

EU-Korea convergence and partnerships 10 years after the EU-ROK FTA, in the post Covid era and within the US-China trade war

Asia Centre is delighted to host a distinguished panel to discuss the current status of EU and Republic of Korea partnerships, relations and cooperation on multilateral issues and focused sectors of mutual interest.

Please find some of the papers of the authors-speakers on the following pages.

KEYNOTE:

- **Lukas MANDL** (chairman of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the Korean Peninsula)

CHAIRS:

- **André DE BUSSY** (former French diplomat, former Head of G20 and G7 protocol, Boulogne municipal councilor, territorial advisor, and member of Asia Centre)
- **Jean-François DI MEGLIO** (President of Asia Centre)

SPEAKERS :

Panel 1 : The points of convergence within the analysis of post Covid international relations

- **Maximilian MAYER** (University of Bonn) : introduction
- **Antoine BONDAZ** (FRS, SciencesPo): "The Covid-19 pandemic as a great opportunity for greater EU-Korea coordination and cooperation"
- **Nicola CASARINI** (Istituto Affari Internazionali): « EU-Korea strategic partnership ten years after. Opportunities, and challenges, in the age of Covid and mounting US-China tensions »
- **Paul ANDRE** (SciencesPo): « Is Korea on the threshold of the G7? Strategic opportunities and challenges ahead in the perspective of an enlarged G7 »
- **Jean-François DI MEGLIO** (President of Asia Centre): « The European Union's Restrictive Measures against North Korea: a medium term view, beyond the current difficulties. Looking at solutions beyond the deadlock ».

Transition: Elisabeth Suh (SWP): « Certain uncertainty – the cyber challenge posed by Pyongyang »

Panel 2 : Future opportunities of EU-ROK cooperation in specific areas of competence and excellence

- **Ramon PACHECO-PARDO** (King's College): « Reassessment of the goals intended and achieved through the EU-ROK FTA »
- **Tereza NOVOTNA** (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow): « What EU-ROK Partnership within the US-China Conflict? »
- **Brigitte DEKKER** (Clingendael Institute): « EU-ROK digital connectivity: United, we must stand. The implications of China's techno-nationalism for the European Union and the Republic of Korea ». (paper co-written with **Maaïke OKANO-HEIJMANS**)
- **Rafal SMO CZYNSKI** (Polish Academy of Sciences): « The status of Korean soft power in Europe » (paper co-written with **Eriks VARPAHOVSKIS**, NRU Higher School of Economics)