There has undoubtedly been a breakthrough in the relationship between the United States and North Korea, and the beginnings of real, if unsteady, progress toward denuclearization. However, during these early stages of a new diplomacy toward the peninsula, the risk of war resulting from miscalculation or sudden degradation of trust is always present. During the year of “fire and fury” the impact of potential nuclear-armed conflict was covered widely by the media, with a focus on loss of life. Other dimensions of the impact of war were far less discussed. One example is the US economy. South Korea is the US’s sixth largest trading partner. The US is South Korea’s third. On Tuesday, Oct. 2 the Economist Intelligence Unit released a report about the grave consequences to the American economy in the event of a conventional -- not nuclear -- military conflict on the peninsula. This and other dimensions of war, including humanitarian crises and regional impacts, will be discussed.

*Light lunch will be provided.

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