

# Institute for Korean Studies Lecture Series

## Origins of North Korean Despotism

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Friday Oct. 4, 12:30-1:30 pm  
Dulles Hall 168



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In the wake of the Korean War, North Korea was a country with a very diverse political leadership that also enjoyed close ties with countries throughout the socialist camp. Yet, just a decade later, North Korea went down a path toward despotism and isolationism. Dr. James Person will examine two pivotal events in the history of North Korea that altered the domestic political landscape, led to a radical restructuring of society, and transformed Pyongyang's ties with patrons Moscow and Beijing. Dr. Person will also describe how the impact of these events is still felt today.

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