



민주평화통일자문회의  
The Peaceful Unification Advisory Council

## Korean Peninsula Unification Seminar

### “Current Realities and Prospects for Peaceful Reunification on the Korean Peninsula”

Date: June 12, 2025 (Thursday)

Time: 14:00-17:00 (GMT+2)

Hybrid event (in-person and online)

Venue: University of National and World Economy, Sofia

Online: Zoom

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#### Organized by:

Peaceful Unification Advisory Committee, Bulgaria Branch (PUAC)

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Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Bulgaria,

University of National and World Economy in Sofia (UNWE)

#### Special Guest Lecturers

**Ms. Jenny Town**, Director of Stimson's Korea Program and 38North (USA)

**Prof. Dr. Michael Reiterer**, Former Ambassador of the EU to the ROK, DP at the CSDS of the  
Brussels School of Governance (EU)

**Mr. Timothy Cho**, Secretariat United Kingdom All-Party Parliamentary Group on North Korea (UK)

**Prof. Kim Bokyoung**, Director at the Institute of International Cultural Industries, The Museum of Arts  
and Crafts Master of China (China)

**Dr. Jeon Yeojoo**, University of Tokyo (Japan)

**Ms. Cathy Kang**, PhD candidate at Sofia university, Chief Advisor-PUAC Bulgaria branch (Bulgaria)

#### Panel Discussants (tentative)

**Assoc. Prof. Iskren Ivanov**, Sofia university, **Assoc. Prof. Kamen Nam**, UNWE , **Dr. Nikolay Kolev**,  
Sofia University, **Dr. James Kang**, Veliko Tarnovo University, Plovdiv university, **Ms. Snezhana**

**Todorova**, Chairman of the Union of Bulgarian Journalists, **Mr. Stoyan Ilkov**, Head of International  
Sector - Newspaper 24 Hours

## Program Schedule

13:30 – 14:00	Registration	
14:00 – 14:10	Opening Ceremony	Ms. Cathy Kang, PhD candidate (Sofia university), Chief Advisor-PUAC Bulgaria
14:10 – 14:20	Congratulatory Remarks	Prof. Dr. Matilda Alexandrova Vice-Rector of the University of National and World Economy in Sofia  H.E. Kim Dong-bae, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Bulgaria Prof.
14:20 – 14:30	Group Photo	
14:30 - 14:35	Introduction of the special guest lecturers	Moderator: Ms. Hannah Kang, PhD candidate (UNWE, Sofia)
14:35 – 14:50	<b>Ms. Jenny Town: " A US Perspective on Evolving Concepts of Korean Peace and Unification"</b>	
14:50 – 15:05	<b>Prof. Dr. Michael Reiterer : "EU's Korean Peninsula Engagement Strategy"</b>	
15:05 – 15:20	<b>Mr. Timothy Cho: "North Korean Human Rights: Challenges and Responses"</b>	
15:20 – 15:35	<b>Prof. Kim BoKyong: "China's Perspective on Korean Unification: Insights from Cinema and Policy"</b>	
15:35 – 15:50	<b>Dr. Jeon Yeojoo: "Japan's Perception of Korean Democracy and the Cognitive Barriers to Peaceful Unification Policy"</b>	
15:50 – 16:10	Coffee break	
16:10 – 16:20	<b>Ms. Cathy Kang: "Results from the global survey on Korean Unification – the case of Bulgaria"</b>	
16:20 – 16:50	Panel Discussion and Q&A	
16:50 – 17:00	Closing Remarks	