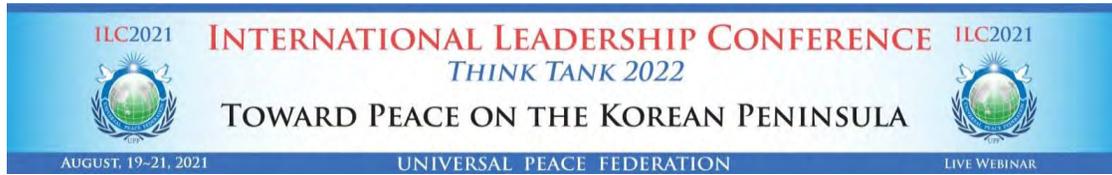


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[ILC August 2021 - Session I - The Japan-Korea Undersea Tunnel Project](#)



The Japan-Korea Undersea tunnel Project was proposed four decades ago by the co-founders of the Universal Peace Federation. Part of the vision of a global highway connecting continents, the Japan-Korea tunnel aims at harmonious bilateral relations across the Korea strait, enhancing the possibility of reunification of the divided peninsula and improving the infrastructure for a future, free economic zone throughout East Asia and beyond. In a region experiencing great tensions, the project deserves attention as a potential factor for peace, stability and prosperity in Northeast Asia. The webinar will address this issue, considering the experience from the Marmaray Tunnel connecting Europe and Asia across the Bosphorus Strait in Istanbul, and the Eurotunnel connecting France and Great Britain.

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This session brings world experts to deliberate on creating a bridge or tunnel across the Bering Strait between the Chukotka region in Russia and the state of Alaska in the United States. The link would create an intercontinental connection between Eurasia and North America, allowing unprecedented opportunities for business and cultural integration. Since the 19th century, this bold engineering project has increasingly reappeared in experts' minds, government research and the media, both in America and in Russia, raising growing interest among potential investors and beneficiaries worldwide. Believing that the Bering Strait link is an idea whose time has come, the panelists will elaborate on possible ways to bring us closer to the fulfillment of this most ambitious endeavor.

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[ILC August 2021 - Session IV - The Potential and Benefits of Trade and Business Activities with North Korea](#)



Foreign trade & business activities have always been a tool to communicate between different peoples, maintaining peace and providing benefits for both parties. Technology has increased these benefits by providing greater efficiency in the economy. How can it contribute to easing tensions on the Korean Peninsula? With North Korea's nuclear rise seen as a threat by neighboring nations, the UN sanctions currently block the country's trading capacity. However, at the recent 8th Party Congress, the country's leadership announced a new focus on economic development. China, Vietnam and other socialist countries engage actively in world trade. Could business with North Korea be interesting for both North Korea and the rest of the world? Does North Korea have the potential to become an attractive destination for tourism, for example from China, Russia, Japan and South Korea? Is it possible to overcome the climate of distrust between North Korea and its democratic and capitalist neighbors? Which North Korean products and services can attract international interest? What are the obstacles to international business with North Korea? Can the resolutions of the January 2021 North Korean Party Congress boost business activities? What steps should be taken by both sides?

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Varying worldviews, values, and ideologies will drive the agendas of the six primary stakeholder nations in any process of Korean reunification. What are they in each nation's case? How do they influence each nation's policy toward reunification? How and to what extent do they make it difficult for all stakeholders to reach agreement on the way forward? And what room is there for compromise, so that lasting peace can come to The Korean Peninsula?

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[People's Common History and Culture Contribute to Peace on the Korean Peninsula?](#)



Korean people share a long history. They survived repeated invasions by the Chinese, the Mongol and the Japanese empires. In 1919, the March 1st Independence Movement against Japanese colonial rule was a founding milestone for modern Korea. Moreover, the Korean people share a deeply rooted mythology, the legend of King Dangun, who is supposed to have established the Korean nation nearly five millennia ago. Both history and mythology have played their part in shaping an enduring Korean identity. After WWII, however, the political division imposed on Korea eventually settled into a confrontation of radically opposed ideologies, which still contribute to maintaining the conflict between North and South. Can the Korean people's common history and culture help forge a vision that transcends the ideological conflicts inherited from the Cold War and overcome the

division on the Peninsula?

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Peace on the Korean peninsula is now as fragile as during the decades after the Korean War. South Korea is targeted in an ideological crossfire between powerful players due to its unique strategic position in Asia. Even in "peacetime", a war of conflicting narratives is raging, which are largely conveyed by the media. This raises vitally important questions regarding media ethics and press freedom, which is the prerequisite for mutual trust and understanding between people of different backgrounds. Therefore, the role of the media is equally vital in times of war and peace. Most importantly, the media can be a powerful aid in conflict resolution and peacemaking. This panel, consisting of media professionals from Korea, Europe, and the USA, will throw the spotlight on the role of the media in promoting peace on the Korean Peninsula.

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