

Berlin Conference on Asian Security 2017

Triangular formations in Asia. Genesis, strategies, value added and limitations

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The Berlin Conference on Asian Security (BCAS) serves as a forum for exchange between academics and practitioners from Europe, the United States and Asia. Its aim is to generate new ideas and discuss policy implications of evolving dynamics.

The 11th BCAS will focus on different forms of trilateral cooperation in Asia. It will address the role of these trilateral formats, why they originally formed and what they have accomplished. What are the strategies of cooperation? How have they developed over time and what is their added value in comparison to a bilateral approach? Do they strengthen or weaken existing multilateral organizations? Do they contribute to regional (and global) prosperity and stability?

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Arrival of overseas participants

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Arrival of European participants

13:30 *Registration and welcome coffee/light lunch*

14:00 *Opening remarks by Günther Maihold (SWP)*

14:15 **Session I: US-centered triangles: US – Japan – Australia**

Chair: Gudrun Wacker (SWP)

US: Andrew Shearer, »US-centered triangles: US - Japan - Australia« (Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington D.C.)

Japan: Tomohiko Satake, »Shaping the Future: The US-Japan-Australia Strategic Triangle«, (National Institute for Defense Studies, Tokyo)

Australia: Euan Graham, »Australia-Japan-US Trilateral: A Perspective from Australia« (Lowy Institute for International Policy, Sydney)

14:45 Plenary debate

15:45 *Coffee break, SWP*

16:15 **Session II: US-centered triangles: US – Japan – South Korea**

Chair: Alexandra Sakaki (SWP)

Japan: Yoshihide Soeya, »Deep Structure and Logic of Japan-ROK Security Cooperation«, (Keio University, Tokyo)

South Korea: Young Ho Kim, »Trilateral Security Cooperation among ROK, US and Japan: Prospects and Challenges«, (Research Institute for National Security Affairs, Seoul)

16:45 Plenary debate

17:45 *Dinner, SWP*

Friday, September 8, 2017**09:30 Session III: Non-US related: Russia – China – India**

Chair: Christian Wagner (SWP)

Russia: Igor Denisov, »Russia-India-China Triangle – From Russian Perspective«, (Moscow State Institute of International Relations)

China: Zhang Xin, »High Rhetorical Significance, Low Practical Substance: Do We Need the RIC Format?«, (East China Normal University, Shanghai)

India: Rajesh Rajagopalan, »Russia-India-China: The Never-Never Triangle«, (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

10:00 Plenary debate

11:00 *Coffee break, SWP*

11:30 Session IV: Non-US related: China – Japan – South Korea

China: Yue Li, »China, Japan, and South Korea: Trilateral Relations of Competition, Coordination toward Cooperation«, (The Pangoal Institution, Center for Northeast Asian Studies, Beijing)

Japan: Yuichi Hosoya, »Northeast Asian Trilateral Regional Cooperation: A Japanese Perspective«, (Keio University, Tokyo)

Comment: Bong Kyoo Yoon (Research Institute for National Security Affairs, Seoul)

Comment: Alexandra Sakaki (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin)

12:00 Plenary debate

13:00 *Buffet lunch, SWP*

14:30 Session V: Trilateral Initiatives focusing on Afghanistan: US – China – Pakistan and Russia – China – Pakistan

Chair: Nicole Birtsch (SWP)

Russia: Petr Topychkanov, »Trilateral Initiatives focusing on Afghanistan: US-China-Pakistan and Russia-China-Pakistan«, (Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow)

China: Wang Shida, »China's Role in Facilitating the Peace Process of Afghanistan«, (CICIR Institute of South, Southeast and Oceanian Studies, Beijing)

Pakistan: Amina Khan, »Initiatives Focusing on Afghanistan – A Pakistani Perspective«, (Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad)

15:00 Plenary debate

16:00 *Coffee break*

16:30 ***Implications for Europe***

Chair: Volker Perthes (SWP)

Germany: Janka Oertel (The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Berlin)

France: Francois Godement, »The implications for Europe (of triangular cooperation in Asia)«, (European Council on Foreign Relations, Paris)

17:00 Plenary debate

18:00 Closing remarks by Volker Perthes (SWP) and Gudrun Wacker (SWP)

18:15 *Dinner, SWP*

End of conference

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Departure of European and overseas participants