

Press Release
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**The Asan Institute to Host ‘Asan Transitional Justice Conference 2013’
On Transitional Justice in a Reunified Korea: Peace-Building & Reconciliation**

The Asan Institute for Policy Studies will host the *Asan Transitional Justice Conference 2013* titled, “Transitional Justice in a Reunified Korea: Peace-Building & Reconciliation” on May 23 (Thurs.) – 24 (Fri.) at the Asan Institute’s Washington, D.C. branch located at the Stimson Center.

For a two-day conference, 20 leading scholars and experts on North Korea, human rights and transitional justice, including Ruti Teitel from NYU, Muna Ndulo from Cornell University, Rajiv Narayan from Amnesty International, and Roberta Cohen from the Committee for Human Rights in North Korea, will gather in Washington, D.C. to have in-depth panel discussions on:

- peace-building and reconciliation in a reunified Korea;
- dealing with human rights atrocities in the DPRK;
- role of international actors in transitional justice
- learning from the experience of other countries; and
- transitional justice for a reunified Korea

In addition, Shin Dong-hyuk, a North Korean defector who is the only person known to have escaped from a "total-control zone" grade internment camp in North Korea, will testify the human rights violation.

No one knows when Korean reunification will take place. However, when it does, undertaking a fair and transparent process regarding the matters of transitional justice will be one of the key elements for peace-building and reconciliation in the reunified Korea. This conference seeks to examine the implementation of transitional justice mechanisms in the Korean context by bringing together renowned experts on transitional justice, North Korea, and human rights to examine the issue of transitional justice in reunified Korea.

About the Asan Institute for Policy Studies

The Asan Institute for Policy Studies is an independent think tank that provides innovative policy solutions and spearheads public discourse on the core issues in Korea, East Asia and the world. Our goal is to assist policymakers to make better informed and mutually beneficial policy decisions. The Asan Institute, established in 2008, has successfully hosted a series of international conferences including the Asan Plenum, the Asan China Forum and the Asan Nuclear Forum and published a number of books such as *China’s Foreign Policy*, *Japan in Crisis* and *The Arab Spring*.

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Asan Transitional Justice Conference

“Transitional Justice in a Reunified Korea: Peace-Building & Reconciliation”

1. **Host:** International Law and Conflict Resolution Center and Center for Foreign Policy, the Asan Institute for Policy Studies
2. **Title:** Transitional Justice in a Reunified Korea: Peace-Building & Reconciliation
3. **Date and Time:** Thursday, May 23, 2013, 13:00 – 18:30
Friday, May 24, 2013, 10:20 – 17:00
4. **Venue:** 12F, Stimson Center, 1111 19th Street NW, Washington DC
5. **Conference Agenda**

DAY 1 (MAY 23, 2013)

- **13:00 – 13:40 Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Keynote Speech
- **13:45 – 15:25 Session 1**
“Peace-building and Reconciliation in a Reunified Korea”
- **15:40 – 17:20 Session 2**
“Dealing with Human Rights Atrocities in the DPRK”
- **17:30 – 18:30 Special Session with Shin Dong-hyuk**
“Escape from Camp 14”

DAY 2 (MAY 24, 2013)

- **10:20 – 12:00 Session 3**
“Role of International Actors in Transitional Justice”
- **12:00 – 13:30 Luncheon Speech**
- **13:30 – 15:10 Session 4**
“Learning from the Experiences of Other Countries”
- **15:20 – 17:00 Session 5**
“Transitional Justice for a Reunified Korea”
- **17:00 Closing Remarks**

Key Participants

- Ruti Teitel (Professor, New York Law School)
- Andrew Natsios (Co-Chair, The Committee for Human Rights in North Korea)
- Lee Young-Jo (Former President of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Korea)
- Frank Jannuzi (Former Policy Director for East Asia and Pacific Affairs, US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations)
- Roberta Cohen (Non-Resident Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution)
- David Cohen (Professor, UC Berkeley)
- Muna Ndulo (Professor, Cornell Law School)
- Rajiv Narayan (North Korea Researcher, Amnesty International)
- Yoon Yeosang (Chief Director, North Korean Human Rights Archives)