



TOWARD TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF THE NORTH KOREAN REGIME

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Despite sustained international calls for action following the landmark 2014 report by the UN Commission of Inquiry on human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the matter of crimes against humanity committed by the North Korean leadership is still overshadowed by a heavy focus on nuclear security issues. Distracted by North Korea's diplomatic rapprochement and "charm offensive" strategies of "engagement", concrete policies and possible measures to address abuses have not been fully realized by UN member states over the past five years.

In contrast, a growing number of human rights groups are advancing their efforts to apply the concept of transitional justice and develop effective strategies to tackle the matter. Scholars and experts in transitional justice working around the world have expressed growing interest in exploring policy directions and institutional arrangements to serve for sustainable justice and peace.

Building on Transitional Justice Working Group's five years of geospatial mapping research on North Korean crimes against humanity and a multi-year survey of North Korean escapee views on transitional justice mechanisms from accountability to memorialization, the seminar will draw a strategic map for policymakers and human rights practitioners to respond to a potential political transition in North Korea and to plan directions for future work. Some 25 experts from human rights groups, academia, the media and diplomatic circles that have a proven record of shaping transitional justice policies or working on documentation and writing on human rights violations are gathered today to explore future challenges and to craft responses in an interdisciplinary way.

Background

Five years have passed since the groundbreaking report of the UN Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in the DPRK (UN COI, North Korea) paved the way for serious discussion of transitional justice for crimes against humanity perpetrated by three generations of the totalitarian Kim dynasty. It is high time to mobilize global public opinion to prepare for a possible transition in North Korea via new strategies and methods that move beyond what has been achieved thus far.

While many assume that a transitional justice process for North Korea will have to be preceded by the reunification of the two Koreas under the South's initiative, this may not necessarily be the case. A political transition in North Korea may occur gradually and even an “abrupt” regime change will not happen overnight but in stages. The pre-transition planning and collection of information may prove to be an important variable that facilitates the deployment of transitional justice measures in these critical stages.

Human rights documentation encompasses not only gathering information concerning individual acts but also identifying the chain of command to hold those at the top accountable, in addition to those responsible for carrying out atrocities on the ground. By definition, crimes against humanity premise a widespread or systematic attack against the local population and such crimes are by nature authored by officials in the position to give (or to withhold) orders. To understand the policy- and decision-making process, as well as to go after those who are ultimately responsible, sensitive information must be obtained, such as organizational charts and meeting records for the Ministry of People's Security, the Ministry of State Security, and the prison camp system.

Technology may also prove to be useful in sharing information concerning (pre-) transitional justice with the North Korean people. While the regime attempts to keep a tight lid on the influx of information into the country, the increasing use of computers and mobile phones inside the country offers new opportunities to penetrate North Korea's firewall. Efforts may be targeted at ranking officials in the government, the Party and the military who give or

execute orders to carry out atrocities. Translating the relevant documentation on human rights violations into Chinese, Russian and other widely spoken languages in the region may also impact domestic public opinion.

Many stakeholders have begun to capitalize on information gathered so far to discuss and implement (pre-)transitional justice in North Korea. Upon the recommendation of the UN General Assembly and Human Rights Council, the UN Security Council has taken up the discussion of the situation of human rights in North Korea in its official meetings since 2014—although the surprise failure to garner the necessary 9 ayes in the procedural vote in 2018 leaves the observers wondering if the voting result will be repeated this year. The victims of North Korean human rights violations have also taken their cases to court. The parents of the late Otto Warmbier have successfully sued the North Korean government in the US domestic courts while the families of the South Koreans held by North Korea after the Korean Air Lines YS-11 hijacking incident of 1969 are preparing to file a constitutional complaint against the South Korean government for its inaction vis-à-vis the North.

There have also been noteworthy efforts about how to design the mechanisms for (pre-)transitional justice for North Korea. While it is presently impossible to survey the North Korean public opinion on the matter, the views of the North Korean escapees in South Korea may be the closest proxy for it. A recent survey of North Korean escapees by TJWG revealed, for instance, a preference for international involvement in a transitional justice process due to a concern that South Koreans would be “too lenient” when it came to the delivery of criminal justice. The survey has also been a learning experience for the research participants about the possibilities of a future transitional justice in North Korea.

All this demonstrates that the time is ripe for in-depth discussions about the various issues and aspects of (pre-)transitional justice for North Korea. Although there remain many challenges, it is necessary to find novel, innovative ways to further the cause. It is indeed better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

Program

Time | 14:00–18:00, Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Venue | New York Law School Board Room (185 W Broadway, New York)

13:40–14:00	Registration
14:00–14:50	Opening
(50')	5' Welcoming Remarks and Introduction of Guidelines for Participants by Moderator Ruti G. Teitel, Professor of Comparative Law, New York Law School
	5' Remarks on Promoting Human Rights and Transitional Justice in the DPRK Kelley E. Currie, Head of U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Criminal Justice (GCJ)
	Opening Presentation by Transitional Justice Working Group
	2' <i>Brief Introduction</i> Hubert Y. Lee, Executive Director, TJWG
	7' <i>Identification and Preservation of Important Sites: Mapping Sites of Killings and Disposal of Dead Bodies, and Locations of Evidentiary Documents</i> Dan Bielefeld, Technology Director, TJWG
	7' <i>Exploring Grassroots Transitional Justice: Survey of North Korean Escapees</i> Sarah A. Son, Lecturer at University of Sheffield
	7' <i>Preparation of Pre-emptive Messages and Tools: Easy-to-understand Motion Graphics / Videos</i> Scott Stevens, Communications Director, TJWG
	7' <i>Need to Embed Human Rights into Nuclear Talks: Suspected Radioactive Contamination of Groundwater Sources from Punggye-ri Nuclear Test Site</i> Ethan H. Shin, Legal Analyst, TJWG
10'	Q&A
14:50–15:50	Thematic Discussion
(60')	3' Introduction of Panelists by Moderator Ruti G. Teitel
	7' • Fernando Travesi, Executive Director of International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)
	7' • Andrew J. Nathan, Professor of Political Science at Columbia University
	7' Q&A with Fernando Travesi and Andrew J. Nathan

(continued)	7'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jonathan Drake, Senior Program Associate of the Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program (SRHRL) at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
	7'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy Z. Mundorff, Associate Professor of Forensic Anthropology, University of Tennessee–Knoxville
	7'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ereshnee Naidu–Silverman, Senior Director of Global Transitional Justice Initiative, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (ICSC)
	15'	Q&A with Jonathan Drake, Amy Z. Mundorff, and Ereshnee Naidu–Silverman
15:50–16:10	20'	Coffee Break
16:10–17:50		Interactive Open Discussion
(100')		<p>Introduction of Panelists by Moderator Ruti G. Teitel</p> <p>Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ajith Sunghay, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Arden Haselmann, Program Assistant at Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) Jack L. Snyder, Professor of International Relations at Columbia University Jasmina Lazovic, Fellow in the Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability Program (AHDA) at Columbia University Jerome A. Cohen, Professor of Law at New York University School of Law Klara Wyrzykowska, Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations (DPPA–DPO), United Nations Martin S. Flaherty, Professor of Law at Fordham Law School Marilyn Gayton, Foreign Service Officer at U.S. Department of State’s Office of Global Criminal Justice Michael John Williams, Clinical Professor of International Relations and Director of the International Relations Program at New York University Morse Tan, Professor of Law at Northern Illinois University Olivia Kalis, First Secretary for Humanitarian and Peacebuilding at the UK Mission to the United Nations William Kim, Reporter of Voice of America (VOA) Korean Service
17:50–18:00	10'	Closing
		<p>Wrap-up of Proposed Ideas and Tentative Conclusions Moderator Ruti G. Teitel and Seminar Rapporteur Scott Stevens</p> <p>Dinner Reception and Follow-up Plan Announcement Sarah A. Son, Lecturer at University of Sheffield</p>

Dinner Reception

Time | 18:30–20:00 (following the seminar)

Venue | a room next to the seminar venue

Note: Organizers and willing participants who are interested in a follow-up policy paper or a potential publication will have a meeting to discuss directions (length, format, inclusions, coordinator, contributors, etc.). The policy paper will be released within 3 months following this seminar.

Moderator



Ruti G. Teitel

Ernst C. Stiefel Professor of Comparative Law, New York Law School

An internationally recognized authority on international law, international human rights, transitional justice, and comparative constitutional law. Her most recent book, *Globalizing Transitional Justice*, just published by Oxford University Press, provides observations and insights on how the practice and discourse of transitional justice has been evolving, especially in relation to the rise of international criminal law and the increasing centrality of international human rights. Her path-breaking book, *Transitional Justice* (Oxford University Press, 2000), examines the 20th century transitions to democracy in many countries. Born in Argentina, Professor Teitel's interest in the topic grew out of the dilemmas confronting that society in the transition out of junta rule. Her book explores the recurring question of how new regimes should respond to past repression, contending that the law can play a profound role in periods of radical change in advancing a new sense of legitimacy.

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Remarks on Promoting Human Rights and Transitional Justice in the DPRK



Kelley E. Currie

Head of the Office of Global Criminal Justice

Kelley E. Currie was appointed to lead the Department of State's Office of Global Criminal Justice in February 2019 after serving at the U.S.

Mission to the United Nations in New York as Representative to the Economic and Social Council and Alternative Representative to the General Assembly of the United Nations. President Donald J. Trump appointed Ms. Currie to the U.S. Mission's leadership in August 2017, following her confirmation by the United States Senate.

Throughout her career in foreign policy, Ms. Currie has specialized in human rights, political reform, development and humanitarian issues, with a particular focus on the Asia-Pacific region. From 2009 to 2017, she served as a Senior Fellow with the Project 2049 Institute. Prior to that, she held senior policy positions with the Department of State, the U.S. Congress, and several international and non-governmental human rights and humanitarian organizations. Ms. Currie received a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center, and an undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs. She is married to Peter Currie and they have two children.

TJWG Participants for Opening Presentation



Hubert Younghwan Lee

Executive Director, TJWG

Hubert Lee is the initiator of the Transitional Justice Working Group. He designs projects and oversees the operation of the organization. He has over fifteen years first-hand research and advocacy experience on North Korean human rights issues and has been engaged in training human rights defenders in South Korea. Prior to establishing TJWG in 2014, he had worked as a public relations and media specialist at South Korea's Presidential Council for Future and Vision (PCFV) from 2011 to 2013. Formerly, he worked for the Seoul-based Citizens' Alliance for North Korean Human Rights (NKHR) from 1999 to 2011 and led its research team. He had recently served as an external advisor to the Center for North Korean Human Rights Records under the South Korean Ministry of Unification from 2017 to 2018. He received his M.A. in Political Science and B.A. in English Language and Literature from Sogang University in Seoul.

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Dan Bielefeld

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One of TJWG's co-founding members, Dan oversees building and maintaining a custom Geographic Information System (GIS) for mapping human rights abuses in North Korea, as well as the organization's IT and security needs. As of March 2018, he also has served as project manager of the mapping project. He worked closely with the director of research and interviewer in the production of our well-received reports, Mapping Crimes Against Humanity in North Korea (2017) and Mapping the Fate of the Dead in North Korea (2019). Recently, he has given talks at RightsCon, a conference on human rights in the digital age, and FOSS4G, the Free and Open Source for Geospatial conference.

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Sarah A. Son

Former Research Director and lead author of TJWG's mapping and survey reports

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Dr. Sarah A. Son is a Lecturer in Korean Studies in the School of East Asian Studies at the University of Sheffield, UK. Until recently, She was Co-Founder and Research Director at the Transitional Justice Working Group (TJWG) in Seoul, an NGO focused on documenting human right abuses in North Korea. She authored a number of reports for TJWG and has published several academic journal articles on North Korean human rights issues and transitional justice. Her research interests include inter-Korean relations, contemporary social change in North and South Korea, human rights, North Korean defector-migrants, transitional justice, identity, nationalism and migration studies.

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Scott Stevens

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Scott Stevens is a co-founder of the Transitional Justice Working Group where he serves as the communications director and global project manager. TJWG's global human rights documentation knowledge sharing initiative, Access Accountability (accessaccountability.org), connects grass roots human rights documenters to experts and practitioners in documentation methodology, international law, forensic science, data science, advocacy and technology to support accountability efforts in contexts of grave human rights abuse.

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Ethan Hee-Seok Shin is a Legal Analyst at the Transitional Justice Working Group (TJWG). He works on the Central Repository project to safekeep and publicize the cases of enforced disappearances involving North Korea using a secure online platform. He took part in the preparation of a joint submission by the TJWG with other North Korean human rights groups to the UN Human Rights Council regarding extrajudicial and secret executions in North Korea ahead of the Universal Periodic Review on 9 May 2019 and has been utilizing legislative and legal actions in South Korea to raise awareness about North Korean human rights issues in the South Korean public discourse. He holds a Ph.D. in law at Yonsei University, an LL.M. degree at Harvard Law School and a B.A. in economics at Yonsei University.

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Panelists for Thematic Discussions



Fernando Travesi

Executive Director, International Center for Transitional Justice

Fernando Travesi has over 20 years of international experience in transitional justice, human rights, and rule of law, working for both international organizations and NGOs. Prior to joining ICTJ in 2014, he was the Director of the UNDP Transitional Justice Basket Fund in Colombia. He also served as UNDP Senior Justice Advisor in Tunisia after the Jasmine Revolution. In Nepal and Colombia, Travesi held regional responsibilities with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to protect civilian populations affected by the armed conflict, including documenting violations of international humanitarian law, detention visits and managing the dossier of missing and disappeared. He also worked in Sierra Leone, as Country Director of the Spanish Red Cross, where he led Red Cross' projects on rehabilitation of child combatants and children affected by the war. Prior to that, he worked for the NGO Movimiento por la Paz, as Regional Director for the Balkans leading a cross-border program on access to justice for refugees, displaced people, and returnees and as Country Director in Albania during the Kosovo war.

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Andrew J. Nathan

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Nathan is chair of the steering committee of the Center for the Study of Human Rights and chair of the Morningside Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Columbia. He served as chair of the Department of Political Science, 2003-2006, chair of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, 2002-2003, and director of the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, 1991-1995. Off campus, he is a member and former chair of the board, Human Rights in China, a member of the Advisory Committee of Human Rights Watch, Asia, which he chaired, 1995-2000, and a former member of the board of the National Endowment for Democracy. He is the regular Asia book reviewer for Foreign Affairs magazine and a member of the editorial boards of the Journal of Contemporary China, China Information, and others. He does frequent interviews for the print and electronic media, has advised on several film documentaries on China, and has consulted for business and government.

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Jonathan Drake

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Jonathan Drake is a Senior Program Associate with the Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program at the American Association for the Advancement of Science. A planetary scientist by training, he has fifteen years' experience in remote sensing of both the Earth and other bodies in the Solar System. At AAAS, he conducts research on the ways that satellite imagery, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), and other emerging technologies can be used to produce documentary evidence for cases involving human rights and violent conflict. In this capacity his roles include the analysis of visible and near infrared satellite data to support ongoing investigations, the design and development of procedures for using UAVs to document mass graves, and the exploration of ethical and legal issues arising from the use of location-based data in crisis response. He has provided training to numerous human rights focused NGOs, as well as international courts and commissions such as the European Court of Human Rights, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, and the International Criminal Court. He holds a Master of Science (M.S.) in Geology from Arizona State University, and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Physics from Dickinson College.

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Amy Z. Mundorff

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Dr. Mundorff is a biological anthropologist who specializes in forensic anthropology and disaster victim identification management (DVI/DVM). Her research concentrates on the scientific process and management aspects of both locating and identifying the deceased from mass fatality events and gross violations of human rights. Specific research foci include developing non-destructive techniques for locating clandestine graves and examining fracture patterns in plane crash victims. Recent DVI management work includes an NIJ-funded study examining differing DNA yield rates from skeletal elements over increased post mortem intervals (with co-PI Jon Davoren). Prior to academics, Amy worked as the forensic anthropologist for the New York City's Medical Examiner's Office (1999-2004).

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Ereshnee Naidu-Silverman

Senior Director for the Global Transitional Justice Initiative,
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Ereshnee holds over twenty years' experience designing and implementing community outreach strategies and programs in critical post-conflict settings that include South Africa, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka and Colombia, among many others. She is a seasoned educator with extensive curriculum and workshop design experience, and has broad content development, training and facilitation skills. A thought leader and global transitional justice practitioner, Ereshnee pioneered the Coalition's work in transitional justice in 2014, and now leads the Global Initiative for Justice, Truth and Reconciliation which under her stewardship manages 58 projects in 17 countries engaging 256 local civil society organizations in Colombia, Guinea, Sri Lanka, and the Middle East and North Africa region, among other locales.

Ereshnee earned her Bachelor of Arts and two Masters of Arts degrees from the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa, the first in Dramatic Arts (1998) and the second in Forced Migration Studies (2004). She subsequently earned her PhD in Sociology from the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

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Participants for Open Interactive Discussions



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Program Assistant, Coalition for the International Criminal Court

Arden Haselmann joined the World Federalist Movement - Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP) as a Programs Assistant in January 2018. She provides programmatic and administrative support to the entire WFM-IGP team. Ms. Haselmann obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Peace and Conflict Studies with a focus in Religion and Genocide from Wheaton College (MA) in 2016. Prior to joining WFM-IGP, Ms. Haselmann worked as a Junior Policy Analyst for the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) where she spearheaded a birth registration initiative focused on Article 6 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. She has experience in the field conducting research on female identity in Senegal and the concepts of sacred space in post-genocide Rwanda, as well as experience working on organic farms in Costa Rica, in healthcare centers in South Africa and elementary schools in India.

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Jack L. Snyder is the Robert and Renee Belfer Professor of International Relations in the political science department and the Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University. His books include *Electing to Fight: Why Emerging Democracies Go to War* (MIT Press, 2005), co-authored with Edward D. Mansfield; *From Voting to Violence: Democratization and Nationalist Conflict* (Norton Books, 2000); *Myths of Empire: Domestic Politics and International Ambition*. (Cornell University Press, 1991); *The Ideology of the Offensive: Military Decision Making and the Disasters of 1914* (Cornell 1984); and *Civil Wars, Insecurity, and Intervention*, co-editor with Barbara Walter (Columbia University Press, 1999). His articles on such topics as democratization and war ("Prone to Violence: The Paradox of the Democratic Peace," *The National Interest*, winter 2005/2006), imperial overstretch, war crimes tribunals versus amnesties as strategies for preventing atrocities, international relations theory after September 11, and anarchy and culture have appeared in *The American Political Science Review*, *Daedalus*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *The Journal of Democracy*, and *World Politics*. His commentaries on current public issues such as the promotion of democracy abroad have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The International Herald Tribune*, and on National Public Radio.

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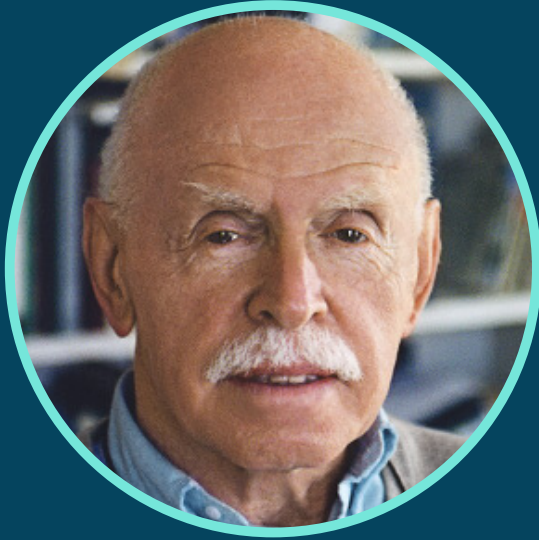


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Jasmine Lazovic is a founder and program associate of the Belgrade-based non-governmental organization Center for Public History. After she graduated journalism at the Faculty of Political Sciences, she obtained an MA degree in international humanitarian law and human rights. First professional experience she gained during the internship conducted at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in Netherlands in 2008/2009. Through her engagement at the Youth Initiative for Human Rights she mainly worked on transitional justice programs, dealing the past and regional cooperation. She was engaged in advocacy campaign for the establishment of the Regional Youth Cooperation Office in the Western Balkans. She is an alumni of the Robert Bosch Stiftung and Center for Comparative Conflict Studies. In 2014 she participated in a professional exchange between Kosovo and Serbia, supported by the Balkan Trust for Democracy. Since 2014 she has been a member of the trans-European network of memory practitioners - Memory Lab.

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Jerome A. Cohen

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Prof. Jerome A. Cohen, a professor at NYU School of Law since 1990 and Faculty Director of its U.S.-Asia Law Institute, is a leading American expert on Chinese law and government. A pioneer in the field, Prof. Cohen began studying and teaching about China's legal system in the early 1960s and from 1964 to 1979 introduced the teaching of Asian law into the curriculum of Harvard Law School, where he served as Jeremiah Smith Professor, Associate Dean and Director of East Asian Legal Studies. In addition to his responsibilities at NYU, Prof. Cohen served for several years as C.V. Starr Senior Fellow and Director of Asia Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, where he currently is an Adjunct Senior Fellow. He retired from the partnership of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP at the end of 2000 after twenty years of law practice focused on China. In his law practice, Prof. Cohen represented many companies and individuals in contract negotiations as well as in dispute resolution in China.

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Marilyn Gayton

Marilyn Gayton is a career Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State who recently joined the Office of Global Criminal Justice's (GCJ) team of advisers in August 2019. Her GCJ portfolio includes DPRK, Nepal, atrocities prevention, and media relations. Before her current assignment, Marilyn Gayton served in Tanzania, Benin, China, Barbados, and Washington, DC as a Desk Officer in State's Bureau of African Affairs.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service, she worked as a Research Associate for the Council on Foreign Relations and as Coordinator of a U.S. grant assisting victims of domestic violence in Los Angeles, California.

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Martin S. Flaherty is Leitner Family Professor of Law and Founding Co-Director of the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School. He is also a Visiting Professor at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, where he was Fellow in the Program in Law and Public Affairs and a Visiting Professor at the New School in New York. Professor Flaherty has taught at China University of Political Science and Law and the National Judges College in Beijing, and co-founded the Rule of Law in Asia Program at the Leitner Center as well as the Committee to Support Chinese Lawyers, an independent NGO on which he serves as Vice Chair:

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Michael John Williams is Clinical Professor of International Relations, Director of the International Relations Program and Affiliate Professor of European Studies & History at New York University. In addition to his duties at NYU, he is Editor of the journal *International Politics*, an Associate of the think-tank IDEAS! at the London School of Economics & Political Science and Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council of the United States. His functional area of research is international security and his regional area of expertise is NATO, Europe, and Russia. He is currently completing a textbook on international security for Cambridge University Press. Some of Prof. Williams' most recent publications include *Science, Law and Liberalism in the American Way of War: The Quest for Humanity in Conflict* (2015), "The Enduring Culture of Restraint in Modern Germany: German Mentalités on the Use of Force as Portrayed in Contemporary Television Narratives" in *German Politics* (2019), "NATO and the Risk Society: Modes of Alliance Representation since 1991" in *Theorising NATO: New Perspectives on the Atlantic Alliance* (Webber & Hyde-Price, 2016), "In the Line of Fire: NATO-NGO Relations from Bosnia to Afghanistan" in *NATO's Post-Cold War Politics* (Mayer 2014), "The Afghan War, 2001-2012" in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Military and Diplomatic History* (2012) and "Special Relationships in Flux: Brexit and the Future of the US-EU and US-UK Relationships" (*International Affairs*, May 2016).

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Professor Tan has served as a peer reviewer for the Human Rights Journal, the International Negotiation Journal and the American Journal of Comparative Law. His scholarship has been cited in the Virginia Journal of International Law, the North Carolina Law Review, the Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law and the Annals of Health Law. Professor Tan has served as chair of the NIU College of Law Faculty Appointments Committee, the NIU College of Law Promotion and Tenure Committee and as a member of the NIU University Council. He is also faculty advisor for the NIU College of Law International Law Certificate program.

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Olivia Kalis is taking up the position of First Secretary for Humanitarian and Peacebuilding at the UK Mission to the UN. Previously, she has worked as a Humanitarian Adviser for the UK Department for International Development on Syria, South Sudan and held various positions with INGOs and the UN in Africa and the Middle East.



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William Young-Kweon Kim is a senior staff reporter for Voice of America since 2003. In his long career as a journalist, he has reported from China, Europe, South Korea, Japan and Washington, covering a variety of issues regarding North Korea, especially in human rights and security issues. He extensively interviews senior officials, lawmakers, experts, activists, and Korean defectors. Kim has frequently visited China-North Korea border area since 2000 and worked as a correspondent in Seoul, South Korea. As an expert on Korean affairs, he has been invited to events as a panelist by various NGOs, think-tanks, and human rights groups including USIP.

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