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Title: Security Nexus Between Europe and East Asia

Despite geographic distance between them, states in Europe and East Asia have growing connections for their security. Many states in the two regions have formal defense pacts with the United States, and they share concerns about China and Russia's challenge against the status quo of the international order. I welcome research that sheds light on various links between European and East Asian security. For example, what are the ways in which Europeans and East Asians can cooperate to strengthen U.S. alliance networks after the 2020 U.S. presidential election? What are the convergent and divergent interests of European and East Asian allies of the United States in the post-INF era? How do they see U.S.-China decoupling from national security perspectives as well as economic perspectives? Looking beyond traditional security issues, what are the ways in which Europeans and East Asians have cooperated against the spread of COVID-19? Will their responses to COVID-19 have long-lasting effects on the way these regions cooperate with one another? I am particularly interested in collaborating on projects that focus on relationships between Europe on the one hand and the two Koreas and Japan on the other hand, because VUB is located in the heart of Europe and I specialize in security issues for the Korean Peninsula and Japan.

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