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About the Asan Institute



Mission Statement

The Asan Institute for Policy Studies is an independent, non-partisan think tank with the mandate to undertake policy-relevant research to foster domestic, regional, and international environments conducive to peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula, as well as Korean reunification.

Chronology

- Feb. 11, 2008 - Founding of the Asan Institute for Policy Studies
 - Dr. Han Sung-Joo inaugurated as the first Chairman and President of the Institute
- Feb. 11, 2009 - Ambassador Song Young-Shik inaugurated as the second President of the Institute
 - Groundbreaking ceremony for the Asan Institute's new offices at 1-176 Shinmunro 2-ga, Jongno-gu, Seoul
- Jan. 13, 2010 - Opening of the new building
- Mar. 10, 2010 - Dr. Hahm Chaibong inaugurated as the third President of the Institute
- Jan. 28, 2011 - Dr. Lee In-ho inaugurated as the second Chairperson of the Institute

Founder & Honorary Chairman

Dr. Chung Mong Joon is a seven-term member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea. He is a former Chairman of the Grand National Party, and was also a presidential candidate in 2002.

Dr. Chung is the Chairman of the board of trustees of Ulsan University and the Asan Foundation, the largest philanthropic organization in Korea. In 2011, he launched the Asan Nanum ("sharing") Foundation which seeks to foster entrepreneurship and leadership among young Koreans.

He served as Vice President of FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association), the world governing body of football, and as Co-Chairman of the Korean Organizing Committee for the 2002 Korea-Japan FIFA World Cup.

Dr. Chung received his B.A. in economics from Seoul National University, an M.S. from the Sloan School of Management at MIT, and a Ph.D. in international relations from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at the Johns Hopkins University.



Dr. Chung Mong Joon

Chairperson

Dr. Lee In-ho is a Professor Emeritus of Seoul National University, former Korean Ambassador to Russia and Finland, and President of the Korea Foundation. Educated at Seoul National University (SNU) and Wellesley College, Dr. Lee holds a Ph.D. in history from Harvard. She taught history at Barnard, Columbia, Korea University and Seoul National University.

She laid the foundation for Russian studies in Korea by launching the Korean Association for Russian Studies and establishing the Russian Studies Institute at SNU. Dr. Lee has served on various governmental and semi-governmental commissions and contributes columns in major newspapers.



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President

Dr. Hahm Chaibong is the President of the Asan Institute for Policy Studies. Previously, he was a Senior Political Scientist at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, California; professor in the School of International Relations and the Department of Political Science as well as the Director of the Korean Studies Institute at the University of Southern California; Director (D-1) of the Division of Social Sciences Research & Policy at UNESCO in Paris, France; and professor in the Department of Political Science at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea. Dr. Hahm received a B.A. in economics from Carleton College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the Johns Hopkins University.



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Centers & Projects



Asan Nuclear Policy and Technology Center (ANPTC)



The Asan Nuclear Policy & Technology Center (ANPTC), established in June 2012, aims at producing balanced policy options to achieve a nuclear-weapons-free Korean Peninsula and to promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy. The Center, as the only independent forum of its kind in Korea, strives to build a solid network and to create synergistic effects between nuclear policy experts and technology experts.

By improving dialogue between domestic and foreign nuclear experts, and facilitating the exchange of ideas between the government and private sectors, the Center seeks out comprehensive solutions to current nuclear issues such as the North Korean nuclear problem, role of new nuclear suppliers, nuclear safety and security, etc. The Center also aims to promote bilateral, regional and international nuclear cooperation such as ROK-US nuclear energy cooperation, Northeast Asian nuclear safety cooperation and global nuclear security cooperation.

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Center for American Politics and Policy (CAPP)



The Center for American Politics and Policy was established to analyze and cultivate expertise on issues pertaining to politics and policy-making within the United States, including the US Congress, Presidency, courts, elections, and public opinion. Within South Korea, research on this topic has traditionally been conducted under the broader heading of foreign policy studies due to its implications for ROK national security. The Center's mission is to promote research and develop programs that educate the general public and inform leaders on important policy matters related to the United States.



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The Center for China Policy was created in July, 2012 to meet the rising demand for research on China. It actively cooperates with think tanks and universities around the world to provide thorough analyses of key Chinese policies.

By developing strong academic networks, the Center works to enhance mutual understanding and trust between South Korea and China. It also facilitates active communication between the new generations of leadership from both countries. The Center goes beyond assisting Chinese experts in their research and works to deepen the understanding among the larger public on issues pertaining to China. Ultimately, it aspires to provide an effective forum where active debates can be held on various aspects of Chinese policy.



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The Center for Foreign Policy aims to facilitate the exchange of high-quality insights among experts, policymakers and the general public about vital issues in global politics, thus leading to more informed foreign policy decisions. Central to its mission is the production of original, timely, and rigorous research. Such research complements the Center's efforts to cultivate thoughtful conversations about global politics by examining them in a methodical and sustained manner, thus providing a basis for further informed analysis and policymaking

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The Center for Global Governance is motivated by the recognition that fundamental changes in the architecture of global governance are underway in response to the spread of transnational challenges, the rise of new powers, and the mounting influence of non-state actors. Given these trends, East Asian policymakers require rigorous and independent research support on emerging global governance issues. The Center for Global Governance meets these needs by analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of existing multilateral institutions, proposing reforms tailored to new international circumstances, and identifying opportunities for East Asian policymakers to contribute positively to the reform of the global governance system.

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Center for International Law and Conflict Resolution



The Center for International Law and Conflict Resolution investigates the fundamental rules and principles of public international law as part of global governance regimes. The Center's primary goal is to analyze and understand how international law and global governance can contribute to the peaceful resolution and management of international conflicts. Through a comprehensive analysis of international legal instruments and benchmark cases before international tribunals, the Center aims to discover new foreign policy options based upon the role of the law.

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The Center for Security Policy conducts research and analysis in order to provide sound policy recommendations for a safer security environment on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia. Areas of interest include the ROK-US Alliance, regional security cooperation in East Asia, military diplomacy, and non-traditional security threats. For an in-depth analysis on domestic and international security policy, the Center collaborates and actively engages in joint projects with universities and major think tanks around the world.



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Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Center



The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Center is South Korea's leading independent research center devoted to the study of the Middle East and North Africa region. Recognizing the enormous economic and geopolitical importance of the region to Korea's long-term interests, the MENA Center provides policymakers, academics, and the general public with timely analysis of the major trends and developments unfolding across the region as well as their implications for Korea.

The Center examines how the critical processes of democracy, capitalism, and globalization are fundamentally transforming the region and the impact these will have on Korea's relationship with the Middle East. Specifically, the Center conducts research on four distinct trends: (1) Democracy & State-building; (2) Markets & Oil; (3) Civil Society & Islamist Movements; and (4) Regional Security and Terrorism. In addition, the MENA Center collaborates closely with research institutes across the region via frequent Track II dialogues and exchanges to ensure that it continues to conduct innovative policy work.



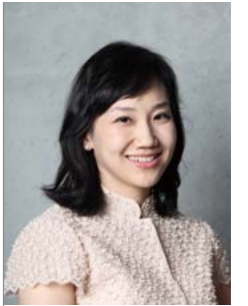
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Public Opinion Studies Center



The Public Opinion Studies Center is rapidly becoming one of the most trusted sources for information about South Korean public opinion. Leaders and policymakers rely on public opinion surveys to gauge public sentiment regarding specific policy issues. The Center conducts regular polls and utilizes advanced statistical analysis to obtain reliable data about the Korean polity for political leaders and the general public, thereby fostering more informed policy debates and decisions.

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The Asan Academy



The Asan Academy offers a liberal arts educational program based on a combination of Korea's traditional education system (seowon) and the University of Oxford's prestigious "Philosophy, Politics, and Economics" (PPE) degree. All selected Asan Young Fellows will be offered dormitory living that emphasizes the importance of community life, and receive intensive lessons on classical humanities. The Asan Academy also provides Asan Young Fellows with the opportunity to work as interns at renowned think tanks and non-profit organizations (NPOs) in Washington DC. Through international experience and philosophical teachings, the Asan Academy seeks to cultivate Korea's future leaders with global perspectives, profound knowledge of the humanities, and community spirit.



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Asan Plenum

The Asan Plenum is a yearly gathering of the world's leading think tanks held by the Asan Institute for Policy Studies to discuss the pressing challenges facing the world. The Plenum is a multi-day, multi-session conference with each panel organized by an individual think tank. This division of labor capitalizes on each think tank's different strengths and expertise, while ensuring a diversity of perspectives so as to bring together as wide and deep a knowledge base as possible. By fostering intensive conversations among top experts about major challenges in world politics, the Asan Plenum aims to positively influence the policymaking process and enable the global community to better address those challenges.



Asan Memorial Lectures

The Asan Memorial Lecture is the flagship lecture series of the Asan Institute for Policy Studies. In keeping with its mandate to provide innovative policy solutions and spearhead public discourse on many of the core issues that face the Korean Peninsula, the region, and the globe, the Asan Institute invites world-renowned leaders from a variety of fields and disciplines to offer their perspectives on pressing matters in global politics.

1. Henry A. Kissinger

“Nuclear North Korea and Northeast Asia”(March 3, 2010)

2. Michael J. Sandel

“Justice: What’s the Right Thing To Do?”(August 19, 2010)

3. Guy Sorman

“Should We Fear China?”(January 20, 2011)

4. Tu Weiming

“Confucian Humanism in the Twenty-First Century:
China’s Quest for a New Cultural Identity”(February 24, 2011)

5. James J. Heckman

“What Tests Miss: Hard Evidence on Soft Skills”(August 8, 2011)

6. Donald Rumsfeld

“Twenty-First Century Challenges in the Pacific and Beyond”(October 13, 2011)



Asan Distinguished Speaker Series

The Asan Distinguished Speaker Series delivers insightful and stimulating public lectures by prominent researchers and policymakers on a wide variety of topics in global politics, economics and society. These lectures offer unparalleled opportunities for audience members to meet many of the world's movers and shakers in the intimate setting of the Asan Institute's auditorium.

1. **Christopher Hill** (University of Denver)

"US-ROK Relations in the New Decade" (January 14, 2011)

2. **Yul Kwon** (LinkTV)

"The Korean American Dream: Finding Success in American Politics and Society" (October 5, 2011)

3. **Stephen D. Krasner** (Stanford University)

"Foreign Aid: A Fool's Errand?" (October 19, 2011)

4. **Fawaz A. Gerges** (London School of Economics and Political Science)

"Arab Revolutions in the Making: Internal, Regional and International Implications" (November 3, 2011)

5. **Lisa Anderson** (American University in Cairo)

"The Egyptian Uprisings: Opportunities and Challenges" (November 7, 2011)

6. **David W. Brady** (Hoover Institution)

"The Future of American Conservatism" (November 29, 2011)

7. **Alexander A. Dynkin** (Institute of World Economy and International Relations)

"Russian Foreign Policy in the Global Context" (January 17, 2012)

8. **Fred R. Dallmayr** (University of Notre Dame)

"Confucianism and Cosmopolitanism" (June 5, 2012)



Asan Dosirak Series

The Asan Dosirak Series is an informal roundtable series that bring visiting foreign scholars and policy officials together with the public for an hour and a half of open discussion. Named after the Korean word for "lunch box," the Dosirak Series allows for a more conversational and free-flowing discussion between speakers and participants.

1. **Miles A. Pomper** (Institute of International Studies)
"Preventing Nuclear Terrorism: Minimizing the Production and Use of Highly Enriched Uranium"(May 11, 2011)
2. **Patrick M. Cronin** (Center for a New American Security)
"The Obama Administration's New National Security Team and the Outlook for Asia"(May 23, 2011)
3. **William Overholt** (Harvard University)
"Northeast Asia after the Financial Crisis"(May 30, 2011)
4. **Edward L. Warner** (The Under Secretary of Defense for Policy)
"The Arms Control Dimension of Contemporary US-Russian Relations"(June 23, 2011)
5. **Marcus Noland** (Peterson Institute for International Economics)
"Witness to Transformation: Refugee Insights into North Korea"(June 28, 2011)
6. **Zhu Feng** (Peking University)
"China's Rise, Domestic Dynamics and Implications of Beijing's Policy for the Korean Peninsula"(July 22, 2011)
7. **Ralph A. Cossa** (Pacific Forum CSIS)
"Next Steps with North Korea/Six-Party Talks"(August 19, 2011)
8. **Shanto Iyengar** (Stanford University)
"The Polarization of the American Public: Fear and Loathing Across Party Lines"(August 22, 2011)



9. **Mark Fitzpatrick** (International Institute for Strategic Studies)
 “North Korea Report Launch”(August 30, 2011)
10. **Robert Parks** (Center for North African Studies in Algeria)
 “Evolving State-Society Relations in Algeria”(November 7, 2011)
11. **Bruce Bennett** (RAND Corporation)
 “Some Practical Considerations in Nuclear Deterrence of North Korea”(November 10, 2011)
12. **Jennifer Lind** (Dartmouth College)
 “The Collapse of North Korea: Military Missions and Requirements”(November 30, 2011)
13. **Alexis Dudden** (University of Connecticut)
 “Island Problems in Northeast Asia”(December 2, 2011)
14. **Patrick M. Cronin** (Center for a New American Security)
 “Challenges Ahead for the ROK-US Alliance”(December 9, 2011)
15. **Yang Xiyu** (China Institute of International Studies)
 “ROK-China Relations in Strategic Context”(March 12, 2012)
16. **Gordon Flake** (The Maureen and Mansfield Foundation)
 “Responding to North Korean Challenges during 2012: A Year of Political Transition”(May 8, 2012)
17. **Thomas Berger** (Boston University)
 “The Politics of Historical Memory: Comparing East Asia and Europe”(June 8, 2012)
18. **Allan J. Lichtman** (American University)
 “The US Presidential Election System: Changing Methods to Engaging the Public”(June 8, 2012)
19. **Kent Calder** (The Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies at Johns Hopkins University)
 “The New Continentalism: Energy and Twenty-First-Century Eurasian Geopolitics”(July 5, 2012)
20. **Helmut Norpoth** (The State University of New York at Stony Brook)
 “History and Primary: The Obama Re-election”(July 23, 2012)
21. **Gordon Flake** (The Maureen and Mansfield Foundation)
 “The Ally of My Ally is My___?: US Perspectives on Korea-Japan Relations”(July 26, 2012)
22. **Brad Glosserman** (Pacific Forum CSIS)
 “ROK-US Strategic Dialogue”(July 30, 2012)
23. **Marshall Bouton** (The Chicago Council on Global Affairs)
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