Engaging North Korea

Thursday 7 May 5.30 - 7.00pm

A central debate about appropriate policy toward North Korea centres on the efficacy of inducements vs. constraints, including the role of sanctions. In this lecture, Professor Haggard will report on the results of a book-length study with Marcus Noland of the political economy of North Korea since the onset of the second nuclear crisis in 2002-2003 into the Kim Jong Un era. The book considers how North Korea's external economic relations have evolved, including with China and Russia, and the implications of these changes for both economic reform and security issues on the peninsula.

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His work on North Korea with Marcus Noland includes Famine in North Korea (2007) and Witness to Transformation: Refugee Insights into North Korea (2011); they also run the Witness to Transformation blog at http://www.piie.com/blogs/nk/ and are completing a book on sanctions and engagement with North Korea.

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