

# KOREA-EU-NATO

## NextGen

### Next Generation Policy Expert Network

FINAL CONFERENCE - 13 DECEMBER 2024

VENUE: SALONE MARESCOTTI

Department of Arts - University of Bologna,  
Palazzo Marescotti (1st Floor), Via Barberia 4, Bologna

08.30 - 09.00 **REGISTRATION**

09.00 - 09.30 **WELCOMING REMARKS**

**ANTONIO FIORI** University of Bologna | Asia Institute

**KIM GUN HWA** Minister and Consul-General, Chargé d'Affaires Ad Interim  
Embassy of the ROK in Rome

**WOO BYUNG-KUK** The Korea Foundation, Berlin Office

MORNING SESSION

09.30 - 11.00 **PANEL 1**

**CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN KOREA-EU-NATO RELATIONS**

**Chair: NICOLA CASARINI** Asia Institute | IAI

**JINA KIM** Hankuk University of Foreign Studies  
*Navigating Trans-Regional Partnerships: Challenges and Opportunities*

**SANGSIN LEE** Korea Institute for National Unification  
*The Return of Trump and Prospects for South Korea's Independent  
Nuclear Armament*

**RAMON PACHECO PARDO** Brussels School of Governance -VUB  
*The EU and NATO have discovered South Korea: where to now?*



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11.00 – 11.15 COFFEE BREAK

11.15 – 12.30 **KEYNOTE TALK**

***THE NEXTGEN PROGRAM: THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND POLICY-MAKING***

**VICTOR CHA** Georgetown University | Center for Strategic and International Studies  
**and**

**ANTONIO FIORI** University of Bologna | Asia Institute

12.30 – 13.30 LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSION

13.30 – 15.00 **PANEL 2**

***SECURITY COOPERATION IN KOREA-EU-NATO RELATIONS***

**Chair: JINA KIM** Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

**Discussant: PIETRO DE MATTEIS** Engagements Section,  
Public Diplomacy Division, NATO

**KESTER ABBOTT** United States Studies Centre, University of Sydney  
*Would a NATO-styled nuclear sharing arrangement alleviate Seoul's security concerns?*

**RITA DURÃO** NOVA University Lisbon  
*EU-DPRK relations through the lens of identity: assessing shifts and limits towards the nuclear issue*

**CHAE KYOUN HA** University of Cambridge | ISIS Thailand  
*Renewing Partnerships: The Korean Peninsula and NATO*

15.00 – 15.15 COFFEE BREAK

15.15 – 16.45 **PANEL 3**

***NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY ISSUES IN KOREA AND EUROPE***

**Chair: MARCO MILANI** University of Bologna | Asia Institute

**Discussant: SARAH SON** University of Sheffield



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**PATRICIA CHICA MORALES** University of Malaga  
*Demographic challenges in Korea and EU countries:  
the role of gender policies to approach the fertility problem in Korea and the EU*

**NAZANIN ZADEH-CUMMINGS** University of Groningen  
*EU Policy Towards the DPRK: The Case for Supporting Engagement*

**TEODORA GYUPCHANOVA** Center For Humanitarian Dialogue  
*Enhancing ROK's WPS Agenda - avenues for cooperation with NATO and the EU*

16.45 - 17.00 COFFEE BREAK

17.00 - 18.30 **PANEL 4**  
***EVOLVING DYNAMICS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC: KOREAN AND  
EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES***

**Chair: NICOLA CASARINI** Asia Institute | IAI

**Discussant: ERIC J. BALLBACH** Freie Universität Berlin

**LORENZO TERMINE** Sapienza Università di Roma | European University Institute  
*Italy's Engagement with Indo-Pacific Security: A Compass to Navigate  
Pitfalls and Advance Interests*

**HATICE ÇELİK** Social Sciences University of Ankara  
*Exploring South Korea's Indo-Pacific Strategy: Expectations and Challenges*

**JOËL NAOKI ERNESTO CHRISTOPH** European University Institute  
*The Republic of Korea, Geoeconomic Strategy, and the Semiconductor Industry*

18.30 - 18.45 **CLOSING REMARKS**

20.00 DINNER



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