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Sommario/riassunto

This book presents a comprehensive overview of political and economic developments as well as security issues in the Korean Peninsula during 2008-2020 from a Russian perspective. The authors offer a rich analysis of domestic affairs in both Korean states and the international situation they act in. The book's first section, Diverging Development Paths, analyzes the evolution of North and South Korea in the early twenty-first century. The next section, The Nuclear Challenge, assesses Seoul's and Pyongyang's foreign policy options within ever-changing domestic and international circumstances - under the looming nuclear shadow. The final section, Partnering with Russia, presents an unprecedented first-hand account of Seoul's and Pyongyang's dealings with Moscow. The book provides a unique account with expertise from Russia, one of the four states directly involved in Korean affairs, providing insights on domestic and diplomatic decision-making of the two Korean states and international efforts to resolve the nuclear issue. Anatoly Torkunov has served as rector of MGIMO University, Russia, since 1992. In 2008, he became full member of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Prof. Torkunov is the author and co-author of more than 200 scientific works, including 12 monographs. He is an expert in international relations, regional subsystems (in the Asia-Pacific region and Northeast Asia), the recent history of Korea, and the history of diplomacy. Georgy Toloraya is Honorary Director of the Center of Russian Strategy in Asia at the Institute of Economics of the Russian Academy of Sciences. He is a former diplomat and a scholar with decades-long experience on Asian and global issues. He served in Asia, including North and South Korea, collaborated with a number of Russian and international academic institutes and universities (including IMEMO, Brookings Institution, MGIMO, Higher School of Economics), and published 10 books and numerous articles on Asian affairs and global governance issues with specific interest on Korean affairs. Ilya Dyachkov has been teaching Korean and Korean Studies at MGIMO University, Russia. His research focuses on security in Northeast Asia, the Korean nuclear problem, inter-Korean cooperation, collective memory issues, and Russo-Korean relations. He authored over 60 works on Asia and Korea-related topics in Russian, English, and Korean.
