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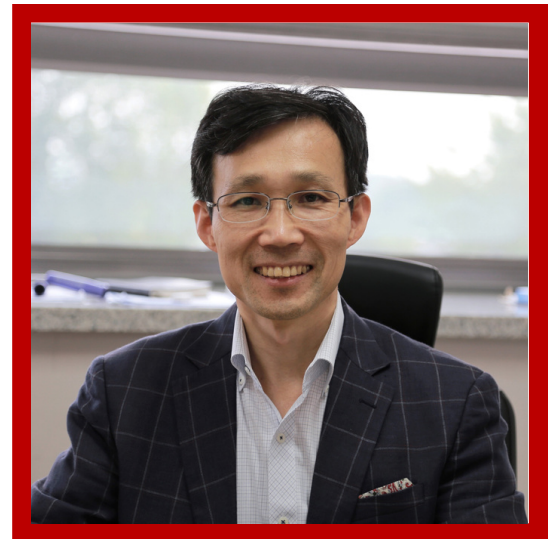
# 2023 THE CENTER FOR KOREAN STUDIES PRESENTS:

## "GOVERNING STYLES OF NORTH KOREAN LEADERS"

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Currently the North Korean regime can be defined as an autocratic communist where an absolute ruler monopolizes decision-making by depending on a communist party or it can be also defined as a dynastic totalitarian where one family monopolizes political succession in totalitarian institutional mechanisms. Whatever definition, North Korean leaders have been the crux of social unity for decades, exercising absolute power. This lecture attempts to compare three North Korean leaders (Kim Il Sung, Kim Jong Il, and Kim Jong Un) and their leadership in order to review their difference and similarity, which helps us understand the continuity and change of the present North Korean regime. It specifically examines the leaders' formative period, their activity before they ascended to power, and their leadership styles.



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