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Can We Trust North Korea's Kim Jung Un?

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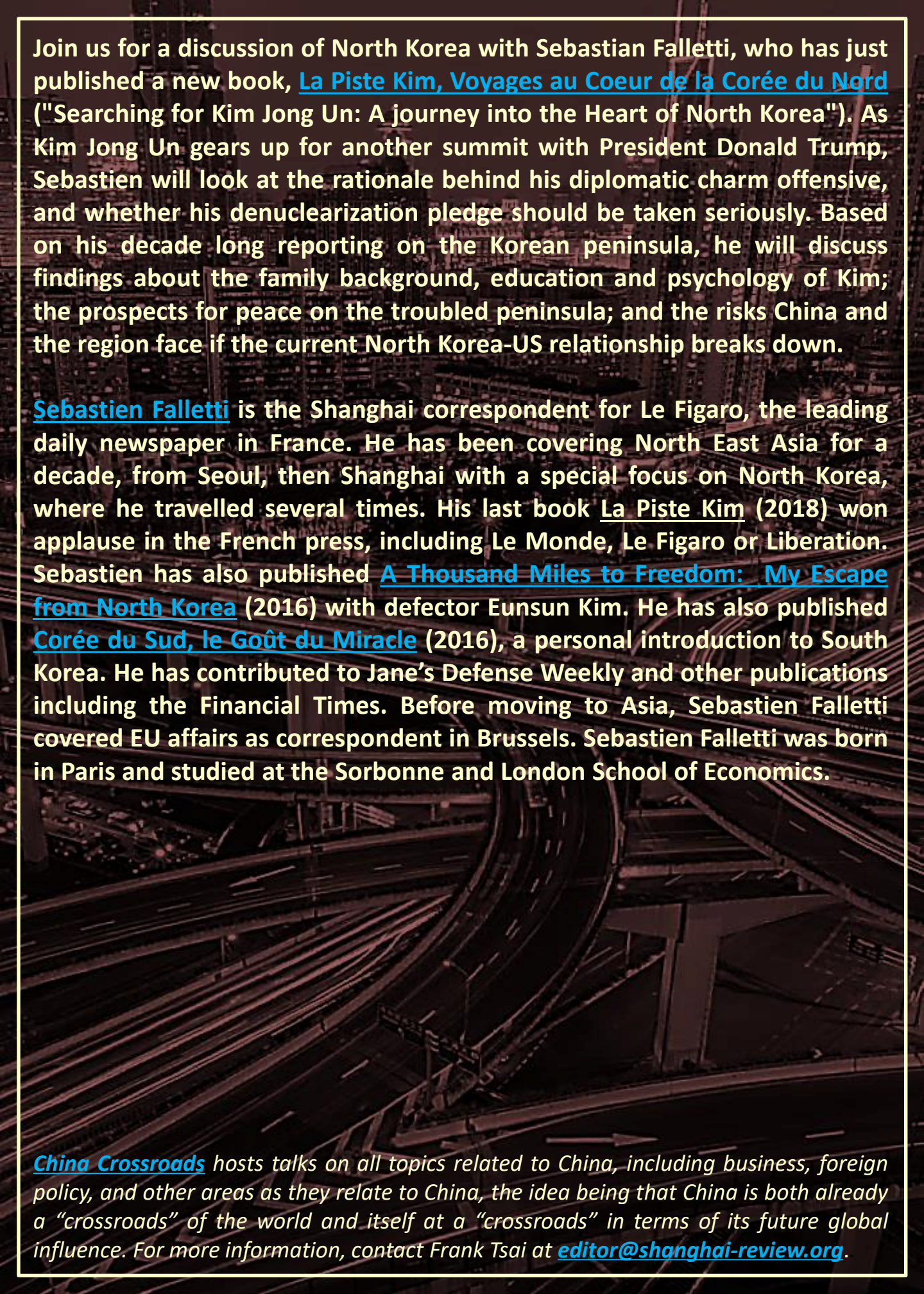


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Join us for a discussion of North Korea with Sebastian Falletti, who has just published a new book, [La Piste Kim, Voyages au Coeur de la Corée du Nord](#) ("Searching for Kim Jong Un: A journey into the Heart of North Korea"). As Kim Jong Un gears up for another summit with President Donald Trump, Sebastien will look at the rationale behind his diplomatic charm offensive, and whether his denuclearization pledge should be taken seriously. Based on his decade long reporting on the Korean peninsula, he will discuss findings about the family background, education and psychology of Kim; the prospects for peace on the troubled peninsula; and the risks China and the region face if the current North Korea-US relationship breaks down.

[Sebastien Falletti](#) is the Shanghai correspondent for Le Figaro, the leading daily newspaper in France. He has been covering North East Asia for a decade, from Seoul, then Shanghai with a special focus on North Korea, where he travelled several times. His last book [La Piste Kim](#) (2018) won applause in the French press, including Le Monde, Le Figaro or Liberation. Sebastien has also published [A Thousand Miles to Freedom: My Escape from North Korea](#) (2016) with defector Eunsun Kim. He has also published [Corée du Sud, le Goût du Miracle](#) (2016), a personal introduction to South Korea. He has contributed to Jane's Defense Weekly and other publications including the Financial Times. Before moving to Asia, Sebastien Falletti covered EU affairs as correspondent in Brussels. Sebastien Falletti was born in Paris and studied at the Sorbonne and London School of Economics.

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