

## Middle Powers in the Indo Pacific: The Bilateral-Multilateral Nexus in Korea-ASEAN-Australia Partnership

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## **Korean Studies Seminar Series**

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As the Indo Pacific region's most prominent middle powers, Australia and South Korea's alignment postures matter amidst the great power competitions between the U.S. and China, strategic surprises like the Russia-Ukraine War, Taiwan Straits crises, and the South China Sea disputes. Though Southeast Asian countries are smaller states, through ASEAN as a regional institution, together they assert middle power influence, demanding agency and autonomy in regional diplomacy and integration. This talk will illuminate how ASEAN, Australia, and South Korea work together as middle powers, the intertwining bilateral and multilateral nexus that suggest multi-layered partnerships have enhanced their middle power agency in the regional security architecture.

About the Presenter

Dr. Chiew-Ping HOO is Senior Lecturer in Strategic Studies and International Relations at the National University of Malaysia (UKM). Hoo is the editor of The New Southern Policy: Catalyst for Deepening ASEAN-ROK Relations (ISIS Malaysia, 2020), and a forthcoming coediting book volume (with Shine Choi and Brian Bridges) on Southeast Asia-DPRK relations. She has been working on East Asian International Relations over 14 years of teaching in UKM, regional policy consultations, and engaged in think-tank

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## **Event Details**

Date:

Thursday 8 September 2022

Time:

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Venue:

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