New Zealand Asia Institute

Previous research 2002

Detailed below is information on the Institute's research projects during 2002.

Sunshine or overcast: The South Korean presidential election and its impact on the peninsula and the region

Description
The December 2002 presidential election in South Korea is widely anticipated to conclude the “three-Kim” era during the four decades of which the influences of Kim Young Sam, Kim Dae Jung, and Kim Jong Pil have dominated Korean politics. Additionally, the newly adopted primary election system and the campaign finance reform are widely believed to signal a brighter prospect for institutionalising intra-party democracy and advancing the transparency of governance and civil society in South Korea. Yet few in the Korean Studies circle seem certain about the long-term impact of these changes on the regionalism, factionalism, and “personalism” prevailing in Korean politics, or the immediate effect of the election on the pace of reform in many policy areas in South Korea.

What stirs up even more speculation in the international community at large is the future of the “Sunshine Policy” as the results of the recent local elections seem to have profoundly altered the political landscape to the disadvantage of President Kim Dae-jung’s Millennium Democrats Party.

In this context, this project is intended to examine the impact of the inter-Korean relations on the multilateral interactions in the region and vice versa.

Organiser

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New Zealand and China: Thirty years of diplomatic relations

Description
This project is intended to take stock of the political, people-to-people, economic, and business relations between the two countries, not only but especially during the past thirty years.

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