

International Conference on Middle East Affairs in Seoul

Invitation

Date | Thursday, 28 August 2025

Time | 09:00 am - 18:45 pm

Venue | Four Seasons Hotel Seoul, Nuri Ballroom (6F)

Theme | The Middle East in Global Transition: Regional Dynamics and Korea's Role

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea cordially invites you to the International Conference on Middle East Affairs in Seoul.

Program

09:00-09:30 **Registration**

09:30-09:45 **Welcoming Remarks**

Hyoung chan CHOE (Chancellor, Korea National Diplomatic Academy(KNDA),
Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Beom-shik SHIN (Deputy Director, Seoul National University Asia Center(SNUAC))

09:45-10:20 **Keynote Speech**

The Middle East in Transformation : Uncertainty, Dangers, and Opportunities

Karl Eikenberry (Former U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan and Lieutenant General,
Distinguished Fellow, Stimson Center)

10:20-10:30 **Coffee Break**

Session I The Middle East in Global Landscape : Regional Order and Strategic Repositioning

10:30-12:00 **Moderator**

Geunwook LEE (Professor, Department of Political Science, Sogang University)

Speakers

Iran at the crossroads

Ali Vaez (Senior Advisor to the President, Iran Project Director,
International Crisis Group (ICG))

Layered geopolitics in the Middle East

Kristina Kausch (Deputy Director, Geostrategy South, German Marshall Fund of
the United States (GMF))

The Trump Administration's Middle East Policy in Its Second Term

Taesuh CHA (Professor, Department of Political Science and Diplomacy,
Sungkyunkwan University)

12:00-13:30 **Lunch**

Session II The Middle East and East Asia : Cross-Regional Implications of Strategic Shifts

13:30-15:00 **Moderator**

Gi Yeon KOO (Assistant Professor, Seoul National University Asia Center (SNUAC))

Speakers

The Middle East and East Asia Between Crisis and Opportunity

Steven A. Cook (Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations (CFR))

**The Spillover of U.S.-China Strategic Rivalry into the Middle East and the
Foreign Policy Imperatives of South Korea and Japan**

Mitsuhisa FUKUTOMI (Professor, Institute for the Study of Social Sciences
Cross-Boundary Studies, Hitotsubashi University)

Middle Powers at the Crossroads

: Korea's Strategic Role in the Middle East-East Asia Nexus

Chong Jin OH (Professor, Department of Turkish and Azerbaijani Studies,
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS))

15:00-15:15 **Closing**

15:15-15:30 **Coffee Break**

Session III Round Table (closed)

15:30-17:30 **Korea's Middle East Strategy : Priorities, Challenges and Policy Coordination**

17:30-18:45 **Dinner**

Registration



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