

Asan Seminar on North Korea's Nuclear Futures

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SEOUL, November 9, 2015 – The Asan Institute and the U.S.-Korea Institute at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University to co-host a seminar titled, “North Korea’s Nuclear Futures” at 9:30am on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the institute.

This seminar intends to assess and discuss North Korea’s missile and delivery technologies; geostrategic implications in terms of the U.S. alliances and extended deterrence; and regional and international non-proliferation implications.

Presenters include Joel Wit, Robert Carlin, John Schilling, Shane Smith and Leonard Spector.

Due to limited space, media wishing to attend the following event **must RSVP** to communications@asaninst.org with details including

1) name, 2)affiliation, 3)mobile number, 4)lunch availability(Y/N) by 12pm Wednesday November 11, 2015.

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Agenda

09:30 - 09:35	Welcoming Remarks	Hahm Chaibong	The Asan Institute for Policy Studies
Session 1	An Overview: North Korea's Nuclear Futures		
09:35 – 10:45	Moderator	Choi Kang	The Asan Institute for Policy Studies
	Presenter	Joel Wit	U.S.-Korea Institute at SAIS
10:45 – 11:00	Break		
	North Korea's Nuclear Futures: Views of American Experts		
Session 2	Moderator	Joel Wit	U.S.-Korea Institute at SAIS
11:00 – 12:45	Presenters	Robert Carlin	Stanford University
		John Schilling	Aerospace Corporation
		Shane Smith	National Defense University
		Leonard Spector	Middlebury Institute of International Studies
12:45 – 14:00	Luncheon		

Biographies (*In alphabetical order*)

Robert Carlin

Visiting Scholar, Stanford University



Mr. Carlin is a Visiting Scholar at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University, and served as chief of the Northeast Asia Division in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, US Department of State from 1989-2002. During much of that period, he also served as Senior Policy Advisor to the Special Ambassador for talks with North Korea, and took part in all phases of US-DPRK negotiations from 1992-2000. From both in and out of government, he has been following North Korea since 1974 and has made over 30 trips there. He recently revised and updated Don Oberdorfer's classic contemporary history *The Two Koreas*.

Choi Kang

Vice President, The Asan Institute for Policy Studies



Dr. Choi is a Senior Research Fellow and the Vice President of the Asan Institute for Policy Studies. Prior to joining the Asan Institute, he was the Dean of Planning and Assessment at the Korea National Diplomatic Academy. He also previously worked at the Institute for Foreign Affairs and National Security as a professor and Director-General for American Studies. Dr. Choi worked in the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (2002-2005; 1992-1998) and served in the National Security Council Secretariat as Senior Director for Policy Planning and Coordination (1998-2002). He holds several advisory board memberships including: the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Unification in the National Assembly; the Ministry of National Defense; the Ministry of Unification; the Air Force Development Committee; and the National Unification Advisory Council. Dr. Choi was also a South Korean delegate to the Four-Party Talks. He received a Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

Hahm Chaibong

President, The Asan Institute for Policy Studies



Dr. Hahm is the President of the Asan Institute for Policy Studies. Previously, he was a senior political scientist at the RAND Corporation (2007-2010), 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 (2005-2007), Director (D-1) of the Division of Social Sciences Research & Policy at UNESCO in Paris (2003-2005), and a professor in the Department of Political Science at Yonsei University (1992-2005). He has been a visiting professor at Duke, Georgetown, and Princeton universities and a visiting fellow at the International Forum for Democratic Studies in Washington, D.C. 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.

John Schilling

Specialist, Aerospace Corporation



Dr. Schilling is an aerospace engineer with more than twenty years of experience, specializing in rocket and spacecraft propulsion and mission analysis. Dr. Schilling received his Ph.D. in astronautical engineering from the University of Southern California, and spent most of his career as a contractor for the Air Force Research Laboratory's Propulsion Directorate. He currently works for the Aerospace Corporation as a specialist in satellite and launch vehicle propulsion systems.

Shane Smith

Senior Research Fellow, National Defense University



Dr. Smith is a Senior Research Fellow at the National Defense University's Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction. His current research focuses on strategic stability and the role of nuclear weapons in Asia-Pacific affairs, extended deterrence, and North Korea's nuclear program. He is also a Special Advisor at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, where he helps shape and support a strategic engagement and applied research program aimed at reducing WMD dangers. Before joining the WMD Center, Dr. Smith worked for former Secretary of Defense William Perry and former Deputy Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter at the Harvard-Stanford Preventive Defense Project. He has published in edited volumes, academic journals, and leading newspapers. Most recently, he co-authored a chapter in Etel

Solingen (ed.), *Sanctions, Statecraft, and Nuclear Proliferation* (Cambridge University Press, 2012) and authored a chapter in Jeffrey Larsen (ed.), *Responding to Catastrophic Events: A Consequence Management Reader* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2013).

Leonard S. Spector

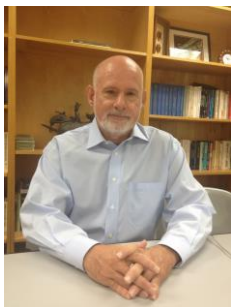
Deputy Director, Middlebury Institute of International Studies



Mr. Spector is Deputy Director of the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey and leads the Center's Washington, DC office. From 1997 to 2001, Mr. Spector served as Assistant Deputy Administrator for Arms Control and Nonproliferation at the US National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). His principal responsibilities at the NNSA included overseeing the NNSA's nuclear export control activities and the development and implementation of arms control and nonproliferation policy with respect to international treaties. Mr. Spector is the author or co-author of six books and numerous articles on nonproliferation and comments frequently on this subject in the media. Mr. Spector's most recent work includes *Combating Nuclear Commodity Smuggling: A System of Systems* (Monterey, CA, and Washington, DC: James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, 2014), co-authored with Egle Murauskaite, and *Countering Black Market Nuclear Technology Networks* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming), which is co-edited with Matthew Bunn, Martin Malin and William Potter.

Joel Wit

U.S.-Korea Institute at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University



Mr. Wit is a Senior Fellow at the U.S.-Korea Institute at SAIS and the founder of "38 North" (www.38north.org) and the project lead. An internationally recognized expert on Northeast Asian security issues and non-proliferation, Mr. Wit has 20 years of experience in the U.S. State Department and the Washington think-tank arena. After a short stint on detail to the Central Intelligence Agency writing the first National Intelligence Estimate on ballistic missile proliferation, Mr. Wit was a member of U.S. delegations to the Strategic Arms Limitation and Intermediate Nuclear Force Talks with the Soviet Union. In 1993, he joined the staff of Ambassador Robert L. Gallucci and was an important player in reaching the 1994 U.S.-North Korea Agreed Framework. From 1995-2000, Mr. Wit was the State Department Coordinator for implementation of that agreement, playing a key role in the formation of KEDO and its operations as well as working with North Korea on other aspects of the Agreed Framework.