

DIVIDED NATIONS AND THEIR NEIGHBORS

Paths to Reconciliation?

Friday, November 6, 2015

8:30 am – 6:00 pm

University of California, Berkeley
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Room 180

Divided nations can foster potential international instability and domestic discontent. Indeed, the Korean DMZ and Taiwan Strait remain two of the most critical global hot spots. Internally, Taiwan's politics have frequently been driven by issues related to its relations with China. Germany, after World War II, was a divided nation surrounded by hostile and wary neighbors. Germany has now united and made peace with France, Poland, and the Czech Republic. And the inevitable wariness in Germany's relationship with Israel after the Holocaust has been transformed into a durable and mutually dependent relationship. Although the process was prolonged, Germany achieved both reconciliation with its neighbors and unification of the country. How was this feat accomplished? Some observers have suggested that the German model could be source of inspiration for unification of divided states in Asia and for reconciliation with their neighbors. But there is no consensus on unification as a desirable outcome, or even the norm. Reconciliation/co-existence within divided states might be the next best alternative, but it does not necessarily mean peace, harmony, or friendship. And it can be a long and messy process, sometimes ending in an agreement to disagree.

Speakers will focus on the following questions: Is reconciliation possible (or even desirable) in nations that have been divided by war and revolution? Is there a possibility of reconciliation in the absence of unification? What role do political leaders, NGOs, and governmental institutions play in knitting together divided nations and reconciling their conflicting interests? What role do domestic politics and culture play in helping or hindering reunification and reconciliation? Is there a viable counterpart to Germany's Ostpolitik in northeast Asia?



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Schedule of Events

8:30 am Doors open

8:45 am Welcoming remarks

Beverly Crawford, UC Berkeley

Laura Nelson, UC Berkeley

9:00 am to 11:00 am

The Divided Nations and Regional Stability/Instability

9:00 am to 9:20 am

Fania Oz-Salzberger, University of Haifa

“Post- Holocaust Israelis and Germans: The First 70 years”

9:20 am to 9:40 am

Eric Langenbacher, Georgetown University

“Collective Memory and German Foreign Policy”

9:40 am to 10:00 am

Shaocheng Tang, National Chengchi University

“Reference of Inner-German Relations to Cross-Strait Relations”

10:00 am to 10:20 am

Sung-Min Kim, Konkuk University

“Overcoming the Division System on the Korean Peninsula and Peaceful Co-existence in East Asia”

Discussants: Stephan Haggard, Beverly Crawford

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

The Domestic Politics of Division and Reconciliation

11:00 am to 11:20 am

Jean Yhee, Freie Universität Berlin

“Divided Memories: The Constitutive Character of Public Memory in Conflict”

11:20 am to 11:40 am

Vincent Wei-cheng Wang, University of Richmond

“Whither Cross-Strait Relations? Convergence, Collision, and Reconciliation”

11:40 am to 12:00 pm

Kyung Hyo Chun, Konkuk University

“Representations of the Divided Minjok: The Presence and Absence of North Korea at the National Museum of Korea”

Discussants: Tom Gold, John Lie

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Lunch with Keynote Address

Lily Gardner Feldman, Johns Hopkins University

“Germany as Promising Lesson and Cautionary Tale: Division, Unification, and Reconciliation”

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

The Political Economy of Division and Reconciliation

2:00 pm to 2:20 pm

Hans Kundnani, German Marshall Fund

“Economic Interdependence and Collective Memory in International Relations: Lessons from Germany for Asia?”

2:20 pm to 2:40 pm

Yung-hsiang Frank Ying, National Taiwan Normal University

“The Entangled Issues of Social Justices and Globalization: A Case of Integrated or Divided Taiwan”

2:40 pm to 3:00 pm

Birgit Geipel, UC Riverside

“North Korea’s Unification with(out) the South: Ideological Survival Strategies in the Post-Socialist Era”

Discussants: Tun-jen Cheng, Laura Nelson

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Roundtable Discussion with Practitioners & Academics

Tun-jen Cheng, College of William and Mary

Beverly Crawford, UC Berkeley

Lily Gardner Feldman, Johns Hopkins University

Stephan Haggard, UC San Diego

John Lie, UC Berkeley

Wolfgang Petritsch, Austrian Marshallplan Foundation

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Keynote Address

Stephan Haggard, UC San Diego

“Engaging North Korea”