

Korea-India Strategic Dialogue Symposium

Date
November 13, 2025

Venue
223 Wooseok Economics Hall Building
International Conference Room 504
Seoul National University



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10:30-11:00

Welcome Remark

Won-Taek Kang, Director, Institute for Future Strategy, Seoul National University

Keynote Address

Gourangalal Das, Ambassador, Embassy of India, Republic of Korea
Junki Kim, Executive Vice President, Seoul National University
Hee-sang Kim, Deputy Minister, Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea

11:00-12:00

Session 1:

Forging Strategic Shields: Defense Cooperation in a Fraying Security Order

Amid rising geopolitical tensions, intensifying U.S.-China rivalry, and rapid technological change, defense cooperation has become vital to national and regional security. Beyond traditional warfare, it now spans joint development of advanced technologies, maritime security, and greater operational interoperability. This session will explore how Korea and India can strengthen defense ecosystems that safeguard national interests while working together to navigate the shifting balance of power.

Presentation 1 (India)

Professor Harsh V. Pant, Observer Research Foundation New Delhi

Presentation 2 (Korea)

Professor Wooyeal Paik, Yonsei University

Moderator Discussion / Q&A

Professor In Joo Sohn, Seoul National University

13:30-14:50

Session 2:

AI for Inclusive Development and the Future of Work

AI is reshaping economies, industries, and societies, offering the Global South opportunities to accelerate progress in health, education, governance, and technology-driven industrial innovation. Yet it also threatens to widen inequality and disrupt labor markets. This session will explore how Korea and India can harness AI to foster both technological and industrial innovation and inclusive development—linking advances in corporate and industrial transformation with strategies to prepare for AI's long-term impacts on jobs, skills, and social contracts.

Presentation 1 (India)

Professor Balaraman Ravindran, Indian Institute of Technology Madras

Presentation 2 (India)

Dr. Siddharth Yadav, Observer Research Foundation Middle East

Presentation 3 (Korea)

Professor Young Jung Geum, Seoul National University

Moderator Discussion / Q&A – Dr. ChiUng Song, Airport Industry
Technology Research Institute, Incheon International Airport

14:50-15:00

Break

15:00-16:00

Session 3:

The Resilience Imperative: Crafting the New Supply Chain Order

Global supply chains, once designed for efficiency, have been destabilized by geopolitical rifts, pandemics, and climate shocks. Nations now face the task of de-risking dependencies while keeping trade open and resilient. This session will discuss how Korea and India can collaborate to secure critical supplies, diversify networks, and enhance transparency through technology.

Presentation 1 (India)

Dr. Parul Bakshi, Observer Research Foundation Middle East

Presentation 2 (Korea)

Dr. Sung Hoon Chung, Korea Development Institute

Moderator Discussion / Q&A

Professor Jong Hee Park, Seoul National University

16:00-16:10

Break

16:10-16:45

General Discussion

16:45-17:00

Vote of Thanks

Injoo Sohn,

Deputy Director, Institute for Future Strategy, Seoul National University

Nishi Kant Singh,

Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Republic of Korea

Welcome Remarks

Professor Wontaek Kang

Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Seoul National University
Director, Institute for Future Strategy, Seoul National University



Wontaek Kang is the Director of the Institute for Future Strategy and Professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Seoul National University. He holds a PhD in Political Science from the London School of Economics and Political Science, an MA in Political Science, and a BA in Geography from Seoul National University. His research focuses on Korean politics, political parties, electoral systems, and democratic reform. Prof. Kang has served as President of the Korean Political Science Association and the Korean Association of Political Parties, contributing widely to scholarship and public dialogue on party systems and institutional change. He continues to lead interdisciplinary research and strategic planning at SNU, connecting academic expertise with national policy development and future governance.

Keynote Address

Mr. H.E. Hee-sang Kim

Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs – Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea



H.E. Hee-sang Kim is the Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea. Since joining the Foreign Service in 1993, he has held key diplomatic posts in Geneva, Brussels, New Delhi, Shanghai, and Paris, where he served as Deputy Permanent Representative to the OECD. He also served as Ambassador to Uzbekistan and Director-General for Bilateral Economic Affairs. A career diplomat with over three decades of experience in trade, economic cooperation, and foreign policy, he holds a B.A. in Economics from Seoul

National University, completed the Foreign Service Programme at the University of Oxford, and earned an LL.M. from the University of Edinburgh.

H.E. Mr. Gourangalal Das

Ambassador, Embassy of India, Republic of Korea



H.E. Gourangalal Das is the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Korea. A career diplomat who joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1999, he has served in Indian Missions in Beijing, San Francisco, and Washington D.C., and held senior roles in the Ministry of External Affairs, including heading the East Asia and Americas Divisions and helping establish the Centre for Contemporary China Studies. He holds master's degrees in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics and in Translation and Interpretation (Chinese) from the Middlebury Institute of

International Studies in Monterey, USA.

Professor Junki Kim

Professor, Graduate School of Public Administration, Seoul National University

Executive Vice President, Seoul National University



Junki Kim is Executive Vice President of Seoul National University and Professor at the Graduate School of Public Administration. He holds a BSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science, an MPP from Harvard Kennedy School, and a PhD in Public Policy from Harvard University. His research spans public policy, governance, regulatory reform, and institutional design. Prof. Kim has previously served as Director of the Institute for Future Strategy at SNU and as Commissioner of the National Assembly Budget Office. He has

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Session 1: Forging Strategic Shields: Defense Cooperation in a Fraying Security Order

Professor Harsh Vardhan Pant

Vice President, Foreign Policy, Observer Research Foundation New Delhi



Harsh V. Pant is Vice President for Studies and Foreign Policy at the Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, and Professor of International Relations at King's College London. His research focuses on Indian foreign and security policy, Indo-Pacific geopolitics, and great-power relations. He has authored and edited several books, including *Power and Purpose: Rediscovering Indian Foreign Policy in Amrit Kaal* and *India and Global Governance*, and contributes regularly to major international media outlets.

Professor Wooyeal Paik

Professor, Department of Political Science and International Studies, Yonsei University



Wooyeal Paik is Professor at the Department of Political Science and International Studies, deputy director, Yonsei Institute of North Korean Studies, and Director, Center for Security Strategy, Aerospace Strategy & Technology Institute at Yonsei University, Seoul. He also used to be a visiting fellow at Institut de recherche stratégique de l'École militaire (IRSEM), Paris and adjunct professor at Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels. Prof. PAIK received a B.A. in political science from Yonsei University, a M.Phil. in public and social administration from City University of Hong Kong, and a M.A. and a Ph.D. in political science from UCLA.

Professor Injoo Sohn

Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Seoul National University
Deputy Director, Institute for Future Strategy, Seoul National University
Cluster Head, Global Korea, Institute for Future Strategy, Seoul National University



Injoo Sohn is Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Seoul National University and Chair of the Global Korea Cluster at the Institute for Future Strategy. He previously served as Director of the Institute for China Studies and as the founding Deputy Director of the Institute for Future Strategy at SNU. His past appointments include Associate Professor at the University of Hong Kong, Visiting Professor at the University of Tokyo, and Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution. His research focuses on Chinese Foreign Policy, U.S.-China relations, and international political economy. Prof. Sohn holds a PhD in Political Science and an MA in Asian Studies from George Washington University, and a BA in Asian History from Seoul National University.

Session 2: AI for Inclusive Development and the Future of Work

Professor Balaraman Ravindran

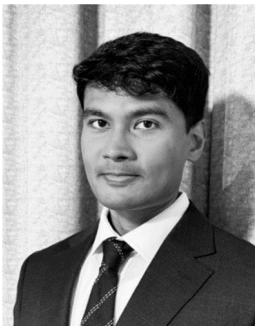
Head, Wadhvani School of Data Science and AI, Indian Institute of Technology Madras



Prof. Balaraman Ravindran is the founding head of the Wadhvani School of Data Science and AI and the Robert Bosch Centre for Data Science & AI at Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras). With over three decades of work in reinforcement learning and responsible AI, he has advised the Government of India on national AI and cybersecurity initiatives and served on international AI ethics panels. He has co-authored over 150 papers and was elected Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering (2023) and AAAI (2025).

Dr. Siddharth Yadav

Fellow, Technology, Observer Research Foundation Middle East



Dr. Siddharth Yadav is a Fellow in Technology at the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) Middle East, with an academic background in history, literature, and cultural studies. He holds BA (Hons) and MA degrees in History from the University of Delhi, an MA in Cultural Studies of Asia, Africa and the Middle East from SOAS, University of London, and a PhD from Birkbeck College, University of London. His research explores the socio-cultural and political implications of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, robotics, and brain-computer interfaces.

Professor Young Jung Geum

Associate Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, Seoul National University



Young Jung Geum is Associate Professor in the Department of Industrial Engineering at Seoul National University. She joined SNU in March 2025, having served previously from 2014 to 2025 at the Seoul National University of Science & Technology in ascending faculty roles. Her research and teaching focus on service innovation and technology-management in industry. She holds a PhD in Industrial Engineering from Seoul National University and a BS in Industrial Engineering from KAIST.

Dr. ChiUng Song

Executive Director, Airport Industry Technology Research Institute, Incheon International Airport



Dr. ChiUng Song is Executive Director of the Airport Industry Technology Research Institute (AITRI) under Incheon International Airport Corporation. Before joining AITRI, he spent over twenty years at the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STePI), serving as Vice President (2019–2021), Chief Director of the Division for Global Innovation Strategy Research (2017–2019), and Director of the Center for Asia-Pacific Strategy on Frontier Technology (2022). He has also taught economics and policy at leading universities, including Seoul National University, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, and Gachon University. In 2021, he served as the 25th President of the International Association of Area Studies. Dr. Song holds a PhD in Economics from George Washington University.

Session 3: The Resilience Imperative: Crafting the New Supply Chain Order

Dr. Parul Bakshi

Fellow, Energy and Climate, Observer Research Foundation Middle East



Dr. Parul Bakshi is a Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) Middle East, focusing on energy transition, security, and sustainability. She is also a Visiting Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies. Her prior research includes roles at the University of Tokyo, Ghent University, and the Florence School of Regulation, and she has held the Japan Foundation Indo-Pacific Partnership Fellowship. She holds a PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru University on Japan's post-Fukushima energy transition and is co-editor of *India–Japan Relations @70* and *Geographies of Exchange between India and Japan*.

Dr. Sung Hoon Chung

Senior Fellow, Department of Industry & Market Policies, Korea Development Institute



Dr. Sung Hoon Chung is a Senior Fellow at the Korea Development Institute, specialising in international trade, economic development, and environmental economics. He holds a PhD in Economics from Southern Methodist University, and has published work on global value-chain participation and firm-level trade policy impacts. His research supports policy formation in Korea's integration into the global economy.

Professor Jong Hee Park

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Prof. Jong Hee Park is a Professor in the Department of Political Science & International Relations at Seoul National University, and Director of the International Relations Data Center (IRDC) at SNU's Institute of International Studies. He leads the Economic Security Cluster at the Institute for Future Strategy, focusing on data-driven approaches to global political economy and national security. Prof. Park earned his PhD in Political Science from Washington University in St. Louis, after completing his B.A. at Sogang University and an M.A. at Seoul National University. His research covers comparative political economy, international relations, and advanced quantitative methodology.

Vote of Thanks

Mr. Nishi Kant Singh

Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Republic of Korea



Mr. Nishi Kant Singh is the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of India in Seoul. A career diplomat with the Indian Foreign Service since 2010, he has served in Indian Missions in Beijing and Manila and held assignments across multiple divisions of the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi. He holds a postgraduate degree from the University of Delhi.

Moderator (MC)

Dr. Minhye Zoh

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Dr. Minhye Zoh is a Senior Researcher at the Institute for Future Strategy, Seoul National University. She holds a Ph.D and M.Res in Finance and Management from SOAS University of London, postgraduate diplomas in Law from the University of Law, and a BA (Hons) in History of Art from University College London. Her research focuses on corporate governance, financial disclosure, and institutional reform in South Korea, with recent work addressing higher-education competitiveness and innovation policy.