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**THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE KOREAN PENINSULA**  
***CAN DIPLOMACY SUCCEED? WHAT IF DIPLOMACY FAILS?***

**April 28, 2004**  
**Washington, D.C.**

The Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies (CNAPS) at the Brookings Institution convened its annual spring conference on Wednesday, April 28, 2004. Two expert panels discussed the North Korean nuclear crisis and possible outcomes of the current stand-off.

Can the United States reach an agreement on nuclear weapons with North Korea that can be called “complete, verifiable, and irreversible dismantlement” of the nuclear program? If so, what would this agreement look like, and what steps would the two sides and others need to take to reach it?

If an agreement is not possible, especially in the near term, what would Northeast Asia be like if North Korea dropped whatever ambiguity is left concerning its nuclear status? Would it engage in nuclear coercion? Would Japan go nuclear? How would South Korea adjust?

**List of Speakers**

**Welcoming Remarks:** Strobe Talbott

**Panel I:** Mike Mochizuki  
Gordon Flake  
Joel Wit  
Charles “Jack” Pritchard  
James Steinberg

**Panel II:** Richard Bush  
Richard Betts  
Katsu Furukawa  
David Kang  
Jonathan Pollack

## Introductory Remarks

**Strobe Talbott**

President, The Brookings Institution

### Panel I:

## The Shape of an Acceptable Settlement

**James Steinberg**, Moderator

Vice President and Director, Foreign Policy Studies, *The Brookings Institution*

**Charles “Jack” Pritchard**

Visiting Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies, *The Brookings Institution*



**Joel Wit**

Senior Fellow, International Security Program, *Center for Strategic and International Studies*

**Gordon Flake**

Executive Director, *The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation*

**Mike Mochizuki**

Director, *Sigur Center for Asian Studies*, Elliott School of International Affairs, *The George Washington University*

**Panel II:**  
**Northeast Asia and a Nuclear North Korea**

**Richard Bush**, Moderator  
Senior Fellow and CNAPS Director, *The Brookings Institution*

**Richard Betts**  
Leo A. Shifrin Professor of War and Peace Studies  
and Director, *Institute of War and Peace Studies,*  
*Columbia University*

**Katsu Furukawa**  
Senior Research Associate, Center for  
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**David Kang**  
Associate Professor of Government, *Dartmouth College*

**Jonathan Pollack**  
Professor of Asian and Pacific Studies and Director, *Strategic Research Department,* *Naval War College*

