

## LETTER

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### FROM THE EDITOR

With the end of 2013 already here, it is worth looking back at the developments that have taken place throughout the world. Fallout has continued from the leaking of confidential information by whistleblowers and the realization of widespread spying on part of the United States. Fundamental questions are being asked about the nature of privacy and security, and how a nation can have both. Recent developments in East Asia regarding the disputed island chains have shown that the situation is continuing to intensify. These issues are certain to become more intractable as time passes, and the search for the dimensions of the problem and motivations of the players involved continues. In South Korea, both the South Korean Government and the United Nations are examining the nature of its aid program. The recent signing of an MOA between the two shows the quick pace to which they are proceeding, but questions remain about the basis for which the aid program will be based. The included submissions all deal with the fundamental questions raised by these developments.

The first essay, “The Way of Bureaucracy: A Critical Review of Comparative Bureaucracy and Literature” by Joel R. Campbell (Troy University), the author analyzes how the nature of bureaucracy itself is changing to the new economic and political developments by using recent literature on the topic. In the second essay, “Exploring the Chinese Government’s Response towards North

Korean Defectors in China” by Eunbee Chung (Yonsei University), focuses on the pressing issue of Chinese treatment of North Korean refugees, and their failure to uphold international obligations. The author’s analysis argues that there is a rational security emphasis over any sort of human rights considerations; with China failing to uphold its international obligations.

In regard to papers, “Why has the Diaoyu/Senkaku Dispute been Intensified and what are the Possible Resolutions?” by Esther Eunsil Park (Yonsei University) summarizes the current tensions between Japan and China over the disputed Diaoyu/Senkaku Islands. She argues that the current international power structure in the region is the driving force in addition to domestic considerations on China’s part. “Emerging Donors and Knowledge Sharing for Development: The Case of Korea” by Aboubacar Moctar (World Food Program’s Rwanda Country Office), the author discusses the most recent developments in Korea’s developmental aid and programs while also analyzing current issues that may limit their effectiveness in the future. An interesting contribution that was of personal interest to many of the editing staff, “Crowdsourcing Intelligence Analysis” by Dylan Coyle (Yonsei University) examines a wide range of issues including crowdsourcing information for intelligence purposes and leaking of confidential information, while arguing that ultimately greater openness with information is beneficial to everyone. Discussing a historical incident while also raising questions about the present, “The Donga Ilbo Advertising Coercion and Forced Layoff Case” by SeongBak Jin (Yonsei University) examines an interesting incident in Korea’s history involving government intervention in the press, and what it tells us then and now about the relationship between the press and government in Korea. An interesting topic and as part of his ongoing research, Robert Winstanley (University of Leeds) in “Landscape as a Political Project” analyzes the approach of the North Korean Government towards the environment, looking at both historical works by leaders and philosophers, and current developments. The motivation for these new developments is examined and how these ideas are incorporated by the regime.

Our book review by Sunny Park (Yonsei University) reviews a KOICA report on Korean economic aid, which summarizes the aid history in Korea, and finds that there are many avenues that can be taken to find a “Korean way” of international aid. The interview is with Jungho Yoo, a visiting professor at the KDI School of Public Policy and Management and currently teaching a class about “institutions” and their role in economic success at Yonsei University. We discuss his views on Korea’s economic development and success and the mainstream narrative regarding the past.

In concluding and on a personal note, thanks must be extended to the previous Editor in Chief, Steven Denney, and his help and advice throughout the transition process to the new Chief Editors. Additionally, thanks must be extended to all of the Journal staff that put their spare time into the Journal and helped to continue its success.

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