

Forging Strategic Shields?

Defense Cooperation in an Era of Security Convergences

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Time of War?

- Global Security Structure
 - The age of peace has passed
 - The age of war has returned
 - The Cold War → The Post Cold War → The New Cold War (in 2020s)
 - The global security structure of the post-Cold War era has unraveled
 - Ongoing Russo-Ukraine War, Upcoming ??? Wars
- The U.S.-China competition's expansion
 - In bilateral and expanded formats (Unipolar? Bipolar? Multipolar?)
 - Supercharging the global security structural changes
 - Trump Administration 2.0, storming the world now; even more confusing
 - Vicious circle in security dilemma at multiple levels

Two Security Convergences

- Two Security Convergences: Region and Dimension
 - Convergence
 - The process by which two or more entities, ideas, or phenomena become increasingly interconnected, unified, or aligned.
 - Security convergence
 - Epitomizing the defining characteristic of the contemporary global security order

Dimensional Convergence in Security

- Technology, Technology, Technology
 - The rapid advancements in cutting-edge science and technology
 - Surge of economic and technological securities (esp. major countries)
- Global Security Landscape
 - A convergence across political, economic, and technological domains
 - Much less separation between politics and economy
- Dimensional Security Convergence
 - Conventional (military) X Emerging (economic, technological)
 - AI, AI, AI
- Now, politics-economy-technology, the triple amalgamation

The Russo-Ukraine War

- The first all-out war in Europe proper since the end of World War II
- Europe's inability to prevent Russia from invading Ukraine
- Peace no more; Who are the next targets?
- Trump 2.0's U.S. becoming more transactional foreign policy (neutralizing USAID), allowing China and Russia to fill the void and expand their influence
- Roles of Korea and India?

Regional Convergence in Security

- The U.S. grand strategy
 - MAGA Purged 'integrated deterrence'? But still alive and sustainable?
 - Against China (and Russia ++)
 - Benevolent hegemony vs. Predatory hegemony
- Regional Convergence
 - Indo-Pacific and Euro-Atlantic regions
 - NATO-IP4 and other regions?
- The Two Koreas in Europe
 - Vanguard and Catalyst?
 - South Korea and Central-Eastern Europe: Defense Industry
 - North Korea and Russia: Defense Industry and Troops

Trump, The US, and Peace?

- The Trump US's change of mind: JD Vance's declaration "Europe's threat not from Russia and China, but from the within"
- Trump's imperialist drive about Gaza Strip and Greenland; allowing Russia (and potentially others) to do war-provoking aggression
- Nevertheless, Trump's way is to minimize WARs?
- The two flashpoints in Asia
 - Taiwan Strait and Korean Peninsula
 - Escalating but still peaceful so far
 - All-out wars imminent? Probably not.

The North Korea-Russia-China Nexus

- The North Korea-Russia-China partnership, Complicated
 - An evidence of regional security convergence
 - North Korea's arms transfers and dispatch of troops to Russia since 2023
 - Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Treaty, a historic shift
 - North Korea, beyond East Asia to Europe's frontlines
 - Beijing, maintaining economic support for Pyongyang, but refrains from endorsing its nuclear ambitions.
 - A divergence or convergence between Russia and China on North Korea?
 - China's reluctance to escalate tensions amid the regional security convergence

Korea's Global Strategy?

- The New Lee Government
- Korea's Strategic Positions
 - Security convergences: Overstretched?
 - The US, China, Japan, Russia, North Korea and NATO: Beyond Northeast Asia
 - The outdated military strategy: No more army dominant?
 - Forced strategic autonomy? (= Japan)
 - Then, bilateral strategic security relation with India?
- Is Korea in the mix?
 - Korea's India policy? New Southern Policy and?
 - Korea's Indo-Pacific Strategy and Global Pivotal State Concept
 - Not a military threat, but a complementary alternative to the great powers for multiple regions

India's Global Strategy?

- The Modi's BJP Government
- India's Strategic Positions
 - Security convergences: Standing still and holding its own ground?
 - The US, China, Japan, Russia, Pakistan and NATO: Beyond South Asia?
 - The military build up and strategic innovation?
 - More multi-alignment and strategic autonomy?
 - Then, bilateral strategic security relation with India?
- Is India in the mix?
 - India's Act East Policy (still?)
 - India's Emergence as another Superpower
 - Fulfilling Amrit Kaal, the Modi's Vision 2047 for New India
 - An alternative to the two great powers for multiple regions?

Korea-India in Covererging Security Structure

- The Two's Strategic Perspectives on Security Convergences
 - Similarities
 - Discrepancies
- What They Want & Can Want from Each Other and Others
 - Military Security
 - Economic Security
 - Technological Security
- For What and With Whom They Can Fight Together
 - Military Security
 - Economic Security
 - Technological Security

Discussion

Thanks!