

Economic Security in the AI Era: Taiwan's Cooperation with Like-Minded Countries Symposium

As the global landscape changes rapidly and the technological, economic, and trade order continues to evolve, AI represents more than a wave of technological advancement. It has become a critical factor shaping national security and industrial strategies. Countries are steadily integrating economic security into their broader strategic thinking amid the regional restructuring of supply chains, export controls on critical technologies, and closer scrutiny of cross-border investment. Taiwan occupies a pivotal position in the Indo-Pacific and plays an important role in high-tech manufacturing and innovation ecosystems. How Taiwan can cooperate with like-minded partners to address emerging challenges has therefore become a key focus across sectors.

Entitled “Economic Security in the AI Era: Taiwan’s Cooperation with Like-Minded Countries,” this symposium aims to chart a clear course and build consensus amid a changing global landscape. The event will focus on two key themes. The first is how international coordination can enhance the resilience of economic security policies amid mounting geopolitical uncertainty. The second is how like-minded countries can deepen cooperation based on mutual trust and jointly build more resilient industrial ecosystems in response to intensifying global technology competition.

Organizer: Center for International Trade Policy, Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research (CIER)

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2026, 15:00–17:05

Format: In-person symposium

Venue: CIER Conference Room B003
(B1, No. 75, Changxing Street, Da'an District, Taipei City)

Participants: Representatives from industry, government, academia, research institutions, and all sectors of society

Language: The entire event will be conducted in English. Simultaneous interpretation equipment will not be provided.

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Agenda:

Time	Topic	Speaker/Moderator
15:00-15:05	Opening	Chun Lee, Senior Deputy Executive Director (Center for International Trade Policy, CIER)

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15:05-16:00	Roundtable Forum I: Cooperation on Economic Security Policies amid Geopolitical Challenges	Moderator: Chun Lee, Senior Deputy Executive Director (Center for International Trade Policy, CIER) Panelists: Mathieu Duchâtel, Director of International Studies, Institut Montaigne Chih-Yen Tai, Associate Research Fellow (International Economic Research Division, CIER)
16:00-16:05	Break	
16:05-17:00	Roundtable Forum II: U.S.-China Technology Competition and the Role of Like-Minded Countries	Moderator: Chun Lee, Senior Deputy Executive Director (Center for International Trade Policy, CIER) Panelists: Stephen Ezell, Vice President for Global Innovation Policy and Director of the Center for Life Sciences Innovation, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation Tanemasa Asano, Representative Director of EUV Photon Inc., Japan, and Professor Emeritus at Kyushu University
17:00-17:05	Post-Event Group Photo	All Speakers

Mathieu Duchâtel

Biography



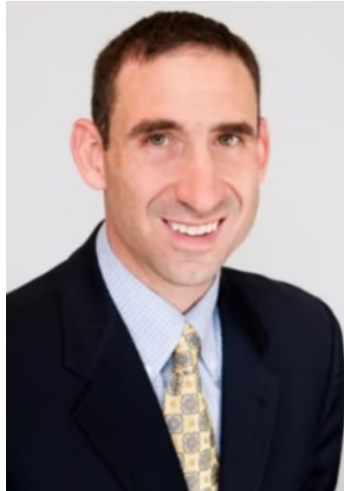
Dr. Mathieu Duchâtel joined Institut Montaigne in January 2019 as Director of the Asia Program. Before joining the institute, he served as Senior Policy Fellow and Deputy Director of the Asia and China Program at the European Council on Foreign Relations from 2015 to 2018. He was Senior Researcher and Representative of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's Beijing office from 2011 to 2015, a Research Fellow at Asia Centre in Paris from 2007 to 2011, and a Taipei-based Associate Research Fellow at Asia Centre from 2004 to 2007.

He spent nine years living in Shanghai (where he studied at Fudan University), Taipei (where he studied at National Chengchi University), and Beijing. He was a visiting scholar at Peking University's School of International Studies during the 2011–2012 academic year, a visiting scholar at the Japan Institute of International Affairs in 2015, and a visiting scholar at the Institute for National Defense and Security Research in Taipei in September 2020. He holds a doctorate in political science from Sciences Po Paris.

His recent reports for Institut Montaigne include *Economic Security: The Missing Link in EU-Japan Cooperation* (April 2023); *Semiconductors in Europe: The Return of Industrial Policy* (March 2022); *Technology Transfers: The Case for an EU-Japan-US Cooperation Framework* (March 2022); *The Weak Links in China's Drive for Semiconductors* (January 2021); *Fighting COVID-19: East Asian Responses to the Pandemic* (May 2020), co-authored with François Godement and Viviana Zhu; and *Europe and 5G: The Huawei Case* (May 2019), co-authored with François Godement.

Stephen Ezell

Biography



Stephen Ezell currently serves as Vice President for Global Innovation Policy at the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF) and Director of ITIF's Center for Life Sciences Innovation. He also leads the Global Trade and Innovation Policy Alliance. His areas of expertise include technology and science policy, international competitiveness, trade, and manufacturing policy.

Ezell is co-author of *Innovating in a Service-Driven Economy: Insights, Application, and Practice* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015) and *Innovation Economics: The Race for Global Advantage* (Yale University Press, 2012).

Before joining ITIF, Ezell co-founded Peer Insight, an innovation research and consulting firm, in 2003. The firm specialized in innovation practices in service industries. During his time at Peer Insight, he led the Global Service Innovation Consortium, published several research papers on service innovation, and examined government policies for promoting service innovation worldwide.

Before co-founding Peer Insight, Ezell worked in new service development at the NASDAQ Stock Market. He led the establishment of the NASDAQ Market Intelligence Desk and the NASDAQ Corporate Services Network, which provided specialized services to NASDAQ-listed companies. Prior to that, he co-founded two successful ventures: the high-tech services company Brivo Systems and the boutique investment bank Lynx Capital.

Ezell earned a Bachelor of Science from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He also received an honors certificate from the university's Landegger Program in International Business Diplomacy.

Tanemasa Asano

Biography



Tanemasa Asano is a distinguished Japanese scholar specializing in semiconductors and electronic devices. He holds a doctorate in engineering and is currently Professor Emeritus at Kyushu University and Representative Director of EUV Photon Inc. He spent many years teaching and conducting research at Kyushu University, where he served as Professor in the Department of Electronics, Graduate School of Information Science and Electrical Engineering. Since retiring, he has continued to participate in semiconductor and electronic materials research and industry-academia collaboration as Professor Emeritus at Kyushu University.

In industry and entrepreneurship, Asano drew on his extensive research into extreme ultraviolet (EUV) lithography to help establish EUV Photon Inc., a startup providing EUV irradiation and analytical evaluation services. He serves as the company's Representative Director and President. EUV Photon operates under Kyudai OIP, a wholly owned subsidiary of Kyushu University. The company provides advanced semiconductor businesses with integrated EUV irradiation and analytical evaluation services for materials and devices. Its work strengthens industry-academia collaboration and supports the development of new materials and manufacturing processes. Asano frequently speaks and advises on developments in EUV lithography and advanced semiconductor technologies. He also shares his experience in translating university research into entrepreneurial ventures, further promoting exchanges between academia and industry.

Asano is also active in professional organizations, including the Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers and the Japan Society of Applied Physics. He previously chaired the Technical Committee on Silicon Materials

and Devices under Japan's Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers (IEICE). The committee has played an influential role in the development of Japan's academic community in semiconductors and electronic materials.