The University of Cambridge Department of East Asian Studies is pleased to announce the following lecture in its series of East Asian seminars.

This seminar starts at 5:00PM and will take place in Rooms 8 & 9 in the Faculty of Asian & Middle Eastern Studies (formerly Oriental Studies), Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DA, unless otherwise indicated.

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North Korea-Breaking the Deadlock-A Different Approach
Lord Alton of Liverpool, KCMCO, KCSG
Monday, 31st January 2011, Rooms 8 and 9, 5:00p.m

Lord David Alton is a life peer and cross bench member of the House of Lords. He has had a long and distinguished career in British politics, first elected in 1979 to the House of Commons as a Liberal Party MP for a Liverpool constituency, becoming at that point the youngest Member of Parliament on a record political swing. He was his Party’s spokesman on Home Affairs, Northern Ireland, Overseas Development and the Environment, and served as Chief Whip, Chairman of the Party’s Policy Committee and President of the National League of Young Liberals. In 1997 he stood down from the House of Commons, and from party politics, and was nominated by the Prime Minister, Sir John Major, to the House of Lords, where he sits as an Independent Life Peer, speaking regularly on human rights and religious liberty issues. In 1997 he was appointed as Professor of Citizenship at Liverpool John Moores University and established the hugely successful Roscoe Foundation for Citizenship. Over the past seven years he has been actively involved in promoting dialogue with the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), especially on the critical issue of human rights. Following his first visit to the DPRK in 2003 he formed the All Party Parliamentary Group on North Korea and was elected Chairman with Baroness Cox. Since then, he has published three reports, based on a series of visits to the DPRK (the most recent in October 2010) arguing for “constructive, critical engagement” and the linkage of security and human rights issues. He is a prolific author, having written no fewer than ten books, as well a series of reports on human rights conditions in a number of countries. Those addressing the situation in the DPRK can be found here:

North Korea report: 2010:

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