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A strategy for peace in Korea and Ukraine: Mutual Convergent Development phase 3

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What hope is there for the future in the Korean Peninsula and the Russia-Ukraine situation?



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How do we build peace?



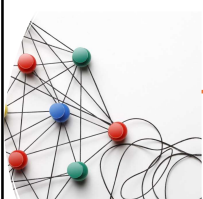
Roadmap

Trust-building process

Peaceful outcome

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Relational Proximity as first step to build trust



parity -- mutual dignity & respect
directness -- quality of communication
continuity -- time & stability.
multiplexity -- breadth of knowledge
commonality -- shared purpose & values

The Relational Lens (Cambridge University Press, 2016)

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Three necessary foundations for building trust

- Mutual **knowledge**
- Mutual **respect**
- **Values and goals** alignment



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The why and how of mutual knowledge

- **Drives** empathy
- **Built** though face-to-face meetings
- **Needs** appropriate balance of privacy, transparency and accountability



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Ways to establish mutual respect

- **Build mutual** perceptions of fairness
- **Enable** participation
- **Encourage** recognition of both rights and responsibilities



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Values and goals alignment

- **Vital** to build non-coercive cooperation
- **Enables** organisations and societies to work peacefully and effectively
- **Implicit** in all models of economic growth and social welfare



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Mutual Convergent Development process (MCD)

- Way to gain interest & support of all
- Not total integration
- Involves building shared values
- Proceeds in steps by agreement



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Phase	Ukraine Area MCD Process	Korean Peninsula MCD Process
1	Lower Dnieper/Dnipro Water, Energy, and Environment Community (LDWEEEC)	Korea Peninsula Agriculture Community (KPAC) with bilateral trade agreement
2	Common business, trade and financial area	KPEC (expansion of KPAC to all goods & economic policy alignment)
3	Social convergence	Social convergence
4	Confederation	Confederation
5	Federation of Oblasts with multiconnected neutral Ukraine.	Federation of Provinces with multiconnected neutral Korean Peninsula

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Rebuilding society in the Korean Peninsula and Ukraine

- Ensuring "right relationships" leading to
- **Personal well-being** and
- **Society where people live peacefully**



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Need for Common Cultural Vision

- **Mutual Knowledge and Respect:** cultural, sporting, and professional exchanges
- **Grassroots Connections:** exchange programs to allow mutual respect to grow at a grassroots level.
- **Shared Intermediate Goals:** shared, short-term goals to establish right relationships in all aspects of life



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Families as central & foundational institution

From "nuclear family" to "nuclear-extended family"

Defining families as multi-generational groups with a recognised role in welfare, housing, and education

Empowering families through public and private initiatives to care for children and the elderly.

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Communities (Urban and Rural)



Family-friendly ownership and rental properties



Local empowerment & devolution for local priorities



Rural regeneration for community revitalisation



Relationally considerate urban planning

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Core Principles for Social Convergence

Prioritise	"bottom-up" approach
Focus	on a "Relational framework"
Empower	local communities
Build	a shared identity and vision

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The current situation: Korean Peninsula de facto partition of 1945 to 1948 slightly adjusted in 1953



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Families in the Korean Peninsula

North Korea – state control & narrow definition of family

South Korea

- shrinking family size & declining birth rates
- centralisation of resources & loneliness culture

Relational – redefine the family from the traditional nuclear model to a "nuclear-extended family"

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Urban & rural communities in N & S Korea.

North Korea

- **State control** over free movement
- Top-down state monopoly over nurturing citizens

South Korea

- **Significant** urbanization
- Centralisation of power and resources in Seoul

Relational

- Revitalize rural areas & local employment opportunities
- **"Relationally considerate"** urban planning

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Cultural exchanges across Korean Peninsula

- **Current challenges**
 - North Korea's resistance to "Korean Wave" (Hallyu)
 - South Korea's new identity without traditional roots
 - Diverging identities
- **Relational exchanges to build common vision**
 - Exchange programmes at grassroots level
 - Joint projects

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The emerging situation in Ukraine: de facto partition



Based on the lines of contact and areas of control at the time that an armistice comes into effect

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Families in Ukraine

Broader societal and cultural factors

Impact of the conflict

Relational "nuclear-extended" families

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Urban and Rural Communities in Ukraine

Urban and rural communities – differently advantageous

Direct effects of the conflict

Broader societal and cultural challenges

Decentralisation: shift of responsibilities to local

Rise of "online communities"

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Cultural Exchanges

- **Culture as a instrument of resistance and identity**
 - Language issues in Ukraine and Russian-controlled areas
 - Church conflict between UOC & OCU
 - The of cultural diplomacy **Versus ...**
- **Relational approach allowing for local cultural diversity**
 - sporting events, cultural and professional exchanges
 - Building mutual knowledge and respect at grassroots
 - Creating a common vision



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Taking the Agenda Forward

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Phase 4
confederal
arrangement
between the NW
and SE

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