

KF - VUB Korea Chair Launch Programme

Venue: Terarken Room, Centre for Fine Arts (BOZAR), Brussels



- 17:00 - 17:25 **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**
Karel De Gucht, **President**, *Institute for European Studies (VUB)*
Lee Sihyung, **President**, *The Korea Foundation*
Sonja Snacken, *Vice Rector for International Policy, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)*
- 17:25 - 17:30 **CONGRATULATORY REMARKS**
Ahn Chong-ghee, *Former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Kingdom of Belgium and the European Union*
- 17:30 - 17:50 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**
Helga Schmid, *Secretary General of the European External Action Service*
- 17:50 - 18:45 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA - WHAT ROLE FOR EUROPE?**
Moderator
Michael Reiterer, *Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Korea*
- Panellists**
Kim Hyoungh-zhin, *Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the European Union, Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg*
Reinhold Brender, *Head of Division Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand and Pacific, European External Action Service*
Ramon Pacheco Pardo, *KF-VUB Korea Chair, Institute for European Studies (VUB)*
- 18:45 - 19:45 **RECEPTION**
(offered by Embassy of the Republic of Korea)



Biographies of the Speakers

KAREL DE GUCHT



Karel De Gucht is a Belgian politician and the President of the Institute for European Studies at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). Mr. De Gucht was the European Commissioner for Trade during President Barroso's second Commission, from 2010 until 2014. From 2009 until 2010 he was also European Commissioner for Development and Hu-

manitarian Aid. Prior to this, Mr. De Gucht held numerous senior political positions in the European, Flemish, and Belgian Parliaments. Mr. De Gucht was a member of the Belgian House of Representatives from 2003 until 2009, during which time he held the portfolios of Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Affairs (2004-2009) and Minister for International Trade (2007-2009). From 2008 until 2009 he was Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium. Mr. De Gucht is also Professor of European Law at the VUB. He holds a master's degree in Law from the VUB.

LEE, SIHYUNG



H.E. Lee Sihyung was appointed as President of the Korea Foundation on May 13, 2016. He was Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Korea to the OECD from May 2013 through October 2015. During his term, he was the Chairman of the Audit Committee for 2 years increasing transparency of the OECD work. Since February 2011 for 2 years, he was Deputy Minister for Trade in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, being responsible for directing and coordinating Korea's foreign

trade policies and trade negotiations as well as establishing and implementing foreign economic and trade policies. Previously, after serving as Ambassador to Poland from September 2006 until March 2009, he was appointed Chief of Protocol in the Presidential Committee for the G20 Seoul Summit in preparation for the hosting of the G20 Seoul Summit in 2010. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1980 and retired in February 2016. President Lee graduated from Seoul National University with a major in International Relations in February 1979. He also dedicated 2 years, from 1990 to 1992, to Russian studies at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA.



SONJA SNACKEN



Prof. Dr. Sonja Snacken is Vice Rector for International Policy and Professor of Criminology, Penology and Sociology of Law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium), where she held a 'Research Fellowship' (2006-2016). She has

master degrees in law and criminology and a PhD in criminology. Her research focuses on penalty in Belgium and Europe, including sentencing and implementation of custodial and non-custodial sanctions and measures. She has been involved in over 40 research projects, at a European, national and local level, with a special emphasis on the integration of an empirical social scientist approach with human rights concerns. Her interest has

recently broadened to other forms of (extreme) institutional dependency.

She participates in several international scientific networks. She is a founding member and was elected president of the European Society of Criminology (2004-2005) and member of the ESC Working Group on Community Sanctions and Measures and of the ESC Working Group on Prison Life and Effects of Imprisonment. She has acted since 1994 as an expert to the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) and was a member (2001-2012) and President (2006/2012) of the Council for Penological Cooperation of the Council of Europe.

She was awarded the Belgian Francqui Chair at the Université Catholique de Louvain (2008-2009) and the Ernest-John Solvay Prize for Scientific Excellence in the Human and Social Sciences by the National Science Foundation (FWO, 2010).

AHN, CHONG-GHEE



H.E. Ahn Chong-Ghee served as Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Kingdom of Belgium and to the EU from April 2015 to November 2016. After returning to Seoul, he served as Vice Foreign Minister until recently.

As a career diplomat, he served in several foreign posts including Washington DC, Geneva, and Shanghai. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he served as Director for the World Trade Organisation, and Director-General for the Bilateral Trade Bureau. During these years

he worked as lead negotiator of the Korea-EU FTA negotiations on non-tariff-barriers. More recently, he worked as Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs just before taking up the Ambassadorship to Brussels. During his stay in Brussels as Ambassador he initiated the establishment of the Korea Chair at the VUB. He studied French Literature at Seoul National University and continued his study of International Law in graduate school. He also studied International Relations and received a Master's Degree (MSFS) at Georgetown University, Washington D.C.



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HELGA SCHMID



Helga Schmid was appointed Secretary General of the European External Action Service in 2016. Prior to this, Mrs. Schmid held a series of leading positions in the European Union Institutions. She was Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs (EEAS) from 2011-2016 and Director of the Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit of the High Representative for CFSP in the General Secretariat for the CFSP of the Council of the European Union from 2006-2010. Before joining the

EU, Mrs. Schmid was Head of the Political Staff of the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin and Head of the Minister's Office from 2003-2005, Deputy Head of the prior positions from 2000-2003, Political Advisor to respectively Foreign Minister Joschka Fisher (1998-2000) and Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel (1994-1998), Press and Public Affairs officer at the German Embassy in Washington from 1991-1994 and Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for European Affairs from 1990-1991. Mrs. Schmid holds an MA degree in English and Roman languages, literature, history and politics from Munich University (Ludwig Maximilians Universität) and Sorbonne, Paris.

MICHAEL REITERER



Michael Reiterer has been appointed EU-Ambassador to the Republic of Korea in Seoul. Mr Reiterer, who holds diplomas in international relations from the Graduate Institute and the Johns Hopkins University/Bologna Center, previously served as Principal Advisor at the Asia and Pacific Department, European External Action Service (EEAS) in Brussels; as EU-Ambassador to Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein (2007-2011), Minister/Deputy Head of the EU-Delegation to Japan (2002-2006) and ASEM (Asia Europe Meeting)

Counselor (1998-2002). Before joining the EU in 1998 he was Minister-Counselor at the Austrian Permanent Representation to the EU/Brussels, Counselor at the Permanent Representation of Austria to the GATT, Co-chair of the Joint Experts Group at the OECD on trade and environment, WTO-panelist, Deputy Director General for European Integration and Trade Policy at the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber as well as Austrian Deputy Trade Commissioner to West Africa and Japan.

In 2005, he was appointed adjunct professor for international politics at the University of Innsbruck. Time permitting, he continues to teach at various universities and specialises in EU foreign policy, EU-Asia relations and interregionalism, areas in which he has published extensively.



KIM, HYOUNG-ZHIN



H.E. Hyoung-Zhin Kim is Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and Head of the Mission of the Republic of Korea to the EU. He holds a Bachelor degree in Economics (Seoul National University) and

a Master in Public Affairs (Princeton University). Ambassador Kim also acted as a Visiting Fellow at the University of Tokyo (Japan) in 2012.

He started his diplomatic career in 1984 and held consecutive posts at the Korean

Embassies in the United States of America and Ghana, and later on in the People's Republic of China. Throughout his career Mr. Kim occupied various diplomatic posts, among which those of Minister-Counsellor at the Korean Embassy in the United States of America; Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Director General for North American affairs; Secretary to the President for Foreign Affairs and Deputy Minister for Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has been serving in his current position since the end of January 2017. The Ambassador holds the title of Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (UK).

REINHOLD BRENDER



Dr. Reinhold Brender, a German national and career EU official, on 1 September 2017 took up the position of Head of the EEAS Division "Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Australia and Pacific". This followed his posting to the EU Del-

egation to Egypt from 2013 to 2017, as Deputy Head of Delegation/Minister. Earlier, he held responsibilities in Brussels for the EU's bilateral relations with the Eastern neighbours, namely Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. This followed work in the European Commission, which he joined in 1995, on a num-

ber of priority issues in the domain of the EU's external relations, including on a posting as Counsellor (Political) to the European Commission's Delegation to the United States, in Washington D.C. On secondment from the European Commission he was also the spokesperson of the "EU Pillar" of the U.N. administration in Kosovo. He had started his career as a foreign affairs journalist, working for five years as staff member of a leading German daily newspaper, the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. He studied Political Science, History and Languages in Germany, France and Switzerland, obtaining M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Freiburg University, Germany.



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RAMON PACHECO PARDO



Dr. Ramon Pacheco Pardo is the KF-VUB Korea Chair at the Institute for European Studies (IES-VUB) and Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor) in International Relations at King's College London. He holds a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Dr. Pacheco Pardo is also Committee Member at CSCAP EU and Korea Foundation Korea-Europe Next Generation Policy Expert alumnus. He has held visiting

positions at Korea University, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and Melbourne University. Dr. Pacheco Pardo has been editor of *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* and currently sits in the editorial board of *EU-China Observer* and *Global Studies Journal*. His publications include the book *North Korea-US Relations under Kim Jong Il: The Quest for Normalization?* published in 2014 and translated into Korean in 2016. He has participated in track 1.5 dialogues with Korea, China and Japan, given testimony before the European Parliament, and is a frequent media commentator on Northeast Asian affairs and EU-East Asia relations.

