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Hoam Faculty House, Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea



IARS SEOUL 2025 Bridging a Division



BRIDGING A DIVISION

To Overcome the Barriers that Divide Us

The IARS (International Association for Reconciliation Studies) will hold its 6th annual conference in Seoul, South Korea, from July 14 to 18, 2025. The conference's main theme is "Bridging a Division."

The international community seems to be retreating from globalization and entering an era of major divisions once again. As demonstrated by the recent wars between Ukraine and Russia, and Israel and Palestine, conflicts deeply rooted in historical antagonisms, which have consistently failed to create a path toward reconciliation, are sparking additional conflicts, further entrenching these lines of division. In this context, discussing reconciliation in Korea, especially in 2025, holds profound significance.

The year 2025 marks 120 years since Korea's subjugation under Japanese colonization, during which Japan gradually and coercively moved toward the final annexation treaty of 1910. Soon after colonization began, resistance movements against Japan erupted across the Korean Peninsula and continued until liberation. The history of colonial rule by a foreign power provided the structural backdrop for myriad atrocities. In 1945, after the Second World War, Korea was liberated from Japan but soon faced the onset of national division, which eventually led to the Korean War and further internal divisions. Twenty years later, in 1965, Japan and Korea normalized diplomatic relations by signing a treaty, formally embarking on a path toward reconciliation. However, both countries have yet to resolve their differing historical perceptions of the colonial period. South Korea also endured further oppression under dictatorship and authoritarian regimes, during which innocent students and citizens fell victim to state violence.

Over the course of 120 years, the Korean people have withstood immense suffering due to both external and internal state violence through colonialism, war, and dictatorship. Consequently, multiple lines of division have emerged between Japan and Korea, North and South Korea, the state government and civil society, conservative and progressive factions, and even among different regions and generations. These divisions have led to secondary and tertiary waves of tragedy and pain. Therefore, "bridging a division" is also a historical imperative for Koreans.

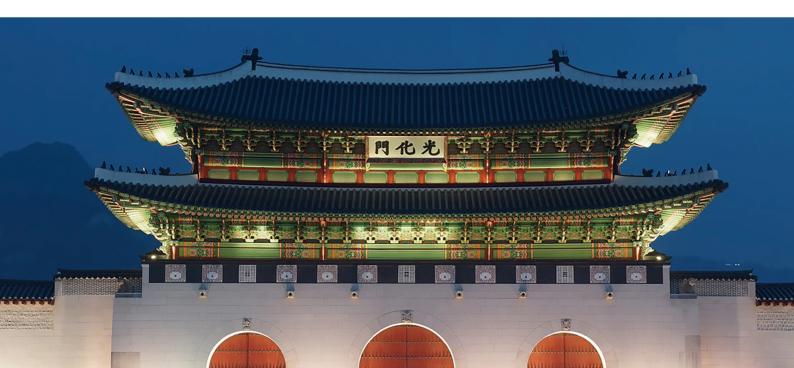
In the midst of this tunnel of agony, the people of the Korean Peninsula have cherished a deep longing for reconciliation, and in 2000, former South Korean President Kim Dae-jung was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts toward reconciliation. Nevertheless, raising the issue of 'reconciliation' in Korea is both difficult and fearsome. There is a strong consensus that one cannot engage in discussions about reconciliation without first revealing the truth and confronting the need for accountability. In a society where there is strong resistance to reconciliation, discussions on the topic may need to begin by acknowledging its potential impossibility. Nonetheless, within this context, the exploration of reconciliation in Korea takes on a paradoxical significance.

The 2025 IARS Seoul Conference aims to transcend this paradox and acquire universal wisdom to advance reconciliation by sharing the experiences of Koreans with the world and learning from global perspectives. For this year's conference, we focus on the following aspects of reconciliation:

- · Overcoming the legacy of colonialism and historical reconciliation,
- · Reconciliation process of empires and of colonies,
- · The dissolution of empires and resulting fragmentation,
- · Divisions and conflicts in colonial liberation movements,
- Post-colonial issues and state violence,
- The global expansion of the Cold War and its regional characteristics,
- The relationship between accountability and reconciliation in the process of resolving historical issues,
- · Issues related to transitional justice,
- The relationship among memory, justice, and reconciliation,
- The relationship between Memory Studies and Reconciliation Studies,
- The role of civil society in reconciliation of historical antagonisms,
- Case studies on division and struggles to overcome in various parts of the world.

Seoul is a city where Korea's modern and contemporary history is concentrated. Particularly during the Korean War, it was a place marked by the pain of countless displacements and acts of violence as control alternated between the North and South. Conversely, the desire and determination to overcome this painful history of division have transformed Seoul into one of the world's most dynamic megacities. Therefore, in 2025, our participation in this conference in Seoul will invite deep reflection on reconciliation as we acknowledge the scars of division present worldwide and share the struggles and aspirations of those striving to overcome them.

Seoul National University, where the 2025 IARS Seoul Conference will be held, is one of the most prestigious academic institutions in Korea, making it a highly meaningful venue for the event. Beyond its role as a leading institution of modern education in Korea, Seoul National University also shares Korea's painful colonial history due to its origins, which obligates the university to reflect on and address historical issues. In this context, the IARS Conference at Seoul National University will not only serve as a platform for academic discussions but also provide valuable inspiration for overcoming historical wounds and seeking a future-oriented path toward reconciliation and peace.



IARS

International Association for Reconciliation Studies

The IARS, which was established on August 10, 2020, has united members from all five continents. Our mission is to convene activists, academics, and politicians from all segments of society regardless of ethnicity, nationality, region, race, or gender and to support the advancement of peace and reconciliation. We hope that our collective approach to reconciliation studies will provide a basis for cooperative cultural and educational policy and global citizenship, which will, in turn, increase our ability to address global issues facing all of us today, such as poverty, the environment, infectious disease and the clash of ethnic and national identities. The IARS hosts a conference in a different part of the world, rotating between Europe, the Americas, Asia, and Africa in order to promote inclusivity. We kindly invite you to attend our conference and join our efforts to promote values of peace and reconciliation around the world.

Reconciliation Studies is a relatively young research paradigm that emerged in the context of "transitional" societies such as South Africa or Rwanda. It is distinct from "classical" research approaches to peace and conflict: Whereas conventional peace approaches focus primarily on structural and institutional factors of peacemaking, Reconciliation Studies focuses particularly on the relational aspect and thus on emotional and cognitive factors of conflict prevention, transformation and resolution, without ignoring structural and supra-individual conditions. From the perspective of Reconciliation Studies, it is possible to ask how normal and, if possible, good, relations can be established within a society or context, at all levels: intrapersonal and interpersonal, intercollective (in the domestic and/or interstate sphere), and institutional, while taking into account both top-down and bottom-up processes. Reconciliation is not only a private matter, but reconciliation processes have to be implemented at the same time through policies of reconciliation, e.g. coming to terms with the past through: justice and punishment; truth and reconciliation commissions; perpetrator-victim settlements and reparations; the development of security measures; spaces for victims, perpetrators, and other members of society to discuss experiences and promote memory. Truth and justice are essential components of Reconciliation Studies, especially restorative justice (as opposed to punitive justice) in order to integrate the needs of perpetrators, victims, and the larger community/society.

IARS conferences offer a space in which case studies as well as theories, models and conceptions relevant to reconciliation are brought into conversation with current fields of discourse (social justice, ecological justice and sustainability studies, refugee studies, migration studies, memory studies, etc.). The conference is inter- and transdisciplinary including approaches from psychology, philosophy, education, sociology, economics, law, political science, history, economics, regional studies, communication studies, art, and theology.

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Greetings



Karina Korostelina

President

International Association for Reconciliation Studies

Professor

Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University

Dear IARS members and colleagues,

It is my great honor to welcome you all to the conference of the International Association for Reconciliation Studies in Seoul. This conference brings together scholars, practitioners, and advocates from across the globe, united by a shared commitment to advancing reconciliation and peace. During 5-day conference, we will explore new ideas, share experiences, and discuss strategies that can transform conflict into cooperation, division into unity, and despair into hope.

The work of reconciliation is never easy. It requires strategic thinking, creativity, patience, empathy, and, most importantly, a collective will to heal the wounds of history and build a more just and peaceful future. But it is work that is profoundly important-not only for the communities we directly serve but for the future of humanity itself. Together, we can create a world where understanding and reconciliation are not the exception, but the rule.

Once again, welcome, and I look forward to the conversations and collaborations that will emerge over the course of this important gathering.

December 2024

Karina Korostelina

President, International Association for Reconciliation Studies
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Wonho Kim

Director Organizing Committee, The 6th Annual Conference of the International Association for Reconciliation Studies in Seoul, 2025

ChairmanCR Life Foundation

To the Members of the International Association for Reconciliation Studies and All Who Aspire for Peace,

Greetings.

In July 2025, the 6th International Association for Reconciliation Studies (IARS) Conference will take place in Seoul. As the Chairman of CR Life Foundation, an organization dedicated to building a community of peace, I am honored to serve as the Chair of the Organizing Committee for this event.

Even now, many parts of the world are mired in chaos, far removed from the peace we earnestly long for, as arms races, wars, massacres, and violence persist. The situation in the Republic of Korea, the host country of the upcoming IARS Conference, is no exception.

After liberation from Japanese colonial rule 80 years ago, Korea was divided into North and South. This division led to a devastating war. Although an armistice was signed, a peace treaty has yet to be established. The two sides remain in a state of confrontation, with the constant threat of renewed armed conflict.

To prevent collisions between North and South Korea, we must completely cleanse the lingering bitterness from the past and build bridges of reconciliation.

Genuine peace on the Korean Peninsula remains an unfinished task. Achieving it requires putting an end to enmity, embracing reconciliation, and moving forward on the path of coexistence, mutual prosperity, and peace. Reconciliation is the alpha and omega of peace.

In this context, the IARS Seoul Conference 2025 holds special significance. It is my fervent hope that the path to peace through reconciliation will open not only in Korea but also in every corner of the world.

I extend my heartfelt welcome to all participants of the IARS Seoul Conference.

January 2025

Wonho Kim

Director, Organizing Committee of the IARS Seoul Conference 2025 Chairman, CR Life Foundation



Kijeong Nam

Director Executive Committee, The 6th Annual Conference of the International Association for Reconciliation Studies in Seoul, 2025

Acting Director and Professor Institute for Japanese Studies, Seoul National University

Dear members of the International Association for Reconciliation Studies, and all scholars around the world who constantly reflect on "reconciliation,"

It is my great honor to extend the warmest welcome to each of you joining us for the IARS 2025 Seoul Conference. I am Kijeong Nam, Director of the Institute for Japanese Studies at Seoul National University and Chair of the Executive Committee for the IARS 2025 Seoul Conference.

Korea has endured a tumultuous history marked by colonial rule, liberation, national division, war, dictatorship, and democratization-experiences that have fueled a profound hope for reconciliation. Yet the path has often been fraught with immense pain and the need for steadfast endurance.

Indeed, reconciliation in Korea remains an unfinished task and Seoul is where all these stories converge, revealing both the fragility and resilience of democracy. The efforts to reckon with a painful past and to seek reconciliation will be pivotal in shaping our collective future.

It is especially meaningful to hold this year's international conference in Seoul, a city that embodies both the necessity and possibility of reconciliation. At this moment, Seoul is navigating political complexities with remarkable civic resilience, and by July-when this five-day conference convenes-a new government is expected to be in place. I trust these developments will create a stable, energetic environment for our meetings and discussions.

In 2025, we look forward to welcoming scholars and practitioners worldwide to share their experiences, insights, and hopes for reconciliation. Once again, a hearty welcome to you all.

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December 2024

Kijeong Nam

Director, Executive Committee of the IARS Seoul Conference 2025 Acting Director and Professor, Institute for Japanese Studies, Seoul National University

Keynote Speakers

LEE Jong Won

Professor Emeritus Waseda and Rikkyo University



The Long and Winding Road to Korea-Japan Reconciliation: What It Means and Promises

The introduction of the concept of reconciliation to the field of international politics is relatively a recent phenomenon. The last decade of the 20th century witnessed the "globalization of reconciliation," sparked by the South African model of "Truth and Reconciliation" as a new way of redressing historical injustices. Inspired by the progresses and setbacks in the experiments of "domestic reconciliation," attempts were also made to expand the framework of reconciliation to the international relations, particularly in East Asia. What is the meaning of applying the concept of reconciliation to the Korea-Japan relations? What can we expect from the discussions and practices of the bilateral reconciliation? These are some of the questions we should address to envision the future in the region.

Biography of Speaker

LEE Jong Won is Professor Emeritus of Waseda and Rikkyo University. In 1974 he was imprisoned and expelled from Seoul National University for his involvement in the democratization movement. Released in 1975, he worked for the Christian Institute for the Study of Justice and Development as researcher. In 1982 he moved to Japan, and earned BA from International Christian University, MA and PhD from the University of Tokyo. He taught at Tohoku University and Rikkyo University before he moved to Waseda University. His area of specialization is the regional diplomacy in East Asia. His publications include US-Korean Relations in East Asia's Cold War, A Contemporary History of Japan-South Korea Relations since World War II, and Path to Reconciliation in East Asia (in Japanese).

Karina KOROSTELINA

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Systemic Approach to Sustainable Reconciliation

Sustainable reconciliation is a transformative process of redefinition of intergroup relations based on mutual recognition of the complexities of identity dynamics and their functions in achieving peace and justice in post-conflict societies. This approach concentrates on local agency and promotion of local voices in defining reconciliation and societal transformation in societies affected by protracted conflicts. Systemic approach to sustainable reconciliation includes comprehensive and inclusive strategies of addressing and incorporating key factors of social identity and intergroup relations.

Biography of Speaker

Karina V. Korostelina is a Professor and Director of the Sustainable Peace Lab at the Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University. She is a founding member and President of the International Association for Reconciliation Studies. Her work, supported by 53 grants, includes 18 books and over 100 publications. A Fulbright New Century Scholar and fellow at institutions such as the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center and the Wilson Center, she has held 12 residential fellowships worldwide. Dr. Korostelina has led peacebuilding efforts in over 20 countries and helped establish Conflict Resolution programs in eight.

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Program at a Glance

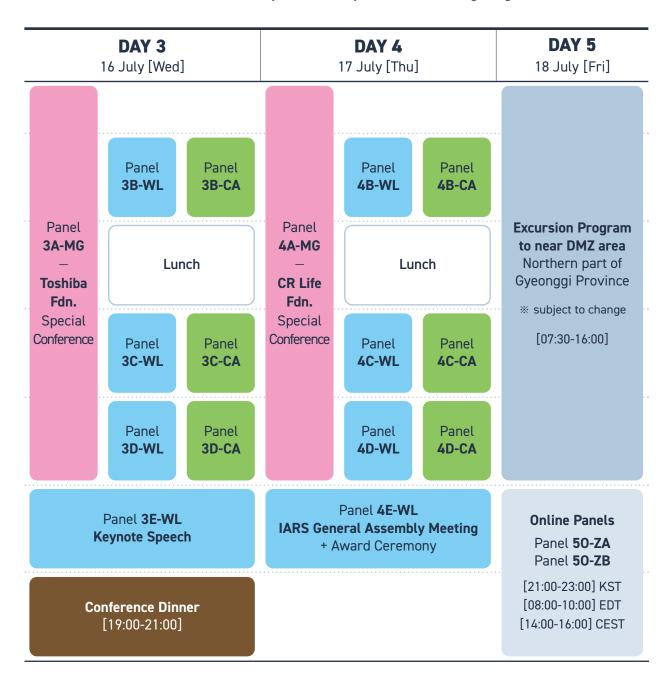
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- Please wear your name badge at all times during the conference to confirm registration status.
- Each room is equipped with a laptop (with Microsoft Office), projector, and screen.

 For additional assistance, contact iars.seoul.2025@gmail.com or visit the reception desk.
- * For sessions with interpretation, please do not take the equipment outside. Leave it on the table after the session.
- ※ Panels generally run with 10−15-minute presentations, followed by open discussion.
- PowerPoint presentations are encouraged. No full paper submission is required. Handouts are welcome but must be prepared individually.
- Morning sandwiches, lunch, beverages, and snacks are provided to registered participants. Please inform the Secretariat in advance if you have dietary restrictions, including allergies.



Program Details

Overview -

The International Association for Reconciliation Studies (IARS) will hold its 6th Annual Conference in Seoul, South Korea, from July 14 to 18, 2025. The conference theme, "Bridging a Division," reflects the urgent need to address growing divisions within and across societies in a time of renewed conflict, historical tension, and the retreat of globalization. As unresolved legacies of violence continue to shape emerging forms of conflict, reconciliation studies offer a critical lens for understanding and confronting these challenges.

This year's conference highlights Korea's experience of navigating colonial legacies, national division, and democratic struggle, while drawing insights from global contexts. Seoul, a city shaped by these histories yet marked by resilience, meaningful setting for international dialogue on reconciliation and coexistence.

As part of the broader academic program, two affiliated conferences will enrich this year's gathering. The **Toshiba Foundation Special Conference** will explore reconciliation in East Asia through historical and global lenses, while the **CR Life Foundation Special Conference** will examine shifting geopolitics and the pursuit of peace on the Korean Peninsula.

We warmly welcome all participants to Seoul and look forward to meaningful dialogue and collaboration.

Day 1 14 July [Mon]

	Mugunghwa
Time	Opening Ceremony & Reception Event
15:00	Opening of the Event by Moderator Dong Ju Seo HK Professor, Institute for Japanese Studies, Seoul National University
15:05	Welcome Address Karina Korostelina Professor and Director, Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University Wonho Kim Chairman, CR Life Foundation Kijeong Nam Acting Director and Professor, Institute for Japanese Studies, Seoul National University
15:40	Keynote Speech Jong Won Lee Professor Emeritus, Waseda and Rikkyo University
16:40	Welcoming Performance Choral Performance by Peace Tree Choir Korean Traditional Dance
17:10	Group Photo
17:20	Reception Event provided by CR Life Foundation

Day **2** 15 July [Tue]

Time	Magnolia KR-EN simultaneous interpretation provided
10:00	Panel 2B-MG Group Panel - Organized and Sponsored by The Peace Foundation
	Interfaith Dialogue in Asia for Peace and Reconciliation Chair Kijeong Nam Seoul National University
	Activities for Inter-Korean Conflict Resolution and Peace-Building Efforts in Conflict Zones Ven. Pomnyun Sunim The Peace Foundation
11:30	Religious Leaders' Initiatives for Interfaith Reconciliation and Addressing Severe Ethnic Conflicts in Sri Lanka Rev. Fr. Anura Perera Theological College of Lanka
	Discussant Jong Wha Park National Culture Foundation
	Panel 2C-MG Group Panel - Organized and Sponsored by Korea Diplomacy Plaza
	Transitional Justice at the End of War: Korean Unification or Post-Unification?
13:00	Chair Moonyoung Lee Seoul National University Peace in Transition and Justice at the End of War: Ukraine and the Korean Peninsula Yoochul Lee Seoul National University
14:30	Value Diplomacy and Agenda-setting: Peace vs. Unification on the Korean Peninsula Tae-Kyeong Claudia Ryu Ewha Womans University
	Post-Unipolar era, Post-Unification Discourse Ah Reum Park Dongguk University
	Panel 2D-MG Group Panel - Organized and Sponsored by Asia Peace and History Institute
	Who is qualified to talk about "Reconciliation"? The gap in Northeast Asia's historical perception and the way to reconciliation Chair Hyein Han Asia Institute for Peace and History
14:45 -	The Politics of Emotion in Historical Reckoning Jae-seung Lee Konkuk University
16:15	Approaches to Reconciliation: Korea's Truth-Seeking and Social Integration Shin-chul Lee Asia Institute for Peace and History
	The 'Comfort Women' Issue and the Politics of Reconciliation Hyein Han Asia Institute for Peace and History
	Discussant Mincheol Kim Kyung Hee University
	Panel 2E-MG Group Panel - Sponsored by CR Life Foundation
16:30 - 18:00	State Violence, Distortion, and Reconciliation Chair Soo-Sung Oh Chonnam National University
	Distortions of the May 18 Democratic Uprising and Prospects for Reconciliation Jae-Eui Lee May 18 Memorial Foundation
	The Kanto Massacre and May 18 from the Perspective of State Violence Jeon-Il Park Independent Researcher
	Psychological Mechanisms of the Distortion and Reconciliation of State Violence Seok-Woong Kim Center for Psychological Well-being
	Discussant Jong-Gon Kim Konkuk University

Time	Water Lily		
10:00 - 11:30	Panel 2B-WL Individual Papers		
	Religious and Social Pathways to Reconciliation in Divided Societies Chair Gul M. Gur American University		
	The Catholic Church and the Politics of Peacebuilding in Post-Civil War Nigeria: Lessons for Reconciliation in Divided Societies Efetobor Stephanie Effevottu University of Ibadan		
	Social Reintegration in a Security Context: Role and Impact of Entrepreneurship in the Reintegration of Former Child Soldiers from Armed Groups in Goma, Eastern Congo DRC Milly Ibanda Université de Tamatave; ISCAM		
	The Role of Korean Church for Reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula from the Perspective of a Trinitarian Theology: Focusing on Its Relation with North Korean Refugees Chung-Hyun Baik Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary		
	Panel 2C-WL Individual Papers		
13:00 - 14:30	Reconciliation and the Practice of International Relations Chair Jahyun Chun Yonsei University		
	From Division to Reconciliation: Designing a Peacebuilding Capacity Creation Framework for the Divided Korean Peninsula Stella Micheong Cheong Yonsei University		
	Reconciliation in Genealogy of International Relations: The Case of Christian Socialism in the Inter-war Period Hajime Onozaka Waseda University		
	Polish-Ukrainian Reconciliation in the Context of the Ukrainian-Russian War of 2022-2025 Dawid Stelmach Adam Mickiewicz University		

Time	Water Lily KR-EN simultaneous interpretation provided			
	Panel	2D-WL Film Screen	ing Alternative Session - Spor	nsored by the Atsumi International Foundation
		tage of Dignity," the embrance and Recon	nciliation of the Korean V	Var Chair Chungsun Lee The University of Tokyo
	14:45	Opening Remarks		
	14:50	Film Screening (50 n		유엔 묘지 (2021, KBS, South Korea)
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14:45 - 18:00	16:30	Comments from Des Myeong Chin Cho Euro Tadashi Kimiya The Un Kijeong Nam Seoul Nati	niversity of Tokyo	Discussion)
	17:30	Q&A Session with Au	udience	
	17:40	Closing Remarks		
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Time	Camellia		
10:00 - 11:30	Panel 2B-CA Individual Papers		
	Postcolonial Legacies and Reconciliation Chair Jahyun Chun Yonsei University		
	Re-reading Kim San's Song of Arirang: Bridging a Division in History Dongyoun Hwang Soka University of America		
	Overcoming Existential Alienation in the Postcolonial Caribbean States: Critical Examination of the CARICOM Ten Point Action Plan Naoko Kumagai Aoyama Gakuin University, Waseda University		
	Humorous Propensity: Trans-textural Reading of the Disabled, Encountered, and Unended in the Postcolonial World Norihiko Tsuneishi Tama Art University, Waseda University		
	Panel 2C-CA Group Panel - Organized and Sponsored by the Academy of Kim Dae-jung Studies		
	Kim Dae-jung: A Statesman of Reconciliation Chair Kijeong Nam Seoul National University		
13:00	Kim Dae-jung's Politics of 'Anti-retaliation' and 'Forgiveness' for Reconciliation Hak-Jae Kim The Academy of Kim Dae-jung Studies		
14:30	Kim Dae-jung's Politics of Reconciliation and Women's Representation Jinkyoung Park The Academy of Kim Dae-jung Studies		
	Kim Dae-jung Revisited: Reconciliation through Engagement Seongwon Yoon Hanyang University		
	Panel 2D-CA Group Panel - Supported by Waseda University		
	Decolonization and Identity in Island Territories: Politics of Memory and Reconciliation in Okinawa, Amami, and Taiwan Chair Arata Hirai Tokai University		
14:45	War Memory and Reconciliation in Okinawa Chih Kang Chen Kyoto University		
- 16:15	Memory, Justice, and Reconciliation: Huang Shunxing's Vision for Taiwan's Political Future Arata Hirai Tokai University		
	Invisible Colonialism: The Legacy of Satsuma Domain Rule and Contemporary Struggles in the Amami Islands Kaori Kohyama Freie Universität Berlin		
	Discussant Hunmi Lee Sogang University		

Time	Camellia	
	Panel 2E-CA Individual Papers	
	Struggling to Reconcile in a Divided Korea Chair JeongHun Han Seoul National University	
	Migration and Social Inclusion as Tools for Reconciliation – Focusing on the Multicultural Childcare Fee and Zainichi in South Korea Subin Cho Seoul National University	
16:30 - 18:00	Reimagining Korean Unification through the Parasite-infected Body Ihntaek Hwang Tampere Peace Research Institute	
	Facing a Shock of the Martial-law in 2025: A Chosen Trauma of Dark History in South Korea Soonjung Kwon George Mason University Korea	
	The Struggle for Recognition and the Barriers to Reconciliation: The Donghak Peasant War Descendants in Post-Democratization Korea Tatsuya Maisawa Kobe University, Waseda University	

Day **3** 16 July [Wed]

Time		Magnolia KR-EN simultaneous interpretation provided	
	Panel 3A-MG Toshiba Special Conference - Sponsored by Toshiba International Foundation		
	Development of Reconciliation Studies in East Asia		
	09:30	Opening Remarks Moderator Ji Hee Jung Seoul National University Remarks Kijeong Nam Seoul National University Congratulatory Messages Hiroki Yamazaki Toshiba International Foundation Shunsuke Sogo The Japan Foundation Seoul	
		Session 1 Reconciliation Studies as a Method of Korea-Japan Dialogue Chair Ji Hee Jung Seoul National University	
	10:00	The Role of Reconciliation Studies in Overcoming the Past Toyomi Asano Waseda University Kijeong Nam Seoul National University	
	•	Reconciliation Studies as International Politics Jahyun Chun Yonsei University Ayaka Takei Gakushuin Women's College	
	12:00	Lunch Break	
	13:00	Session 2 The International Politics of Reparations and the Evolution of the Concept of Reconciliation Chair Hyojin Kim Seoul National University	
09:30		The Paradoxes of Colonial Reparation: The 2008 Italy–Libya Friendship Treaty and its Afterlives Chiara De Cesari University of Amsterdam	
16:15		Unrepayable Debt: Redress, Repair, and Reconciliation for Japanese Imperial Violence in East Asia Yukiko Koga Yale University	
		Divided Reparations: Japan's Compensation to South and North Vietnam and the Limits of State-Centric Reconciliation Ayako Tomizuka Hitotsubashi University, Waseda University	
		Discussant Gwanja Jo Seoul National University	
	14:30	Coffee Break	
	14:45	Session 3 International Comparison and Universality of Decolonization Chair Dong Ju Seo Seoul National University	
		Beyond Identity: Reconceptualising Reconciliation through Universality Sašo Dolinšek Waseda University	
		Bridging the Colonial Divide for Postcolonial Reconciliation: Anglo-French Colonialism, Civil War and the Dynamics of Reconciliation and Statebuilding in Cameroon Peter Inalegwu Awodi University of Ibadan	
		The Nigerian Civil War, State Violence and Reconciliation in Nigeria Richard Uzoma Gbemudia University of Ibadan	
		Discussant Sinhyeok Jung Seoul National University	
	16:10	Closing Remarks	

Time	Water Lily		
10:00 - 11:30	Panel 3B-WL Group Panel - Sponsored by The Atsumi International Foundation		
	Reconciliation through Art and Art History Chair Yan Chen Kyoto Seika University		
	The 1958 Dunhuang Exhibition in Japan: A Start in Cultural Reconciliation Yijie Chen Shanghai University		
	Realism or Modernism? Exhibitions of Sesshū and Sino-Japanese Artistic Exchanges in the 1950s Effie (Yanfei) Yin Ringling College of Art and Design		
	Berenson, Sirén, and Yashiro: How Early Renaissance Studies Shaped Western Reception of East Asian Art in the Early 20th Century Fanying Zhang China Academy of Art		
	Discussant Yiran Wang Zhejiang International Studies University		
	Panel 3C-WL Individual Papers		
	Voice, Narrative, and Storytelling in Reconciliation Chair Seunghee Oh Korea National Diplomatic Academy		
13:00 - 14:30	The Transformation Nexus: Catalyzing Global Justice Through Truth-Telling, Healing, and Reconciliation Practices Gloria Ayee Harvard University		
	Making Peace with the Past: (Re-) Imagining the Future through Intergenerational Narratives Thatshisiwe Ndlovu University of the Witwatersrand		
	Meaning-Constitutive Interests: Making Sense of Suffering after the 4.16 Sewol Ferry Disaster Lana Hye-Joe Park University of Virginia		
	Panel 3D-WL Group Panel - Organized and Supported by Waseda University		
	Reconciliation through International Higher Education: From the Individual to the Institution Chair Rita Z. Nazeer-Ikeda Waseda University, George Mason University		
14:45	Everyday Reconciliation: Vietnamese Students' Experiences in Former Adversary Nations Minh Chau Thi Cao Dai Nam University		
16:15	A Framework for Understanding the Role of Higher Education in Reconciliation: The Case of US-Japan Relations Lauren Nakasato Shinshu University		
	Fostering Reconciliation Through International Education: Postnational Identity Development Among ASEAN Students in Japan Viet Du Nguyen Waseda University		
16:30 - 18:00	Panel 3E-WL Lecture and Keynote Speech		
	Reconciliation and Security: Complementarity or Opposition Martin Leiner Friedrich Schiller University Jena		
	Systemic Approach to Sustainable Reconciliation Karina Korostelina George Mason University		

Time	Camellia		
	Panel 3B-CA Individual Papers		
10:00 - 11:30	Frameworks of Reconciliation Chair Dong-Ki Lee Kangwon National University		
	Can Historical Violence and Oppression Be Analysed like Crime and Find a Relational Home? Adrian Needs University of Portsmouth		
	A Communication Theory of Communications: Toward a Philosophy of Reconciliation That is Lower Than "Nothingness" Eiichi Nojiri Osaka University, Waseda University		
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About the Excursion | Bridging a Division, Embracing Peace: A Journey to the Korean DMZ

As part of our conference theme, "Bridging a Division," this guided excursion invites participants to explore the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), a space that embodies both the legacy of conflict and the possibility of reconciliation.

Beginning at Imjingak Pavilion, the tour includes key historical sites such as the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, Dora Observatory, and Tongilchon (Unification Village). These places reflect the enduring division of the Korean Peninsula, while also telling the story of ongoing efforts toward peace, dialogue, and reunification.

Since the official launch of DMZ Peace Tourism program in 2002, over 10 million visitors have come to witness this borderland, where history is not just remembered, but actively engaged. This excursion will offer a unique opportunity to experience one of the most symbolically charged sites in modern history and reflect on what it means to bridge divisions in our world today.

Key Sites on the Tour

The 3rd Infiltration Tunnel: Discovered in 1978, this underground tunnel was built by North Korea for potential military use. Located 52 kilometers from Seoul, it is accessible by monorail. Visitors can also view exhibits on the Korean War, inter-Korean tensions, and the DMZ's natural environment.

Dora Observatory: This is the northernmost observatory in South Korea, where visitors can see North Korean villages and landmarks through telescopes. The observatory is inside the Civilian Control Zone, and photo ID is required for entry.

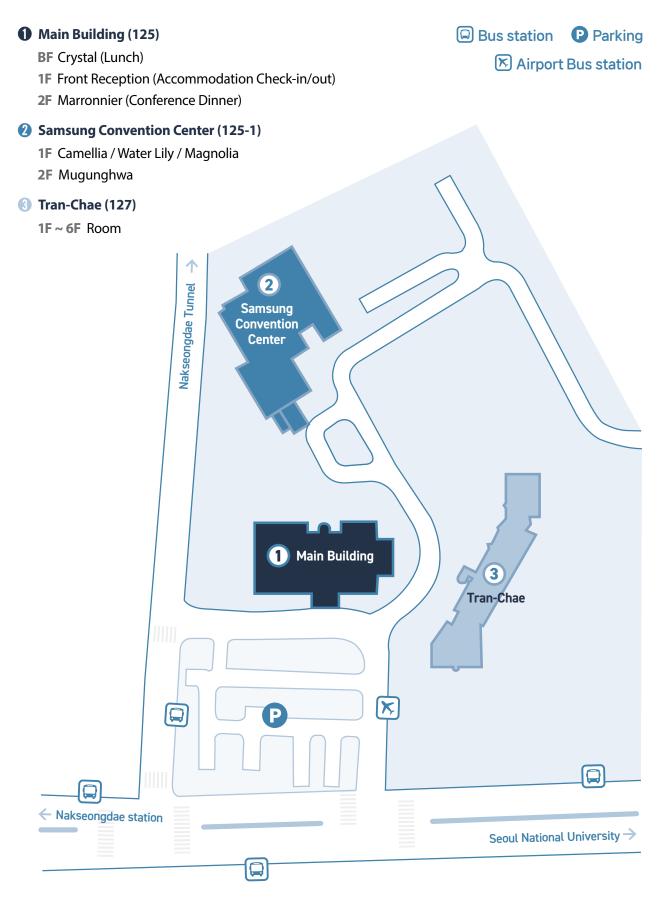
Tongilchon (Unification Village): This quiet farming village near the border is home to displaced families and former soldiers. It represents ongoing hopes for reunification and preserves physical traces of Korea's divided past.

	Program	Important Notice
07:30	Meet your tour team at Hoam Faculty House	Bring valid ID to enter the Civilian Control Zone
07:40	Bus ride to Imjingak Pavilion Starting point of DMZ Peace Tour	(CCZ). Entry will be denied without proper ID. - Foreign nationals: passport - Korean citizens: resident registration card (주민등록증)
09:00	Guided Walking DMZ Peace Tour Imjingak Pavilion, Dora Observatory, The 3rd Infiltration Tunnel	* The CCZ Tour is subject to military and security conditions and may be cancelled without prior notice. In such cases, the program will be adjusted to nearby alternative sites.
12:00	Bus ride to Lunch Korean traditional meals with Paju Jangdan Soybean	Panmunjom (JSA) tours are suspended, and there is no plan for resumption at this point. Expect significant walking throughout the day.
13:30	Odusan Unification Tower	※ Follow the guide's instructions at all times for safety and smooth touring.
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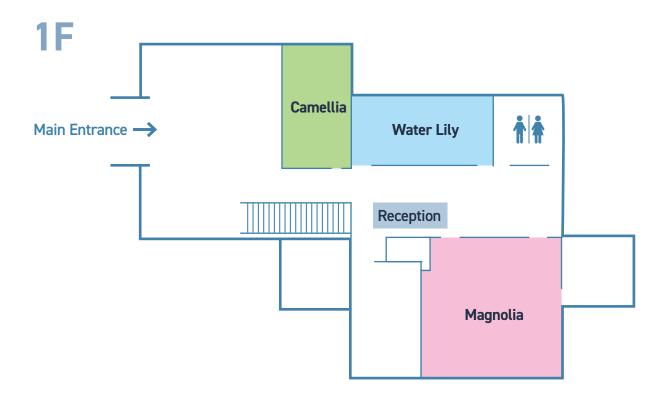
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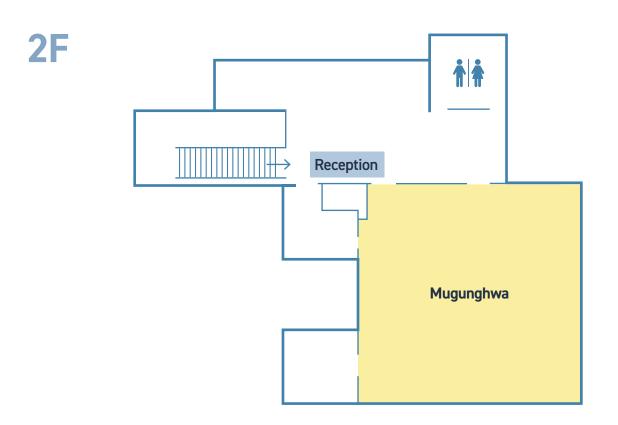
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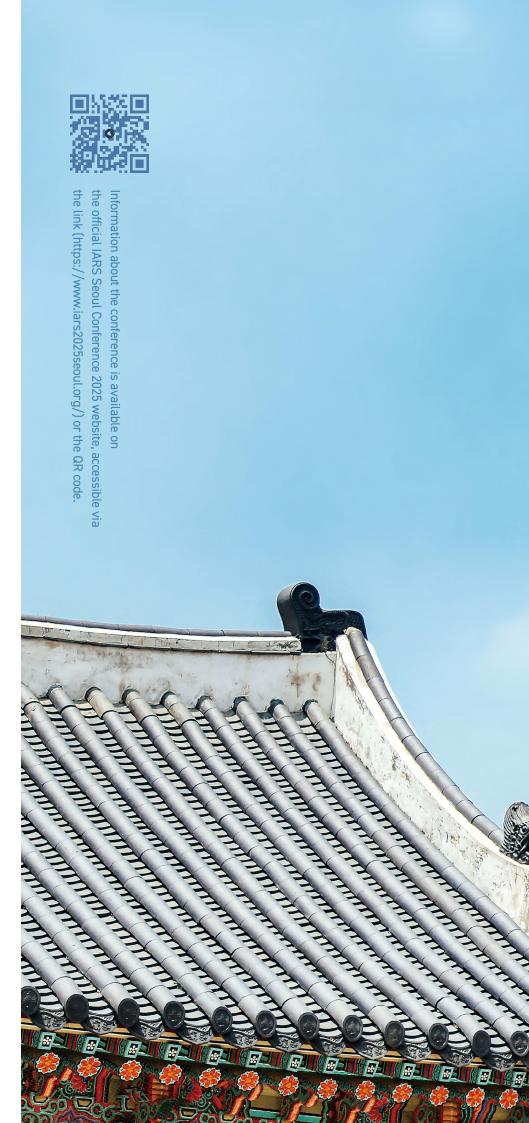
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