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Preliminary Agenda

Sunday, October 7, 2018

6:30 p.m. Shuttle Bus Departs for Korea House
Meeting Point: The Westin Chosun Seoul Hotel Lobby

7:00 p.m.–9:15 p.m. *Opening Reception, Dinner, and Discussion*

Korea House
10, Toegy-e-ro 36-gil
Jung-gu, Seoul, 04626

Welcoming and Opening Remarks:

Yul Sohn, *President, East Asia Institute* (South Korea)

Richard N. Haass, *President, Council on Foreign Relations* (United States)

Dinner Discussion: TBD

Monday, October 8, 2018

The Westin Chosun Seoul
106 Sogong-ro
Jung-gu Seoul, 04533

8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. *Registration and Coffee*

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. *Session One*

Denuclearizing North Korea

Guiding Questions: How should we define the denuclearization of North Korea? What is the likelihood of achieving this goal, and what are the most formidable challenges to doing so? How can those challenges be overcome? How should we assess Kim Jong-Un's underlying strategic calculations and his pursuit of diplomacy? What are the achievements and shortfalls of President Trump and President Moon's diplomacy with regards to the future of the Korean Peninsula, and what should be their next steps? What are China's interests, and what role is China likely to play as negotiations continue? How will Northeast Asian regional architecture change, assuming the denuclearization and normalization of North Korea is successful?

10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m. *Coffee Break*

10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. *Public Session*

The Asian Regional Order

Guiding Questions: What is the current state of Asia's regional architecture, and what are the chances of a regional security architecture emerging? How can existing regional and multilateral institutions and forums decrease regional tensions? How does China fit in the regional architecture? Are countries in the region beginning to reevaluate their assessment of China's intentions and what China's rise means for them? How should we assess Xi Jinping's foreign policy initiatives, principally the community of common destiny and Belt and Road Initiative? What does the Trump administration's desired regional architecture for the Indo-Pacific look like, and how divergent is it from the interests of other powers in the region? How can regional middle powers hedge against increasing tensions in the region? What policies can other major Asian powers pursue against this backdrop?

12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m. *Working Lunch on Common Challenges Think Tanks Face*

2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Session Two

Addressing Global Health Challenges in an Aging World

Guiding Questions: Which of the multitude of challenges that accompany an aging world are dependent on international cooperation to solve, and what is the role of global and regional governance in confronting them? What principles should govern private sector engagement in confronting the challenges of aging, and are there areas where the private sector should not be brought in? How can nations work together to mitigate exposure to rising health threats from multinational companies and global supply chains, such as tobacco, pollution, and unhealthy foods? How can countries cooperate to shift more research, development, and delivery of medicines from infectious disease challenges to chronic diseases? How can international institutions ensure trade agreements promote rather than restrict access to affordable medicines and assistive technologies? How can global and regional governance architectures better engage the private sector in driving the health care response and reduce the financial risks of aging?

3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m.

Coffee Break

3:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m.

Session Three

Global Governance Working Papers Discussion

4:45 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Free Time

7:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m.

Reception, Dinner, and Discussion

Dinner Discussion and Speaker: TBD

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

The Westin Chosun Seoul

106 Sogong-ro

Jung-gu Seoul, 04533

8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Registration and Coffee

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Session Four

Techno-nationalism in the age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution

Guiding Questions: What effects will the Fourth Industrial Revolution have on the future of world trade and the composition of national work forces? How can countries and international institutions avoid the resurgence of techno-nationalist competition? Is the current protectionist trend likely to continue, and, if so, what role can national governments or international institutions play to ensure it does not hinder innovation? Is China's state-led techno-nationalist pursuit sustainable? How will it affect the competitiveness of advanced industrial economies and what actions, if any, should they take? What are the implications for the developing world if techno-nationalist methods prevail, and how should countries respond?

10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

Coffee Break

10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Session Five

The Geopolitics of Energy and Environmental Management in Asia

Guiding Questions: How can the management of smart energy infrastructure and technology be better coordinated regionally and globally? Does the world need a new institution to promote sharing of clean technologies? How can the growing energy needs of developing nations be met as standards of living rise and energy access is expanded? What are the implications of Chinese infrastructure investment for the environment and energy capacity of developing economies in the region? How can emerging economies balance rapidly rising energy demand with climate and environmental concerns?

12:15 p.m.–12:45 p.m. *Closing Remarks and Wrap Up*

Speakers:

Yul Sohn, *President, East Asia Institute* (South Korea)

Richard N. Haass, *President, Council on Foreign Relations* (United States)

12:45 p.m.–2:15 p.m. *Lunch and Departure of Participants*