

Taiwan and the Trans-Pacific Partnership: Issues and Opportunities

Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 1:00 - 4:45 pm

The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC

Over the last 50 years, Taiwan has transformed itself from a developing society into an advanced economy and vibrant democracy. But because of political issues it remains mostly excluded from the wave trade agreements sweeping the Asia-Pacific region. This exclusion threatens to shield Taiwan from the forces driving economic liberalization and to undermine its competitiveness. In a recent [series of papers](#), Brookings experts Richard Bush and Joshua Meltzer argue that participating in trade agreements—and in particular the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)—is key for Taiwan, not only for the market access opportunities but as an impetus for enhanced economic policies. TPP membership for Taiwan would also benefit the regional and global trading systems, ensuring inclusion for a major trade partner and a critical link in global supply chains.

On November 20, the Center for East Asia Policy Studies at Brookings will host a public seminar examining Taiwan's prospects for and implications of participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The seminar will bring together leading experts and practitioners from the United States and Taiwan to identify and analyze the internal and external obstacles to Taiwan's participation in TPP, and also the expected results of that participation. Panelists will discuss how the TPP will impact Taiwan and how Taiwan's participation could shape this and other multilateral trade agreements.

After each panel, the speakers will take audience questions.

1:00 pm Introduction

Richard C. Bush, III

Senior Fellow and Director, Center for East Asia Policy Studies

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Keynote Address

Vincent Siew

Former Vice President, ROC (Taiwan)

2:00 pm

Panel 1: The Imperative of Economic Liberalization

Panelist and Moderator: Joshua Meltzer

Fellow

The Brookings Institution

Y.F. Lin

Former Permanent

Representative to the World

Trade Organizations

Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and

Matsu

M.T. "Terry" Cooke

Founder and Chief Executive Officer

GC3 Strategy, Inc.

3:10 pm

Panel 2: Domestic and External Obstacles to Liberalization

Panelist and Moderator: Richard C. Bush, III

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