

The Korean Peninsula in Strategic Competition

Indo-Pacific and Euro-Atlantic
Perspectives

Event | 20 Oct 2025 | 13:30 – 16:10 |
Venue: The Sejong Institute, (03143) 6F, 25
Yulgok-ro 2-gil, Jongno-gu, Seoul



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CONCEPT

How does the Korean Peninsula matter for European and Indo-Pacific security? This workshop seeks to analyse how the Korean Peninsula fits into broader cross-regional (i.e., Indo-Pacific and Euro-Atlantic) strategic debates. The workshop will ponder how intra-regional and cross-regional calculations may impinge on how certain actors – such as the United States, Australia, Japan or Europe – may approach the Korean Peninsula both in peacetime (deterrence) and wartime. The focus will be on a scoping exercise, with the purpose of the analysis being to identify key trade-offs and dilemmas, and thus lay the groundwork for further work on how Korea-related developments may impinge on regional and global security.

PROGRAMME

Private event

Welcome coffee

13:30 – 13:40

Welcome remarks

Kim Hyun-Wook

President, Sejong Institute

Luis Simón

Director, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

13:40 – 14:40

Panel I – U.S. Responses to a Korean Peninsula Contingency

Moderator

Luis Simón

Director, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

Speaker

Jung H. Pak

Distinguished Associate Fellow, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

Discussant

Shin Beomchul

Principal Fellow, Sejong Institute

Jo Bee Yun

Research Fellow, Sejong Institute

14:40 – 14:50

Coffee break

14:50 – 16:00

Panel II – European and Indo-Pacific Responses to a Korean Peninsula Contingency

Moderator

Jung H. Pak

Distinguished Associate Fellow, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

Speakers

Ugo Astuto

Ambassador of the EU to the Republic of Korea

Daniel Fiott

Head, Defence and Statecraft, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

Tongfi Kim

Assistant Professor, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

Discussants

Kim Jungsup

Principal Fellow, Sejong Institute

Lee Sungwon

Research Fellow, Sejong Institute

16:00 – 16:10

Closing remarks

Luis Simón

Director, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

Kim Hyun-Wook

President, Sejong Institute

16:10

End