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ASEF to host Asia-Europe Policy Panel on Economic Security in Brussels

The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) will be convening the Policy Panel, “From Globalisation to Economic Security: Asia-Europe Perspectives,” in conjunction with the launch of the 2026 ASEF Lecture Series on 11 May 2026, 16:00, at the European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS) Office in Brussels.

As the global economy continues to face significant structural shifts, the panel will provide a platform for stakeholders, notably politicians, international organisations, government officials, academics, the business community, civil society and NGOs to discuss the shift towards “strategic interdependence” and achieving regional economic security.

For decades, the global economy has benefited from a rules-based order defined by integration and open markets. Today, geopolitical pressures and supply chain vulnerabilities require a shift toward greater resilience and risk mitigation. This panel will explore how Asia and Europe can together maintain a rules-based order, while navigating trade-offs between economic security and market openness. The goal is to develop a concrete policy direction that supports sustained economic cooperation while preventing further global fragmentation.

ASEF Executive Director, Ambassador Beata STOCZYŃSKA, will make the welcome remarks. MEP and Vice-Chair of the European Parliament Committee on International Trade, Ms Kathleen VAN BREMPT, will make the opening speech and the Governor of the European Union (EU) to ASEF, Mr Ivo SCHUTTE from the European External Action Service (EEAS), will give the closing remarks.

The event will bring together a distinguished panel of experts and officials to provide perspectives from Asia and Europe. The panellists will help identify actionable measures that can be taken amid the global structural transformation:

- Mr Steven EVERTS, Director, European Institute for Security Studies
- HE Jaime Victor B LEDDA, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to Belgium, Luxembourg, and the European Union
- Dr Otilia DHAND, Institutional Relations Director, Temasek
- Dr Joel NG, Senior Fellow, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies

With Mr Paweł ŚWIEBODA, Co-Director of the Brussels Economic Security Forum of the European Policy, as Moderator.

The ASEF Lecture Series aims to facilitate informed Asia-Europe dialogue and underscores the importance of strengthened cooperation and coordinated responses to address shared challenges.

ASEF welcomes the attendance of journalists and media representatives who are interested in the topic and reporting about the discussions. As the on-site event is by invitation only, we invite you to scan the QR code or click on the link below to register your interest by 5 May 2026. After registration, we will be in touch for confirmation of invitation. Kindly note that the event will also be livestreamed. Please contact us if you would like to receive the connection link.

Registration:

https://asiaeuropfoundation.formstack.com/forms/asef_lecture_series_belgium



About the Asia-Europe Foundation

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About the Asia-Europe Meeting

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