# Workshop:

# North Korea after the 7th Party Congress

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# Political and Economic Perspectives

**Organized by**

Yonsei Institute for North Korean Studies, North Korean Review

Hanns Seidel Foundation Korea (HSF)

**Date/Time:**

Monday, 30th May 2016, Registration starts at 5.30pm

**Place:**

Kim Dae-Jung Presidential Library B1, Convention Hall

26, Sinchon-ro 4-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul, Korea

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**Description:**

The situation on the Korean Peninsula experienced another critical decline in 2016. The 4th nuclear test, the launch of a satellite and several, partially failed, rocket launches – all similar moves to those that brought sanctions by previous UN Security Council resolutions. The reactions to the most recent actions were severe – new resolutions by the UN, the closure of the Kaesong Industrial Complex by South Korea and financial restrictions from several countries - just to mentioned a few of the numerous bilateral and unilateral measures.

On the other hand, many see engagement and cooperation still as a tool to contribute to a change in North Korea. The affluent middle-class, that develops step by step, the opening of the market systems and small-scale economic reforms, such as the creation of Special Economic Zones, are just a few of a number of signals that things are changing. Additionally, the 7th Party Congress was expected to set new circumstances in North Korea.

Within this context of a slow, but obvious change in economic terms and a simultaneous increasing confrontation in political terms, this workshop will discuss political and economic perspectives after the 7th Party Congress.

*Note: This conference will be held only in English language.*

*There won´t be a translation into Korean available.*

## Workshop programme

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**Place** Kim Dae Jung Library, Yonsei University

17.30-18.00

Registration

18.00-18.30

**Welcome address by Prof. Jungmin Seo**

Director Yonsei Institute for North Korean Studies

**Welcome address by Dr. Susanna Luther**

Head of the Department of International Relations, HSF

Afterwards commemorative photo

18.30-20.00

**Presentation by Michael Spavor**

Founder, Paektu Cultural Exchange

*“Investment opportunities in North Korea? – Long-term perspectives”*

**Presentation by Christopher Green**

Co-Editor, Sino-NK

*“Actual political situation in North Korea after the party congress”*

**Presentation by Dr. Bernhard Seliger**

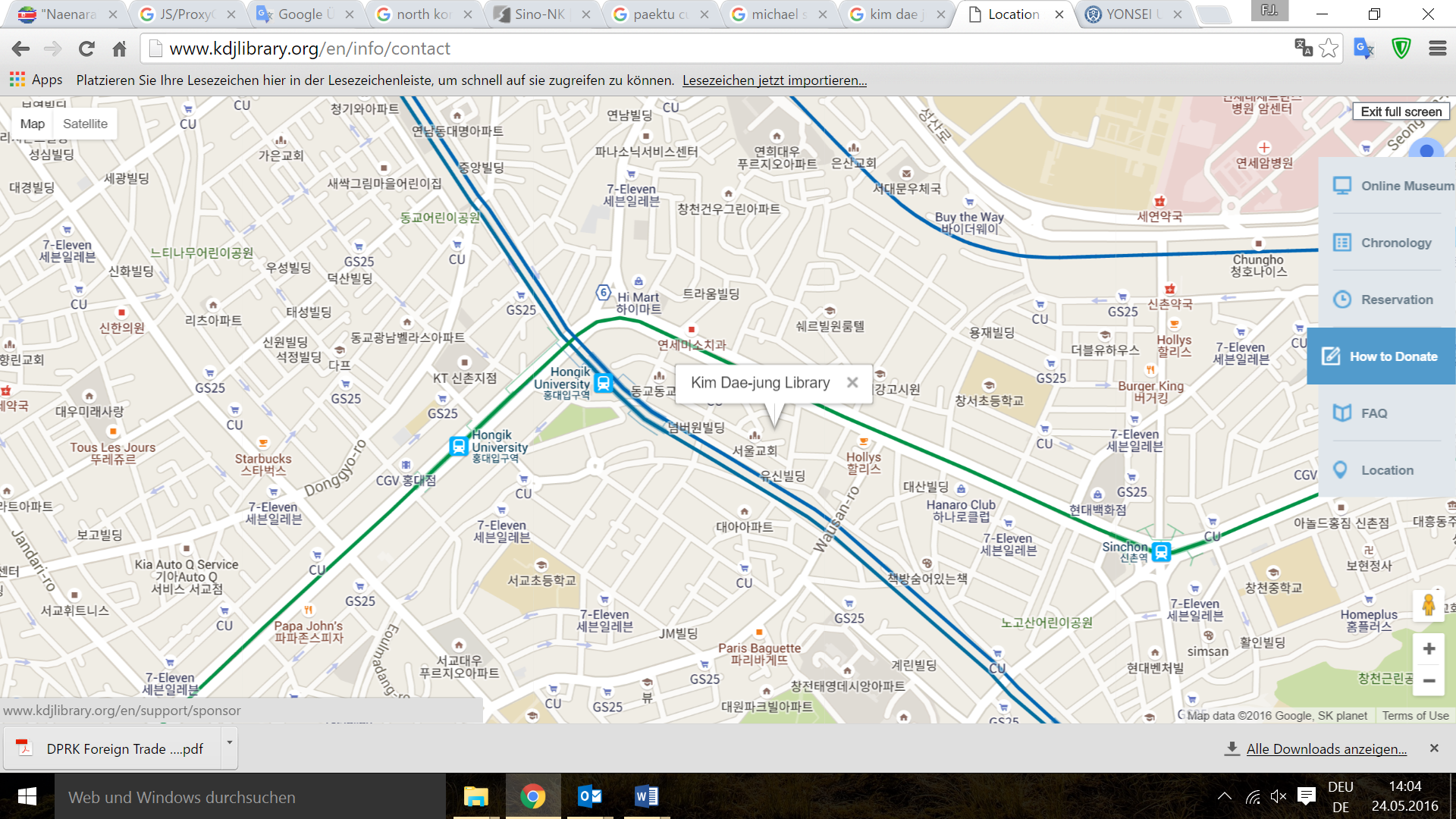
Resident Representative, Hanns Seidel Foundation Korea

*“Current economic situation in North Korea after the party congress”*

Discussion

20.00–open Dinner reception

### Directions



Address: 26, Sinchon-ro 4-gil, Mapo-gu, Seoul, Korea

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**Line 2Gyeongui LINEAirport Railroad**

From Hongik University Station: Use exit 5 or 6 and walk 5 minutes to the library.

**Line 2**

From Shinchon Station: Use exit 8 and walk for 10 minutes along the Shinchon Rd.

* Bus

Get off at Donggyo-dong Three-way Junction bus stop (Bus stop # 13-018, 13-019)