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OVERVIEW

Achieving Balanced Growth in Asia and the World for Sustainable Development: The Role of Think Tanks

As the global economy remains fragile, advanced and developing economies are still struggling to cope with social and political instability. The success of populist movements, such as the election of Donald Trump as the US President, the surge of nationalism in Asia or the Vote Leave Campaign, highlights the need to reshape international integration and resolve increasing social division. The change of administration in the US has created uncertainty over future policy on security and trade. Geopolitical risk in Asia and the Middle East could be heightened as a result. 2017 also has a busy electoral calendar, with general elections in several countries, in particular France and Germany. Anti-establishment and populist parties have been encouraged by recent results and will be seeking further successes. This trend has posed clear challenges to conventional thinking and the responses demanded by it are still a matter of contentious debate. Meanwhile, the export-driven growth model of many Asian economies has confronted rising challenges as global trade is slowing down and countries are beginning to turn inward. Economies need to cope with these changes while also tackling population aging and structural challenges.

The Global Think Tank Summit 2017 aims to focus on the major eminent issues confronting Asia and the world, and identify areas for think tanks to contribute positively to their resolution. Leading think tank representatives will explore possibilities for their organizations to promote effective policy-making that address the premier issues facing our societies, including widening inequality, social instability, growing opposition to open trade, decelerating economic growth, environmental degradation, and the political consequences of each of these. Our goal is to develop sustainable and inclusive solutions to these most pressing issues and contribute to public discourse to overcome the divisions that have opened up within and across countries.
# AGENDA

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## 2 MAY 2017, TUESDAY

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<td><strong>THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS FOR GROWTH, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Naoyuki Yoshino</em> Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute; Professor Emeritus, Keio University&lt;br&gt;<em>James McGann</em> Director, Think Tank and Civil Societies Program, The Lauder Institute, University Pennsylvania</td>
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### SESSION 1: CHALLENGES TO GLOBALIZATION

Political opposition and economic headwinds have created a growing pushback against globalization in recent years and the new US administration will raise further questions for international security and trade. How should policy-makers respond to these developments and what can think tanks do to promote stable international relations and open trading systems?

**Session Chair:** Oh-Seok Hyun  
Chair Professor of KNDA, Former Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Strategy and Finance in Korea

**Speakers:**
- **Adam Posen** President, Peterson Institute for International Economics  
  • Beyond Speaking Truth to Power
- **Guntram Wolff** Director, Bruegel
- **Tadashi Maeda** CEO, Executive Managing Director, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)  
  • Environment Surrounding Asian Economy

**Q&A Session**

### 11:15 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

### 11:30 – 12:45 SESSION 2: THINK TANKS AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE AGE OF POPULISM

With the rise of populist movements around the globe, think tanks and civil society are confronting renewed challenges in their relationship and interaction with broader society. Continuing the theme of previous summits, this session will discuss the causes behind nationalist and populist sentiments and potential responses to address them.

**Session Chair:** Waltraut Ritter  
Principal, Knowledge Dialogues

**Speakers:**
- **Bruce Jones** Vice President, Brookings Institute  
  • What Role Does Foreign Policy Play in Populist Movements, and What Role Can Think Tanks Play in Response?
- **Paolo Magri** Executive Vice President and Director, Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI)  
  • Europe’s Populistic Challenge and Lessons from Italy
- **Michael Broening** Head of Department, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung  
  • Europe’s Populistic Challenge and Lessons from Germany

**Q&A Session**

### 12:45 – 14:00 PHOTO SESSION AND LUNCH

Lunch at La Vela, 2nd floor, InterContinental Yokohama Grand Hotel
14:00 – 15:15  SESSION 3: DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Population aging is accelerating in many countries around the world. It brings with it challenges such as lower economic growth and increased government spending on health and pensions. Policy makers must decide on which structural reforms to enact and which strategies to pursue to counter the effect of population aging and maintain economic growth. Countries that have accepted large numbers of immigrants have faced increasing tensions and social instability. This session analyses how governments can manage labor mobility in order to drive innovation and growth while lessening social tensions.

Session Chair: Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria  Senior Policy Fellow, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

Speakers:

Paul Gruenwald  Managing Director, Chief Economist, S&P Global
  •  Asia Growing Old, Asia Getting Rich, And What It Means For The Global Savings Glut

Tetsuya Inoue  Chief Researcher and General Manager, Nomura Research Institute
  •  Population Aging, Economic Growth and Financial Intermediation - Implications from Japan’s Experience

Lakshmi Boojoo  Director, Competitiveness Research Center

15:15 – 15:40  COFFEE BREAK

15:40 – 17:00  SESSION 4: POVERTY, INEQUALITY AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Inequality has emerged as a major political issue in many countries. The economic challenge is to ensure that the gains from growth are shared equitably rather than benefiting only a small subset of the population. The economic, social and moral arguments for greater inclusivity remain compelling. This session will address how this can be achieved, with an emphasis on the role of women and young people in tackling this challenge.

Session Chair: Naohiro Kitano  Director, JICA Research Institute, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Brian Arbogast  Director, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
  •  Water, Sanitation & Hygiene to Address Poverty, Inequality, and Inclusive Growth

Niels Caszo  President, AIESEC International
  •  Young People and Inclusive Growth

Amit Kapoor  Honorary Chairman, Institute for Competitiveness
  •  GDP is not Destiny: Social Progress and Inclusion in a Changing World

Q&A Session
SESSION 5: INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, ENERGY AND FOOD SECURITY

The global geopolitical landscape is in flux. The outcome of the US election has created uncertainty over the future role of the US in international security and balance of power. In Asia and elsewhere, regional conflicts arising from historical and territorial issues persist and are joined by newly emerging threats including energy security, cyberspace and terrorism. The session aims to identify key security issues confronting the world and examine the possibilities for regional cooperation and collaboration.

Session Chair: Marlos Lima Executive Director of Latin American Center for Public Policy, FGV

Speakers:

- Thomas Gomart Director, French Institute of International Relations (IFRI)
  - The Transformation of the Strategic Triangle - China, United States and Russia

- Koichi Ai Director, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA)
  - East Asia's Security Environment and Risks

- Kiumars Javidnia Director, Institute for Political and International Studies(IPIS)

Emerging New World Order: What International Community Should Do

Q&A Session

18:30 – 20:30 DINNER

Silk and Pearl Banquet Rooms, 1st floor, InterContinental Yokohama Grand Hotel
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8:30 – 9:50  SESSION 6: INNOVATION FOR THINK TANKS
Think tanks play an important role in informing debate and influencing policy makers. It is important that innovations are made in think tank governance in order for their impact to be magnified further. This session benefits from the diversity of experience present at this event and seeks to promote constructive dialogue between participants.

Session Chair: Christopher Hartwell President, Center for Social and Economic Research

Speakers:
Aaron Shull Chief Operating Officer, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)
• Innovating for Impact: Think Tanks as Purveyors of Trust in a Digital World
Debra Eisenman Executive Director, Asia Society Policy Institute
• Innovation and Influence through Inclusion: Strategic Engagement with New Platforms, Persons, and Avenues for Public Debate
Hui Yao Wang President, Center for China and Globalization (CCG)

Q&A Session

10:00 – 11:00  OPINION SHAPERS’ PANEL DISCUSSION:
Overcoming Obstacles to Sustainable Growth in Asia
Asian countries have been for many decades among the most successful in growing their economies. Rising debt and struggling export-based strategies have brought the continuation of this trend into question however. China’s slowdown and growing concerns about less-than-robust emerging economies will plague the world economy and impact on commodity market and other asset prices. This session analyses the challenges facing economies in Asia and discusses the future of Asian growth.

Points of Discussion: Slowdown of potential growth; Challenges to the open trade and investment regime; Inclusiveness in society

Session Chair: Naoyuki Yoshino Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute

Speakers:
Takehiko Nakao President, Asian Development Bank
Yu Yongding Senior Fellow, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Shamshad Akhtar Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

Q&A Session

11:00 – 11:15  COFFEE BREAK
BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Think Tank Relations and Networks: As the world of politics and economics continues to change, think tanks play an increasingly important role as sources of knowledge and forums for exchange in civil society. As mediators of public discourse they facilitate and contribute to discussions on the issues of our time. This session will discuss the evolving role of think tanks and their networks in global society: partnerships in Asia and worldwide.

Session Chair: James McGann Director, Think Tank and Civil Societies Program, The Lauder Institute, University Pennsylvania

Speakers:
Syed Munir Khasru Chairman, The Institute for Policy, Advocacy, and Governance (IPAG)
  • Networking in Changing Times: Opportunities & Challenges for the Think Tanks
Ramil Iskandarli Chairman, Legal Analysis and Research Public Union
  • Think Tanks and Civil Society Organizations: Forums for Exchange in Central Asia

BREAKOUT SESSION 2

High quality Infrastructure and sustainable growth:
Infrastructure is a key issue in economies worldwide and particularly within Asia. While the public sector often plays a central role in the provision of infrastructure, the private sector can make an important contribution in management of infrastructure projects. This session explores the potential and challenges of infrastructure projects including public-private partnerships in Asia and worldwide.

Session Chair: Norio Yamamoto President, Global Infrastructure Fund Research Foundation

Speakers:
Benjamin Diokno Secretary, Department of Budget and Management, Philippines
Kiyoshi Kodera Senior Research Associate, Overseas Development Institute ( Former Executive Secretary of the Development Committee of the World Bank and the IMF)
  • Bricks and Dollars: Improving Public Investment in Infrastructure
Jin Yu President, China Region Development & Reform Institute
  • Beyond the Geopolitical Thinking, Focus on Connectivity of Infrastructure
### BREAKOUT SESSION 3

**Technological Evolution and Productivity Growth:** As technology continues to evolve, economies and societies are confronted with a variety of challenges and opportunities that have the potential to revolutionize the way we think about work and production. Technology plays a central role in productivity growth and as such is a topic of high relevance for both emerging market economies and advanced economies. This session will explore the technological changes that have taken place over the past decades, their impact on economy and society as well as possible policy responses.

**Session Chair:** José Luis Chicoma  
Executive Director, Ethos Public Policy Lab

**Speakers:**

- **Norishige Morimoto**  
  Vice President, IBM Research & Development Japan  
  - Future Work in Cognitive Era

- **Khee Giap Tan**  
  Co-Director, Asia Competitiveness Institute, LKYS  
  - Capital Endowment, Technology and Productivity Growth: An Empirical Study on Singapore

- **Gui Ying Cao**  
  Senior Scientist, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis  
  - Ascertain the Trends of Labor in the Fourth Industrial Revolution

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| 16:00 – 18:50 | DINNER CRUISE (OPTIONAL)      |
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