

Green Growth in South Korea Experiences from National Development, Foreign Diplomacy, and Foreign Aid

Tuesday, 3 December 2013, 14.00-17.00
Danish Institute for International Studies
Main Auditorium
Østbanegade 117, ground floor, 2100 Copenhagen

Background

In 2008, South Korea's then President Lee Myung Bak announced Low Carbon, Green Growth as the country's new national development paradigm. The plan was positively received by the international community and made the president and South Korea a significant player in international climate change mitigation and adaptation policy circles. At the international level, his launch of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and the announcement of making Green Growth a central part of the country's foreign aid were especially praised and Denmark was one of the first countries to partner with South Korea to promote this new development agenda. However, inside South Korea criticisms against the Green Growth National Development Plan quickly mounted and five years later, the Green Growth policy's achievements and the president's legacy has been put into question. This however, has not received much attention in international policy circles.

The seminar will present findings from the experiences of Green Growth in South Korea and in South Korea's foreign aid and diplomacy with an emphasis on what narratives about South Korea's development are being told through the Green Growth concept. Furthermore, journalist Nina Trige Andersen associated with Dagbladet Information will present on her visits to South Korea where she has interviewed scholars, activists, and politicians about the largest and most controversial Green Growth project known as the Four Major Rivers Restoration project.

Speakers

[Anders Riel Müller](#) , PhD Candidate, DIIS
[Nina Trige Andersen](#), Journalist, Dagbladet Information
[Susann Schäfer](#), PhD Candidate, University of Bayreuth
[Aki Tonami](#), Researcher, NIAS

Programme

14.00-14.10: Introduction

14.10-14.30: Green Growth in South Korea: Promises, Projects and Pitfalls
[Anders Riel Müller](#) , PhD Candidate, DIIS

14.30-15.00: The Four Major Rivers Restoration Project: Viewpoints from Activists, Academics and NGO's
[Nina Trige Andersen](#), Journalist, Dagbladet Information

15.00-15.15: Coffee Break

15.15-15.45: Green Growth Boosterism

[Susann Schäfer](#), PhD Candidate, University of Bayreuth

15.45-16.15: Green Growth in South Korea's Foreign Aid: A Comparative Perspective with Japan

[Aki Tonami](#), Researcher, NIAS

16.15-17.00: Q&A

Practical Information

The seminar will be held in English.

Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. Please use our online registration form no later than Monday, 2 December 2013 at 12.00 noon.

Registration

Yes please, I would like to register for the DIIS event mentioned above:

Full Name, Organisation, and Email must be filled out. If a field is not filled out, [the form](#) cannot be sent

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