

## **SNUAC Brown Bag Seminar Series, Spring 2022**

### **The Juche City of Pyongyang under the Power of Marketization**

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Pyongyang is actively involved in the theatre of dramatic action taking place on the Korean peninsula. This presentation will discuss how the rapid transitions between political epochs from early history to nowadays have influenced the urban planning and development of Pyongyang. Even though the North Koreans with the support of some East European countries have made every effort to create the ideal socialist city, Pyongyang nonetheless has inherited many features of urban planning and architecture from the kingdom and colonial periods. However, dynamic marketization, beginning as a response to the economic crisis of the mid-1990s, has instigated a metamorphosis transforming Pyongyang into a post-socialist city before our eyes.

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