

IAED USA Webinar: Japan-Korea Bridge-Tunnel - New Possibilities and Context

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The Japan-Korea Bridge-Tunnel: New Possibilities and Context

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Hi

Since the opening of the 31.5-mile-long English Channel Tunnel in 1994 the world has seen renewed interest in the possibility of creating a similar connecting bridge between Japan and Korea. Big infrastructure projects like the [Fehmarn Tunnel](#) connecting Germany and Denmark or Norway's proposed [Coastal Highway](#) continue to stretch the limits of engineering technology. Over the last 20 years, a dedicated group of individuals and organizations has continued to explore the possibilities and benefits of creating a connection between Japan and Korea from various perspectives. Such a project would have an enormous economic impact on the region, especially after the opening of North Korea, providing a new trade route connecting Japan and Korea to all of Eurasia. It would also put real substance to the expressed aspirations of the recent Camp David trilateral summit between the US, South Korea and Japan. Stephen Costello spent time over the summer in Korea and Japan, researching the economic, political, financial and environmental impacts that this project would have and will present his ideas on the long-term impact. Dr. Dale Garratt,

has recently published a novel, [The Peace Road](#): A High-stakes, Geopolitical Thriller, which takes a different approach to popularizing the idea of creating a road connecting North and South Korea together and bringing an end to the escalating Nuclear tensions.

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Stephen Costello

Stephen Costello is an independent analyst and writer, with 30 years of experience in South Korean politics and foreign policy, US policy toward East Asia, and regional dynamics. He was advisor to South Korean democrats, Director of the Korea Program at the Atlantic Council think tank in Washington, and Visiting Researcher at the Gyeonggi Research Institute in Korea. He is now a Non-resident Visiting Scholar at the Korea Institute at George Washington University. He is also Director of AsiaEast.org, a non-profit working on



Dale Garratt, PhD.

Dale Garratt lived and taught in South Korea for eight years, including three years at Sun Moon University. He has formed friendships with many Japanese people over the years, working with them in the United States. He sees an undersea tunnel connecting these two outstanding nations as something that will bring very significant benefits to both.

Dr. Garratt's new thriller, [The Peace Road](#), shows the importance of also linking South and North Korea by building a peace highway between

policy surrounding the Korean Peninsula.

- [East Asia Forum](#)
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Seoul and Pyongyang. This could bring a permanent end to the nuclear threat from North Korea and ease the military threat from China. It could also be the cornerstone of an International Peace Highway connecting all the world.



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