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## 2020 Northeast Asia Cooperation Dialogue

July 10 - 11, 5:00pm (PST)  
July 10 - 11, 8:00pm (EST)  
11 - 12 July, 8:00 (Beijing Time)  
11 - 12 July, 9:00 (JST & KST)  
11 - 12 July, 3:00 (MSK)

### Agenda

#### Friday, 10 July

5:00pm	Introduction	<i>10 minutes</i>
5:10pm	<b>Roundtable Discussion: Regional Implications of the Pandemic</b> Moderator: T.J. Pempel	<i>30 minutes</i>
5:40pm	<b>DPRK/Regional Issues</b> Moderator: Susan Shirk Discussant: Amb. Kathleen Stephens	<i>40 minutes</i>
6:20pm	<b>Bilateral Relations: Korea/Japan</b> Moderator: Stephan Haggard Discussants: CHOI Kang, JIMBO Ken, Amb. Kathleen Stephens	<i>40 minutes</i>
7:00pm	End	

#### Saturday, 11 July

5:00pm	<b>Bilateral Relations: U.S./China</b> Moderator: VADM Robert Thomas Discussants: Susan Shirk, ZHU Feng	<i>45 minutes</i>
5:45pm	<b>Bilateral Relations: Russia/China</b> Moderator: Tai Ming Cheung Discussants: Vasily Kashin, LI Chen	<i>45 minutes</i>
6:30pm	Wrap up	<i>5 minutes</i>
6:35pm	End	

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## Format & Guidance Questions for Sessions

Each session will begin with an introduction of the topic provided by the moderator, followed by a short (~5 minute) scene setter by the discussant(s).

### ***Regional Implications of the Pandemic***

Dr. TJ Pempel will lead a discussion of public health, economic, diplomatic, and security related impacts of the Sars-Cov-2 pandemic in Northeast Asia.

1. How are the countries in the region cooperating to address the COVID-19 pandemic? Are they sharing information or coordinating their efforts in a way that can serve as confidence building measures for future areas of cooperation in non-pandemic areas of interest?
2. Could the public health officials and private experts in the countries do a study of what has worked and what has not worked with respect to pandemic response measures?
3. How has the pandemic affected the economies and production chains in the region? Is it motivating the governments and companies in South Korea and Japan to diversify away from China?
4. Is the pandemic easing or aggravating security tensions in the region?
5. Have the national responses to the pandemic improved or eroded overall regional trust and confidence building?

### ***DPRK/Regional Issues***

Dr. Susan Shirk will introduce Ambassador Kathleen Stevens, who will provide thoughts with respect to the current situation on the Korean Peninsula.

1. Why has Pyongyang provoked a crisis in relations with Seoul? What might be the domestic drivers of North Korea's actions? Is it related to political succession and the promotion of Kim Yo Jong?
2. How do you think COVID-19 has impacted the DPRK?
3. Is the sanctions regime weakening? How is it impacting the DPRK?
4. Should the international community be mapping out a plan to "live with a nuclear armed North Korea?" What are the assessments of the state of the development of North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs, which appears to have been making sustained technological advances over the past couple of years?

### ***Bilateral Relations: Korea/Japan***

Professor Stephan Haggard will introduce Dr. CHOI Kang, Dr. JIMBO Ken, and Ambassador Kathleen Stephens to discuss the current state of bilateral relations with respect to the Republic of Korea and Japan.

1. Given the current state of relations between Blue House and Tokyo, is there room for a re-initiation of confidence building measures? What might those measures be?
2. Could the leaders of ROK and Japan pursue reconciliation or are they locked in by public opinion and domestic politics?
3. Is the United States impeding or helping Korea and Japan shore up their bilateral relations?

***Bilateral Relations: U.S./China***

Vice Admiral Robert Thomas will introduce Dr. ZHU Feng and Dr. Susan Shirk who will lead a discussion on the future of conflict and cooperation between China and the U.S.

1. Do we anticipate that U.S.-China relations will continue to be adversarial after the election?
2. What is the best hope to stabilize the relationship? Might trade and investment negotiations replace traditional arms negotiations as an avenue for finding other areas of dialogue?
3. Are there lessons from the U.S.-Soviet Cold War that might be applied to help stabilize the U.S.-China Cold War II?
4. Is a previous assessment that "China is overreaching and the U.S. is overreacting" an accurate description of the power dynamics in the region?
5. What is the fallout of adversarial relations between the U.S. and China for Northeast Asian countries?

***Bilateral Relations: Russia/China***

Dr. Tai Ming CHEUNG will introduce Dr. Vasily KASHIN and Dr. LI Chen who will lead a discussion on the future of relations between Russia and China.

1. Given mutual concerns with respect to U.S. foreign policy, are there more opportunities for cooperation between Russia and China in Northeast Asia?
2. Is there a disconnect between Russia and China over security issues in South Asia that in turn will effect cooperation in Northeast Asia?
3. What are the limits to the China-Russia alliance-like relationship?
4. What are the most important areas of China-Russia security cooperation today and in the coming years?

**At the end of the second day, Vice Admiral Thomas will provide a short wrap up, and placeholder for the next NEACD, which is currently scheduled to take place in Seoul in the spring of 2021.**