



Biodiversity on the Korean Peninsula – status, protection and the possibilities of inter-Korean and international cooperation

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Korea, with climate zones ranging from sub-arctic at the top of Mt. Paektu to sub-tropical on Jeju Island in the South, is a hotspot of biodiversity. Located in the centre of the East Asian -Australasian Flyway, 90 percent of its bird population is migratory, making for a great diversity. While South Korean biodiversity suffered from tremendous losses due to rapid development, and a similar fate was in store for the Chinese East Coast and Japan, North Korea became extremely important for certain species due to backward agriculture and much slower development, in particular reclamation of tidal flats. This presentation looks at the status of biodiversity in North Korea, recent advances in nature preservation and possibilities for international and inter-Korean cooperation.

About the Presenter

Dr Bernhard Seliger has been the representative of Hanns Seidel Foundation in Korea since 2002. He frequently travels to North Korea, implementing capacity-building projects, among others in forestry and biodiversity, as well as healthcare. He also serves as associate editor of North Korean Review. He worked as professor at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies and Seoul National University and earned a habilitation in economics at the University of Witten-Herdecke (2007) and a doctorate Kiel

University, Germany (1998) as well as first degree from Université de Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne, France, 1994). Dr Seliger is an honorary citizen of Seoul (2007) and Gangwon Province (2012).

Bookings are essential for this event. You will receive a Zoom link via email following registration.



Event Details

Date:
Thursday 12 May 2022

Time:
5:00pm - 6:00pm

Venue:
Online

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Bookings:
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