

# VANCOUVER WOMEN'S FORUM ON PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA



## **“FROM CRISIS TO OPPORTUNITY”**

**JANUARY 16, 2018**

**2:00-5:00 PM**

**Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue | Simon Fraser University**

**[580 West Hastings Street](#) (enter via Seymour Street courtyard entrance)**

**Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 1L6**

*A delegation of 16 women peacemakers from Asia, Europe, and North America have come to Vancouver to advocate for ways that both officials & ordinary citizens around the world can support the peace process in Korea.*

**2:00-3:00 WELCOME & ROUNDTABLE ONE: KOREAN CRISIS IN REGIONAL CONTEXT**

**3:15-4:00 PM ROUNDTABLE TWO: WHY OPPOSE SANCTIONS? UNDERSTANDING ENGAGEMENT AND THE HUMAN IMPACT OF HOSTILITIES AGAINST NORTH KOREA**

**4:15-5:00 PM ROUNDTABLE THREE: ALTERNATIVES TO WAR, PATHS TO PEACE**



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On January 16, 2018, as several Foreign Ministers from around the world will gather in Vancouver to discuss security and stability on the Korean Peninsula, an international delegation of sixteen women peacemakers will convene to ensure that peace women's perspectives are included in official discussions and that the only option on the table to resolve the Korean crisis will be a diplomatic one.

Given the recent breakthrough in inter-Korean dialogue, this is a tremendous moment of opportunity particularly in light of the Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Canada, which has recently adopted a Women's Peace and Security National Action Plan as central to its Feminist Foreign Policy. In Vancouver, the delegation of women peacemakers will work to call upon the Foreign Ministers to pursue a comprehensive and lasting resolution to the longstanding conflict.

In a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, these women peacemakers will be in Vancouver to share their tremendous knowledge, wisdom and on-the-ground perspectives as they work towards achieving peace, reconciliation and genuine security on the Korean Peninsula. With expertise on militarism, nuclear disarmament, sanctions, and the human, social, and ecological costs of the unresolved 65-year Korean War, the speakers will provide a rich and comprehensive analysis that is vital to understand for taking steps that can ensure a lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula.

While the Foreign Ministers represent the twenty nations of the UN Command in Korea that fought and provided humanitarian assistance in the Korean War during the 1950-1953 period, the women peacemakers represent a range of contemporary civil-society organizations and institutions in South Korea, Japan, Guam, Sweden, United States and Canada.

Come listen to three fast-moving roundtable discussions that will give an in-depth perspective on the past and current situation in Korea. Roundtable topics include the historic roots and geopolitical context that underlies the military tensions surrounding the Korean Peninsula, as well as the actions now underway to ensure that nuclear war is averted and to work toward the achievement of a permanent peace agreement in Korea.

2 pm Welcome from Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue

**2:15-3:00 ROUNDTABLE ONE: KOREAN CRISIS IN REGIONAL CONTEXT**

Moderator ELLEN JUDD-Canada, Professor of Anthropology, University of Manitoba  
KOZUE AKIBAYASHI-Japan, International President of WILPF, Professor at Doshisha University  
MIHYEON LEE Manager, South Korea, Center for Peace and Disarmament, People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy Republic of Korea  
LISA NATIVIDAD-Guam, Associate Professor, University of Guam, and President of the Guahan Coalition for Peace and Justice  
ANN WRIGHT-United States, Retired US Army Colonel and U.S. Diplomat, Veterans for Peace

**3:15-4:00 PM ROUNDTABLE TWO: WHY OPPOSE SANCTIONS? UNDERSTANDING ENGAGEMENT AND THE HUMAN IMPACT OF HOSTILITIES AGAINST NORTH KOREA**

Moderator, PATTI TALBOT-Canada, United Church of Canada

NAN KIM-United States, Coordinator of Asian Studies at University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, author of *Memory, Reconciliation, and Reunions in South Korea: Crossing the Divide*

YEHJUNG YI-South Korea, Korean Sharing Movement (KSM)

EWA ERIKSSON FORTIER-Sweden, former Head of Country Delegation, in Pyongyang, DPRK, for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

MARY-WYNNE ASHFORD-Canada, Co-President of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), author of *Enough Blood Shed: 101 Solutions to Violence, Terror and War*

**4:15-5:00 PM ROUNDTABLE THREE: ALTERNATIVES TO WAR, PATHS TO PEACE**

MODERATOR Lyn Adamson, Canadian Voice of Women (VOW) for Peace

SUSAN BAZILLI – Canada Director, International Women’s Rights Project (IWRP) and Representative, Women Peace and Security Network – Canada

LEE MOON SOOK-Republic of Korea, Vice-chairperson of Reconciliation and Reunification Committee in the National Council of Churches (NCC).

ERICA FEIN-United States, Advocacy Director at Win Without War

CHRISTINE AHN-United States, International Coordinator of Women Cross DMZ