

EU-Korea Security Relations

16 OCTOBER 2018

PALAZZO RONDININI
VIA DEL CORSO, 518 – ROME
H. 10:15 – H. 17:00

The evolving security environment on the Korean Peninsula, including efforts by Republic of Korea (ROK) President Moon Jae-in to foster the inter-Korean dialogue, provides new opportunities for Brussels and Seoul to boost ties. In 2010, the ROK and the EU upgraded their relations to a Strategic Partnership and in 2014 the two partners signed a Framework Participation Agreement - ratified by Seoul in December 2016 - facilitating South Korea's participation in EU missions and operations, making the ROK the first and only Asian state to have a formal security cooperation arrangement with the EU.

The conference examines EU-Korea security relations in four key policy areas selected for their potential to deepen and broaden the EU-ROK strategic partnership. The aim is to contribute to the debate on how best to promote security cooperation between Brussels and Seoul in light of recent developments on the Korean peninsula, including discussion of the role of the EU and its Member States in supporting the North-South dialogue.

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AGENDA

10:00-10:15

WELCOME COFFEE AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

10:15-10:30

WELCOME ADDRESS AND CONFERENCE INTRODUCTION

Chair

Nicola Casarini, Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Opening remarks

Nathalie Tocci, Director, IAI Rome and Special Adviser to EU HRVP Federica Mogherini for the implementation of the EU Global Strategy

Manlio Di Stefano, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome (*invited*)

10:30-11:30

FIRST SESSION

Preventive Diplomacy and Crisis Management

Chair

Riccardo Alcaro, Research coordinator and Head of the Global Actors programme, IAI, Rome

Panel

Hae-won Jun, Professor, Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Seoul

Michael Reiterer, Adjunct Professor, Innsbruck University and Ambassador of the European Union in Korea

Open debate

11:30-12:30

SECOND SESSION

Cybersecurity and Data-protection

Chair

Lorenzo Mariani, Korea Foundation Fellow, IAI, Rome

Panel

Ji Soo Lee, Lecturer, Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University, Seoul

George Christou, Professor of European Politics and Security, Warwick University

Open debate

12:30-13:45

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13:45-14:45

THIRD SESSION

Space Policy and Space Technology

Chair

Jean-Pierre Darnis, Scientific advisor and Head of the "Tech-IR" Programme, IAI, Rome

Panel

Yung-jin Jung, Research Fellow, Korean Space Agency, South Korea

Isabelle Sourbés-Verger, Head of Research, Centre Alexandre Koyré, EHESS, Paris

Open debate

14:45-15:45

FOURTH SESSION

Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament

Chair

Ettore Greco, Executive Vice-President, IAI, Rome

Panel

Jina Kim, Research Fellow, Korea Institute for Defense Analyses, Seoul

Ramon Pacheco Pardo, Reader in International Relations, King's College London, and KF-VUB Korea Chair, Brussels

Open debate

15:45-16:00

COFFEE BREAK

16:00-17:00

FINAL ROUNDTABLE

North-South Dialogue and EU-ROK Relations

Chair

Ferdinando Nelli Feroci, President, IAI, Rome

Panel

Jina Kim, Research Fellow, Korea Institute for Defense Analyses, Seoul

Michael Reiterer, Adjunct Professor, Innsbruck University and Ambassador of the European Union in Korea

Giorgio Aliberti, Head of Unit North East Asia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome

Thomas Christiansen, Professor and Chair in European Institutional Politics, Maastricht University and Visiting Professor, LUISS, Rome

Nicola Casarini, Senior Fellow for Asia, IAI, Rome