



JOINT SYMPOSIUM

Transitional Justice Measures in Germany and Crimes Against Humanity in North Korea

DATE | July 28, 2015 (Tuesday), 2-4 pm

VENUE | Press Conference Room, 19F, Korea Press Center

ORGANIZERS | National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea (NHRCK),
Transitional Justice Working Group (TJWG),
SSK (Social Science Korea) Human Rights Forum, and
Heart for Korea (HEKO)

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INVITATION

The report of the UN Commission of Inquiry on human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea documented wide-ranging and ongoing crimes against humanity and has recommended full accountability for the North Korean leadership. This new momentum in the movement for North Korean human rights creates an impetus to discuss transitional justice for North Korea in the case of a socio-political transition. Now is the time to take stock of lessons learned from other countries recovering from serious human rights violations under totalitarian rule.

This symposium will shed light on the German experience of past abuses by the Gestapo police force and the Stasi intelligence agency. The German experience provides useful insight into issues relating to perpetrators and victims of human rights violations in North Korea.

Please join us for an engaging discussion.

Hyun Byung-chul, Chairperson, NHRCK
Changrok Soh, President, SSK Human Rights Forum
Hubert Younghwan Lee, Chief Director, TJWG
Minju Kim, Director, HEKO Seoul Office

PROGRAM (Korean-English Simultaneous Interpretation)

MC: Sarah A. Son, Research Director of TJWG

Time	Contents
14:00 - 14:15 Opening Session	<p>Moderator: Seong-ryul An, Director of Human Rights Policy Division at NHRCK</p> <p>Welcoming Remarks Hyun Byung-chul, Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea</p> <p>Congratulatory Remarks Choo Mi-ae, Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea</p> <p>Introduction of Distinguished Guests (followed by a group photo)</p>
14:15 - 14: 20	Break
14:20 - 15:10 Seminar 1	<p>Structures and Legacies of Police Abuses during the Nazi and East German Periods: Promising Approaches for North Korea in Transition</p> <p>Moderator Seong-Phil Hong, President of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention</p> <p>Presenter Charles A. von Denkowski, Ruhr-University of Bochum, Germany</p> <p>Discussant Sang-Bong Park, Head of German Reunification Research Institute</p>
15:10 - 15:20	Break
15:20 - 16:10 Seminar 2	<p>Policy Practices: Lessons from East and West German Police Force Integration</p> <p>Moderator Sangdon Shim, Director-General of Policy, Education & International Affairs at NHRCK</p> <p>Presenter Gi-Woong Son, Senior Research Fellow at Korea Institute for National Unification (KINU)</p> <p>Discussant Jeong-Woo Koo, Associate Professor of Sociology at Sungkyunkwan University</p>
16:10	<p>Announcement for Follow-up Conferences</p> <p>Minju Kim, Director, HEKO Seoul Office</p> <p>Scott Stevens, Communications and Administrative Director of TJWG</p>

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ORGANIZERS



National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea (NHRCK) is a national institution which actively advocates the rights of the people ensured by the Constitution and protects and enhances human rights defined by the National Human Rights Commission Act.



Transitional Justice Working Group (TJWG) is a Seoul-based non-profit organization founded by experienced human rights advocates and researchers in September 2014. It is the first NGO in Korea that upholds transitional justice for the rights of victims in the world's most repressive regimes, including North Korea. TJWG aims to create advanced frameworks for addressing massive human rights violations and advocating justice for victims in pre- and post-transition societies. In view of future exhumation operations, TJWG recently started developing a digital mapping system to catalogue and visualize the ongoing crimes against humanity in North Korea by collecting and recording information on potential mass graves and killing sites where extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions are alleged to have been committed.



The SSK (Social Science Korea) Human Rights Forum is an inter-university research group engaged in multi-year research projects on human rights from a social science perspective, which is an increasingly popular approach to studying human rights. The project, led by Principle Investigator Dr. Changrok Soh (Professor of International Studies, Korea University), is funded by the National Research Foundation of Korea and participating universities include Korea University, Sungkyunkwan University, Yonsei University, Ewha Womans University, Stanford University, Harvard University, and the University of Michigan. The project is also co-organized by the International Human Rights Research Center at Korea University and the Sungkyunkwan Center for Human Rights and Development.



Heart for Korea (HEKO) is an international non-profit organization, based in Berlin, Germany, the most representative city of reunification, working under the mission of promoting peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula by letting the international community know about current situation of the divided Korea, and human rights crisis in North Korea. HEKO is also open to cooperate with other international organizations, non-profit organizations/foundations, and civic groups working for the improvement of human dignity and social integration. HEKO has held diverse exhibitions and symposiums related to North Korean human rights and Korean reunification. Since 2014, HEKO has focused on studying the recovery of justice and social integration in the transitional period of Korean unification.