

Korea Policy Forum

The U.S. Presidential Election and Korea: Journalists' Views



Korea Policy Forum
The U.S. Presidential Election and Korea: Journalists' Views

Tuesday, November 10, 2020
8:30 am - 9:45 am (EST) | 10:30 pm - 11:45 pm (KST)

Virtual Event via Zoom

Speakers

Anthony Kuhn (Seoul Correspondent, National Public Radio)
Heejoon Kim (Newsroom Director of the Department of Inter-Korean Unification, Foreign Affairs & National Security, YTN)
Insun Kang (Deputy Managing Editor, The Chosun Ilbo)
Seung Min Kim (White House Correspondent, The Washington Post)

Moderator

Yonho Kim (Associate Director, GW Institute for Korean Studies)

Tuesday, November 10, 2020
8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. (EST)
10:30 p.m. - 11:45 p.m. (KST)

Virtual Event via Zoom

◇ Event Description

The Trump administration has dramatically changed the strategic dynamics in and around the Korean Peninsula through actions such as the historic summits with North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un and intensifying strategic competition with China. The results of the U.S. presidential election on November 3rd will determine the next phase of U.S.-Korea relations in many ways. Please join us for an online discussion by American and South Korean journalists on the domestic reactions to the results of the election and prospects for inter-Korean and U.S.-Korea relations.

◇ **Speakers** (Alphabetical Order)



ANTHONY KUHN is NPR's correspondent based in Seoul, South Korea, reporting on the Korean Peninsula and Japan. Before moving to Seoul in 2018, he traveled to the region to cover major stories including the North Korean nuclear crisis and the Fukushima earthquake and nuclear disaster. Kuhn previously served two five-year stints in Beijing, China, for NPR, focusing in particular on China's rich traditional culture and its impact on the current day. From 2010-2013, Kuhn was NPR's Southeast Asia correspondent, based in Jakarta, Indonesia, and also served as NPR's correspondent in London from 2004-2005. Prior to joining NPR, Kuhn wrote for the *Far Eastern Economic Review* and freelanced for various news outlets, including the *Los Angeles Times* and *Newsweek*. He majored in French literature as an undergraduate at Washington University in St. Louis, and later did graduate work at the Johns Hopkins University-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American studies in Nanjing.



HEEJUN KIM is the Newsroom Director of the Department of Inter-Korean Unification, Foreign Affairs and National Security at YTN, a 24-hour News Channel in Korea. Kim was YTN's Washington Correspondent from June 2016 to July 2019. She had an exclusive interview with the Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and National Security Adviser Herbert R. McMaster. Kim was a Professional Fellow at Weatherhead East Asian Institute of Columbia University in New York, 2011-2012. She earned a Master's Degree from Ewha Womans University in journalism and mass communication in 1993.



INSUN KANG is the Deputy Managing Editor at The Chosun Ilbo. She is a former Washington bureau chief and a member of the editorial board. Prior to this role, she was the editor of the international news and weekend section. While working as a Washington correspondent from 2001 to 2006, she was a war reporter embedded with a U.S. Army division during the war in Iraq in 2003. She has been covering North Korea issues, international affairs, and Korean politics. She also had her own TV interview show, "Kang Insun Live." She is the author of "Harvard Style," "Leadership Code," among other books. She received a B.A. and an M.A. from Seoul National University. She also holds an M.A. from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.



SEUNG MIN KIM is a White House reporter for The Washington Post, covering the Trump administration through the lens of Capitol Hill. Before joining The Washington Post in 2018, she spent more than eight years at Politico, primarily covering the Senate and immigration policy. Kim is also an on-air political analyst for CNN.

◇ **Moderator**



YONHO KIM is an Associate Research Professor of Practice and the Associate Director of GW Institute for Korean Studies. He specializes in North Korea's mobile telecommunications and U.S. policy towards North Korea. Kim is the author of *North Korean Phone Money: Airtime Transfers as a Precursor to Mobile Payment System* (2020), *North Korea's Mobile Telecommunications and Private Transportation Services in the Kim Jong-un Era* (2019) and *Cell Phones in North Korea: Has North Korea Entered the Telecommunications Revolution?* (2014). His research findings were covered by various media outlets, including Wall Street Journal, The Atlantic, Yonhap News, and Libération. Prior to joining GWIKS, he extensively interacted with the Washington policy circle on the Korean peninsula as Senior Researcher of the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Senior Reporter for Voice of America's Korean Service, and Assistant Director of the Atlantic Council's Program on Korea in Transition. He holds a B.A. and M.A. in International Relations from Seoul National University, and an M.A. in International Relations and International Economics from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

*This event is on the record and open to the public.
The event will be recorded and made available on GWIKS' YouTube channel.*