

RESPONSIBILITY IN CYBERSPACE: EUROPEAN AND EAST ASIAN PERSPECTIVES



Expert seminar on responsible behaviour in cyberspace in East Asia
9 December 2019
International House of Japan, Lecture Hall, 5-11-16 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo

Concept

The discussion about responsible behaviour in cyberspace has dominated international debate, primarily through the ongoing UN processes. However, beyond the global discussions, we have seen little investigation into regional interpretations of this approach that is generally defined as adherence to norms of responsible state behaviour in cyberspace, application of international law and confidence building measures. Each of these terms, however, is linked to the regional context in which it is applied and through which it is interpreted. Mindful of such cultural aspects in the interpretation, the focus of this session is to look at various regional perspectives in East Asia. In particular, we are interested in exploring the role that China plays in these discussions: both as a spoiler and constructive player, as a partner and competitor. This expert seminar will bring together 30-40 participants from Europe, Japan and South Korea. The discussion will be held under the Chatham House rule. The programme is designed to provide space primarily for the expert discussion, although government representatives are also welcome to attend.

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Agenda

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9.00-9.30 Registration and welcome coffee/tea

9:30-9:45 Opening remarks and scene setting

Yasushi KUDO

President, The Genron NPO, Japan

Patryk PAWLAK

Brussels Executive Officer, EU Institute for Security Studies

9:45-10:00 Introductory remarks

Patricia FLOR

Ambassador of the European Union to Japan

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Government of Japan

10:00-11:15 (Ir)Responsible state behaviour in cyberspace

The session will offer different views on the perception of the security context in cyberspace in East Asia. The presenters will address the following questions: How do different East Asian countries understand the concept of responsible behaviour in cyberspace? What are the main elements of the irresponsible state behaviour in cyberspace? Where are the sources of state and societal vulnerability in the region?

Chair **Xymena KUROWSKA**

Associate Professor, Central European University, Hungary

Speakers **Yoko NITTA**

Senior Fellow, Japan Society for Security and Crisis Management

Janne TAALAS

Ambassador for Cyber Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

Aude GERY

Associate researcher, Castex Chair of Cyberstrategy, Institute of Strategic Research of the Military Academy (IRSEM), France

Discussion

11:15-11:30 Coffee/tea break

11:30-12:45 Irresponsible behaviour as a source of conflict

Avoiding escalation and conflict is one of the key aims of the framework for responsible state behaviour. This session will look into the existing approaches to conflict prevention to answer: When does irresponsible behaviour lead to a conflict? What are the current or potential drivers of conflict in cyberspace? How can we prevent escalation? What concrete conflict prevention mechanisms could be useful in cyberspace?

Chair **Stephanie HOFMANN**

Professor, International relations, The Graduate Institute, Switzerland

Speakers **Tomonori YOSHIZAKI**

Professor and Director of Policy Simulation, The National Institute for Defense Studies

Myong-Hyun GO

Research Fellow, Asan Institute for Policy Studies

Eneken TIKK

Head of normative, power and influence studies, Cyber Policy Institute, Finland

Discussion

12:45-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 **China and security of the digital infrastructure**

One of the main aspects in the discussion about responsible behaviour in cyberspace is the potential misuse or attacks on the critical elements of the global digital infrastructure: 5G networks, data centres, submarine cables, etc. As the European Union and East Asian nations invest significant resources in the creation of smart cities and other types of digital infrastructure, many questions emerge about potential vulnerabilities resulting from China's growing role and investments in this space, including through the Digital Belt and Road Initiative. How do different strategies, such as digital decoupling, help address this problem?

Chair **Alice EKMAN**

Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

Speakers **Ken KATAYAMA**

KEIO University / Microsoft

Hiroshi ITO

Chief Technology Officer, FireEye

Marek SZCZYGIEL

Ambassador for Cyber Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

Jan Peter KLEINHANS

Director of the project IT Security in the Internet of Things, Stiftung Neue Verantwortung

15:30-16:00 Coffee/tea break

16:00-17:30 **China and global cyber governance**

Thanks to its status political and economic influence, China has become one of the dominant players in the global debates about governance of cyberspace. This influence is particularly visible through its bilateral relations in other countries in Asia but also through new projects developed in other parts of the world, including Africa and Latin America. It is uncertain, however, to what extent infrastructure projects and investments across the world have translated into real influence on global debates concerning norms of responsible state behaviour, application of international law in cyberspace and rules- and rights-based global order in cyberspace. Is there evidence of China's influence and what does it mean for the governance of cyberspace?

Chair **Koichiro KOMIYAMA**

Deputy Director, Global Coordination Division and Manager of the Enterprise Support Group, JPCERT/CC

Speakers **Shihono YONEZAWA**

JPCERT/CC

Masayuki MASUDA

Senior Fellow, National Institute for Defence Studies, Japan

Jaewoo CHOO

Professor of Chinese foreign policy, Department of Chinese Studies,
Kyung Hee University, Republic of Korea

Rogier CREEMERS

Postdoctoral scholar in the Law and Governance of China, Van
Vollenhoven Institute and the Leiden Institute for Area Studies, Leiden
University, The Netherlands

17:30-18:00 **Wrap-up: Priorities for EU-Japan-South Korea cooperation**

Chairs

Alice EKMAN

Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

Patryk PAWLAK

Brussels Executive Officer, EU Institute for Security Studies

18:30 – 20:30 **Reception**

International House of Japan, Kabayama Room