



Seminar talk on

Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership (TPP) and its Regional Repercussion

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Abstract:

Despite of the Liberal's belief that trade reduces war, in modern time there are cases that diverging interests in trade arrangement pave the way to a war. I recall the old puzzle seeing the hot debate between US and China on Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership (TPP). As a student of international relations, I consider the subjective reading of the different trade initiatives by elite in the policy community as key to understand the impact and predict the next move. By such methodology, my research comes to three points of finding. First, TPP has visible impact on China, especially at the sectoral level. Second, the recent speedup of China-Japan-Korea (CJK) Cooperation has more to do with increasing interest of Japan and Korea. Similarly, the initiation of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) has to do with anxiety over ASEAN centrality. China sees both as a way to dilute negative impact of TPP. Third, Taiwan has hastened its effort to making inroad toward regional trade networks.

About the speaker:

Dr. Chen-Dong Tso is currently associate professor in the Department of Political Science and the executive director of Center for China Studies at National Taiwan University. Dr. Tso also serves as executive editor of the journal Asian Ethnicity. His research interest lies in the areas of East Asian Regionalism, industrial policy, and Information society. Dr. Tso has published in a number of articles in Chinese and international journals, including Journal of East Asian Studies, Issues and Studies, and Australian Journal of Public Administration. He holds a Ph.D. in international studies from Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, Colorado, USA.

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