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### **Centre for International Relations (CIR) Hosts Guest Lecture on Human Security of North Korean Refugees in China**

The Centre for International Relations (CIR) at the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) hosted Dr. Jinah Kwon from the University of Sheffield, UK, for an online guest lecture titled “Human Security of Refugees: Case Study of Korean Refugees in China”. Dr. Kwon, a political sociologist and distinguished expert in international relations, provided a comprehensive analysis of the multifaceted challenges faced by North Korean refugees, with a particular focus on women. The presentation delved into the political, social, and economic factors that shape the experiences of North Korean refugees in China. Dr. Kwon’s talk highlighted the critical plight of the refugees and underscored the necessity of protecting their fundamental rights and dignity.

Following the presentation, an interactive question-and-answer session was held, wherein students participated with enthusiasm. This session fostered a discussion, enhancing students’ understanding of the issues surrounding the human security of refugees. Ms. Shazana Andrabi concluded the event by expressing a vote of thanks to Dr. Kwon for her thought-provoking presentation and to the students for their participation. This lecture is part of CIR’s ongoing lecture series, which aims to promote critical learning through interactive exchanges on global issues and provide students of International Relations with valuable opportunities to learn from leading experts in various fields.