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Upcoming Webinars

March 23: UPF-USA IAPP: "Solving North Korea's Rubik's Cube: Advice from Analysts"
- 2 pm (New York time zone)

Registration



Dr. Joseph Bermudez, Jr.

Senior Fellow for Imagery Analysis, Center for Strategic and International Studies; author, *The Armed Forces of North Korea*



Dr. Bruce Bechtol, Jr.

Professor of Political Science, Angelo State University; author, *North Korean Proliferation in the Middle East and Africa*



Dr. Alexandre Mansourov

Adjunct Professor of Security Studies at Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University



Dr. Michael Jenkins

President, Universal Peace Federation International; President, The Washington Times Foundation.

March 25: UPF-UK - "Transition to Peace on the Korean Peninsula: What Confidence Building Measures are Necessary and Who Can Guide the Process?" - 14:00 (CET time zone)

Registration

**UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION**
EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST

Webinar on Peace and Security in North East Asia
March 25th, 2021, 14:00 - 15:15 CET
Registration: <https://eume.upf.org/webinar-25-3-2021>

Transition to Peace on the Korean Peninsula: What Confidence Building Measures are Necessary and Who Can Guide the Process?

PANEL

 <p>KEITH BENNETT North Korea and China Consultant. Deputy Chairman of the Kim Il Sung Kim Jong Il Foundation and the 48 Group Club.</p>	 <p>MIKE CHINOY Non-Resident Senior Fellow, US-China Institute, University of Southern California and former CNN Senior Asia Correspondent</p>
 <p>AIDAN FOSTER CARTER Honorary Senior Research Fellow in Sociology and Modern Korea at Leeds University in England</p>	 <p>JENNY TOWN Senior Fellow at the Stimson Center, Director of its 38 North Program on US-DPRK relations, US-ROK alliance and Northeast Asia regional security.</p>

MODERATOR

 <p>HUMPHREY HAWKSLEY Author, commentator and broadcaster. Long standing BBC Foreign Correspondent.</p>	CLOSING REMARKS  <p>KATSUMI OTSUKA Chairman, UPF Europe and Middle East</p>
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BACKGROUNDER



Mount Kumgang, one of the most famous scenic areas of the Korean peninsula, has become a symbol of the on - off cooperation between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK/North Korea) and the Republic of Korea (South Korea). We would like to consider what confidence building measures could initiate a transition to peace at a time of sanctions and the suspicion that any resources gained by North Korea will be used to support the military, nuclear weapons and their delivery systems?

"Who can guide the process" is pertinent given that elections may lead to a President of the United States or a President of South Korea, who may withdraw from any prior agreements made by a previous administration. Who can guide any peace initiative into a longstanding agreement in which all parties can have assurance? (For more biographical detail [Link](#))

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March 25: UPF-Central America & Caribbean and IAPD - "The Responsibility of Religious Leaders for Peace and Development" - 2:30 pm (Central America time zone)

Registration



Interreligious Association for Peace and Development

UPF maintains that any successful strategy for peace must take into account the spiritual dimension of our human identity, experience and interactions; based on this worldview, UPF initiated the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development. Religious leaders are well-situated to deal with community-based concerns and can play a significant role in reconciliation and building a culture of peace. The world's religious and faith-based organizations can provide a unique set of valuable resources for achieving a just and peaceful world.

Panelist Group

The Responsibility of Religious Leaders for Peace and Development

Among other projects, IAPD supports the Peaceful Reunification of North and South Korea

<p>DR. CHARLES S. YANG Chair of Universal Peace Federation Central America and Caribbean. He led Universal Peace Federation's Middle East Peace Initiative for ten years.</p>			<p>REV. DAE HEE HONG Sub Regional Director of FFWPU. He graduated in architectural engineering from Yonsei University-Corea and Graduate from Unification Theological Seminary, Master Degree of Theology Education. MEXICO</p>
<p>PASTOR ELSA MONCADA Director of Ministries of Faith in the Media. She has 30 years of experience in the media for spreading the word. She carries out various programs to offer spiritual counseling and spread the word of God both on radio and television, HONDURAS</p>			<p>APOSTLE ALICIA LIVERPOOL Executive Director of LEAD—Leadership Equipping in Ambassadorship and Diplomacy. LEAD provides specialized training in faith-based diplomacy and interfaith dialogue for the spiritual and social reconciliation of people, peace, and progress in the world. ST MAARTEN</p>
<p>REV. ADRIAN ODLE Director of Ministries of Faith in the Media. Superintendent of the Bethel Circuit of the Methodist Church and Vice-President of the Barbados Christian Council. He has also served in the islands of St Vincent, Trinidad and St Lucia. BARBADOS</p>			<p>MRS. VIVIAN NISTHAL DE PADILLA Founder and Coordinator of the Reina de Los Angeles Catholic Family Community of Tivoli, Guatemala City. With her husband, she served the Lord for 30 years coordinating communities of women, youth and couples. GUATEMALA</p>
<p>PASTOR AGRICOL LOZANO Commissioner for interreligious affairs at the Ibero-American Commission of Human Rights for the Development of the Americas; Former vice-president of the Interreligious Council of Mexico. MEXICO</p>			<p>PASTOR JUAN MATEO VALERIO LIRIANO Pastor of the Church of God. School teacher in the area of comprehensive and religious human formation and social sciences. He works in the social area as a community leader in his town of Los Alcañizos. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</p>
			<p>Moderator MR. REMY TAUPIER Director of UPF in St Lucia. He is working to strengthen families as an essential way to deal with poverty, violence and crime in the nation.</p>

Thursday March 25th, 2021

at	2:30 PM	Central America Home
	3:30 PM	Panamá, Cuba, Haiti (New)
	4:30 PM	Barbados, Dominican Republic, St Lucia (New)

UPF CENTRAL AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

Please register through: / Registrese a través de:

March 25: UN Commission on Status of Women event hosted by NGO Committee on the Family - “He for She at Home: Gender Equality and the Family” - 1:00 pm (New York time zone)

Registration

The NGO Committee on the Family, New York invites you to attend

HE FOR SHE AT HOME: GENDER EQUALITY AND THE FAMILY

A Parallel Event of UN CSW65 | To be held virtually | Please see RSVP info. Below.

Thursday, March 25th • 1-2:30 PM New York Time

Please join us for a presentation by

DR. CAROLYN PAPE COWAN & DR. PHILIP A. COWAN

Carolyn Pape Cowan, PhD is Adjunct Psychology Professor, Emerita, UC Berkeley. Philip A. Cowan, PhD is Psychology Professor, Emeritus, UC Berkeley. Together, they co-directed three longitudinal intervention studies of how family relationships affect children's adaptation.

This session will explore how the family, the "natural and fundamental group unit of society" (UDHR art. 16(3)), can be a source of women and girls' empowerment. Families in which spouses view each other as partners cherish women's gifts and encourage their development and use. In addition, families in which parents model gender equality provide their children with a blueprint for equality outside the home, reducing stereotypes, gender-based violence, and harmful practices.

This session will explore how the family empowers women and girls, particularly when gender equality is valued by men within the family. Families in which parents model gender equality in their own responsibilities at home and opportunities outside the home prepare the next generation to champion gender equality. Additionally, fathers' support for their daughters' education nurture not only girls' abilities but also their confidence. This event will examine policies and practices which can help families combat harmful stereotypes and practices and foster a future in which women and girls participate equally and successfully in public life.

*To attend this event live, you must register for the virtual NGO CSW/NY forum by **Wednesday, MARCH 10**. This is a 2-step process. Click [here](#) to begin the registration, then wait for an e-mail from NGO CSW/NY to complete your profile. Once you have completed your profile, click [here](#) to register for this event.*



**March 25: UPF-USA IAED - "The Role of Women Business Leaders in Creating a Healthy and Sustainable Economy"
- 2:00 pm (New York time zone)**

Registration



Audra M. Hajj - Moderator

Speaker, Author, and CEO of Angel Investors Network.

AIN has been the facilitator in launching and reconstructing over 10,000 companies since 1997, raised over \$380 Million for their clients, and taken 71 companies public with her team in 3 locations domestically and 4 abroad.



Ms. Purnima Voria

Founder and CEO of the National US India Chamber of Commerce (NUICC)

NUICC is a trade organization that promotes bilateral trade between the United States and India through business relationships. Membership spans a wide spectrum of industries, with direct membership strength of approximately 9,200 people worldwide.



Rakhi Voria

Director, IBM Global Digital Sales Development

Rakhi Voria manages a team that is responsible for the strategy, implementation, and revenue of the Digital Sales Development (DSD) at IBM globally. Rakhi previously worked at Microsoft as the Chief of Staff to the Corporate Vice President of WW Inside Sales. Rakhi has a strong passion for advancing women in business and regularly shares her thoughts on these topics by speaking at conferences and writing publications in Forbes as a member of the Forbes Business Development Council.



Jeanne Jenkins

Vice President, Relationship Manager Commercial Banking Group Wells Fargo & Company

Jeanne leads a team of specialists with a focus on mid-market companies in the technology and government services space. She serves on the Board of Directors for Washington Women's Leadership Initiative, a leading women's leadership organization supporting women in business and preparing Executives for board readiness. She also serves on the Associate Leadership Council for Junior Achievement Greater Washington.



Dr. Ann Peterson

President and Managing Director, The New Yorker Hotel

A hospitality veteran and turnaround expert who holds more than three decades of experience in the industry, Ann Peterson joined The New Yorker Hotel in December 2012. Peterson oversees day-to-day operations, including management of the hotel's executive team and more than 500 hotel employees, as well as the rollout of a multi-million-dollar renovation program that is well underway.

**March 26: UPF-EUME IAAP - "What are the Prospects for a Successful Peace Settlement on the Korean Peninsula?"
- 11:00 am (CET time zone)**

Registration

**UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION**
EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST
International Association of Academicians for Peace

Languages  

Webinar on Peace and Security in North East Asia
March 26th, 2021, 11:00 - 12:30 CET
Registration: <https://eume.upf.org/webinar-26-3-2021>

What are the prospects for a successful peace settlement on the Korean Peninsula?

Speakers

 Amb. Marc Vogelaar International Affairs Consultant, former Director, KEDO External Public Affairs, Netherlands	 Dr Barthélemy Courmont Professor of Contemporary History and International Relations, Catholic University, Lille, France	 Mr. Jun Isomura Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute, Washington DC, USA
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Moderator
Mr. Yvo Bruffaerts, Coordinator, UPF West Europe

Backgrounder

Since the end of the Cold War, several initiatives have been taken to enhance the conditions for peace on the Korean Peninsula, with varying degrees of success: the Framework Agreement, the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO), the Six-Party Talks, and the Sunshine Policy. The recent attempts by the Trump Administration to secure an accord with North Korea and the latest meetings of the two Korean presidents raised expectations that have not been fulfilled. They have shown, however, that political will can go a long way in initiating a thawing process after decades of conflict.

A new US Administration has now settled in. South Korea is moving toward an election year in 2022. In this context, what are the chances for progress of the peace process on the Korean Peninsula? What lessons can be learned from the previous efforts at securing peace agreements? By means of its Northeast Asia Peace Initiative, UPF has been supporting the peace process on the Korean Peninsula, beginning with its Founders' meeting with Kim Il Sung in 1991. Today, 70 years after the Korean War, we are calling on world experts to contribute to the process of reunification of the two Koreas. Three panelists will draw lessons from the past and give their advice for a peaceful settlement on the peninsula.

You are kindly invited to attend this most interesting webinar, in which you can express your opinion and be part of a Q&A session.

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March 27: UPF-Europe and Middle East, ISCP Webinar - "Balkan and Korean Peninsulas: Similarities, Learning from Experiences and Possible Cooperation" - 10:00 am (CET time zone)

Registration

ISCP Webinar

Balkan and Korean Peninsulas

Similarities, Learning from Experiences
and Possible Cooperation

March 27th 2021
10:00 CET / 18:00 KST



H.E. Alfred Moisiu
President of Albania (2002 - 2007)



H.E. Filip Vujanović
President of Montenegro (2003 - 2018)



Hon. Ho-Jin Lee
Acting President of UN Association
of the Republic of Korea



H.E. Fatmir Sejdiu
President of Kosovo (2006 - 2010)



Ph.D. Kim Hyung-Suk
Vice Minister of Unification
of Korea (2016-2017)



Dr. Heung-Soon Park
Expert on UN Affairs



Mr. Lutfi Dervishi
Moderator of the webinar
Journalist



Dr. Yeon Ah Moon
Chair of UPF Korea



Dr. Katsumi Otsuka
Chairman of UPF Europe &
Middle East



Lee Hyun-young
President of UPF Korea

Register Now!

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March 27: UPF-Australia, IAAP: 2021 Values Education Summit
- 10:00 am (Sydney, Australia time zone)

Registration

Values Education Summit

Why Values Education is
Important and What Should
Values Education Look like
in 2021 and Beyond

[To Join us Online](#)



Moderator: Marilou Coombe

PRESENTERS



Dr John Bellavance
International
Association of
Academicians for
Peace - Oceania



Dr Rafia Naz is the Dean
for the Faculty of Business
and Entrepreneurship at
the National University of
Samoa

MARCH 27 • 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Other presenters:

- Prof (Dr) Anoop Swarup, Founder Chairman of the Global Knowledge Alliance
- Heather Yelland, Founder and Director of The Elevation Company and Founder and Director of Green SuperCamp Australia
- Roland Jabbour OAM Esq.JP, Chairman of the Australian Arabic Council
- Dr Joy de Leo OAM, Founding President, UNESCO APNIEVE Australia
- Dr Chris Sotiropoulos, CEO and Co-Founder Global Opportunities Commercialisation (GOC)
- Heidi Soliman, Founder of EMPOWER & EVOLVE

- Ahmed Tohow, Deputy chair of the Board of Directors of the Global Somali Diaspora and is currently a Director of the East Africa Security and Policy Forum
- Osman Softi , Senior research fellow with the Islamic Renaissance Front, an intellectual think tank based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Upcoming Events

MAR 31: [Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Social Support and Combatting Crimes](#)

MAR 31: [WCLC - Building a Unified Global Community: The Responsibility of Christianity](#)



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