

Digital Currency in China and the Asia Pacific

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Public Events:

Feb. 14, 2022, 4-6 p.m. PST

Invitation-only Events:

Feb. 14, 2022, 6-7 p.m. PST; Feb. 15, 2022, 7:30-10:30 a.m. PST

All conference sessions will be held via Zoom meetings

This conference will bring together leading policymakers and private sector representatives to discuss the rapidly evolving digital currency landscape across the Asia Pacific region and its implications for the rest of the global financial system. We will discuss cutting edge applications of digital currencies in Asia, domestic attempts at regulation, the involvement of central banks in the digital currency sphere and how this involvement is influencing regional monetary policy coordination. Drawing on the proceedings of this conference, we intend to draft a report that will review recent progress in the adoption of digital currency by central banks in the region, with implications for both domestic social and economic programs as well as international economic relations.

Each panel will consist of three sections. The first section will involve 5-7 minutes of prepared opening remarks by each panelist. Then, in the second section, the moderator will pose 3-4 questions in succession to the panelists, who will answer the questions for 3-5 minutes each. The remainder of each panel will be spent with the moderator directing questions from the floor to the panelists.

Monday, Feb. 14

4 p.m.

Welcome:

Carolyn FREUND, Dean, UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy

4:05 p.m.

Opening Remarks:

Josh LIPSKY, Director of the Atlantic Council's Geoeconomics Center

4:10 p.m.

Keynote Speech

5 p.m.

Panel 1 (Public): Markets, Entrepreneurship and Digital Currencies in Asia

This panel will bring together government, nonprofit and private sector representatives whose work involves the dynamic innovation underway in the Digital Currency space to discuss critical recent developments in Asia.

6 p.m.

Panel 2: Regulation of Digital Currencies

In this panel, individuals pivotal to ongoing discussions around the regulation of Digital Currencies will discuss emerging regulatory best practices as governments grapple with how to engage this new financial sector.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

7:30 a.m.

Panel 3: Global Perspectives on Central Bank Digital Currencies

Economists and policymakers who are engaged with Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) will discuss how innovations like the digital Yuan and digital dollar might be carried out and how their implementation will affect central banking practices.

9 a.m.

Panel 4: Regional Monetary Policy Coordination and Central Bank Digital Currency

This panel will take up the issue of how to coordinate regional monetary policies in this emerging age of CBDCs, engaging regulators and private sector representatives in discussion on how such policies might best be designed and carried out.

10:25 a.m.

Concluding Remarks:

Victor SHIH, UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy