

Russia and North-East Asian Security & Cooperation

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Most Dynamic Subregion



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Territorial conflicts in NEA

- China-Japan- aggravated
- Russia-Japan-stable
- ROK-Japan-acute phase
- DPRK-Japan- possible
- China- Korea (unified)-possible (China-ROK)
- Russia-China- resolved, but...
- China-Mongolia?
- China's new air defense zone

Historical tensions and conflicts

- China-Japan
- Korea (North and South)-Japan
- Russia-Japan
- China-Korea –latent
- Russia-China- residual
- USA (non-regional actor) -China, Russia, DPRK)
- Taiwan issue

New Challenges in NEA

- WMD proliferation
- Drug Trafficking
- Cyber warfare
- Natural and technological disasters
- Ecology
- Migration
- Poaching

Bilateral alliances

- US-Japan
- US-ROK
- Russia-China
- China- DPRK
- 3+3 blocks?

Korean conflict

- Incompatible national strategies
- Foreign factor – historic legacy
- Nuclear factor
- US role
- China's role
- ROK President Park's Trustpolitik and the Northeast Asia Peace and Co-operation Initiative.

Russia in NEA

- Russia-Europacific power (“Turn to the East”)
- NEA- gates to Pacific
- Russia-Chinese strategic partnership
- Russia-Japan-overcoming historic legacy
- Russia-Mongolia-activization
- Russia-ROK-new Partnership
- Russia-DPRK-good neighborhood

Russia and Multilateralism in NEA

- China-Japan-ROK FTA
- 6-party talks
- Trilateral projects in Korea (Russian proposal)
- Sub-regional security system?

Solutions?

- Bilateral diplomacy
- 6 party talks- multilateral security group
- Avoidance of division lines
- Track 2 and humanitarian exchanges
- Network diplomacy
- Energy and logistic bridges

Principles of multilateralism in NEA

- UN charter principles
- Sovereignty and non-interference, territorial integrity
- Equal and indivisible security;
- Defensive military policy
- Non-subversion
- Peaceful diplomatic resolution of conflicts and compromise
- Jointly addressing new challenges
- Military cooperation not to be aimed against third parties
- Multilateral economic, social, humanitarian, cross-border cooperation

Suggestions

- Restart 6 Party talks without preconditions
- Work for improvement of Korea-Japan and China-Japan relations from both sides
- Refrain from hostile propaganda
- Promote multilateral projects (Korea)

Proposals for a New Security System in Korea

- Strictly bilateral agreements on Korea do not work
- A durable peace regime should be a **multilateral construction** - both Koreas, China, USA, Japan and Russia, (UN as supervisor?) (development of the Package deal proposal - “peace for nukes”).
- **Set of bilateral treaties** on security arrangements on Korean peninsula between all the participants of the multilateral diplomatic process.
- Each country sign legally binding agreements with the five other members
- Unified understanding of the peace regime and verification mechanisms.
- Basic principles of bilateral relations, implementation of UN charter principles in Korea, military-political arrangements, including armament sphere

“East Asian Westphalian system”

- Every participant could control the implementation of agreements by all other participants
- The existing treaties (China-DPRK mutual assistance treaty, US-ROK security treaty, Russia-DPRK and Russia-ROK etc incorporated into this structure
- Start for implementation of regional integration projects - in the future a basis for a “Northeast Asia Security and Cooperation Organization-NEASCO”.