

# 2024 Brussels Indo-Pacific Dialogue

Event | Stanhope Hotel, Brussels | 30 January 2024 (09:00 – 17:00)



## CONCEPT

The Indo-Pacific has become the centre-stage of the changing global economic and strategic dynamic, with direct implications for Europe's security and prosperity. Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine and its growing alignment with China has revealed the deep interconnection between the Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific security theatres, bringing the two regions ever closer together. How to face the rising challenge of authoritarian regimes while upholding a free, open and rules-based global order? What are the main economic and security concerns of European and Asian partners in navigating the mounting US- China strategic rivalry? What are the diplomatic, political and practical avenues for a constructive European engagement in the Indo-Pacific and to what effect?

The Brussels Indo-Pacific Dialogue provides a unique platform for high-level experts and policymakers to discuss Europe's role in the Indo-Pacific and bring the Indo-Pacific security debate to the European capital. After a [successful inaugural conference in November 2022](#), the second edition will take stock of and build up on recent developments, comparing perspectives from across the Atlantic, East, South and Southeast Asia and look at prospects for Europe's most effective contribution to regional security.

The Dialogue is convened by the [Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy \(CSDS\)](#) of the Brussels School of Governance (BSoG), which has established itself as a leading reference for informing academic and policy debates on the Indo-Pacific in Brussels through its [Japan Chair](#) and [Korea Chair](#), as well as with its European Research Council (ERC) project '[Europe in US-China rivalry](#)' (SINATRA) and '[Bridging Allies](#)' initiative.

## PROGRAMME

### Public event

09:00 – 09:30 REGISTRATION

09:30 – 09:35 **WELCOME REMARKS**

**Luis Simón**

Director, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy, BSoG-VUB

09:35 – 09:45 **OPENING REMARKS**

**Karel De Gucht**

President, Brussels School of Governance, VUB

09:45 – 11:00 **PUBLIC PANEL – THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND THE FUTURE OF THE RULES-BASED GLOBAL ORDER**

Moderator

**Luis Simón**

Director, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy, BSoG-VUB

Speakers

**Enrique Mora**

Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs / Political Director,  
European External Action Service

**Maki Kobayashi**

Director-General for Public Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

**Anit Mukherjee**

Senior Lecturer, India Institute, King's College London

**Kristi Raik**

Deputy Director, Head of Foreign Policy Programme,  
International Centre for Defence and Security, Estonia

11:00 – 11:15 BREAK

11:15 – 12:30 **PUBLIC PANEL – EUROPE AND THE FUTURE OF ALLIANCES IN THE INDO-PACIFIC**

Moderator

**Daniel Fiott**

Head, Defence & Statecraft Programme,  
Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy, BSoG-VUB

Speakers

**Krisztian Meszaros**

Director, Partnership and Global Affairs Directorate, Political Affairs and Security Policy  
Division, NATO

**Chiyuki Aoi**

Director, Strategic Communications, Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo

**Caroline Millar**

Ambassador of Australia to the EU, NATO, Belgium and Luxembourg

**Charles Edel**

Senior Adviser and Australia Chair, Center for Strategic and International Studies

12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 15:15 **PUBLIC PANEL – ECONOMIC SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY**

Moderator

**Ramon Pacheco Pardo**

KF-VUB Korea Chair, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy, BSoG-VUB

Speakers

**Han-koo Yeo**

Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics and Former Minister for Trade of the Republic of Korea (2021-2022)

**Cheng Ting-Fang**

Chief Tech Correspondent, Nikkei Asia

**Maria Martin-Prat**

Deputy Director-General, DG Trade, European Commission

**Alan Chong**

Senior Fellow, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) Singapore

**Roy Chun Lee**

Representative, Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium

15:15 – 15:30 BREAK

15:30 – 16:30 **PUBLIC DISCUSSION – THE SPIRIT OF CAMP DAVID: CONTRIBUTION TO REGIONAL STABILITY**

Moderator

**Eva Pejsova**

Japan Chair, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy, BSoG-VUB

Speakers

**Masahiro Mikami**

Ambassador, Embassy of Japan to the Kingdom of Belgium and Mission to NATO

**Jeonghyun Ryu**

Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Korea to the Kingdom of Belgium and the European Union and Permanent Mission to NATO

**Robert G. Bell**

Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy, BSoG-VUB

16:30 – 17:00 **CLOSING KEYNOTE**

**Alexander De Croo**

Prime Minister of Belgium

17:00 **EVENT END**