

ECCK Information Session on emerging capitalism in North Korea

Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 08:00
Ara Room (6F), Four Seasons Hotel Seoul

Event Outline

North Korea is labelled a Communist country. But what is it really? Journalist Daniel Tudor spent several years writing about North Korea, and came to the opinion that it is more like a feudal monarchy with emerging capitalistic tendencies.

As part of his research, he visited civil servants in Pyongyang, and came to see how the new North Korean capitalism works. There, government officials use their power and connections to take business opportunities for themselves, passing bribes upwards for protection, and operating companies that are officially state-owned, but the profits of which go into their own pockets.

At the same time, ordinary North Koreans are now also relying on their own sense of 'hustle' to make ends meet. Families trade food, drinks, cigarettes, alcohol, toiletries and other items for basic living at semi-legal private markets all over the country. These markets are also visited by officials, who extract 'tax' from the traders in return for allowing them to operate.

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Time: 08:00 – 10:00 (Registration starts from 07:45)

Venue: Ara Room (6F), [Four Seasons Hotel Seoul](#)

Admission fee:

- For physical attendance: Member 50,000 KRW | Non-Member 80,000 KRW
- For virtual attendance: Member 10,000 KRW

Agenda:

- 07:45 – 08:00 Registration
- 08:00 – 08:30 Breakfast
- 08:30 – 10:00 Presentation and Q&A

Speaker Profile



Daniel Tudor

Daniel Tudor is a writer and entrepreneur from Manchester, England, who has lived in Seoul for over ten years. He is the author of several books on Korea including 'Korea: The Impossible Country' and 'North Korea Confidential', and was Korea Correspondent for The Economist from 2010-2013. He is co-founder of The Booth Brewing Company, a pioneer in craft beer in Korea. After serving as an advisor on the international press to the South Korean presidential office from 2017-18, he set up Kokkiri, a meditation app, in conjunction with celebrity monk Haemin Sunim. The app has attracted 250,000 users in its first ten months of operation.

Event Notes

- Kindly inform us of your attendance and cancellation by **July 12** through [RSVP Link](#).
- If you have any inquiry for the event, please contact Ms Hyewon Shim. (02-6261-2711, hyewon.shim@ecck.eu)