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The Korea Crisis, the Moon Jae-in Government, and Olympic Peace

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Abstract The Korean Peninsula went through a series of crises in 2017, but a sudden breakthrough came just before the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics in February. Departing from its confrontational and even hostile posture, North Korea has decided to participate in the event, thawing icy inter-Korean relations for the time being. As most South Koreans as well as the world wished, a peaceful Pyeongchang Winter Olympics came true. But would the peaceful Pyeongchang Olympics lead to a lasting Olympic peace, involving tension reduction on the Korean peninsula, inter-Korean confidence-building measures, and eventually the denuclearization of North Korea? Prof. Moon's talk will explore these issues by focusing on the post-Pyeongchang era as well as policy efforts of the Moon Jae-in government in South Korea.



Prof. Chung-in Moon is Special Advisor to the Republic of Korea President for Unification, Foreign and Security Affairs. He is currently visiting the University of Bath as its Global Chair Professor. He is also Distinguished University Professor of Yonsei University, Editor-in-Chief of *Global Asia*, a quarterly journal in English, and Krause Distinguished Fellow, School of Global Policy and Strategy, UCSD. He has published 56 authored, co-authored, and edited volumes and over 300 articles in academic journals such as *World Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, and *World*

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