

Talking Points for Dong Wang

- From the perspective of IR liberalism, how do you evaluate the shift taking place on the Korean Peninsula and the role that China has and can play in it?
1. --Western/American narrative vacillating b/w two extremes. One extreme: blaming China for “propping up” DPRK thus undermining denuclearization. The other side of the spectrum: China has been marginalized in this new diplomatic process. Well, you just can’t have both at the same time. The problem is American mentality when it comes to NK. Whenever there is a problem, blame others (i.e., China).
 - China as an honest broker. Indispensable player. Constructive role.
 - What is happening now is precisely what China has been advocating in the past a few years: “double suspension”, “dual track”. US President Trump acknowledges that.
 - Chinese President Xi Jinping’s 3rd meeting with KJU: encouragement; keep up the good work; more works needs to be done.
 - Donald Trump has framed US-China relations around two issues—North Korea and trade. How does Xi Jinping define Sino-US relations, and where does the Korean Peninsula fit, in light of the new developments?
 2. Chinese President Xi’s views on China-US relations:
 - New model of major country relationship with Obama
 - Strategic importance; strategic mutual trust;
 - “There are a thousand of reasons to get it right for China-US relations”
 - very balanced position:
 - Give priority to denuclearization; without denuclearization, there will be no enduring peace. (western misunderstanding)
 - denuclearization but every party’s legitimate security concerns needs to be addressed;
 - sanctions are important but alone can’t address the root cause.
 - Double suspension; dual track
 - What I call it “peaceful development” strategy. (John quotes in FA article)
 - Give blessings; material helps; more than Yangzhou Fried Rice.