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**Governance in Asia: *A North Korean Notion of Good Governance?***

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### ***Speaking points:***

- **Introduction: A North Korean Notion of Good Governance?**
- **A political culture based on: Confucianism, Shamanism, Buddhism + isolation, division, and communist rhetoric...**
- **What is *Juche*?**
- **A Western/ ( i.e. perceived Universal) notion of Good Governance.**
- **The point of comparison: The Republic of Korea (until 1997)**
- **Democracy and dictatorship in East Asia: worlds apart?**
- **Reform by Stealth or “Change without Change”**

### **Actual ongoing reforms:**

- **The general reorientation.**
- **New laws and regulations.**
- **Markets and market economy**
- **International cooperation.**
- **The new “cadres”**
- **Changes in the agricultural sector.**

**The European position: a response to words or to deeds?**