

## GWIKS Soh Jaipil Circle: “Economic Engagement with North Korea – Opportunities and Challenges”

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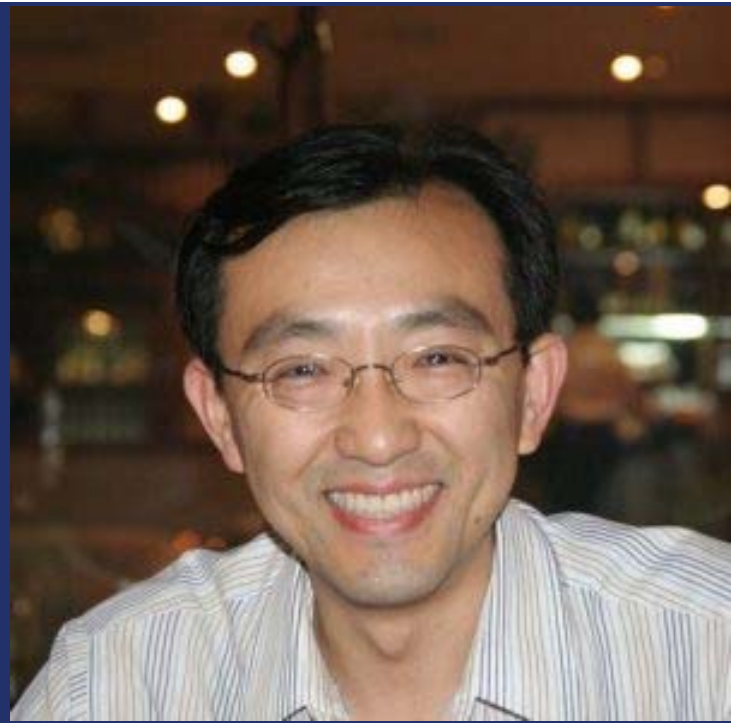
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12:00 – 2:00 PM

Elliott School of International Affairs Room 503  
The George Washington University  
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### ABOUT THE TALK

North Korea is a country of hunger and isolation. Its leadership has consistently pursued the national goal of making the country "powerful and prosperous." Amidst the pressure of regime rivalry with the South, North Korea has consumed most of its resources to secure the regime's survival rather than for the people's welfare. In actuality, North Korea has great potential for economic development. However, despite its internal and external conditions changing dynamically, the North Korean economy has been left behind and remains severely unbalanced.

In order to find better ways to facilitate North Korea's integration with the global economy, Dr. Kim will discuss the issue of how to engage with North Korea by exploring opportunities and challenges.

### SPEAKER

**Joongho Kim** is currently a Visiting Scholar at the GW Institute for Korean Studies. Dr. Kim served as a senior research fellow at the Research Institute for North Korea and Northeast Asia Development at the Export-Import Bank of Korea. Additionally, Dr. Kim taught at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and served as a research analyst at the Institute of Foreign Affairs & National Security (IFANS) of the Korean Foreign Ministry. His research interests include strategic ways to facilitate North Korea's economic and financial reform.

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