

Five University Conference 2023

Grand Transformation and New Principles of International Relations

Organizer: Korea University

(Graduate School of International Studies & Ilmin International Relations Institute)

Co-organizer: Chey Institute of International Studies

Date: December 15 (Friday)-16 (Saturday)

- Welcome Dinner: December 14 (Thursday)
- 5 Univ. Conference (Session 1, 2, 3, & Graduate Session): December 15 (Friday)
- 5 Univ. Conference (Session 4-Public Session, Session 5): December 16 (Saturday)

Venue

- December 15: Korea University, <International Studies Hall> Room 115
- December 16: Grand Walker Hill, <Wavehill> Room Agora
- Hotel: Somerset Palace Seoul

Session Topics

Day 1 (December 15)

- Session 1. Global Security and International Politics
- Session 2. Resetting Bilateral Relations in East Asia
- Session 3. [Special Session] Rethinking the Principles of International Relations
- Graduate Sessions I, II, III
- Poster Session

Day 2 (December 16)

- Session 4. [Public Session] New Regional Order in East Asia and the Korean Peninsula
- Session 5. Towards a New Economic Governance

Program & Schedule

Day 0. December 14

Welcome Dinner (18:30-20:30)

Venue: Il Forno (1F, Somerset Palace)

Day 1. December 15

Venue: Korea University, <International Studies Hall> Room 115

** Hotel pick-up at 08:00*

Opening Session (09:00-09:15)

Opening Remarks

Welcoming Remarks

- Dongwon Kim (President, Korea University)
- Jung-Sun Han (Dean, Graduate School of International Studies)

Session 1. Global Security and International Politics (09:15-10:45)

Global security and international politics are witnessing significant transformation driven by new geopolitics. The ongoing conflict in Ukraine underscores the heightened tensions between Russia and the West. Meanwhile, a renewed surge of tensions has emerged between Israel and Palestine in the Middle East. In Asia, the Indo-Pacific strategy, primarily led by the US, India, Australia, and Japan, aims to secure a free and open region, acting as a counterbalance to China's increasing influence and assertive actions in the South China Sea and beyond. The US continues to play a crucial role in this dynamic landscape, balancing its obligations in Europe and the Middle East while also focusing on the Indo-Pacific to address China's growing influence. This has led to a complex web of alliances, partnerships, and rivalries, with nations recalibrating their strategies to safeguard their interests and maintain stability in a rapidly changing international order.

Moderator: Kiichi Fujiwara (University of Tokyo)

Speakers:

- Dong Sun Lee (Korea University)
- Peter Trubowitz (London School of Economics and Political Science)
- Qi Haotian (Peking University)
- Ryo Sahashi (University of Tokyo)
- Kanti Bajpai (National University of Singapore)

Coffee Break (10:45-11:00)

Session 2. Resetting Bilateral Relations in East Asia (11:00-12:30)

In the contemporary geopolitical landscape of East Asia, there exists a pronounced inclination towards reconfiguring bilateral relations, a development embedded within a multifaceted international context. The Korean Peninsula epitomizes this complexity; inter-Korean relations remain ensnared in historical antecedents, while the dynamics across the Taiwan strait are increasingly taut, attributable to Beijing's assertive diplomacy juxtaposed against Taipei's aspirations for wider international legitimation. The Indo-Pacific strategy, championed by pivotal democracies including the United States, emerges as an endeavor to enshrine a rules-based regional architecture, frequently interpreted as a counterbalance to China's growing regional influence. In parallel, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), in its pursuit of sustaining regional integrity and amplifying its centrality, is adeptly navigating the multifarious interests of its member states. These evolving paradigms necessitate a scholarly re-assessment and recalibration of bilateral engagements, suggesting the inauguration of a nuanced epoch in East Asian diplomatic studies and inter-state cooperation.

Moderator: Danny Quah (National University of Singapore)

Speakers:

- Sung-han Kim (Korea University)
- Naima Green-Riley (Princeton University)
- Gui Yongtao (Peking University)
- Takako Hikotani (Gakushuin University)
- Selina Ho (National University of Singapore)

Lunch (12:30-14:00)

Venue: Sudang Faculty House 2F

* Group Photo

Session 3. [Special Session] Rethinking the Principles of International Relations (14:00-15:30)

Amid the evolving dynamics of geopolitics and geoeconomics, precipitated by US-China competition and the conflict in Ukraine, international governance is confronted with significant challenges. The traditional tenets of the liberal international order appear to be diminishing, giving rise to distinct groupings: the Global West, East, and South. This raises critical questions: Can a unified principle of international governance still be established? What criteria should inform the re-establishment of such governance principles? Drawing upon the "Princeton Principles: Reimagining the World Order," this session will engage in a rigorous examination of the future trajectory of international governance.

Moderator/Presenter: John Ikenberry (Princeton University)

Panels:

- Dong Jung Kim (Korea University)
- Zhang Qingmin (Peking University)
- Kiichi Fujiwara (University of Tokyo)
- Yuen Foong Khong (National University of Singapore)

Coffee Break (15:30-15:45)

Graduate Student Sessions I, II, III & Poster Session (15:45-17:30)

* See attached program for Graduate Student Sessions and Poster session.

Dinner (18:00-20:00)

Venue: Sudang Faculty House 2F

** Depart to hotel at 20:00*

Day 2. December 16 (Saturday)

Venue: Grand Walker Hill, <Wavehill> Room Agora

** Hotel pick-up at 08:00*

Session 4. [Public Session] New Regional Order in East Asia and the Korean Peninsula (9:00-11:00)

In the face of regional and global geopolitical transitions, South Korea is recalibrating its strategic postures on multiple fronts. Central to Seoul's approach is the US-Korea alliance, which remains a foundational pillar of its security framework, underpinned by shared democratic values and strategic interests. Concurrently, the trilateral partnership of US-Japan-Korea has gained prominence, fostering collaboration for regional stability, with North Korea's denuclearization at the forefront. Amidst these alignments, South Korea is also keen on resetting its relations with China, aiming for a balance between its economic interests and geopolitical loyalties. The Indo-Pacific partnership further highlights Seoul's commitment to a free, open, and inclusive regional order. As North Korea's nuclear ambitions persist, South Korea underscores the need for a robust extended deterrence mechanism in the region, ensuring the security of its territory and its neighbors. Together, these strategies reflect South Korea's multifaceted approach to navigate the shifting sands of the contemporary geopolitical landscape.

Welcoming Address: In-kook Park (President, Chey Institute for Advanced Studies)

Moderator: Jae-Seung Lee (Korea University)

Speakers:

- Sung-han Kim (Korea University)
- John Ikenberry (Princeton University)

- Jia Qingguo (Peking University)
- Hideaki Shiroyama (University of Tokyo)
- Yongwook Ryu (National University of Singapore)

Coffee Break (11:00-11:15)

Session 5. Towards a New Economic Governance (11:15-12:45)

The evolving landscape of global economic governance is reshaping the strategies of the US and Asia. Amidst the ongoing supply chain restructuring, the intense competition between the US and China is reshaping economic interactions and priorities. This, combined with the diminishing influence of existing WTO regulations, is prompting a reevaluation of international trade protocols. Concurrently, the heightened strategic importance of semiconductors and batteries in the technological era underscores Asia's critical contribution to the global economy. These elements collectively highlight the continent's centrality in the reconfiguration of global economic structures and practices.

Moderator: Peter Trubowitz (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Speakers:

- Sijeong Lim (Korea University)
- Michael Mastanduno (Dartmouth University)
- Dong Zhaohua (Peking University)
- Keisuke Iida (University of Tokyo)
- Danny Quah (National University of Singapore)

Wrap-up (12:45-13:00)

Lunch (13:00-)

* *Depart to hotel at 14:00 (tentative)*

**Graduate Student Sessions I, II, III & Poster Session
(15:45-17:30, December 15)**

Graduate Student Session I (International Studies Hall, Room 115)

Moderator: Naima Green-Riley (Princeton University)

Panels:

- Andrea Eliassen (Korea University)
“A Dragon in the High North: Norwegian and Icelandic Arctic Strategy and the Nordic Struggle for Foreign Policy Coordination regarding China”
- Richard Yarrow (Princeton University)
“Could China’s Globalization Lead to a Charisma Trap?”
- Zhu Lingling (Peking University)
“Dangerous Stories: A Multi-level Analysis of Biden Administration’s Competitive Narrative Toward China”
- Wenzhong Byron Chong (National University of Singapore)
“Doklam and Galwan: Understanding India's Foreign Policy Responses to China”

Discussants: Dong Jung Kim (Korea University), Yongwook Ryu (National University of Singapore)

Graduate Student Session II (International Studies Hall, Room 218)

Moderator: Selina Ho (National University of Singapore)

Panels:

- Charlotte Fitzek (Princeton University)
“Heterogenous Reliability Shocks: How Institutions Shaped Hedging Strategies during the Trump Administration”
- Elizabeth Bachman (Princeton University)
“Perspectives on Global Order: China’s ‘Global Initiatives’”
- Li Sining (Peking University)
“Supply Chain Resilience and the Belt and Road Initiative: A Comprehensive Analysis”
- Mon Madoitsu (University of Tokyo)
“Why Does a Country Engage in a Remote Area? Exploring Continuity and Discontinuity in Postwar British Security Policies in the Pacific”

Discussants: Peter Trubowitz (London School of Economics and Political Science), Kil Joo Ban (Korea University)

Graduate Student Session III (International Studies Hall, Room 219)

Moderator: Sijeong Lim (Korea University)

Panels:

- Seon Woo Yoon (Korea University)
“Enhancing the Philippines’ National Image through Digital Public Diplomacy”
- Yeojoo Jeon (University of Tokyo)
“Democratization and History Wars: Evidence in South Korea”
- Bich Tran (National University of Singapore)
“Middle-Power Grand Strategy: The Case of Vietnam”

Discussant: Sunwoo Paek (Korea University)

Poster Session (International Studies Hall 1F)