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Editor's Note

Dear readers.

In this edition of AEGIS, we present five articles addressing various issues in areas of International Relations, ranging from foreign direct investments (FDI) in SEA to the issue of cynicism.

Patrick Ziegenhain, presents one of the major targets of the ASEAN Economic Community is to achieve a higher influx of foreign direct investments (FDI) into the region. Ziegenhain analyse recent economic developments and weighing opportunities and challenges, this paper argues from a liberal-institutionalist perspective that there are good chances for a higher level of FDI in ASEAN until 2025. There are, however, several hindrances including the resistance of the ASEAN member states to accept further economic integration and a missing common regulatory framework for trade and investment, which will make it difficult to receive significantly more FDI in the near future.

In the second article, Demeiati Nur Kusumaningrum and Septian Nur Yekti describe the impact of America First's doctrine on U.S. trade relations with South Korea. Referring to the history of U.S. trade relations, the free market system has become a priority in international negotiations, both through bilateral and multilateral agreements. It examines South Korea has come out of the spirit of free trade agreed by the two countries. Since the implementation of Korus FTA until 2017, South Korea has adopted a policy pattern that initially did not comply with the point of agreement.

The third article, Muhammad Fikry Anshori presents the expansion of China in the South China Sea and the reactivation of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QSD). QSD is an informal meeting with members from the United States, Australia, India, and Japan. This article seeks to answer the advantages does QSD have after their reactivation to face China's presence in the South China Sea. The results of this article show the advantages possessed by QSD is the geographical location, the majority of resources and weapons, as well as joint war training and weapon modernization programs.

In the fourth article, Raharyo and Saady review the establishment of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) as part of PRC's bigger plan that is the Belt and Road Initiatives (BRI). The significance of Turkey strategic position for the implementation of BRI, it is very crucial for PRC to maintain a steady flow of cooperation with Turkey. This article argues that PRC has been using AIIB as part as their BRI plan through ist multilayered-multilateralism strategy to Turkey.

In the final article, Mahbi Maulaya presents an exploratory attempt to explain the reason why multilateralism is failing. The spawned-argument is that the burgeoning cynicism among the relation of international actors served to be the reason of multilateralism free fall. Two types of cynicism have been identified; the ‘cynicism as a trigger’ and ‘cynicism as a guise’. The difference between the two characterizations is razor-thin. ‘Cynicism as a trigger’ tracked whereby a sense of distrust causes the relevant state to withdraw from multilateralism manifestation.

Have a nice read.

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