



Korea – Will It Explode or Implode?

Dr. Frank Planton, Jr.

Dr. Frank Plantan currently serves as the Co-Director of the International Relations Program at the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned his Ph.D. in Higher Education and Masters in International Relations. He took his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Illinois State University. His portfolio also includes serving as the Director of the Penn-in-Seoul Study Abroad and Internship Program and as the Executive Secretary of the International Consortium for Higher Education, Civic Responsibility and Democracy. He has served as the General Rapporteur for the Council of Europe on a seventeen-nation comparative research project, Universities as Sites of Citizenship and Civic Responsibility. He is the National President of Sigma Iota Rho, the National Honor Society for International Studies with chapters on over one hundred and twenty campuses in the U.S. and abroad.

Dr. Plantan has been deeply involved in international education issues for many years and has served on the University of Pennsylvania's Provost's Committee on International Education and Research, Provost's Advisory Committee on Study Abroad, the School of Arts and Sciences Study Abroad Committee, several site review committees and as Director of two summer abroad and internship programs in Korea and Belgium. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Center for East Asian Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a Founding Member of Phi Beta Delta, International Education Honor Society and is the faculty advisor to the Penn Chapter of the Society for International Development.

Dr. Plantan has taught in Political Science, International Relations and the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania. His areas of interest and expertise include Northeast Asia with a special focus on the political, economic, and foreign relations of Korea; political risk analysis, counterintelligence, the history of international relations in American higher education, and the role of universities in promoting civic engagement and democratic education. He teaches "Introduction to International Relations," "International Relations Theory and Practice," "Senior Seminar for Thesis Research," "Theory and Practice of Counterintelligence," and "Political Risk Analysis."

He is also a partner in Gotham Orient Partners, an investment advisory firm. Gotham Orient Partners organized "Hedge Korea 2012," sponsored by Korea's Financial Supervisory Commission and the Korean Capital Markets Institute. As a member of the New York Hedge Fund Roundtable he has spoken on investing in Korea and facilitated investment and joint ventures in Korea. He has most recently consulted with Kyung Hee University, Seoul Korea on the structure and development of their new Global Academy and NGO complex and the development of the World Civic Forum in conjunction with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

February 27th Meeting

Dinner Arrangements

Place: Radisson Penn Harris Hotel
Rooms Governor A and B - Hotel
Camp Hill Bypass & Erford Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

NOTE NEW START TIMES

Time: **5:30 PM:** Social Hour (Cash Bar)
6:30 PM: Sit Down Dinner
7:30 PM: Presentation w/ Q & A

Menu: Soup, Roast Pork with Apple Demiglaze, Carrot Cake

Those with special dietary needs may request a substitution when making a reservation. Remember, if you order a substitute meal to pick up a coded tag at the table and put it by your place. Alternate meals will be only chicken unless chicken is the main course – then fish will be the alternate or vegetarian, which will be Chef's choice (typically non-meat pasta).

The cost for FPA members: \$22.00.
We welcome non-members to attend dinners.
The non-member cost is: \$25.00

There is no charge for anyone to attend the program presentation only, beginning at 7:30 PM.

For Reservations Contact: Ron Pontius at:
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You can also click on the reservations link on the FPA web site: www.fpa-harrisburg.org

Notes: Reservations by telephone must be made by 10 PM on the Monday before the Thursday meeting; or if by e-mail, by 9 AM Tuesday before the meeting.

When making or canceling a dinner reservation be sure to give your complete *name, address, and phone number*. We need that information to notify you if a meeting is canceled due to inclement weather or for other reasons. If you come for dinner as a "Walk-in" without a reservation, we cannot guarantee that the hotel will be able to provide you with a meal.

NOTE: We bill "No-shows"

No-shows will be billed except when there are sufficient walk-ins to meet the reservation number given to the Radisson.

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