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Chinese-North Korean Relations in the Kim Jong-un Era

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Adam Cathcart is Lecturer in Chinese History at the University of Leeds. His research interests are Chinese-North Korean relations, Chinese responses to Japanese war crimes, and cultural exchange more broadly in Northeast Asia during the Cold War. He is the founder and chief editor of Sino-NK, an online academic resource which focuses on the borderlands and history of Chinese-Korean interactions, and is serving as Guest Editor for the British Association of Korean Studies Papers. Dr. Cathcart has previously held academic posts in Seattle, Chengdu, and Belfast, and earned his Ph.D. in contemporary history from Ohio University in 2005.

He is presently finishing a short book on contemporary Chinese-North Korean relations for Palgrave Macmillan, and is at work on a larger project (co-authored with Chuck Kraus) which uses PRC archives to explore Sino-Korean borderland interactions from 1945-1958. He holds a bachelor's degree in cello performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music, has experience performing works by Chinese contemporary composers, and has arranged and performed North Korean music for various audiences in Berlin and China. He is a member of Professor Heonik Kwon's "Beyond the Korean War" Project, and will present related research on wartime captured North Korean documents (under the tutelage of Bruce Cumings) at the Association for Asian Studies annual meeting in March.

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