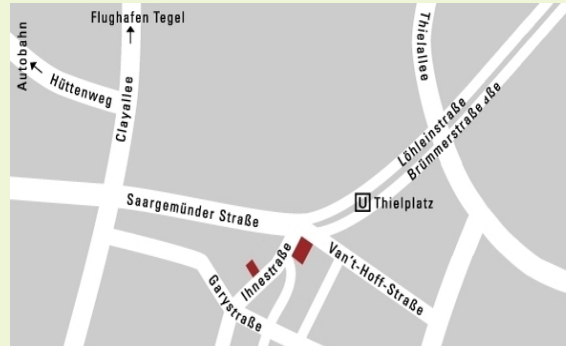
## Organizer and Host:

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## Venue:

Harnack-Haus  
Ihnestr. 16-20, 14195 Berlin

## How to get to Harnack-Haus:



## By underground:

The nearest underground station is Thielplatz on the U3. If travelling from the city center (in the direction of Krumme Lanke), get off at the front of the train. Take the stairs towards the exit in the direction of the train, turn left at the top of the stairs and then immediately right into Brümmerstraße. Continue down Brümmerstraße for about 100 m. Harnack-Haus will be to your left, at the intersection with Ihnestr.

## By car:

If travelling on the A 115, exit at the junction Hüthenweg (2). At the intersection with Clayallee, turn right. Turn left into Saargemünder Straße at the next intersection. Continue down Saargemünder Straße, Harnack-Haus will be to your right, at the intersection with Ihnestr.

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9:00 Registration

9:30 Welcome Address

**Prof. Dr. Eun-Jeung Lee**, Director of the Institute of Korean Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

9:40 Keynote Speech

**Prof. Dr. Moon Chung-in**, Special Advisor to the President of the Republic of Korea for Foreign Affairs and National Security, Distinguished Professor, Yonsei University,

10:20 Coffee Break

10:30 **Panel I: The Role(s) of Germany in East Asia**

Discussants:

**Prof. Dr. Volker Deville**, Director “Zukunftsthemen”, Allianz Deutschland AG

**Jürgen Klimke**, former Member of the German Federal Parliament (CDU), CEO Industrie-Contact AG

**Norbert Baas**, former Ambassador of Germany to the Republic of Korea

**Michael Geier**, former Ambassador of Germany to the Republic of Korea

**Hans-Ulrich Seidt**, former Ambassador of Germany to the Republic of Korea

Moderator: **Jun.-Prof. Dr. Hannes B. Mosler**, Graduate School of East Asian Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

12:30 Lunch Break

1:30 **Panel II: Northeast Asian Institution Building and the Lessons from Europe – Scholarly Perspectives**

Discussants:

**Prof. Dr. Alexander Vorontsov**, Head of the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences

**Prof. Dr. Park Myung-lim**, Executive Director of the Kim Dae-jung Presidential Library, Yonsei University, Seoul

**Prof. Dr. August Pradetto**, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg

**Prof. Dr. Remco Breuker**, Institute for Area Studies, Leiden University

**Dr. Eric J. Ballbach**, Institute of Korean Studies, Freie Universität Berlin/German Institute for International and Security Affairs

Moderator: **Dr. Gudrun Wacker**, German Institute for International and Security Affairs

3:30 Coffee Break

4:00 **Panel III: The Role of Germany and Europe in the Maintenance of Peace on the Korean Peninsula**

Discussants:

**Prof. Dr. Moon Chung-in**, Distinguished Professor, Yonsei University, Special Advisor to the President of the Republic of Korea for Foreign Affairs and National Security

**H.E. Ganbat Bontoi Damba**, Ambassador of Mongolia to Germany

**Dr. Werner Pfennig**, Institute of Korean Studies, Freie Universität Berlin

**Prof. Dr. Michael Staack**, Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg, member of the German-Korean Advisory Body for Foreign Policy Aspects of Unification

Moderator: **Norbert Baas**, former Ambassador of Germany to the Republic of Korea

## Introducing the *Berlin Forum on Korea and Northeast Asia*

The *Berlin Forum on Korea and Northeast Asia* initiated, organized, and hosted by the Institute of Korean Studies (IKS) at Freie Universität Berlin is a platform for debate and deliberation among professionals and stakeholders concerned with Korea in the fields of academia, politics, the diplomatic service, the economy, and the cultural sector.

Conceptualized as a series of conferences, workshops, and individual talks, it aims to take full advantage of both Berlin's favourable geographic position at the heart of Europe and Germany's advantageous strategic position within the international community. As the capital of a country enjoying friendly relations with both Koreas and all other Northeast Asian countries that is, in particular, not engaged in any territorial or historical disputes with nations from this region, Berlin promises to provide a “neutral meeting ground” and thus an ideal venue for hosting a dialogue forum on Korea-related issues in their Northeast Asian context.

At the heart of the *Berlin Forum on Korea and Northeast Asia* is an annual conference bringing together stakeholders from the fields of politics, the diplomatic service, the economy, and the cultural sector with prominent scholars and observers to debate both long-standing issues regarding Korea and Northeast Asia and more contemporary challenges affecting the region. The series of annual conferences will be complemented by interspersing smaller workshops, while individual speakers, ranging from prominent Korean Studies specialists to diplomats, politicians, and other high-ranking officials, will be invited to Berlin to address a broader public on various Korea-related issues.

By hosting such a forum, the Institute of Korean Studies at Freie Universität Berlin hopes to establish a distinct institutional mechanism for examining Korea and Northeast Asia from the unique vantage point of the German capital, the city of Berlin.