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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear AKPS Members,

Almost a full academic year has passed since I became the president of AKPS. In my inaugural address, I set forth several goals and made a promise that my presidency would do its best to achieve these goals. I am pleased to report that we have made significant progress.

Our first goal was increasing AKPS membership. To this end, our Executive Secretary Terry Roehrig has invited many potential members to join us. His tireless efforts have led to a significant increase in the number of dues-paying members. I would like to thank Professor Roehrig and others who have helped us identify potential members. We will continue this endeavor and ask for your help in identifying other possible members. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members and hope your affiliation with AKPS will be valuable.

Another promise I made was to expand our activities. To this end, as I reported earlier, AKPS has become a cooperating organization of the International Studies Association (ISA). As a result, ISA has given us two panels for the Spring 2007 meeting in Chicago, and Professor Jih-Un Kim of Webster University has graciously agreed to serve as the program chair. Starting next year, we will have two annual conventions (APSA and ISA) for us to share our research.

In addition, we have also worked to generate the resources needed to support our expanded activities. Not only have we raised some funds from the private sector, but we have also received a grant (\$10,000) from the East Asia Foundation (www.keaf.org). Some of the grant money will be used to publish a book with selected papers presented at the AKPS panels of the upcoming APSA convention along with solicited ones, while the remainder of the money will be donated to AKPS.

Finally, I am pleased to report that our APSA program chair Professor Jungmin Seo has successfully secured three panels at the upcoming APSA convention. With three panels, we will be able to exchange our views on various issues in Korean politics. Given that it took a lot of

time and effort to acquire the three panels, we owe him many thanks! The participants for these panels are listed later in the newsletter.

Hope all is well with you, and I look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia.

Sincerely yours,

Uk Heo
President of AKPS
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2006 APSA/AKPS PROGRAM

Program Chair, Jungmin Seo, University of Hawaii at Manoa (seo.j@hawaii.edu)

Panel I: New Security Environment in the Korean Peninsula

Chair & Discussant: Hang Yul Rhee, Shepherd University (yrhee@shepherd.edu)

Papers

Allies under Strain: U.S.-Korean Relations under G.W. Bush

Seung-Ho Joo, University of Minnesota, Morris (joos@morris.umn.edu)

China's Grand Strategy and the Six-Party Talks

Shale Horowitz, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (shale@uwm.edu) and Min Ye, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (minye@uwm.edu)

The Future of the US-ROK Alliance

Terence Roehrig, Naval War College (tjroehrig@stritch.edu)

Paradigms and Fallacies: Rethinking Northeast Asian Security and Its Implications for Korea

Hun Joo Park, KDI School of Public Policy and Management (hjpark@kdischool.ac.kr)

Current Issues on Korean National Security

Song, Daesung, The Sejong Institute (unkang@sejong.org)

Panel II: South Korea after Democratic Consolidation and Globalization: The Rise of New Identities and Politics

Chair & Discussant:-Katherine H. S. Moon, Wellesley College (kmooon@wellesley.edu)

Papers

Nationalizing Others: The Public Discourse on Migrant Workers in South Korea

Byoung-Ha Lee, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick (byoungaha@eden.rutgers.edu)

All Koreans are Equal, but Some Koreans are more equal than others: The Political Representations of Homosexuals in South Korea

Youngshik Bong, Williams College (ybong@williams.edu)

State and Civil Society in Environmental Governance of South Korea

Esook Yoon, Kent State University (eyoon@kent.edu)

The Collision of Local Interests and Globalization: The Case of Korean Rice Market

Insung Lee, Yonsei University (inslee@yonsei.ac.kr) and Tae Jeong Lee, Yonsei University (taejlee@yonsei.ac.kr)

Flower, Rice and Goats: The Politics of Labor and Gender in “post-IMF” South Korea

Jungmin Seo, University of Hawaii at Manoa (seoj@hawaii.edu)

Panel III: Shifting Balances of Domestic Politics: North and South

Chair & Discussant: Chae-Jin Lee, Claremont McKenna College (cjlee@mckenna.edu)

Co-discussant: J.O. Ra, Hollins University (jora@vt.edu)

Papers

Regime Change in North Korea?

Kyung-Ae Park, University of British Columbia (kpark@interchange.ubc.ca)

Changing National Identity and the New Perception on National Security in South Korea

Uk Heo, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (heouk@uwm.edu), and Jung-yeop Woo, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (jwoo@uwm.edu)

Political Rupture of Korean Presidential Democracy: Institutional Analysis of Presidential Impeachment in Korean Politics

Woojin Kang, Florida State University (wwk5622@fsu.edu)

Legislators in Korea: Politicians without a policy preference?

Hae-won Jun, Yonsei University (hae-won.jun@yonsei.ac.kr)

A New Model for the Korean Voter

Jae Hyeok Shin, University of California, Los Angeles (jaehshin@gmail.com)

2006 GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT AWARDS

It is with great pleasure that we announce the recipients of the 2006 Student Travel Grant Awards for the APSA meeting in Philadelphia. Each winner will receive \$150 to help defray travel and lodging costs. Congratulations to the two recipients!

Woojin Kang, Florida State University

Byoung-Ha Lee, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick

2007 INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION – CALL FOR PAPERS

48th International Studies Association Annual Convention will be held in Chicago, IL, February 28-March 3, 2007. The Association of Korean Political Studies (AKPS) is seeking paper proposals and volunteers to serve as panel chairs and paper discussants. Co-authored papers are also valued.

Papers on any aspect of Korea's foreign relations and domestic politics are welcome. Paper proposals should include paper title, abstract (less than 500 words), name of author, address, phone & fax number, email address, and institutional affiliation.

The deadline for submitting proposals is May 20, 2006. Email submission is encouraged.

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RECENT APPOINTMENTS

Uk Heo at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee was promoted to full professor effective in September 2006.

Yoonkyung Lee will be joining SUNY-Binghamton in fall 2006 as an assistant professor in sociology, Asian American Studies, and political science.

Terence Roehrig was appointed Associate Professor, Department of National Security Studies at the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island beginning in July 2006.

NEWS

Wonmo Dong (University of Washington) recently returned from a lecture tour to Juneau, Alaska where he spoke on "The Two Koreas, Nuclear Energy and Security Issues" at the 2006 meeting of the Pacific Rim Forum which was held at the University of Alaska at Juneau campus on March 30-April 1, 2006. A total of 45 speakers made presentations at the event but Professor Dong was the only Asianist and political scientist.

Four Korean-born political scientists, all members of the AKPS--*Young Whan Kihl* (Iowa State University), *Hong Nack Kim* (West Virginia University), *Chae-jin Lee* (Claremont McKenna College), and *Wonmo Dong* (University of Washington) presented a roundtable on "North Korea: Politics of Regime Survival" at the 2006 meeting of the Association for Asian Studies held in San Francisco, March 6-9, 2006.

Wonmo Dong (University of Washington) will be in South Korea during May 1-6, 2006 to make a first-hand observation of the current North Korea policy of South Korea. During the summer, he will be on the Semester at Sea voyage, serving as a faculty member in political science from June 17 to August 21, 2006. On this voyage to 9 Asian countries Professor Dong will teach the Governments and Politics of East Asia.

Tae-Hwan Kwak (Professor Emeritus, Eastern Kentucky University) presented a paper titled “Resolving the North Korean Nuclear Issue Through the Six-Party Process,” at the 47th Annual Meeting of International Studies Association held March 22-25, 2006, in San Diego, CA.

MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

Uk Heo and Sung-Deuk Hahm. 2006. “Politics, Economics, and Defense Spending in South Korea.” *Armed Forces and Society* 32(4): 1-19.

Uk Heo and Hans Stockton. 2005. “Elections and Parties in South Korea Before and After Transition to Democracy.” *Party Politics* 11(6): 675-689.

Samuel S. Kim. *The Two Koreas and the Great Powers*, is scheduled for publication in both soft and hard cover editions by Cambridge University Press in May 2006.

Tae-Hwan Kwak and Seung-Ho Joo, eds. *The United States and the Korean Peninsula in the 21st Century* (Ashgate, 2006) (forthcoming). The book contains chapters from several AKPS members including: Chapter 1. Introduction, by Tae-Hwan Kwak and Seung-Ho Joo; Chapter 2. The Six-Party Nuclear Talks and the Korean Peninsula Peace Regime Initiative: A Framework for Implementation, by Tae-Hwan Kwak; Chapter 3. U.S.-ROK Relations: The Political-Diplomatic Dimension, by Seung-Ho Joo; Chapter 4. Korea, the U.S., China and Japan: The Rise of Asian Regionalism, by Claude Barfield and Jason Bolton; Chapter 5. The Realignment of USFK and ROK-U.S. Alliance in Transition, by Seong-Ryoul Cho; Chapter 6. Assessing the Present and Charting the Future of U.S.-DPRK Relations: The Political-Diplomatic Dimension of the Nuclear Confrontation, by Bruce Bechtol, Jr.; Chapter 7. U.S.-DPRK Relations: The Nuclear Issue, by Edward A. Olsen; Chapter 8. Retraining the Hegemon: North Korea, the United States and Asymmetrical Deterrence, by Terence Roehrig; Chapter 9. Stability with Uncertainties: U.S.-China Relations and the Korean Peninsula, by Fei-ling Wang

Chae-Jin Lee. *A Troubled Peace: U.S. Policy and the Two Koreas* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006).

Terence Roehrig. *From Deterrence to Engagement: The U.S. Defense Commitment to South Korea* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2006).

MEMBERSHIP DUES

AKPS operates largely on your membership dues. Your timely remission of membership dues is essential for the Association’s operation. If you have not paid for 2005-06, please send a check (\$40 for professors, \$20 for graduate students) payable to AKPS and mail to:

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