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DETERRENCE: [Ending Nuclear Threat via a Northeast Asia Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone](#), Peter Hayes, NAPSNet Special Reports, January 06, 2015

Hayes describes how nuclear threat is woven into inter-state relations in the Northeast Asian region, and the case for reducing and ending such threats against non-nuclear weapons states. He then outlines how a regional nuclear weapons-free zone could bring about an end to such nuclear threats, including from North Korea.

- [Considerations Bearing on a Possible Retraction of The American Nuclear Umbrella Over the ROK](#), Patrick Morgan, prepared for Nautilus Institute, June 21, 2009, published by National Committee on North Korea, Washington DC, in October 2009
 - [Regions That Say No: Precedents and Precursors for Denuclearizing Northeast Asia](#), Michael Hamel-Green, East Asia Nuclear Security Workshop, Tokyo, November 2011
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- [*Comprehensive Study Of The Question Of Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones In All Its Aspects*](#), Special report of the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament , UN Doc. A/10027/Add. 1, New York, 1975 [PDF, 4MB]
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[Obama: North Korea is bound to collapse](#), Yonhap. (27 January 2015)

North Korea says it would like to better relations with the South and the United States as well as to pursue a parallel strategy of developing the economy and nuclear weapons. However, North Korea also attempts to compel talks for development while intimating threats. Such occurrences are the clearest case that North Korea underestimates how poor nuclear weapons are at compellence and attracting investment. Nuclear weapons are also hugely expensive and divert limited funds from North Korea's conventional force which forms the bulk of its deterrence.

- [North Korea issues call for unification with South – or else](#). JC Finley, UPI. (26 January 2015)
 - [North Korea raises prospect of detaining South Koreans at complex](#). Ju-min Park, Reuters. (27 January 2015)
 - [Here's why I'm dying to invest in North Korea](#). Jim Rogers, Business Insider (26 January 2015)
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GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: [Strikes by taxi drivers spread across China](#), Andrew Jacobs, New York Times (14 January 2015)

Ride-sharing app Uber is facing troubles in Asia, as taxi drivers across China have gone on strike to protest use of the app and the ROK government is taking legal action against the company and the government has banned its use. The ROK did approve a Korean company's taxi app however, on the grounds that it uses official registered taxis only. Other apps using only registered taxis are forming alliances to push back against Uber's competition.

- [South Korea takes legal action against Uber](#), Reuters (24 December 2014)
- [While Uber is banned, Kakao Taxi gets green light in South Korea](#), Daniel Tay, Tech in Asia (13

January 2015)

- [Ride-hailing startups discuss global taxi alliance against Uber](#), Johana Byuihan, Buzzfeed (12 January 2015)



CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: [How are Climate Change Concerns Addressed by Spatial Plans?](#) An Evaluation Framework and an Application to Indian Cities, Parveen Kumar, Davide Geneletti, *Land Use Policy*, vol. 42, pp. 210-226 (2015)

Addressing climate change issues requires different response actions at various spatial scales. However, the incorporation of climate change issues in the form of agreements, frameworks and climate policies has tended to focus on international and national scales but lacking at local levels. The spatial policies at local levels, although not directly linked to climate change, if implemented effectively may become a viable policy instrument to mitigate and adapt to climate change issues.

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- [LSE Urban Age: Spatial Planning one of Few Clear Solutions for Climate Change](#), Alia Dharssi, *Global Urbanist* (20 November 2014)

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