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The Global Semiconductor Industry in Transition: State Action and MNC Reaction

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The global semiconductor industry is on the cusp of a significant transformation. New security imperatives are shaping the evolution of the highly globalized industry. The US, China, and East Asia are the three major drivers of this transformation. The transformation is taking place at two levels: the security imperative has normalized state activism in strategic sectors, while transnational corporations are also adapting to states' policy agendas. This talk will examine a series of state activations and the adaptations of transnational corporations in these regions.

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