

A major new series of articles on the future of North Korea has been released by the UK Defence Forum at www.ukdf.org.uk

The series, entitled: 'Policy Alternatives for North Korea', examines the behaviour and future national trajectory of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) in a number of innovative and original ways. Through examining both the recent policy initiatives and belligerent activities of the North, alongside what is known of the actual conditions within the DPRK, the series attempts to reveal the alternative policy directions available to the regime in the coming years. The series attempts to postulate various policy alternatives available to the Kim regime which, if skilfully implemented could both secure the succession of Kim Jong Un and ensure the long term survival of the regime.

The content of the series is divided into eight distinct, but interconnected sections. Each section examines aspects of the current policy of the PDRK and the alternative directions available to it in the future. The sections are organized as follows:

1. A Grand Strategy for a Viable Future for North Korea
2. North Korea and Global Energy Security
3. North Korea and the Deepening Sino-American Relationship
4. North Korea Policy Objectives
5. North Korea's National Trajectory
6. North Korea and Islamist Terrorism
7. North Korea and Middle Eastern Nuclear Proliferation
8. North Korea and Global Economic Rebalancing

The series, which is based on the work of the U K Defence Forum which competed in the Wikistrat international grand strategy competition earlier this year, will be of interest to policymakers, analysts, academics, journalists and general readers interested in East Asian politics, global affairs and security issues.