Call for Papers

Paper submission deadline: 15 February 2027

"From Crisis to Complexity: Resilience and Transformation in a Shock-Prone World —30 Years After the Asian Financial Crisis"

For 4th ASEAN+3 Finance Think-tank Network (AFTN) Seminar
(Seoul, Korea, Late May 2027)
Co-organized by:
AMRO (ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office)
KIF (Korea Institute of Finance)

AMRO, with the support of its member authorities and in collaboration with the Korea Institute of Finance (KIF) and other AFTN partners, will organize the 4th AFTN Seminar in Seoul, Korea, in May 2027. The seminar serves as a key platform for fostering dialogue among think tanks, policymakers, and international organizations on critical macroeconomic and financial issues facing the region. Building on the success of previous seminars held in Shanghai, Hong Kong, China, and Tokyo, it aims to further strengthen regional knowledge exchange and policy collaboration.

Seminar Theme

Thirty years after the Asian Financial Crisis (AFC), ASEAN+3 economies have undergone profound economic and financial transformation. The AFC marked a turning point in the region's development, prompting significant reforms in monetary policy frameworks, financial regulation, capital market development, and regional financial cooperation. These reforms helped strengthen resilience and contributed to decades of growth, integration, and economic convergence.

Today, however, the region faces a new generation of challenges. Unlike the AFC, which was largely rooted in financial vulnerabilities and capital flow reversals, current risks increasingly originate from structural and supply-side forces. Geoeconomic fragmentation is reshaping trade and investment patterns. Climate change and energy transition are generating new sources of economic and financial risk. Rapid advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and digital technologies are transforming production systems, labor markets, and financial intermediation. At the same time, industrial policies are re-emerging as governments seek to enhance economic security, technological competitiveness, and supply chain resilience.

These developments point to a broader transformation of the global and regional economic landscape. Policymakers must navigate a more complex environment characterized by the interaction of economic, financial, technological, and geopolitical shocks. This raises important questions regarding the adequacy of existing policy frameworks and the types of institutional arrangements needed to support resilience and sustainable growth.

Against this backdrop, the 4th AFTN Seminar aims to revisit the lessons of the AFC while examining how ASEAN+3 economies can adapt to a world of structural transformation, heightened uncertainty, and evolving policy trade-offs. The seminar will provide a platform for researchers and policymakers to exchange ideas, strengthen regional cooperation, and contribute policy-relevant insights for the next phase of ASEAN+3 development.

Key Topics of Interest

Topic 1: Supply Shocks, Fragmentation, and Economic Resilience

This topic examines how ASEAN+3 economies are adapting to an increasingly uncertain global environment characterized by supply-side shocks, geoeconomic fragmentation, and evolving production networks. Possible topics include:

- Supply chain disruptions and reconfiguration
- Trade restructuring and regional integration
- Industrial policy and economic security
- Energy security and resilience
- Climate transition, adaptation, and economic adjustment
- Local currency settlement and regional financial cooperation
- Structural transformation in ASEAN+3 economies.

Topic 2: AI, Technological Transformation, and Economic Restructuring

This topic explores how artificial intelligence and emerging technologies are reshaping productivity, labor markets, industries, and financial systems. Possible topics include:

- AI and productivity growth
- AI and labor market transformation
- AI, inequality, and inclusive growth
- Impact of AI on Financial Stability
- AI governance and regulation
- Digital finance and technological innovation
- Data centers, energy demand, and digital infrastructure

- Semiconductors, industrial policy, and technological competition.

Topic 3: Rethinking Macroeconomic and Financial Policy Frameworks in a Shock-Prone World

This topic examines how policy frameworks can evolve to address increasingly complex interactions among economic, financial, technological, and geopolitical shocks. Possible topics include:

- Monetary policy under uncertainty
- Policy trade-offs in a fragmented world
- Macroprudential policy and financial stability
- Capital flows and exchange rate resilience
- Early warning systems and risk monitoring
- Macro-financial resilience frameworks
- Fiscal resilience and policy space
- Regional policy coordination and financial cooperation.

Submission Guidelines

Researchers from think-tanks, academic institutions, central banks, ministries, and international organizations are invited to submit original research papers.

The seminar will accept papers written in English that are original, unpublished work that has not been submitted or accepted for publication. Each paper should be accompanied by the name(s) and contact information of the author(s) and a brief description of the research.

The submission deadline is **February 15, 2027.**

Please send all submissions to Mr. Sungcheol Kim (sungcheol.kim@amro-asia.org).

Review process

All papers will undergo a selection process led by a panel of experts. Please note that AMRO can cover the cost of the most direct economy class tickets for the authors of selected papers. Authors will be notified of the decision on their papers by **16 April 2027**.

Seminar Registration

Details on registration and other deadlines will be provided accordingly on the seminar website in the weeks closer to our conference dates.

Contact Information

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