

Potential for Trilateral Trade and Economic Security Cooperation Among the EU, Korea and United States

2024 Seminar

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CONCEPT

The global trade and economic environment is becoming increasingly fragmented due to deglobalisation, growing protectionism and onshoring and friendshoring. These trends have only been hastened by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. In this context, issues such as a growing focus on economic security, the rebirth of industrial policy or the growing salience of digital trade, climate change and green growth are becoming more central to the global economy and trade. These changes have heightened the need for trade and economic security cooperation among the European Union (EU), Korea and the United States. Pre-existing paradigms do not hold anymore.

To this end, the KF-VUB Korea Chair at the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) and the Korea Economic Institute (KEI) are organising an event on 11 June 2024 in Brussels for a discussion with former senior officials and experts on the policies necessary to address the changing trade and economic security environment.

PROGRAMME

- 09:00 – 09:30 REGISTRATION
- 09:30 – 09:45 **OPENING REMARKS**
Ramon Pacheco Pardo
KF-VUB Korea Chair, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy, VUB
Siwook Lee
President, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)
Scott Snyder
President and CEO, Korea Economic Institute (KEI)
- 09:45 – 10:00 **OPENING ADDRESSES**
Joanna Szychowska
Director of Asia (1), DG Trade, European Commission
Jiyeon Lee
Minister-Counsellor for Economic Affairs, Embassy of the Republic of Korea to the Kingdom of Belgium and the EU
- 10:00 – 10:15 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Karel de Gucht
President, Brussels School of Governance, VUB, and former European Trade Commissioner
- 10:15 – 11:15 **PANEL 1 – THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF TRILATERAL COOPERATION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE**
Speakers
Michael Beeman
Visiting Scholar, Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, Stanford University, Mayer Brown, and Assistant US for Japan, Korea and APEC, Office of the US Trade Representative (2017-23)
Seokyoung Choi
Senior Advisor, Lee & Ko, and Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea in Geneva (2012-15)
Moderator
Ramon Pacheco Pardo
KF-VUB Korea Chair, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB
- 11:15 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 11:15 – 12:30 **PANEL 2 – TRILATERAL COOPERATION IN THE QUEST FOR ECONOMIC SECURITY**
Speakers
Antonio Calcara
Professor, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB
Sunghun Cho
Research Fellow, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)
Troy Stangarone
Senior Director and Fellow, Korea Economic Institute (KEI)
Moderator
To be announced*
- 12:30 – 14:00 STANDING LUNCH
- 14:00 **END**

* to be confirmed