



## How a Peace-First Approach Can Resolve the Security Crisis on the Korean Peninsula

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021,  
1pm- 2pm AEDT via Zoom

An Australian Launch Event  
(2021) *Path to Peace: The Case for a Peace Agreement to End the Korean War.*

**The Initiative for Peacebuilding**, University of Melbourne in collaboration with the **Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies**, invite you to join us as we launch a timely new [report](#) that explores how a peace-first approach can resolve the security crisis on the Korean Peninsula. Released by Korea Peace Now! — a global coalition of women’s peace organizations — and written by an international group of experts, the report makes the case that a peace agreement would lower tensions and make room for progress on issues such as improved human rights and denuclearization.

With negotiations between the United States and North Korea at a standstill, and the recent concerns about increased militarised and nuclearized securitisation (i.e., AUKUS agreements), there is an urgent need for a new approach. Rather than rely on more threats and pressure-based tactics, which have failed to deter North Korea’s nuclear ambitions, the United States should instead work toward the immediate signing of a peace agreement in order to finally end the 70-year-old Korean War, the authors argue.

‘Path to Peace’ Panellists include:

**Christine Ahn**, Executive Director of Women Cross DMZ and a co-author of the report.

**Meri Joyce**, Northeast Asia Regional Liaison Officer for the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), Women Cross DMZ and Goodwill Ambassador for Peace on the Korean Peninsula.

**Dr Jay Song**, Korea Foundation Senior Lecturer in Korean Studies and Research Coordinator for Migration, Gender and Environment at the Asia Institute of the University of Melbourne, Australia.

**Dr Emma Leslie**, Director, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cambodia.

**Participant Q&A** will be moderated by Dr Tania Miletic (UniMelb).