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Korea and Vietnam:
The National Experiences and Foreign Policies of Middle Powers

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Friday, March 2

8:30 a.m.  Registration

8:45 a.m.  Welcoming remarks
Gi-Wook Shin, Professor, Department of Sociology; Director, Shorenstein APARC, Stanford University

9:00 a.m.  Panel 1: Historical Contexts of National Identities

Moderator: Dan Sneider, Associate Director of Research, Shorenstein APARC

Presenters:

Vietnam’s and Korea’s Experiences in the Colonial Period and Cold War
Tuong Vu, Associate Professor, Political Science, University of Oregon; Visiting Research Fellow, Princeton Institute of International and Regional Studies, Princeton University

Compare and contrast the histories of Vietnam and Korea during the colonial period and the cold war. To what extent did the state coerce its population, with
what results and implications? What challenges to national security and national identity did they encounter? How did these shape current national identities? For Vietnam, discuss the costs and benefits of unification and reintegration, especially in terms of possible lessons to be drawn for Korean unification.

*Korea’s and Vietnam’s National Security and Identity Today*

**Leif-Eric Easley**, Assistant Professor, International Security and Political Economics, Ewha University (Korea focus)

**Brantly Womack**, Professor of Foreign Affairs, Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics, University of Virginia (Vietnam focus)

Compare and contrast South Korea’s and Vietnam’s national security and identity experiences and outlooks from the end of the Cold War/rise of China until the present time. Discuss the content of their national identities (e.g., sense of victimization and national shame in the case of ROK, but now being gradually replaced by pride); how are they reacting to China’s rise; to the relative decline of the U.S. role? What other factors are affecting or may affect their national security and identity (economic development, globalization, democratization, demographic change, IT, development of military and other hi-tech)? How strong is the sense of national identity in Korea and Vietnam today; compared to each other; compared to other countries around the world? How do their senses of national identity differ from those of other countries? What are the advantages and disadvantages of their relative ethnic homogeneity? Discuss “multiculturalism” in South Korea; the Korean and Vietnamese diasporas; and religious minorities.

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Discussion for Panel 1

Discussants:

**James Ockey**, Professor, Political Science, Canterbury University, New Zealand; 2012 Lee Kong Chian Fellow, Shorenstein APARC

**T.J. Pempel**, Professor, Political Science, University of California, Berkeley

12:00 p.m. Luncheon and Keynote Speech:

*Korea and Vietnam: The Bilateral Relationship*

**Joon-woo Park**, 2011-12 Koret Fellow, KSP, Shorenstein APARC

Historical review of bilateral relations, including effects of Korean participation in War in Vietnam; bilateral relations today, including diplomatic ties (high-level visits, degree of diplomatic cooperation, cooperation regionally and globally), economic ties (trade, investment), and cultural ties (educational exchanges, tourism, intermarriage; Korean wave); prospects for bilateral relations.

1:00 p.m. Panel 2: Vietnam and Korea in East Asia and the World
Moderator: **David Straub**, Associate Director of Korean Studies Program

Presenters:

*Vietnam and Korea in East Asian and Pacific Regionalism*

**Pham Quang Minh**, Dean and Associate professor, International Studies Department, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University-Hanoi (Vietnam focus)
**Lee Su-hoon**, Director, The Institute for Far Eastern Studies, Kyungnam University (Korea focus)

Vietnamese and Korean attitudes toward, and roles (rhetoric and reality) in, regional organizations; do they see regional organizations as partly to balance China, the U.S., and Japan?; cooperation between the two in regional organizations and about regional security and development; what roles can and should they play separately and together as middle powers in the region?

*Korea and Vietnam: Between China and the United States*

**Scott A. Snyder**, Senior Fellow for Korea Studies and Director of the Program on U.S.-Korea Policy, Council on Foreign Relations (Korea focus)
**Alexander Vuving**, Associate Professor, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii (Vietnam focus)

Compare and contrast how South Korea and Vietnam today relate to China and the United States, especially in regard to Sino-American rivalry; relations with China and with Taiwan; China as model and as threat; what actions have they been taking; describe the rhetoric versus the reality of these relationships; territorial, maritime, and historical issues with China; are South Korea and Vietnam cooperating in any way to manage their relationships with the U.S. and China?

**2:15 p.m.** Break

**2:30 p.m.** Discussion for Panel 2

Discussants:

**David Elliott**, H. Russell Smith Professor of International Relations and Professor of Politics, Pomona College

**Donald Keyser**, former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; former Pantech Fellow, Shorenstein APARC

**Victor G. Raphael**, Director, Office of Analysis for East Asia and the Pacific, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State

**Philip Yun**, Executive Director & COO, Ploughshares Fund; former Pantech Fellow, Shorenstein APARC, Stanford University
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