

Geoeconomics Summit 2024

- Improving Resilience through Rules-Based International Order-

Date and Time: November 1st, 2024 (Friday), 9 :30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Organizer: Institute of Geoeconomics

Language : Simultaneous Interpretation in Japanese and English

AGENDA

9:30-10:30: Keynote Speech and Discussion with IOG Director Kazuto Suzuki
(In-Person & Livestreamed)

Mr. Takeshi Niinami, President and CEO, Suntory Holdings; Chairperson, Keizai Doyukai (Japan Association of Corporate Executives)

10:40-11:50: Panel Session 1 – Semiconductors (In-Person & Livestreamed)

Moderator: **Dr. Kazuto Suzuki**, Director, Institute of Geoeconomics

Panelists:

Dr. June Park, Visiting Fellow, Middle East Council on Global Affairs, ROK

Dr. Jeremy Chih-Cheng Chang, Chief Executive Officer, Research Institute for Democracy, Society and Emerging Technology (DSET), National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), Taiwan

Dr. Peter Van Der Hoest, Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Japan

Mr. Kazumi Nishikawa, Principal Director, Trade and Economic Security Bureau, Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan

What are the strategies of different countries in the semiconductor industry? This panel will discuss areas of cooperation and competition among countries, considering the possibility of stricter regulations following the U.S. presidential election, China's aggressive push in legacy semiconductors, and the future supply and demand trends in anticipation of the spread of AI and autonomous driving.

12:00-13:30: Lunch Cocktail

14:00-15:10:

Panel Session 2A – Decarbonization and Technology (In-Person & Livestreamed)

Moderator: **Mr. Takaaki Umada**, Visiting Senior Fellow, International House of Japan

Panelists:

Ms. Sachie Ii, Sustainability Chief Strategist, Sustainable Business Promotion Department, Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

Ms. Miho Kurosaki, Vice President, Asia Pacific, Energy Impact Partners

Mr. Eytan Lenko, CEO, Boundless Earth

This panel will discuss the state of transition to decarbonization and investment in the Asian energy market, the role of policy backing in accelerating this transition, and corporate strategies. It will also touch on successful cases of technological innovation, challenges in social implementation, and scaling up, and will broadly discuss the optimal technological and economic approaches for Asia.

Panel Session 2B - EVs and Regulations (In-Person Only)

Moderator: **Dr. Hitoshi Suzuki**, Senior Research Fellow, Europe & Americas Group, Institute of Geoeconomics

Panelists:

Dr. Naoise McDonagh, Senior Lecturer (International Business), School of Business and Law, Edith Cowan University (ECU); Managing Editor, Law & Geoeconomics, Australia

Dr. Mathieu Duchâtel, Director of International Studies, Institut Montaigne, France

Dr. Kenichi Doi, Senior Research Fellow, China Group, Institute of Geoeconomics

How do countries view the imposition of tariffs on Chinese-made EVs by the U.S. and the EU due to 'overcapacity'? What are the differences and similarities with the "Voluntary Export Restraints" on Japanese cars in the 1980s? This panel will explore the fundamental reasons behind protecting domestic EV industries while promoting the green transformation, and examine the power balance between the U.S., China, and Europe.

15:10-15:30: Coffee Break

15:30-16:40:

Panel Session 3A - Multilateral Cooperation (In-Person & Livestreamed)

Moderator: **Dr. Yuichi Hosoya**, Group Head, Europe & Americas, Institute of Geoeconomics

Panelists:

Dr. James Kim, Director of Programs, Korea Economic Institute of America; Lecturer, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University, ROK

Dr. Joseph Liow, Dean, College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Dr. Mihir Sharma, Director, Centre for Economy and Growth Program, ORF, India

Dr. Osamu Nishiwaki, Assistant Commissioner of Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Agency, Japan Ministry of Defense

Amid the growing trend of unilateral actions that do not follow the rules-based international order, can the Indo-Pacific region achieve centrality through multilateral frameworks, and to what extent is such strength desirable? This panel will explore the impact of elections held in various countries and the upcoming U.S. presidential election on the future of security and economic cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, and discuss future prospects from multiple perspectives.

Panel Session 3B - Critical Minerals (In-Person Only)

Moderator: **Mr. Satoshi Yamada**, Senior Research Fellow, Economic Security Group, Institute of Geoeconomics

Panelists:

Dr. Ian Satchwell, Adjunct Professor, Sustainable Minerals Institute, The University of Queensland; Senior Fellow, Australian Strategic Policy Institute, Australia

Mr. Duane Robson, Counsellor (Natural Resources), Embassy of Canada in Japan, Canada

Mr. Takeshi Harada, Deputy Director General, Metal Strategy Department, Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (JOGMEC)

Is it possible to diversify supply chains to ensure a stable supply of critical minerals? Can countries like Australia and Canada become alternatives to China in sourcing these minerals? This panel will discuss realistic options considering the investment costs of mining and refining, as well as responses to ethical issues such as environmental impact and human rights.

16:45-17:00: Closing Remarks