

# Workshop on Strategic Trade Controls in the Asia-Pacific

Pacific Forum  
Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University  
Prospect Foundation

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Howard Plaza Hotel

## AGENDA

### Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Foreign participants arrive

18:30        **Opening dinner**  
              *3F "Spring Room"*

### Thursday, November 7, 2019

8:30        **Registration**  
              *4F CR403 Meeting Room*

9:00        **Welcome Remarks**

9:15        **Session 1: Intangible and Emerging Technology Controls**

This session will examine why intangible transfer of technology (ITT) has come to be perceived as a key challenge in recent years. How do longstanding and new ITT challenges present themselves? What challenges do new/"emerging" technologies (e.g., AI, cyber, additive printing) pose for export control implementation? What lessons have states, industry, and research scientists learned? What is the relationship between high-tech supply chain security, investment screening, and STC?

Speakers:

Rajiv Nayan  
Kolja Brockmann  
Robert Shaw  
Brian Moore

11:00        **Coffee Break**

11:15        **Session 2: Legislation on ITT; the Future of MECR and UNSCR 1540**

This session builds on the previous session by exploring how are states updating their legislation to better manage ITT. How have countries such as Malaysia and Australia tackled the ITT challenge? It then turns to the multilateral export control regimes, which help set standards for regulating the transfer of goods of proliferation concern. What are some of the challenges these regimes face today, including ITT and emerging technologies? Are the regimes able to adequately prevent proliferation? Relatedly, the Wassenaar Arrangement covers dual-use and military items, and these goods and technologies have been integrated into STC implementation. Does the inclusion of such items pose challenges to the international STC regime? Finally, now 15 years old, how do donors, implementers, and recipient countries view United Nations Security Council

Resolution 1540? What specific reforms would make UNSCR 1540 more relevant today, and are these changes feasible in 2021?

Speakers:

Ridzuan Bin Alias

Anthea Koerbin

Seema Gahlaut

12:45 **Lunch**

14:00 **Session 3: Proliferation Financing Controls**

While previous Workshops have acknowledged that export-control and proliferation-finance information are mutually reinforcing, many barriers exist to sharing information between these two domains. To what extent have states in the Asia Pacific been able to integrate counter proliferation financing methods into their STC programs? How can coordination between financial regulators and STC implementers be improved? What is the current status of North Korea's proliferation financing and proliferation networks? How should authorities and financial institutions in the Asia Pacific conduct proliferation financing risk assessments?

Speakers:

Andrea Viski

Yifang Yeg

Peiling Tsai

Hamish Macdonald

Kentaro Ide

15:45 **Coffee Break**

16:00 **Session 4: Developments in the Asia-Pacific Region**

This session will explore notable developments in the Asia-Pacific region that have an impact on strategic trade controls. It will begin by examining regional examples of sanctions and trade control evasion. It will then broach the significance of the US' recent shift to prioritizing threats in STC and US-China tensions. What notable developments have occurred in other countries' export control policies, including internal compliance protocols? What can be done to bolster regional institutions, such as ASEAN, that are involved in STC outreach in the Asia-Pacific, and can national STC programs be synchronized?

Speakers:

Bryce Barros

Mi-Yong Kim

Nolan Fahrenkopf

Kristy Tsun-Tzu Hsu

17:30 **Session Adjourns**

18:30 **Dinner**

*B2 "Lily Room"*

### **Friday, November 8, 2019**

9:00 **Session 5: Economic Benefits of STC?**

There are lingering concerns about the negative impact of STC on trade facilitation and economic growth. This session will explore how to measure the actual impact of establishing an STC system. What data sources are currently available? What new sources

could be generated? How can experiences of industry be incorporated? Are any findings on this issue from the Asia Pacific applicable to other regions of the world?

Speakers:

George Tan

Lino Arboleda

10:30

**Coffee Break**

10:45

**Session 6: Coordinating Assistance Efforts**

One weakness in STC outreach in the Asia Pacific is the presence of many donors but not enough coordination. The United States, the European Commission, Germany, and Japan have actively advanced STC outreach. South Korea and Australia conduct outreach on a case-by-case basis, as do Singapore and Malaysia. Do these providers all share a common set of priorities? Is there duplication of effort? Are there successful examples of coordination in other international outreach/capacity-building domains, or in the STC domain but in different regions? How may the funders' experience and priorities differ from those of implementers?

Speakers:

Hisashi Riko

Insun Lee

Mohamed Shahabar Abdul Kareem

Phillip Loosli

Jack Wei-Feng Hung

12:15

**Wrap-up and next steps**

12:30

**Lunch**

13:30

**Meeting Adjourns**