

Symposium

The Future of US-Asia/World Economic Relationships following the 2024 US Presidential Election

A. Panel 1. Technology and Intellectual Property in Decoupling and Derisking [11:00AM-12:00PM, December 13, 2024 JST]

Key Topics for Discussion:

- U.S. export control measures on biotech and AI innovations, with a focus on China.
- China's strategic IP and biotech initiatives in response to decoupling pressures.
- Challenges in cross-border IP licensing between U.S., China, and third-party countries (e.g., Japan, the EU).
- The role of third-country suppliers in U.S.-restricted technology, using the ASML-Netherlands case as an example.
- Legal and strategic options for mitigating risks in technology collaboration involving U.S. and China.

Moderator:

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ZHU, Shaobin (remote)

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[Lunch break -12:00PM - 1:30PM]

B. Welcome Greetings [1:30PM-1:35PM]

TAKADA, Haruhito

Dean of Keio University Law School

C. Introduction of the Topic [1:35PM-1:50PM]

PORTER, Elizabeth

James W. Mifflin University Professor of Law, Co-Director, Appellate Advocacy Clinic,
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An explanation of the U.S. political background, election results, and their
connection to today's themes.

**D. Panel 2. U.S. Trade & Investment Policy Toward China in 2025 and Beyond
[2:00PM-3:00PM]**

This panel will consider recent major changes in US trade and investment law and policy, focused on China and how are these expected to evolve over in 2025. What are we to make of the US House of Representatives' "China Week" legislative proposals? Does the 2024 election offer an opportunity for a negotiated "reset" between the US and China and, if so, what might that look like? Is there any hope of avoiding a "cold war" and, if so, what terms might be acceptable for both nations? If not, then where is the relationship headed?]

Moderator:

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[Coffee break -3:00PM - 3:20PM]

E. Panel 3. Views from Asia and Europe – Stuck in the Middle [3:20PM-4:20PM]

Japan, South Korea, the ASEAN nations, and Australia/New Zealand each has extremely an important commercial and political relationship with China, while several European nations also have worked hard to develop very strong commercial ties. But many of these nations also share security arrangements with the United States, while others worry about the extent of Chinese influence in their economies. Europe is concerned about China’s “limitless friendship” with Russia, and many near neighbors of China in Asia worry about territorial disputes and possible hostilities over the status of Taiwan. Some Asian nations may benefit from a shift in investment as a result of U.S. “decoupling” from China, but all have far more to lose if the security environment deteriorates.

Moderator:

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F. Panel 4. A Case Study – The Auto Industry

[4:20PM-5:35PM]

The auto industry offers a fascinating case study of these challenges of contemporary trade and investment. The industry is a crucial part of the economy and source of employment in Japan, South Korea, Germany, the United States and many other countries. Globally the industry faces challenges of decarbonization via technology transition, requiring massive investment. Meanwhile, China seems positioned to dominate the global market in battery electric vehicles (EVs), including batteries and many components of the battery supply chain. Many global auto manufacturers have seen their businesses in China collapse over the past 18 months, and Chinese auto exports have soared.

What law and policy actions have been taken so far in response to this challenge, and what is likely to or should be done in the near future? What will the auto industry look like in 2030 or 2035, and what are the implications?

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