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# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on ASEAN-Korea Partnership

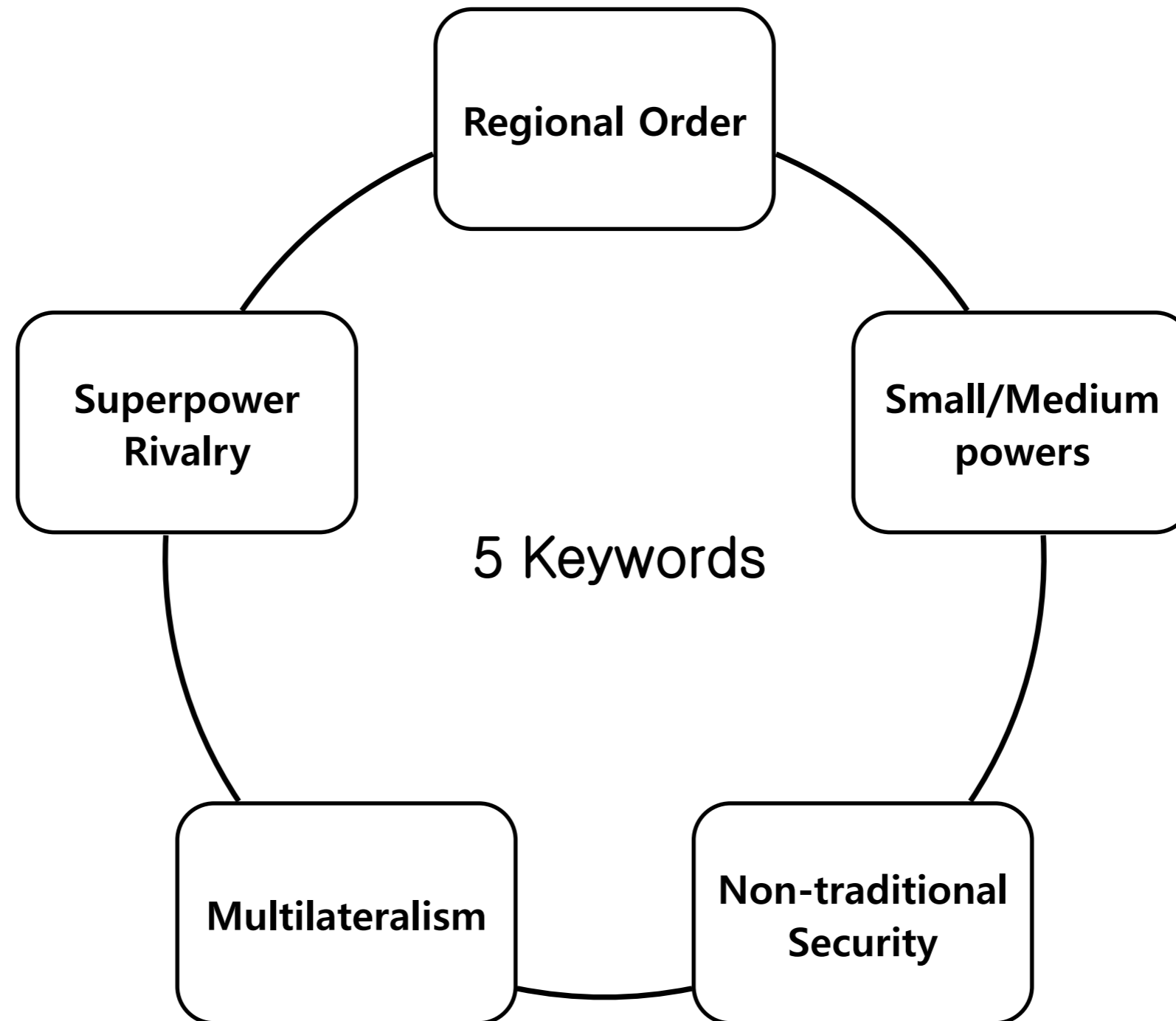
# ASEAN-Korea Political-Security Cooperation: Building a Partnership between APSC and Korea

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# Questions

1. What are the strategic environment ASEAN and Korea are facing?
2. What is APSC and what are the challenges for APSC building?
3. How can Korea make contribution for the success of APSC?
4. What is the future of ASEAN–Korea political–security cooperation?

# Security Environment



# Security Environment

1. Post Cold War power vacuum: US and Soviet, China
2. Any Regional order? Liberal order in the region?
3. Multilateral trial: EAEG, ARF
4. Rising China: from opportunity to threat
5. Superpower rivalry
6. Weak multilateralism in East Asia
7. Small and Medium powers' individual efforts
8. Non-traditional security threats rising

More questions than answers  
– Fix 6, 7 and 2

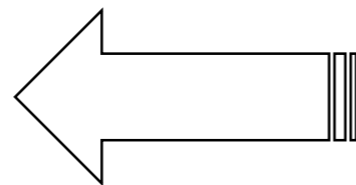
# APSC

- ASEAN Community: APSC, AEC, ASCC, led by AEC
- ASEAN Political–Security Community: Back to ASEAN Origin
- 3 pillars of APSC Blueprint
  - ✓ “A rule–based community of shared values and norms” (domestic/intra)
  - ✓ “A cohesive, peaceful and resilient region” (immediate threats/intra)
  - ✓ “A dynamic and outward–looking region” (extra–regional)
    - ❖ “strengthening ASEAN centrality”
    - ❖ “promoting enhanced ties with external parties”
    - ❖ “consultation and cooperation on multilateral issues”

# APSC

- Shortest, least detailed among three pillars
- Region for ASEAN's interests
- ASEAN a proactive, pivotal regional player?
- What about

- ✓ superpower rivalry
- ✓ Northeast Asia
- ✓ Korean Peninsula?



**Direct and indirect  
impacts on ASEAN's  
peace and prosperity**

- Worries of entrapment, abandonment, questions on capability
- Underestimating ASEAN's leverage

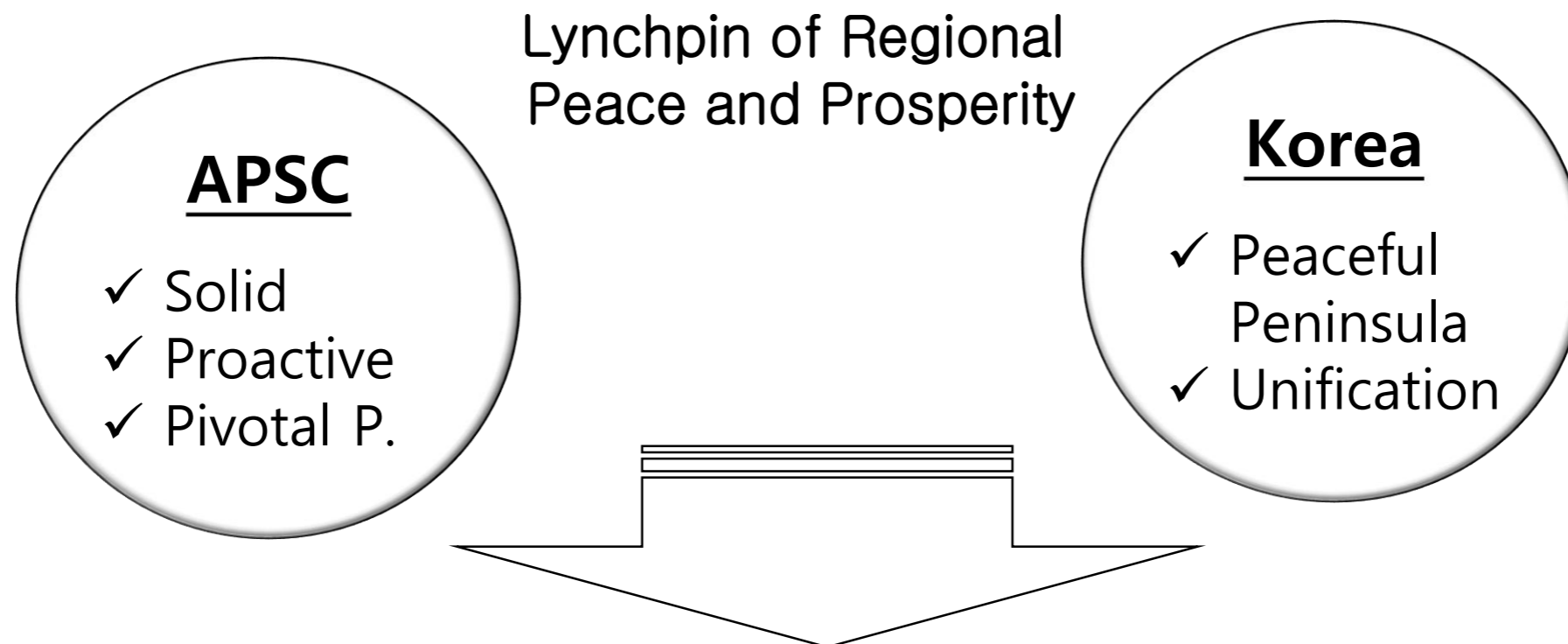
# Korea's Contribution

- Consolidating APSC
  - ✓ Official and open support for APSC
  - ✓ NTS: performance of APSC, gaining momentum
  - ✓ Values: rule of law, democracy, HR, governance, friendly advise
- Balanced development of ASEAN Community
  - ✓ AEC: connectivity assistance, development gap
  - ✓ ASCC: culture industry, more balanced A-K cultural interaction
  - ✓ Reviving multilateralism, Centrality and Like-interest unilateralism



# Conclusion: Prospect

- Best Scenario



- ◆ Brings about

- Stronger small and medium countries cooperation in multilateral
- Weathering superpower rivalry in the region
- Prospering and peaceful region