

DEMOCRACY AND SECURITY DYNAMICS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND EAST ASIA

WHERE:

Dipartimento di Studi Orientali (ISO), Sapienza,
Circonvallazione Tiburtina 4
Aula Sala Riunioni 1 (3rd floor)

WHEN:

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2 PM - 8 PM



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PROGRAM:

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This seminar explores key political and geopolitical challenges in contemporary Korea from both domestic and international perspectives. The first session focuses on democratic resilience and institutional responses to political polarization in South Korea, placing it within a broader comparative framework that includes East Asia, Europe, and the U.S. The second session addresses the shifting geopolitical landscape in East Asia, with a focus on inter-Korean relations and the impact of U.S.-China tensions on regional dynamics.

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SCHEDULE:

14.00

Opening and greeting

14.10

Session 1: Resilience and Institutional Responses in Political Crises from a Comparative Perspective

Moderator: Kyung Mi Kim (Sapienza University of Rome)

14.15

Kyung-hoon Lim (Seoul National University):
"South Korean Democracy After Martial Law"

14.45

Kwang-il Yoon (Sookmyung Womens' University):
"The Resilience of South Korean Democracy"

15.15

Soon-Ok Shin (European University Institute):
"The logic of selective anger: right-wing populism with South Korean characteristics?"

15.45

Discussion and Q&A
Discussant: Chulki Hong (Korea Institute for National Unification)

16.30-16.55 Coffee break

16.55

Session 2: Two Koreas and East Asia in a Changing Geopolitical Landscape

Moderator: Bongki Lee (Korea Institute for National Unification)

17.00

Sangsin Lee (Korea Institute for Korean Unification):
"The New South Korean Government's Unification and North Korea Policy"

17.30

Tae-eun Min (Korea Institute for Korean Unification):
"Changes and Prospects in U.S.-South Korea Relations"

18.00

Irene Chianese (Sapienza University of Rome):
"China and North Korea: Managing a Fragile Friendship Under Global Scrutiny"

18.30

Discussion and Q&A
Discussant: Jeongeun Ahn (Korea Institute for National Unification)