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Finding My Framework for Peace



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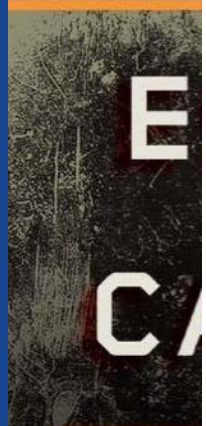
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While the Biden administration’s first Indo-Pacific tour and successful military cost-sharing agreement with Seoul may have assuaged immediate concerns for heightened tensions between Washington and Seoul, President Joe Biden and South Korea’s President Moon Jae-in are set to clash on how best to tackle the North Korea issue. In particular, Biden’s review of U.S. policy on North Korea is set to include human rights—an issue that Moon believes will stymie efforts to engage with Pyongyang. Although both Biden and Moon advocate for inter-Korean peace, their definition of peace and how to achieve it couldn’t be more different.

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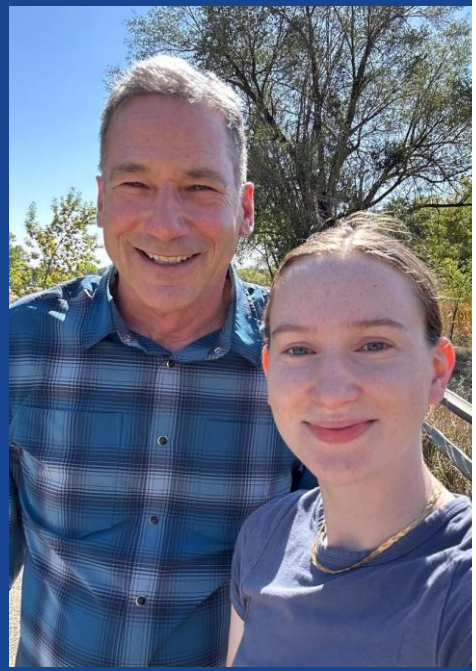
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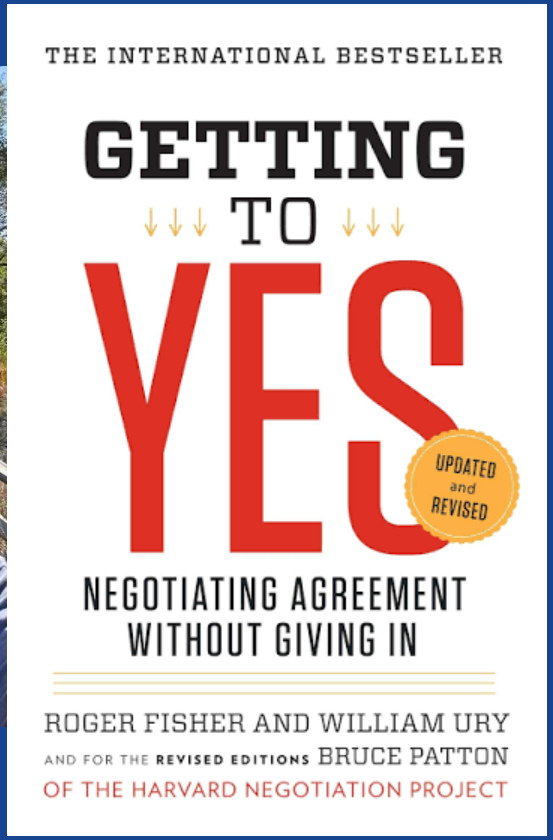






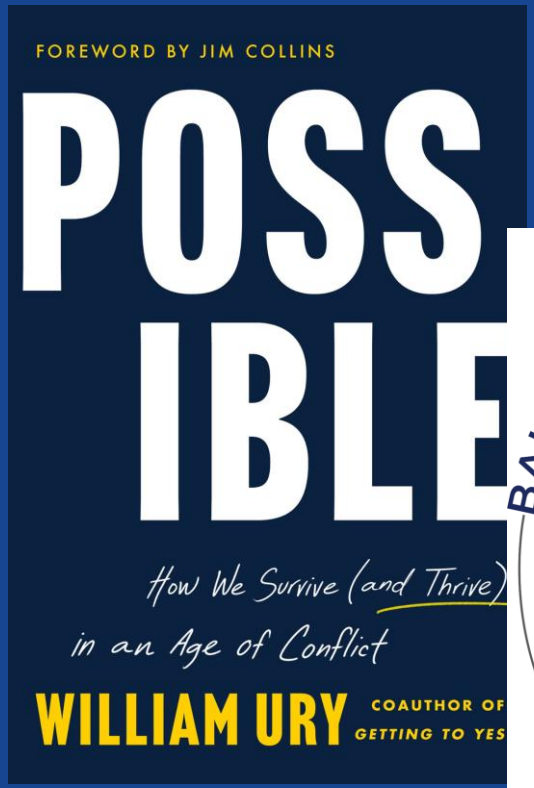
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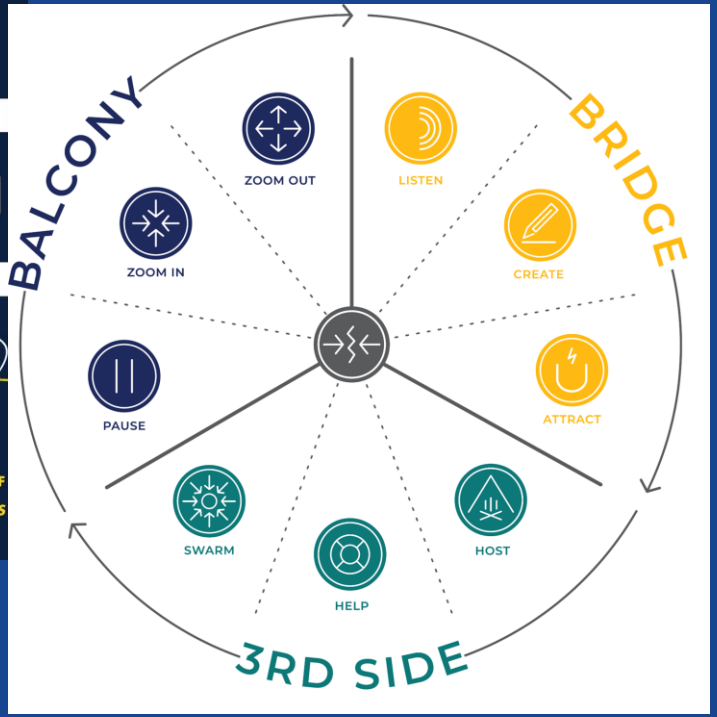


In 2022, I began to work as a research assistant for Dr. William Ury.

I began to work on a variety of conflicts: US-China, Russia-Ukraine, Colombia, North Korea and even climate cha



Possibilism: outside of "optimism" or "pessimism" - if there's a possibility for peace, we should work for it!



BB3: Balcony Bridge, and Third Side

A useful framework for all conflicts, small and large

Finding My Own Framework: 2025



In 2025, I moved to Korea for a U.S. State Department Fulbright Grant.

I taught English to high-school boys in rural South Korea.

My challenge: how does peace fit in my life now?

What Peace Has Begun to Mean...

Patterns Underlying Conflict	What is Needed?
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Exclusion	*Inclusion*
Inequality	*Equality*
Lack of empathy	*Strategy empathy*
Humiliation	*Graciousness*
Pride or "Inability to back out"	*A bridge*

The Journey Continues!





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