

UPF International Newsletter: NE Asia environment webinar invitation

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NE Asia Environment in a Century of Conflict

North Korean Deforestation, DMZ and the Gobi Desert

TUESDAY, February 9 from 2 - 3 pm EST (New York time)

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Dear Colleague,

Northeast Asia, especially the Korean Peninsula, has seen conflict and division since 1905. Occupation by Japan, WWII and the Korean War, and then 70 more years of hostile division. The air, land and water have been like children who are ignored in a home where the parents are fighting. The devastation has been terrible. The Gobi Desert, while not an actor in the conflict, wreaks havoc with the air in China, both Koreas and Japan and gets politicized. This webinar is one of a series that will explore the environmental issues of the Korean Peninsula and the larger region.



Dr. Seung-ho Lee

President of The DMZ Forum, Inc. that aims to preserve globally unique biological and cultural resources of the Korean DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) as a “sanctuary” for peace and nature. He has been interviewed by the major media of the U.S, Korea and Japan. Dr. Lee has helped plant thousands of tree saplings on many North Korean hills and mountains in dire conditions.



Dr. Matthew A. Shapiro

Associate professor of political science at Illinois Institute of Technology. He is a research affiliate at Argonne National Laboratory's Joint Center for Energy Storage Research. He has held research fellowships and appointments at the Asiatic Research Institute at Korea University, the East Asia Institute, the Industrial Technology Research Institute and the Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute.



Dr. Michael Jenkins (Moderator)

President, Universal Peace Federation International; President, The Washington Times Foundation. Both organizations are co-sponsors of the Northeast Asia Peace Initiative and the Middle-East Peace Initiative, which create peace venues for dialogues to discuss and mitigate conflict among the stakeholders.

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