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Panel 1: Super and Middle Powers in an Era of Strategic Competition
9:30-11:15 am

What are the contours of superpower competition? How do middle powers interact with great powers in the 21st century? In East Asia, what options do middle powers in Asia such as Taiwan, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and other have? What lessons might we have from middle power strategies from the age of US-Soviet Cold War competition?

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1. Vinod Aggarwal and Andrew Reddie, UC Berkeley
2. Masahiro Kawai, ERINA and University of Tokyo
3. Jan Joel Andersson, Swedish Institute of International Affairs
4. Ralf Emmers, Nanyang Technical University, Singapore
5. Shinn-Shyr Wang, Hsin-hsien Wang, Wei-Feng Tzeng, and Yi-Fen Niki Chiang, National Chengchi University, Taiwan
6. Vinod Aggarwal and Melissa Carlson, UC Berkeley

Discussant: Andrew Blinkensop, UC Berkeley

11:15-11:30: Break

Panel 2: Financial Regulation
11:30 am-1:15 pm

Global financial regulation has faced dual shocks since 2008 as policy-makers have sought to address systemic risk in the financial sector as well as the rise of Chinese institutions. In this panel, we consider the following questions: How has agenda-setting related to financial regulations changed following the 2008 financial crisis? Do middle powers face a growing or shrinking role in agenda setting pertaining to financial regulation? In the panel, we consider the cases of the FSB, Basel III, G20, IMF, TPP, and the Belt and Road Initiative.

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5. Eelke Heemskerk, University of Amsterdam
6. Eleni Tsingou, Copenhagen Business School

Discussant: Jay Varellas, UC Berkeley

1:15-2:15: Lunch Break
Panel 3: Industrial Policy and Green Goods  
2:15-4:00 pm  

In both the United States and China, much effort has been paid to the development of the green economy. In this panel, we consider the efforts undertaken by governments to drive investment in “green goods.” In particular, we consider how middle powers are integrated into the “green economy” supply chains and assess their various relationships with the United States, China, and India, respectively.

Chair: Clara Park, University of Colorado, Boulder

1. Jonas Meckling, UC Berkeley  
2. James Green, Georgetown University  
3. Seung-Youn Oh, Bryn Mawr College  
4. Min Gyo Koo, Seoul National University  
5. Ishana Ratan, UC Berkeley  
6. Wen-Chieh Lee, Kuang-Ta Lo, and Shinn-Shyr Wang, National Chengchi University, Taiwan

Discussant: Niklas Lollo, UC Berkeley

4:00-4:15: Break

Panel 4: Industrial Policy, IP, Investment, and Trade Conflict  
4:15-6:00 pm  

Like the “green economy,” governments around the world have had to address the consequences—intended and unintended—of the digital economy. In the process, a large number of states have embarked on industrial policies to bolster their technology-oriented markets and in some cases have developed close relationships between the private and public sectors. In this panel, we investigate the patterns of interaction between governments and the private sector across middle powers and, as in the panel above, assess their relative reliance upon their trading partners and position in regional and global supply chains.

Chair: Seung-Youn Oh, Bryn Mawr College

1. Mark Cohen, UC Berkeley  
2. Will Hunt, UC Berkeley  
3. Robyn Klingler-Vidra, King’s College, London  
4. Clara Park, University of Colorado, Boulder  
5. Konan Chan, Wei-Yu Kuo, Wen-Chieh Lee, and Shinn-Shyr Wang, National Chengchi University, Taiwan  
6. Edward Alden, Council on Foreign Relations and Western Washington University

Discussant: Philip Rogers, UC Berkeley
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