

# **MEET THE CONTRIBUTORS**

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James Pearson, BA (London) M.Phil (Cantab), read for a bachelor's in Chinese and Korean at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, a master's of philosophy in Oriental Studies at the University of Cambridge and was a student at Beijing Normal University (BNU) in 2008-2009. At SOAS, he was awarded the YC Liu prize in Chinese Studies for research that detected replicable patterns in the rise and fall of contemporary Chinese nationalist sentiment. He is currently based in Seoul where he is the correspondent for *NK News*, a news website covering North Korean affairs. He is also founder and editor of *koreaBANG*, a popular website that translates posts from South Korean websites into English, and a manager at *chinaSMACK*, its Shanghai-based counterpart. Pearson is due to join *Reuters* as a Korea correspondent in 2014.

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Jenny Jun graduated from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in International Politics and a certificate in Asian Studies. Since graduation, she has worked in the defense and security industry for The Chertoff Group, a consulting firm founded by the former US Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff. In that capacity, Jenny conducted research on a number of cybersecurity issues regarding cyber espionage and critical infrastructure protection. She is currently planning a research project with the Korea Chair for the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) on the policy implications of North Korea's cyber warfare capabilities.

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James Burt holds an MSc in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a BA in International Relations and History. His MSc thesis investigated the absence of non-Western International Relations theories in academia and developed a preliminary theoretical framework for a constructivist analysis of North Korea. Throughout his undergraduate and post-graduate studies he focused on securitization, foreign policy, international society and regional security in East Asia.

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Adam Cathcart is presently based in Northern Ireland, where he is Lecturer in Asian history at QUB. Cathcart's research focuses on the Sino-Korean border region and relations between Beijing and Pyongyang; his related articles have appeared in the *Journal of Korean Studies*, *Korean Studies*, *Review of Korean Studies*, *Acta Koreana*, *North Korean Review*, and the *Journal of Cold War Studies*. Ongoing projects include North Korean ideology, DPRK musical diplomacy, and a book with Chuck Kraus about Sino-North Korean relations in the early Cold War. In September, Dr. Cathcart will be joining the University of Leeds, where he hopes to build on the foundations built by Owen Lattimore and Aidan Foster-Carter and recruit graduate students studying East Asia.

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Peter Ward is a student of Korean history at Korea University in Seoul. He previously studied history at the University of Nottingham before he arrived in Korea, 3 years ago. He studied Korean from 2010 until the end of 2011 and now is researching North Korean history for his graduate dissertation. When not doing his own research, he serves as research assistant to Andrei Lankov. In addition to writing for *Sino-NK*, Peter also writes for *NK News* and has contributed to *The Three Wise Monkeys* blog.

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