



KISA 18th Annual Convention
October 30, 2026
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies—Graduate School Building

Diplomatic and Security Challenges in an Era of Shocks to the Global System

08:30 – 08:45	Registration
08:45 – 09:00 BRICS Teleconf. Room	Welcome/Opening remarks: <i>Mason Richey, KISA President; Kim Chanwhan, GSLAS Dean; Christoph Heuser, FES Resident Representative</i>
09:00 – 10:15 BRICS Teleconf. Room	Keynote: The Turning World: Five Hinge Points in Global Politics <i>Dan Smith: Senior Fellow, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research; Visiting Professor, University of Nagasaki; former Director, SIPRI</i>
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 12:00	Parallel Sessions 1-3
Parallel Session 1: North Korea and the Changing Regional Security Environment Chair: <i>Erwin Tan, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies</i>	
BRICS Teleconf. Room	What Does China Really Think About North Korea's Nuclear Weapons? <i>Joel Peter Atkinson, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies</i> North Korea's Evolving Power Portfolio in a Changing Strategic Environment <i>Gabriela Bernal, European Centre for North Korean Studies</i> Analysis of Russia–North Korea Relations since 2022 and Their Implications for Regional Security <i>Nika Pasko, Hanyang University</i> The Role of Sanctions Relief in the Denuclearization Process: Implications for the Korean Peninsula <i>Man Fung Yeung, Tamkang University</i>
Parallel Session 2: Security, Alliances, and Political Contestation in East Asia Chair: <i>Jevon Dixon, Swedish Defence University</i>	
Room 507 GSB	Restrained but Undeterred: US Commitment and Unification by Force in the ROK and ROC in the 1960s <i>Benjamin A. Engel, Dankook University</i> Foreign Nuclear Deployment as Alliance Commitment: Effects on Host-State Defense Expenditure <i>Hyejoon Joseph Kim, Texas A&M University</i> Beyond the Independence–Unification Divide: A Latent Class Analysis of National Security Attitudes in Taiwan <i>Christian Schafferer, Overseas Chinese University</i> Pragmatic with Japan, Punitive at Home: Historical Accountability under Lee Jae-myung <i>Joseph Yi, Hanyang University</i>
Parallel Session 3: International Order, Hierarchy, and Middle Powers Chair: <i>Iryna Shalaginova, EWha Womans University</i>	



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Hierarchy Life Cycles and the Second State Dilemma

Daniel Connolly, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies/Alexander M. Hynd, University of Melbourne

Searching for A Liberal International Order (LIO) 3.0

Brendan Howe, EWha Womans University

Donald Trump and the End of the International Rules-based Order?

Boris Kondoch, Far East University

12:00 – 13:10

Lunch (venue TBA)

13:10 – 14:20

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Plenary Session 1: Harnessing Responsible AI: Building International Law and Shared Norms

Moderation: *Iryna Shalaginova, EWha Womans University, KISA Secretariat*

Boris Kondoch, Far East University

H.E. Eva-Marie Russek, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Korea

Jack Minty, Digital Trade and Technology Counselor, Embassy of the United Kingdom

Leif-Eric Easley, EWha Womans University

14:20 – 14:30

Coffee Break

14:30 – 15:30

Parallel Sessions – 4-7

Parallel Session 4: Technology, Cybersecurity, and Artificial Intelligence

Chair: *tba*

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The Future Is Now: Implications of Non-Aligned Artificial Intelligence for Democratic Politics

Lonnie Edge, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

AI Factories and an Absent Institution: Corporate Visibility and Governance Discourse at APEC 2025

Mbus Mbock Masse Melvin, Pusan National University

Productive Lawfare and the Two-Tier Digital Economy: Pax Silica, Fintech Governance, and the Resilience Gap in the Philippines

Paolo C. Cansino, De La Salle University

Parallel Session 5: Energy, Climate, Environment

Chair: *tba*

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From Traditional Energy Security to New Resource Diplomacy: Japan's Middle East Engagement amid Geopolitical Shocks and Decarbonization

Yajing Liu, Keio University

Geopolitics, Failed State, and the Rare Earth Contest: Transboundary Toxic Contamination in Northern Thailand's Kok River

Steve Chan, Keimyung University

The Majority World's Climate Adaptation and the Future of Development Cooperation: Preliminary Findings from a Systematic Review of the WoS Core Collection 2015–2026

Yunjeong Yang, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies



Parallel Session 6: Contemporary Issues in International Political Economy and Development Economics

Chair: *tba*

Room 508 GSB	Navigating the New Trade Order: A Modified Two-Level Game Theory Analysis of the Ramifications of CPTPP Membership for South Korea. <i>Karen See, EWha Womans University</i>
	Democracy Deficit in OIC Countries: Oil Curse or Islamic Constitutionalism? <i>Shimaa Hanafy, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies</i>
	When Religion Shapes Redistribution: Islamic Economic Provisions and Income Inequality <i>Moamen Gouda, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies</i>

Parallel Session 7: Digital Geopolitics International and Domestic

Chair: *tba*

Room 509 GSB	Contesting the State and Reproducing its Narratives: Russian Maritime Narratives in Milblogger Discourse <i>Jevon Dixon, Swedish Defence University</i>
	Consequences for Citizens and Forms of Resistance to Digital Authoritarianism as a Non-Traditional Security Threat <i>Aksaule Sandybay, Hanyang University</i>
	Economic Distress, Digital Access, and Civic Engagement in Africa: Evidence from Afrobarometer Round 10 <i>Ji Hye Song, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies</i>

15:30 – 15:40	Coffee Break
15:40 – 16:45	Plenary Session 2: The Rightward Shift in Europe: Potential Impacts on Europe's Relations with East Asia
BRICS Teleconf. Room	Moderation: <i>tba</i> <i>Ohn Daewon, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies</i> <i>Sebastien Falletti, Le Figaro (Seoul correspondent)</i> <i>Michael Reiterer, University of Brussels (CSDS)</i> <i>tba</i>
16:45 – 16:50	Break
16:50 – 18:00	Parallel Sessions 8-11

Parallel Session 8: Security Interdependence: Critical Minerals, Chokepoints, and Complex Supply Chains

Chair: *tba*

BRICS Teleconf. Room	The Contested Seabed: Offshore Wind, Critical-Mineral Dependence, and Maritime Security in an Era of Systemic Shocks <i>Peter Jaegeul Song, Korea Environment Institute (KEI)</i>
	De-Weaponizing Interdependence: Supply- and Demand-Side De-Risking after the 2026 Hormuz Crisis <i>Ahrum Yoo, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies</i>



Who Governs the Green Transition? Producer-Consumer Divides in Critical Mineral Supply Chain Governance
Shayala Rai, EWha Womans University

Parallel Session 9: State Recognition and Advancement in a Disordered World

Chair: *tba*

Room 507 GSB Crisis and Legitimacy – Interconnected Phenomena?

Jost Schulz, Kiel University

North Korea and International Intergovernmental Organizations

Damien P. Horigan, UMGC Okinawa

The ‘Other’ Middle Powers

Erwin Tan, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

Parallel Session 10: Status, Strategy, and Political Economy in the Indo-Pacific

Chair: *tba*

Room 508 GSB Strategic Self-Hatred? Why States Depreciate Their Own Territory

Dylan Motin, Seoul National University

Victimhood and Status Seeking in the Indo-Pacific

Claudia Junghyun Kim, City University of Hong Kong

K-Space and the Adaptive Developmental State: The Political Economy of South Korea’s Space Program

Thomas Kalinowski, EWha Womans University

Parallel Session 11: Development, Human Capital, and the Global South

Chair: *tba*

Room 509 GSB The ASEAN Puzzle: Why Foreign Aid and Governance Quality Do Not Translate into Lower Inequality

Pyae Nandar Aung, EWha Womans University

Challenges and Workarounds for Transnational Activists from the Global South Engaging with the UN, with Special Reference to the Role of AI

Chloe Simons, EWha Womans University

Beyond Employment: The Portability of Refugee Human Capital through KOICA’s Livelihood Programming

Fatima Alkhadire, EWha Womans University

18:00 – 18:15 Concluding Remarks

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18:15 Dinner (to be confirmed)

Venue location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/JYRQ6cc86rp6Yqts8>

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