Kim Jong Un in North Korea: Implications for the Region and Beyond

a lecture by
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Mershon Center, Room 120
1501 Neil Avenue
12:00 -1:00 p.m.

The recent death of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il has once again brought the reclusive nation to the forefront of world attention. Han Park, one of the world's leading authorities on Korean politics and diplomacy, will offer his insights into what the future holds on the Korean peninsula. Park will examine such issues as: how the North Korean policymaking process works; whether Kim Jong Un can establish a stable government to replace his father's; the extent and impact of grassroots dissension on policymaking; the role of the military in governance; likely North Korean conduct towards other nations during the transition; and how Kim's death might impact the nation's nuclear program.

Park is recognized as a leading expert on domestic and foreign affairs surrounding the Korean peninsula. He has provided briefings to several foreign ministers, and has also acted as a consultant to former U.S. President Jimmy Carter during visits to Pyongyang in 1994 and 2010. In addition, Park was instrumental in the release of American journalists from North Korea in 2009. To RSVP for this event, email Ann Powers at powers.108@osu.edu by Monday, February 6, 2012.

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