Strategic and Domestic Political Context: Understand the background to the Korean War

Readings:


The Initial Attack, U.N. decision, and the Defense of Pusan: Understand the initial phases of the war, North Korea has the initiative.

Readings:

- Fehrenbach, *This Kind of War*. Chapters 7-13, pages 97-216.

Inchon, The Drive to the Yalu, and The Chinese Entry into the War: Understand the next phase of the war, regaining the initiative, then losing it.

Readings:

The MacArthur Controversy and Ridgway Assumes Command: Understand why MacArthur was fired and the beginning of the end of the war.

Readings:

- Fahrenbach, *This Kind of War*. Chapters 24-25, pages 397-443.

Saturday, January 6, 2018, 9:00 am to 6:00 PM

The 38th Parallel, Stalemate, and the Armistice: Understand the non-end of the war.

Readings:

- Transcript of the armistice agreement

The Development of the Two Koreas, Part 1: Understand developments between the armistice and the end of the Cold War.

Readings:


Sunday, January 7, 2018, 9:00 am to 6:00 PM

The Development of the Two Koreas, Part 2: Understand developments in the immediate post-Cold War period.

Readings:


Readings:


Monday, January 8, 2018, 9:00 am to 6:00 PM

Today’s Risk Assessment, Part 2: Understand the regions as it stands today.

Readings:

• David Lai and Alyssa Blair, “How to Learn to Live with a Nuclear North Korea,” Foreign Policy, August 7, 2017.

Other National Perspectives: Understand the region from selected nations in the region.

Readings:

• Ji-young Song, “How Australia could help South Korea deal with Pyongyang,” NK News.org, November 9, 2017.
• Henry Belot, “North Korea’s nuclear weapons program poses serious threat to Australia, Julie Bishop warns.” ABC on line, April 17, 2017.
• Weifeng Zhong, “China is Trying to Bribe North Korea into Good Behavior. Here is what that means for America.” American Enterprise Institute, November 9, 2017.
• Thomas Donnelly, “A brutal, but reasonable, response to North Korea.” American Enterprise Institute, November 15, 2017.