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- Subtitle: Asian Economy in a Global Perspective: Development, Integration, and Governance
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● New Publications

「Crisis on Nuclear non-proliferation regime, and South Korea」

Author: Jin-Hyun Paik
Publisher: Orum
Published date: September 2010
Language: Korean



As the result of the research project conducted on the nuclear nonproliferation over two years, Haesung Institute of Ethics in international affairs analyzes the threats and the related issues that Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) is facing in the 21st century.

Many countries have considered nuclear power as an alternative energy source, but this carries the risk of nuclear proliferation. The nuclear issue on North Korea and Iran still show no signs of being resolved.

This book analyzes the challenges that a nuclear nonproliferation regime is facing. Based on this analysis, the book presents policies and strategies for South Korea, who is exposed to North Korea's nuclear development threat.

「Global Business Strategy: Asian Perspective」

Author: Hwy-Chang Moon
Publisher: World Scientific Publishing Company
Published date: May 2010
Language: English



Given the rise of Asia in the global economy in recent decades, it is important to understand the uniqueness of Asian business. This book first introduces the core strategies prevalent in western business, and then continues to explain how they can be applied or adapted to Asian business.

When necessary, modified or new business models (as developed by the author) are utilized to better explain Asian business. Furthermore, this book deals not just with the theory, but also with practice. Several real-life case studies and examples are discussed in order to compare and contrast the Asian and Western perspectives on global business strategy. Readers will therefore gain an enhanced understanding of

Asian business and formulation of Asian business strategy.

「Creating the Strongest Company」

Author: Hyun-Chul Kim
Publisher: United Book
Published date: September 2010
Language: Japanese



In the past several years, Japan's interest in Korean companies has risen significantly. During the recent financial crisis, Korean companies, such as Samsung Electronics, Hyundai Motors, and POSCO have performed better than Japanese companies. This book, aimed at Japanese businessmen,

explains the reasons and the methods behind the Korean companies' success. The book draws comparisons between Korean and Japanese companies focusing on production and sales, marketing strategy, leadership and globalization. The last chapter offers recommendations on how to reach a world class business standard through cooperation between Korean and Japanese companies.

● Overseas Research Report

「Outward Foreign Direct Investment, FDI」

Joint Research: Institute of International Affairs, Seoul National University / Vale Columbia Center, Columbia University
Senior Researcher: Hwy-Chang Moon / Vishwas P. Govitrikar
Publisher: Vale Columbia Center at Columbia University
Published Date: November 2010
Language: English

Recently Korean firms have stepped away from their traditional business strategy of export led economic growth and started focusing more on raising Foreign Direct Investment. To shed light on this phenomenon, SNU-GSIS and Vale Columbia Center of Columbia University have conducted joint research on Korean firms' foreign assets and revenue intake. According to their findings, Korean firms' foreign assets and revenue have been increasing. However, the research recommends diversification of industries and trade with regions outside of Asia.

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Congratulatory Remarks on the Publication of "Global Perspective"



Today's international affairs are characterized with many challenges, such as climate change, proliferation of nuclear weapons, terrorism, underdevelopment, poverty, financial crisis and trade disputes, which can only be overcome through close international cooperation. The Graduate School of International Studies at Seoul National University (SNU-GSIS) specializes in cultivating its students to become global experts and providing them with tools to tackle global issues.

Since its establishment in 2003, SNU-GSIS has achieved rapid growth and steady development. Now SNU-GSIS consists of two departments: the Department of International Studies and the Department of International Development Policy with majors in International Commerce, International Cooperation, International Area Studies and Korean Studies. Currently about 300 MA candidates and 20 doctoral candidates from 50 countries are attending SNU-GSIS. Our school is leading its way in international and area studies through solid research activities at the Institute of International Affairs, the Institute for Japanese Studies and the EU Center. Furthermore, we offer several executive programs, such as the Global Leadership Program for CEOs and the leaders in political and public sectors of Korea, and the Guangdong Global Leadership Program for CEOs from Guangdong province of China. In terms of international academic exchanges, SNU-GSIS is in partnership with more than 30 universities from around the globe and serves as a regional hub for those students coming from universities in the European Union and Southeast Asia.

Also we offer a large number of distinguished lectures to provide our students a chance to directly interact and communicate with renowned international practitioners. In the short time since its establishment, SNU-GSIS has become a leading institution for the education and research in the sphere of international studies in Korea and we are confident it will continue to thrive in the future.

The aim of this newsletter is to inform faculty, alumni, students and all others of the various activities and events at SNU-GSIS. Hopefully this newsletter will act as a channel for dialogue between faculty, students, alumni as well as other people who are interested in SNU-GSIS. Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone, including the student ambassadors, who have contributed their time and efforts in putting together the first GSIS newsletter - "Global Perspective."

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Seoul National University
Dean **Jin-Hyun Paik**

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GSIS News



The Inauguration Ceremony for the new Dean and Farewell Ceremony for the former Dean of SNU-GSIS

The inauguration ceremony for the new SNU-GSIS Dean, professor Jin-Hyun Paik and a farewell ceremony for the former Dean, professor Taeho Bark took place on Oct. 12, 2010. The ceremony was attended by 100 people including faculty, staff members and students. Taeho Bark, the former Dean, and Jin-Hyun Paik, the new Dean gave speeches during the ceremony. The former Dean Taeho Bark expressed his gratitude for the unity and harmony that the members and the professors had shown for the last 4 years of his service since 2006. SNU-GSIS has now established itself as a professional graduate school, contributing to the globalization of education at Seoul National University. SNU-GSIS now successfully operates the doctoral program and the Department of International Development

Policy program. In addition to many exchange students from all around the world, over 40% are foreign students among GSIS students. He concluded his remarks by saying that he will always provide support and is excited for the bright future of GSIS under

the leadership of the new Dean Paik. He also expressed his hopes for GSIS to further develop into the best school in East Asia which would attract many competitive students from other countries. The new Dean Jin-Hyun Paik began his speech by stating that although SNU-GSIS is the youngest and smallest among 26 colleges and graduate schools in SNU, the quality of diversity and caliber of its professors and students are of the highest level. Above all, GSIS is widely acknowledged for its potential in the future. In this age of globalization, the main objective of GSIS is to foster many talents in the field of international cooperation and to provide solutions to the numerous global problems we face today. Since its establishment in 1997 as a Graduate Institute for International and Area Studies, the GSIS has confronted many challenges and difficulties. Yet GSIS overcame these obstacles and has demonstrated remarkable quantitative and qualitative growth. Dean Paik expressed the need for GSIS to expand further by hiring more faculty members, developing new programs, and enlarging the school facilities. The Dean finished on a high note, saying that the journey of GSIS has just begun and with efforts of the professors, students, staff members and alumni,

GSIS will continue its steady advancement in the future.

Professor Eun-Woo Park, the Dean of College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and professor Young-Hae Han, the Director of the Institute for Japanese Studies were among the people present at the inauguration ceremony. The student council members presented Dean Bark and Dean Paik with bouquets of flowers.



1. Jin-Hyun Paik, New Dean (left) Taeho Bark, Former Dean (right)
2. Taeho Bark, Former Dean (left) Young-Hae Han, Director, Institute for Japanese Studies (right)
3. Jin-Hyun Paik, New Dean (left) Jenny Park, President, GSIS Student Council (right)



SNU Model G20 Summit

- GSIS as the Hub of the Universe

"No single country or group of countries will succeed on their own, however. We will only address the challenges we face successfully if we work together."
Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary - General

SNU G20 Model Summit was held by SNU-GSIS from November 4th to 5th. The Model G20 Summit was sponsored by Presidential Committee for the Seoul G20 Summit and hosted by SNU-GSIS. Each participating team consisted of maximum of three SNU students. Twenty teams were selected as the delegates of G20 member states based on their knowledge of G20, motivation, and English proficiency. The participating students came from various academic backgrounds and nationalities, allowing for more meaningful discussion for the Model G20 Summit.

Public Lecture

Prior to the Model Summit, public lectures were held at SNU-GSIS on October 15th and 29th given by Professor Taeho Bark on the subject of the Seoul G20 Summit and on the major issues for G20 leaders to discuss. The lectures played a significant part in raising awareness of Seoul G20 Summit.

SNU Model G20 Summit

On November 4th, the student delegates of member states who were dressed in formal suits participated in heated debate in front of the seminar room even before the start of Model Summit. All of the participants seemed very serious and professional; eager to tackle the agendas which the G20 leaders themselves would have to discuss. The agendas for the Model Summit were divided into three sections: Financial Safety Net, Doha Development Agenda, and Development Economics. SNU-GSIS Committee members hosted the meeting as Chairmen. The major difference of the G20 Model Summit at SNU

from other traditional model summits was the participation of twenty International Development Policy students of from developing countries. These twenty students contributed as the delegates of non-G20 member states and expressed their realistic concerns. India delegates, Jong-sung Choi (GSIS International Cooperation), Nalin Chakoo (Engineering) and Reshma Kamath (GSIS International Cooperation), were awarded the first prize. India representatives were successful in reflecting the position of developing countries in their G20 statement coherently. Delegates of the United States, Nari Kim (GSIS International Commerce), Seung-jun Paik (Business) and Hyun-min Jo (Biology), were awarded the second prize due to their excellent debate skills. The third prize was awarded to the France delegation, consisting of Seung-won Jang (Law), Sang-woon Lee (Business) and Eun-hyung Jo (English Literature).

"It was an invaluable learning experience!" said by the 1st prize award winner Jong-sung Choi (India delegation, GSIS International Cooperation)

Major I think that SNU Model G20 Summit offered a great opportunity for students to share their opinions and to learn from the experience of others. I was impressed that the participants, even undergraduate students, were able to express their opinions in a coherent and formal manner. It was a good experience to learn how to cooperate with each other as a team in order to achieve a common goal. I hope SNU-GSIS can hold this type of Model Summit on a regular basis.

Conclusion

SNU Model G20 Summit gained positive feedback because it offered students a chance to learn by sharing different ideas. At the same time, it played an important role of raising awareness about the Seoul G20 Summit agenda among SNU students. It was also a good opportunity for students to boost their self-esteem by exchanging their opinions with others. I feel proud that SNU-GSIS hosted this meaningful event for students during the same month as the Seoul G20 Summit. I hope SNU-GSIS can host the program every year. Finally, I would like to convey our gratitude, on behalf of the students, to all the professors who provided an immense amount of support for the Model Summit.

Written by Jihae Lee
(GSIS Model G20 Summit Committee, '10 Int'l Commerce)
Edited by GSIS Amb. Miae Jo ('10 Int'l Cooperation)



GSIS News



'Asia and the World' Public Lecture The United States and Northeast Asia: Time for a New Beginning

Christopher R. Hill

The former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs

Christopher R. Hill, the current Dean of the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver gave a lecture in GSIS on October 11th on the subject of "The United States and Northeast Asia: Time for a New Beginning" under "Asia and the World" program, which is sponsored by Toyota Motors Korea since 2004. Dean Hill is a North East Asia specialist, particularly on the issues regarding Korea. Dean Hill served as an Ambassador to the Republic of Korea from 2004 to 2005. He also performed the duties of the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs from 2005 to 2009. Dean Hill's lecture was one of the most popular lectures at GSIS, attracting a large crowd. Having contributed to foreign affairs literature for years, Dean Hill inspired enthusiasm among many students to attend the lecture and students had the opportunities to pose direct questions and interact with Dean Hill. In addition to almost 300 students, members of the press and other affiliated workers attended the event.

His view on North Korea

Dean Hill commenced his lecture by insisting that Korea should pay greater attention to world politics. Dean Hill expressed a positive outlook towards the policies implemented by the South Korean government, but was more critical towards the North Korean regime. Namely, he pointed out the breakdown of the Six-Party Talks which has resulted in the isolation of North Korea. Due to recent events, the conversation quickly turned to succession of power in North Korea.

Dean Hill questioned the longevity of the regime post succession, citing the widely circulated photo of father and son, saying "During a formal military inspection ceremony, Kim Jong Il looked at his son

Kim Jong-un with an anxious look".

Furthermore, Dean Hill pointed out the difficulties of hereditary succession, "I have never seen the hereditary succession of three generations in this contemporary era, if you want to look for a similar case, you have to go back to the Middle Ages." Dean Hill further explained the troublesome nature of hereditary power transitions in their third cycle, explaining that the transfer of power from first generation to the second is much easier to accomplish than from the second generation to the third. He also advised South Korea as well as the rest of the international community to be prepared for possible changes in the foreign diplomatic relations in the future due to Kim Jong-un's succession.

The importance of Six-Party Talks

During the lecture, Dean Hill highlighted the importance of the Six-Party Talks several times. Dean Hill advised South Korea to construct better channels of communication with China in order to deal with the potential

threats from North Korea in the future. The main goal is to focus on the role of China in denuclearization dialogues with North Korea. In his opinion, one of the reasons for the Six-Party Talks' inability to reach a consensus is due to North Korea's tendency to bring negotiations to a standstill when facing a domestic problem, for example Kim Jong Il's illness. Dean Hill emphasized the importance of communication and cooperation among the countries in North East Asia in order to adequately deal with the North Korean issue. According to Dean Hill, the Six-Party Talks serve as the best means of achieving nuclear free North Korea, adding that U.S., China and Russia act as stabilizing forces in the region.

Position of the United States

Dean Hill firmly stated that the purpose of the United States Forces Korea (USFK) is not to threaten neighboring countries in East Asia, but to protect and to defend South Korea. He further argued that there is no need for China to be concerned because USFK has no interest in expanding its army to Amnokgang River or to the North Korean region. He concluded his lecture by affirming that neither the U.S. has any intention of interfering with politics in the East Asian region nor applying pressure on China.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the lecture provided an insightful analysis of the power struggle in the East Asian region. Dean Hill's remarks on North Korea's current power transition, Six-Party Talks and future diplomatic strategies were of great interest. Dean Hill finished his remarks by advising South Korea to have a careful approach when dealing with North Korea because the relations between the two countries directly affect the domestic situation in South Korea.

GSIS Amb. Shijin Shin [09 Int'l Cooperation]

Distinguished Lecture World Bank: Work with Korea on the Development Challenges Ahead

Mr. James W. Adams, Vice President for the East Asia and Pacific Region of the World Bank
Mr. Hasan Tuluy, Vice President of Human Resources of the World Bank

Mr. Adams, the Vice President for the East Asia and Pacific Region of the World Bank, and Mr. Hasan Tuluy, the Vice President of Human Resources of the World Bank, came to GSIS on November 1st to give a distinguished lecture about the World Bank and its challenges in development within the East Asia region.

The Objective and the Strengths of the World Bank

Mr. Tuluy started his lecture by insisting that the World Bank's major advantage is its diversity of members from many different countries and its variety in issues. The World Bank traditionally pursued goals in the economic sector only, but more recently it has been involved in health and environmental issues as well. Thus the World Bank believes that having employees from various academic backgrounds will enable the World Bank to understand global issues in a more comprehensive way. The current World Bank membership stands at 187 countries, all of who are able to share their experiences with each other. Subsequently, Mr. Tuluy introduced the World Bank's objective to act as a mediator between public and private companies with an aim to play more significant roles in helping transnational programs and plans. He mentioned that the World Bank does not want to limit its operations within a single subject or to focus only on a single nation. Instead, the World Bank intends to deal with transnational issues at a broader level. Consequently, the focus of the World Bank lies in planning a range of activities and programs with people from diverse backgrounds. In addition, he listed the main characteristics that an aspiring candidate should have when applying to the World Bank: a

positive mind set and a commitment to achieve positive changes.

Ideal Candidate for the World Bank: Passion and Dedication

Mr. Tuluy continued his lecture by explaining qualities that the World Bank is looking for in a potential employee. He expressed his enthusiasm to find talented people in Korea and to welcome them as new members of the World Bank. The World Bank is really looking for potential staff members who have "Passion" and "Dedication." He explained that having a passion to work a global advancement as well as dedication to the task at hand are the fundamental features that one must possess. Essentially, the World Bank looks for people who are specialists in their fields of study, such as economics, climate change, education, and health. Furthermore, one must have problem solving and communication skills in addition to the capability of speaking a foreign language. Mr. Tuluy mentioned that the World Bank would give priority to those who have international work experiences. There are many programs such as YYP (Young Professional Program), JPP (Junior Professional Program), and Summer and Winter Internship Programs, for students to choose when they consider starting their career with the World Bank.

Four Major Changes in the World Bank

Recently, there are four major changes that have been undertaken by the World Bank. They used to focus on financial support only when they work with the Asian and African regions in particular. However, the World Bank is now aiming for the fundamental change in economic policies instead of just concentrating on providing a financial assistance. The structure of the World Bank has also undergone some changes. The World Bank used to have a centralized system whereas now it is in the process of creating a specialized regional system which would provide policies suitable for each specific region. Finally, the World Bank has developed an open data system to improve transparency in its management.

Expectations for Korea and East Asia region

Mr. Adams believes that East Asia is the next vulnerable area after Africa due to the number of developing countries in the region, such as China, Myanmar, Indonesia, and Cambodia. At the same time, East Asia is also the region of steady improvement and progress. Mr. Adams mentioned that Korea is a particularly interesting case because it used to be a recipient of ODA (Official Development Assistance) in the past, but now it has developed into an ODA donor country. He hoped that Korea could share its economic growth model with other countries in the East Asian region. Lastly, Mr. Adams concluded his lecture by advising that it is necessary to establish efficient policies and to construct a network among the countries in East Asia.

GSIS Amb. Shijin Shin [09 Int'l Cooperation]



GSIS Leadership Program



Global Leadership Program (GLP)

⊙ The 22nd Global Leadership Program was co-hosted by SNU-GSIS and Korea International Trade Association (KITA) in August 2010. This program is targeted for 40 participants who are CEOs, business executives, entrepreneurs, politicians, the military generals, government ministers, journalists, doctors, accountants and more. In addition, upon successful completion of the program, the participants become eligible to join the SNU alumni association. Currently, about 1000 certificate holders have formed a network where they are able to share each other information. Recruitment for the 23rd Global Leadership Program will begin in mid December.



Guangdong Global Leadership Program (G-GLP)

⊙ There is a sister exchange program between Gyeonggi province in Korea and Guangdong province in China. To increase cooperation, SNU-GSIS invited 23 CEOs of state-owned companies in Guangdong and provided overseas training sessions from Nov. 15th to Nov. 29th. Through this training, the participants of the exchange will gain a deeper understanding of Korea-China bilateral trade relationship. In addition, the representatives of Guangdong province are given an opportunity to acquaint themselves with Korean culture. The exchange hopes to develop friendly ties between Korea and China.



UN Regional Course in International Law

⊙ The United Nations regional courses in Asia provides high-quality executive program for the leading scholars and practitioners of international law. This year, the regional course is conducted by the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, with the sponsorship from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), in cooperation with SNU GSIS. The regional course provided an invaluable experience for the qualified professionals, particularly for those mid-level government officials and young university professors of international law, from 22 countries of the Asian region to acquire additional knowledge of international law and to interact with each other. 🌐



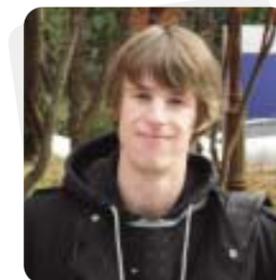
First Impressions

The old saying teaches us that “First impressions last a lifetime.” So what were the first semester students’ first impressions of SNU-GSIS? Freshmen from each major share their thoughts with us.

● First Impression of GSIS

⊙ **Jonas Lefrancois** Nationality: French, Major: International Commerce

My favourite part of GSIS is international students community. I think getting to know students from different backgrounds is how we can learn the most in GSIS because in our life there are not many opportunities to be in a really multicultural environment where relationships between people are not strictly professional. So we should take the time from our busy schedules and try to overcome cultural and language barriers in order to create real bonds with people. The other aspect of GSIS which I like, are the professors who are really approachable and close to the students. But the negative point is the size of some classes. Having more than 20-25 students makes it impossible for them to give us feedback. And without feedback, it’s using 20% of the potential value of those exercises. I know the problem is complex but it would allow the student to improve much more during the semester. Overall, I don’t regret being here, it’s a great experience and the people I meet in school are worth waking up for every morning.



⊙ **Meeji Lee** Nationality: Korean, International Area Studies (American Major)



I have been impressed by the school’s liberal environment where students can freely discuss their ideas. We are required to participate in group discussions and presentations to encourage active involvement in the class. Also, this gives all students an opportunity to express their opinion. Despite a large amount of study, I have been able to attend various school events and take a part in voluntary discussion groups such as the US Round Table. Also, GSIS has been helpful in providing information on events outside the school which are useful for my future career. Furthermore, I value the opportunity to communicate directly with the professors who possess a deep knowledge in their areas of expertise. Above all, I like attending special lectures given by internationally renowned specialists. In conclusion, I plan to make the most of the opportunities provided by SNU-GSIS in order to build my career.

● Interview

⊙ **Amani Ali Saleh**

Nationality: Yemenite, Major: Int’l Development Policy



Amani who is a KOICA scholar from Yemen, was pleasantly surprised to find a wide range of resources available to students for research and study, unlike her home university which depended largely on books alone. In contrast to universities in developing countries, Amani feels that GSIS has a sharper focus on developing students’ practical and professional skills, with teaching methods resembling those of the US and European universities. The student community also appeals to Amani, as she considers it an advantage to have students from so many nationalities studying together. The international student environment broadens students’ understanding of other cultures and acquaints them with different points of view from around the world. Of course, the Korean students got a mention as being very hard working and Korean people as “kind and pure.”

⊙ **Aleksey Kim**

Nationality: Uzbekistani, Major: Int’l Cooperation



In regards to Korean education system, Aleksey feels that memorizing facts are overemphasized and analytical thinking should be encouraged more. But what drew Aleksey’s attention the most is the interlinked focus on the Asian experience between the different disciplines taught at GSIS. Aleksey places importance on deepening his knowledge of Asia and finds the class “Understanding East Asia” particularly helpful. He goes on to explain that a familiarity with Asia centric issues is an advantage to GSIS students because nowadays Asian countries, like Korea and China play a bigger role on the international stage. Also, he is further inspired by the staff of professors at GSIS whom he refers to as specialists in their field “who open a world of new possibilities”.

Interviews written/edited by GSIS Amb. Tamara Lobzina (‘10 Asian Area Studies)
Translated by GSIS Amb. Kyung Yoon Choi (‘09 Chinese Area Studies)

Student News

GSIS students won the first prize at the Model UN Human Rights Council competition

Pia Kim, Claire O'Connell and Sumin Jeon ('10 Int'l Cooperation)



GSIS students Pia Kim, Claire O'Connell and Sumin Jeon ('10 Int'l Cooperation) won the first prize at the Model UN Human Rights Council competition held by the British Embassy in Seoul and Yonsei Law School. Competing with 14 other teams, they debated on the topic of 'Freedom of Speech on the Internet' and were selected as the winning team by an expert panel of judges. The team was awarded plane tickets and accommodation for a trip to Geneva to visit the actual UN Human Rights Council and the incumbent Korean delegation.



Visit to the Human Rights Council

During our model debate in May, delegates learned how to debate the provisions of a draft resolution and to obtain co-sponsorship of amendments by other delegations. During the first day of my visit to the HRC I witnessed this process performed for real. The UK Delegation, introduced discussion of a draft resolution to renew the office of the Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery.

It was actually South Korea who expressed their support for the draft resolution, which was then echoed by other countries, some of whom offered to co-sponsor the draft. The following day, the USA and a number of co-sponsors sought informal consultations on the rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association. A number of proposed restrictions on rights were put forward by Russia and Cuba, which China supported. Whereas other countries like UK preferred not to support such restrictions. The discussion elicited an interesting debate on the distinction between restriction of rights and responsible exercise of rights with the consequent issue of how that might be reflected in a draft resolution. It also hinted at how certain countries support each other in debate on Human Rights issues. I was also lucky enough to see several sessions where Universal Periodic Review (UPR) reports were being considered for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Kyrgyzstan. The UPR is a new mechanism of the Human Rights Council which monitors countries' fulfillment of their Human Rights obligations and commitments. Review applies

to all UN Member States and following review, recommendations are put forward to the state by others.

Is the UPR process working to encourage states' protection of human rights? The feeling among some people seems to be that although securing state compliance with UPR recommendations may be difficult in some cases, the UPR system is at least a firm reference point in relation to which state conduct can be discussed. As a visitor to the HRC, it is difficult not to feel overwhelmed knowing that inside this incredible building, issues of paramount importance and concern are debated. It is an experience which will stay with me for a long time and I hope there will be another chance to return. I was particularly grateful to accompany the UK delegation during my stay, who were extremely generous to me with their time and help and whom it was such a pleasure to meet.

Written by Claire O'Connell ('10 Int'l Cooperation)
Edited by GSIS Amb. Jooyoung Jung ('10 Int'l Commerce)

Inter-GSIS Quiz Competition



The first inter GSIS Academic Quiz Competition took place on November 13th at Korea University. The organization of the Quiz was a joint effort by the GSIS of Yonsei University, Korea University and Seoul National University. A total of 45 students

from the three universities participated in the quiz, with three teams representing each university. The quiz questions consisted of a wide variety of topics including Current Events, History, Politics, Economics, Korean Studies and the Arts. The winning team "G5" from Seoul National University was represented by Tamara Lobzina ('10 Area Studies), Reshma Kamath ('10 Cooperation), Pierre Kerlann ('10 Area Studies), Yerim Yun ('10 Chinese Area Studies), and Yevgeniy Kim ('09 Cooperation) Our reputation of being Number #1 preceded us which the team was only too happy to reaffirm. The competition ended with "G5" coming in first place, receiving KRW 350,000 in prize money.

Written by Student Council President Jenny Park ('09 American Area Studies)

10th Thesis Competition by KITA

Geary Choe, Nahyun Kim ('09 Int'l Commerce) won the first prize at the trade thesis competition



GSIS students won the first prize at the graduate student trade thesis competition held by the Korea International Trade Association (KITA) and the Korea Economic Daily. Geary Choe ('09 Int'l Commerce), Nahyun Kim ('09 Int'l Commerce) wrote a thesis titled "Applying the Modern Portfolio Theory to Korea's Export Risk Management: Focusing on Analyzing the World's Top 10 Exporting Countries" as a team named UNI.C and won the first prize, which will provide KRW 8 million in scholarship. Their thesis advisor was Professor Chong-Sup Kim, and SNU-GSIS students have been awarded the first prize at this competition for the last six consecutive years.



1st SNU-GSIS Public Relations Ambassadors

1st SNU-GSIS Public Relations Ambassadors were selected in October. They are in charge of Public Relations of SNU-GSIS by publishing 'Global Perspective' and other GSIS booklets including the school brochure. They will also assist with special lectures and guide honorary guests who visit GSIS from abroad.



It is a great honor for me to be selected as a PR Ambassador. I am very excited to work with staff members from different faculties and with friends at GSIS. At the same time I'm a little nervous about my role as a PR Ambassador. Since its establishment in 1997, SNU-GSIS has come a long way and is now the most prestigious International Studies in East Asia. So I will do my best in representing the values and visions of GSIS to maintain its esteemed international reputation. ● Jooyoung Jung ('10 International Commerce)



I am so pleased to contribute in making GSIS even more well-known and to come closer to GSIS alumni as a GSIS Public Relations Ambassador. We will work hard so that our news can put a smile on your face. Please encourage us to do a good job. ● Miae Jo ('10 International Cooperation)

The first publication of Global Perspective is especially meaningful and rewarding for me because from the very beginning I put my heart and soul



into the creation of the first newsletter of GSIS. I am very proud of our accomplishments, and I hope to make a further contribution by upgrading the newsletter as a PR ambassador. ● Shijin Shin ('09 International Cooperation)



I am really glad to have the opportunity to be a PR Ambassador, which is something I've wanted to be a part of since my undergraduate days. My main motivation is contributing articles to the GSIS newsletter thus informing the student body at GSIS about the dynamic and outstanding events in GSIS. ● Yunok Kim ('10 American Area Studies)



GSIS is a place where there are a lot of international students who have interesting and diverse backgrounds. As a result, there is a wide range of events happening at the school. The GSIS Newsletter may serve as a channel for students to find out what's going on at GSIS. And I am very happy to be a PR Ambassador who can bring all the news to you. I hope I can be a bearer of good tidings. ● Kyung Yoon Choi ('09 Chinese Area Studies)



I feel honored to have been selected as a PR Ambassador and I look forward to getting to know the GSIS community better by working together with the other students on interesting projects and articles. Furthermore, I hope to make a worthwhile contribution to the newsletter and favorably represent GSIS. ● Tamara Lobzina ('10 Asian Area Studies)

GSIS Student Council

In May, the new Student Council President was elected as Jenny Park ('09 Int'l Area Studies) and Vice President as Geary Choe ('09 Int'l Commerce). Also four representatives-JeeHye Lee ('10 Int'l Commerce), Sumin Jeon ('10 Int'l Cooperation), Oul Han ('10 Int'l Area Studies) and Eun Kyung Lee (Korean Studies).

Statement from the Student Council President: "It has been quite a profound experience being the 13th President of the GSIS Student Council. I ran for President not to change GSIS but to UPGRADE GSIS, which soon became the campaign motto and my goal. We are very fortunate to have a very diverse student body. The students are not only passionate about academics but are also eager to apply their skills in a practical setting. So in order to meet the students' demand to develop professionally,

the Student Council has worked closely with the GSIS Career Development Center. As the fall semester comes to an end, the Vice President Geary and I are proud to say that 50% of our campaign goals have already been accomplished. And we have many more events and activities planned for the upcoming semester including the first ever SNU-GSIS student run Academic Journal. By the end of our term, we hope to fulfill 100% of our goals to UPGRADE GSIS."

Picture: Eunkyung Lee, Sumin Jeon, Jenny Park, Geary Choe, Jeehye Lee and Oul Han



Institute Specialties



EU Center: EU-ICI Workshop
Workshop Weekend



The EU Center at SNU-GSIS held a workshop on October 29-30. The workshop was organized under the EU-ICI program. This program allows European universities and the Korean universities to form a consortium for student exchange programs. The schedule consisted of students' presentations on Friday and a visit to the Icheon Pottery Village on Saturday for a Korean cultural experience with about 30 participants consisting of European exchange students, Korean students, professors, and staff members.



◎ Presentation Session

Prior to the workshop, the students were put into a team according to their school and were given two topics; the Lisbon Treaty and the G20 summit to choose from. As a result, there were 6 teams in total: two comprising of students from Bocconi University in Italy, two comprising from Copenhagen Business School (CBS) in Denmark, one from Sciences-Po in France and one comprising of Korean students studying European Studies at GSIS, Korea University (KU).

The students were all divided into teams and within their teams, they decided on a topic of individual interest. In the end, the teams presented on: "The Lisbon Treaty from a Northern European perspective (CBS Team 1)", "The Danish Position on the Lisbon Treaty (CBS Team 2)", "France in the G20: between dreams and reality (Science-Po Team)", "Italian position on the Lisbon Treaty (Bocconi Team 1)", "EU and the Italian vision for the Lisbon treaty (Bocconi Team 2) and "Shared growth beyond crisis (KU-GSIS Team)."

In spite of the time limit, all of the students actively participated in discussion with great enthusiasm. Professor Sunhee Park, research professor, EU Center was especially impressed with the third presentation by the French students who adequately portrayed the distance between dreams and reality in regards to G20. Students responded that they had a great learning experience, and the presentations were very informative.

◎ Visit to Icheon Pottery Village

After the presentation sessions, students visited the

Icheon Pottery Village for a Korean cultural experience. Also they had a chance to try Ichoen Rice, which is famous for its high quality (it was offered to the King during Chosun Dynasty). These activities helped students to deepen their understanding of Korean culture and allowed them to get to know each other better.

◎ Workshop: Commentaries and Prospects

Matteo, a student from Italy, suggested that there is a need for a workshop over a longer period of time in order to allow more time on debates, and possibly a meeting with a special guest. His opinion was resonated among other students who thought inviting a guest speaker with experience in relevant fields such as EU and G20 would make for a valuable contribution to the workshop. A student from France responded that the workshop was very interesting in a sense that students were able to interact with different cultures and learn from each other's cultural backgrounds. Also, she said that as an undergraduate student, it was nice to learn about the graduate students' perspectives.

According to the survey conducted afterwards, all European and Korean students responded that they were satisfied by this workshop, and many wanted to hope for another workshop next year. Most students enjoyed the cultural experience during the workshop. They expressed gratitude to the EU center at SNU-GSIS for hosting the workshop. Hopefully the EU-ICI workshop will act as a mediator between students from Korea and European countries in the future.

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Edited by GSIS Amb. Yunok Kim ('10 American Area Studies)



News from GSIS and Research Institutes

◎ GSIS Students

63 graduate students were admitted for the fall semester of 2010 and 20 students were admitted into the Department International Development Policy. Among the 300 students attending GSIS, 40% are foreign students representing 50 countries from around the world. An additional 20 students are enrolled in the Ph.D program. The Department of International Development Policy is aimed at young professionals from the government sector, including those from an economic policy background from the developing countries. This semester, GSIS welcomed students from 20 different developing countries, including Yemen, Rwanda, Tanzania, Dominica Republic, Guatemala. These students are awarded a full scholarship which also covers living expenses by Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

◎ Graduate School of International Studies

- Sep.22 Inauguration of Dean Paik, Jin-Hyun
- Oct.11 Public Lecture: Christopher R. Hill
Former Ambassador and Assistant Secretary of State
'The United States and Northeast Asia:
Time for a New Beginning'
- Nov.1 The World Bank Group: 'Working with Korea on the
Development Challenges Ahead'
- Nov.3 Information Session for ESSEC Double Degree
- Nov.4-5 SNU Model G20 Summit
- Nov.15-29 Guangdong Global Leadership Program
- Nov.15-29 UN Regional Course in International Law
- Nov.22 Distinguished Lecture:
Sir Kenneth Keith, Judge of International Court of Justice
'International Dispute Settlement'
- Dec.2-3 Second International Financial Institutions Recruitment
information session
- Aug.31-Dec.7 Global Leadership Program (GLP)

◎ Institute of International Affairs

- Seminar on State Strategies
- Sep.17 Professor Yeongseop Rhee SNU-GSIS on
'Global Financial Crisis and the Change in
World Economic Order'
- Sep.30 Dr.H. Jong Kim KIEP
'The Recent Crisis and the Future of the Eurozone'
- Oct.27 Professor Jungmin Suh Korea University of Foreign
Language Studies
'Middle East and South Korean in the 21st Century'
- Nov.18 Professor Kim Taeho Hallym University
'China's Military Security and the Korean Peninsula'

◎ EU Center

- Oct.29-30 EU-ICI Program Workshop
- Nov.11 Special Lecture: Eun Joong Kim, Former MOFAT Director
'Korean-Russian Strategic Partnership'

◎ Institute for Japanese Studies

- Nov.3 Special Lecture project, Harry Harootunian
'The Birth of a Good Japanese: Postwar Japanese
Democracy, Education, and formation of citizens'
- Nov.11 2010 Graduate students:
Conference on Japan Local data survey
- Nov.17 Special invitation seminar, Igarashi Jin
'Japans' labor workers and intellectuals: Ohara Institute
for Social Problems through history and experience'
- Nov.19 Institute founding ceremony / Special Lecture
Wada Haruki
'Russo-Japanese Wars and the Great Korean Empire'
- Nov.25 International Symposium Conference
'Nation-State and Japanese boundary Diaspora'