

ISAS-KAS Workshop

THE IPEF AND THE CONTOURS OF ECONOMIC SECURITY IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

1 March 2024 | Kitano Hotel, Tokyo

PROGRAMME

9.30am – 10.00am **Registration and Tea/Coffee**
Location: Hirakawa Meeting Room (3F)

Opening Session

10.00 am – 10.10am **Welcome Remarks**
Iqbal Singh Sevea, Director, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore (NUS)

10.10 am –10.20am **Welcome Remarks**
Rabea Brauer, Country Representative and Director, Regional Economic Programme Asia, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Japan Office (KAS Japan)

10.20am – 10.30am **Context Setting**
Amitendu Palit, Senior Research Fellow and Research Lead (Trade & Economics), ISAS-NUS

Session I: The IPEF and Regional Economic Security – Supply Chains

10.30am – 11:15pm Moderated by **Amitendu Palit**, ISAS-NUS

With five IPEF members – Japan, India, Fiji, Singapore and the United States (US) – having deposited their instruments of ratification, the IPEF Supply Chain Agreement came into force from 24 February 2024. More members will ratify the agreement soon. The agreement focuses on identifying critical sectors and industries and safeguarding their supply chains. The session will identify these industries from a regional perspective and discuss whether the IPEF’s supply chain rules will be effective in preventing supply disruptions in these sectors.

Lead Comments By: **Professor Peter Draper**, Institute for International Trade, University of Adelaide; **Jayant Menon**, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore; **Bipul Chattopadhyay**, CUTS International, India; **Priyanka Kishore**, Asia Decoded, Singapore (3-4 minutes each)

11.15 am –11.45am Tea and Coffee Break

Session 2: The IPEF and Regional Economic Security – Clean Economy

11.45am – 12.45pm Moderated by **Amitendu Palit**, ISAS-NUS

The IPEF negotiations on clean economy were substantially concluded in November 2023. The agreement is expected to be signed in the coming months. The rules will aim to advance regional cooperation in deploying clean energy technology, promote carbon markets, reduce barriers on cross-border trade of low-emissions goods and services and promote sustainable transport. The first

Investor Forum for mobilising funds for these goals will be held by mid-2024. The discussions will focus on whether the outcomes decided so far will be able to address the broader objectives.

Lead Comments by: **Mia Mikic**, Waikato University, New Zealand; **Siwage Dharma Negara**, ISEAS-Yusuf Ishak Institute, Singapore; **Francis Mark Quimba**, Philippines Institute for Development Studies, Philippines; **Linh Tran**, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Vietnam; (3-4 minutes each)

12.45pm – 2.00pm Lunch Break
Location: Anchor Point

Session 3: Political Developments and their Impact on the IPEF

2.00pm – 3.00pm Moderated by **Iqbal Singh Sevea**, ISAS-NUS

There are concerns over whether the US administration's commitment to leading the IPEF in the event of a change in government in the US. Similarly, outcomes of national elections in major IPEF members such as Indonesia and India in 2024, and Japan and Australia in 2025, can impact the IPEF's implementation prospects. Furthermore, politically sensitive regional developments, such as those involving Taiwan, the Korean peninsula, the South China sea and ASEAN, can influence rulemaking by the IPEF. The discussion will aim to understand the impact of these various political developments on the Indo-Pacific and the IPEF.

Lead Comments By: **Stephen Olson**, Pacific Forum International, US; **Markus Wagner**, University of Wollongong, Australia; **Stephen Nagy**, International Christian University, Tokyo; **Fabrizio Bozzato**, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan (3-4 minutes each)

3.00pm – 3.30pm Tea and Coffee Break

Session 4: Engaging with the Indo-Pacific and the IPEF

3.30pm – 4.30pm Moderated by **Rabea Brauer/ Cristita Marie Perez**, KAS Japan

Since its inception, the IPEF has advanced briskly in making regional rules for three of its core pillars. As the rules take effect, extra-regional states and frameworks will explore possibilities for closer engagement with the IPEF. The EU's response would be noteworthy in this regard, along with those members from the G20 and APEC that are currently not in IPEF. The IPEF can also encourage closer specific co-operation issue-based among its members. The discussions will try to identify the interests and hesitations of the extra-regional actors and IPEF members in this regard.

Lead Comments By: **Filippo Fasulo**, Italian Institute for International Political Studies, Italy; **Françoise Nicolas**, French Institute of International Relations, France; **Choongjae Cho**, Korea Institute for Institute for International Economic Policy, Korea (3-4 minutes each).

Concluding Session

4.30pm – 4.45pm Wrapping Up and Discussing the Next Steps

4.45pm – 5.00pm Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks

6.00pm onward **Dinner**
Location: Kitaohji Akasaka Saryo

About the Speakers *(in alphabetical order)*

Dr Fabrizio Bozzato is a political analyst focusing on Indo-Pacific dynamics. He earned his MAs in International Relations from the University of Milan (Italy) and the University of Tasmania (Australia) respectively, and received his PhD in Political Science from Tamkang University in Taipei. He is a Senior Research Fellow at the Ocean Policy Research Institute of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation in Tokyo (Japan) and a Research Fellow at the CEMAS Center of the University of Rome “La Sapienza” (Italy). Dr Bozzato has published and lectured on an eclectic range of themes: from Blue Economy policies in Insular Pacific to Cross-Strait security problematics. He is frequently asked to comment for international media, especially on China-Pacific Islands issues and Sino-Vatican dialectics. He serves as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary (non-resident) of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the Republic of Nauru.

Ms Rabea Brauer is the Country Representative and Director, Regional Economic Programme Asia (SOPAS) at Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Japan Office. Ms Brauer started her career at the State Government of Thuringia, Germany where she served as Spokeswomen of the Ministry of Interior for three years until 2002. On behalf of her state government and the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation (KAS), she implemented an administrative reform project funded by the EU in Cambodia. In 2005, Ms Brauer joined the European Commission as Head of Section for Good Governance & Democracy at the EU Delegation to Cambodia where she was also responsible for the funding to the Khmer Rouge Tribunal at the Extraordinary Chamber in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC). After four years with the Commission, she moved to KAS to represent the foundation in Cambodia and Vietnam.

In 2016, Ms Brauer was called to KAS Headquarter to lead the Department Asia & Pacific in Berlin, Germany. She was responsible for 23 offices in Asia and Pacific and has published a number of articles on China, US-Asia relations, the South China Sea conflict and Mekong River politics. Ms Brauer holds master’s degrees in Political Science, American Studies, and EU Law from universities in Germany and the US.

Mr Bipul Chattopadhyay is Executive Director, CUTS International, a 40-year-old global public policy think-and action-tank on trade, regulation and governance (cuts-international.org). He has Bachelor and Master degrees in Economics from the University of Calcutta and the University of Delhi, respectively, with specialisation in International Trade. With more than 30 years of experience, Bipul works on the political economy of connectivity, trade and development, including trade negotiations. He has written extensively on trade and trade-related aspects of India’s economic diplomacy, particularly that in its immediate and extended neighbourhood. He is one of the co-chairs of the sub-topic on “Trade and Investment to Fight Inequality, Poverty and Hunger, and Foster Social Inclusion” under the T20 Brazil’s Task Force on Trade and Investment for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth.

Dr Cho Choongjae is currently the Director of Delhi Office, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) since November 2022. As the Deputy President he was in charge of Center for Area Studies at KIEP. He was also the Director of the Research Planning & Coordination Department and the Head of India & South Asia Team at KIEP. Prior to joining KIEP he was a research fellow at Daewoo Economic Research Institute and Lotte Economic Research Institute. He also worked for the Seoul Economic Daily as a reporter. Dr CHO is the Vice President for the Korean Association of Indian Social Science Research (KAISSR) and a board member of the Institute of Indian Studies Korea (IISK). In additions, He is a regional expert on India of the National Assembly Futures Institute in Korea. He was an advisor of the Presidential Committee on New Southern Policy on India and the Parliamentary Diplomacy Forum on South Asia. He was an adjunct professor for the Graduate School of at Sogang University and Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Korea and taught the Indian economy.

He holds a PhD in Economics from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. He was a visiting scholar of Claremont Graduate University in USA. He co-wrote several books and has published more than 30 policy research reports on Indian Economy and Korea-India relations from 1993 to the present as the project manager.

Professor Peter Draper is Professor and Executive Director of the Institute for International Trade (IIT) in the Faculty of the Professions, University of Adelaide, Australia. He holds a Jean Monnet Chair in Trade and Environment and directs the IIT's Jean Monnet Centre in Trade and Global Affairs. He is also Deputy Dean – International – of the Faculty of Arts, Business, Law, and Economics at the University of Adelaide.

Professor Draper is a Board member of the Australian Services Roundtable, and member of the South Australia Committee of the Australia-India Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Chamber of Commerce's Research Foundation; non-resident senior fellow of the Brussels-based European Centre for International Political Economy; Associated Researcher at the German Development Institute (DIE); and a Board member of the Australian Services Roundtable. For ten years he was, respectively, member, chair, vice chair, and co-chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on the Global Trade and FDI system.

Professor Draper was also Senior Research Fellow at the South African Institute of International Affairs. In South Africa's national Department of Trade and Industry he was head of bilateral economic relations (East Asia then Mercosur), and head of the economic analysis and research unit in the Department's International Trade and Economic Development Division. Prior to that he was an academic teaching economic history and political economy and headed the Department of Economics and Economic History at the then University of Durban-Westville (now University of KwaZulu-Natal). He is a recipient of an honorary Doctorate degree from the Friedrich-Schiller-University in Jena, Germany.

Dr Filippo Fasulo is Co-Head of ISPI's Geoeconomics Centre and Senior Research Fellow of the Asia Centre. He is also Adjunct Professor at the Catholic University of Milan and Affiliate Researcher at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa. He previously served as the director of the Italy-China Foundation's Centre for Business Research (CeSIF) and was a member of the scientific committee and editorial team of the journal *Mondo Cinese*. He holds a doctorate in Institutions and Policies from the Catholic University of Milan and in 2012 was awarded an MSc on China in Comparative Perspective by the London School of Economics (LSE). He was also the academic secretary of the Chinese section of the Ambrosiana Academy's Class of Far Eastern Studies till 2023. He edited CeSIF's Annual Report from 2017 to 2021 and, in 2017, was selected for the Young Sinologist Visiting Programme by the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences.

Dr Daisuke Kawai is a Project Assistant Professor, and the Deputy Director of the Economic Security Program at the Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, The University of Tokyo, where he focuses on economic security and critical and emerging technologies, covering the Indo-Pacific region. He has contributed to projects in line with the Economic Security Promotion Act, commissioned by the Council for Science, Technology, and Innovation within the Cabinet Office of Japan. His areas of expertise include Japan's foreign and security policy, Indo-Pacific security, arms control, and economic security, with a special interest in critical and emerging technologies. He also holds the position of Senior Researcher at the Keio SFC Institute, Keio University, and a GRIPS Alliance Research Fellow at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) and serves as the Leader of the International Public Policy Unit at the Center for Strategic and Japanese Studies, Keio University, Japan.

Previously, he has been a Research Fellow for Indo-Pacific Affairs at the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA), focusing on security issues and regional order in the Indo-Pacific, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan. Additionally, he served as the secretariat of the Council of Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific, Japan, and worked at the Royal United Services Institute. Dr Kawai earned his Master's degrees with distinction from the Department of War Studies at King's College London, and from the Department of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford, where he was a British Council Scholar. Also, as a Yenching Scholar, he studied at Peking University, China. Prior to these achievements, he read diplomacy at the University of Oxford, the United Kingdom. He was a Japan-US Partnership Program fellow at the Research Institute for Peace and Security and a Young Leader for the Asian Security Summit Shanghai Dialogue at IISS.

Dr Kawai garnered the JIIA's 60th Anniversary Essay Contest award with his essay titled Building a Free and Rules-Based International Order. In 2023, he was nominated as a David Rockefeller Fellow of the Trilateral Commission, representing the Asia-Pacific region.

Ms Priyanka Kishore has more than a decade's experience in macroeconomic research and forecasting across emerging markets, with a special focus on India and ASEAN since 2006. Her expertise lies in analysing and forecasting macro fundamentals over the short and long-term, with a special focus on trade, debt sustainability and macro policy. In addition, she specialises in macro-modelling and scenario analysis, aimed at quantifying the impact of exogenous shocks on economies.

Ms Kishore is currently the Economic and Forum Director at IMA Asia, Singapore. Before this, she led Oxford Economics' Singapore Global Macro Services team and was responsible for overseeing the firm's South and Southeast Asia research. She is an accomplished speaker and conducts regular economic briefings for corporate boards, industry associations and policymakers. Ms Kishore's ability to distil economic information and make it accessible to all has made her highly sought after by both regional and international media outlets. She makes regular appearances on Bloomberg, CNBC, BBC, CNA and other business channels. She is also frequently quoted by major global and Asian publications such as *FT*, *WSJ*, *NYT*, *The Straits Times*, *NAR* and *SCMP*, and often pens op-eds in economic magazines and business journals.

Ms Kishore has worked as a strategist and economist in the banking sector. She was in charge of South Asia FX views and trading strategies at Standard Chartered Bank. Prior to that, she was Head of Emerging Asia Research and Senior Economist at ICICI Bank, India's largest private bank. She holds a Master's degree in Economics from Delhi School of Economics, India.

Dr Jayant Menon is Senior Fellow, Regional Economic Studies, at ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute. At ISEAS, Dr Menon continues his work on trade and investment issues and economic development in the Asian region. His current research areas include economic impacts of COVID-19 in Southeast Asia, COVID-19 and the poor, the United States-China trade war and restructuring of Global Value Chains in Asia and the evolving regional economic architecture.

His last post was at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as Lead Economist in the Office of the Chief Economist. He was also at the ADB Institute in Tokyo from 2005 to 2008. He started work as an academic in Australia, spending almost a decade at the Centre of Policy Studies at Monash University at its original campus in Clayton, Melbourne. He has also worked at the University of Melbourne, Victoria University, and the American University in Washington, DC. He holds adjunct appointments with the Australian National University, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom and IDEAS, Malaysia.

Dr Mia Mikic is a Research Fellow at Waikato University, New Zealand, and Advisor at Large, at the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT). She is a trade economist with a keen interest in sustainable development and has a proven track record and experience in academia and international civil service. She coordinated the ARTNeT from 2009 to 2021. She also served as a Director of Trade, Investment and Innovation Division at the UNESCAP.

Prior to her United Nations tenure, Dr Mikic was the Head of the Department of Economic Theory, Professor of International Economics and Director of Economic and Business International Program at the University of Zagreb, and Senior Lecturer at the University of Auckland. She is the author of a number of reports and papers and has edited or co-edited several volumes on international economics, regional integration and development. She also oversaw the preparation of the Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report (APTIR), a flagship publication in the area of trade and investment.

Dr Mikic's current research and advisory work focus on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on trade and global value chains, frontier technologies and inclusive future of work, advocating for women as influencers in policymaking, services trade, and promotion of evidence-based policymaking. She is collaborating with

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In conjunction with his research focus on Asian regional integration, in March 2010, he was appointed a Senior Fellow with the Global Institute of Asian Regional Integration, Waseda University. He is also a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Asia Pacific Studies' International Affairs Research Centre at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

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Dr Françoise Nicolas has been with the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI) since 1990. She also teaches at Langues' O, Sciences Po Paris (Europe-Asia programme, Le Havre campus) and Sciences Po (Lyon) and is a consultant to the Directorate for Financial, Fiscal and Enterprise Affairs of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development focusing on Southeast Asian non-member countries. In the past, Dr Nicolas was an assistant Professor in international economics at the University of Paris-Est (Marne-la-Vallée) from 1993 to 2016 and taught at the Graduate Institute of International Studies (GIIS, Geneva – 1987-1990), at the Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées (1991-1995), as well as at the HEC School of Management (2000-2002).

Dr Nicolas holds a PhD in international economics (1991) and an MA in political science (1985) from the Graduate Institute of International Studies (Geneva, Switzerland), as well as a diploma in translation from the University of Geneva (1980). She has also studied at the University of Sussex (1980-81) and has spent some time as a visiting fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore (1999) and at the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy in Seoul (2004).

Mr Stephen Olson is Senior Research Fellow at the Hinrich Foundation. His areas of expertise are in sustainable trade, the World Trade Organization, trade negotiations, free trade agreements, and tariffs and non-tariff barriers.

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Dr Palit has edited and authored several books. The latest ones are *Seeking Middle Ground: Land, Markets and Public Policy* (OUP, 2019; co-edited); *Seven Decades of Independent India* (Penguin, 2018; co-edited) and *Employment Policy in Emerging Economies* (Routledge, 2017; co-edited). His other books include *The Trans-Pacific Partnership, China and India: Economic and Political Implications* (Routledge, 2014), *China India Economics: Challenges, Competition and Collaboration* (Routledge, 2011) and *Special Economic Zones in India: Myths and Realities* (Anthem Press, 2008; co-authored). He has published in several peer-reviewed academic journals. He is a columnist for India's Financial Express and a regular contributor for East-West Centre, East Asia Forum and China Daily. He is an expert for BBC, Bloomberg News, CNA, CNBC, ABC, CGTN and Doordarshan (India). He has been a resource person for Commonwealth Secretariat, ILO, UNDP, Copenhagen Consensus and IIFT India.

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Before joining ISAS, he was an Associate Professor with the Department of History at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill where he was a faculty member from 2012 to 2021. Prior to this, he was an Assistant Professor and the Coordinator of the Contemporary Islam Programme at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. His publications include *The Political Philosophy of Muhammad Iqbal: Islam and Nationalism in Late Colonial India* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012), *India and the Future of G20: Shaping Policies for a Better World* (New Delhi: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2023) and *Islamic Political Thought in Modern South Asia* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming, 2024). He has also published articles and chapters on ethnonationalism in South Asia, the Partition and its aftermath, culture and state ideology in Pakistan, modern Islamic thought, the spread of transnational Islamic movements across the Indian Ocean, conceptions of bodily piety in South Asia and Muslim education in South Asia.

Associate Professor Sevea holds a DPhil in History from the University of Oxford. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in history from NUS and a master's degree from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

Ms Tran Thi Thuy Linh is a lecturer at the Faculty of International Economics at the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV) where she teaches subjects relating to international finance. She is also currently pursuing her PhD at the DAV on the current global supply change trends and the impacts on international politics, primarily focused on the Indo-Pacific region. Prior to teaching at the DAV, she worked across several companies specialising in education and finance. Ms Tran holds a master's degree in International Business from Ulster University, United Kingdom and a bachelor's degree in Financial Investment & Analysis.

Professor Markus Wagner is an internationally recognised expert in international economic law and governance, international peace and security, as well as US and Australian constitutional law. His recent scholarship has focused on various aspects of international economic law. He is leading a project titled Weaponised Trade which has seen increasing impact around the world. He is also undertaking research on international food law, including on the domestic and international regulation of cellular agriculture as well as the challenges of implementing the concept of sustainable food systems into international trade law.

He joined the UOW School of Law in 2018 from Warwick Law School. From 2002 to 2005, he worked at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg / Germany, during which time he also served as legal counsel for the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations in New York. In 2006, he graduated from Stanford Law School with an LL.M. degree. Professor Wagner subsequently clerked for then-President of the Supreme Court of Israel, Aharon Barak. Starting in 2007, he worked for the Brussels office of WilmerHale.

Professor Wagner is Executive Vice-President of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) and frequently advises national governments and international organisations.

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