Competing spaces, shifting orders: Asia’s new geopolitics

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AGENDA

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|                     | - The new politics of space: Asia’s geopolitics is remapping the global geography (Mohammadbagher Forough, Universiteit Leiden, Leiden)  
|                     | - Contested Asia’s new geopolitics (Nick Bisley, La Trobe University, Melbourne)  
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|                     | - The Belt and Road Initiative: China’s new geopolitical strategy? (Zhexin Zhang, Shanghai Institute for International Studies, Shanghai)  
|                     | - Trump’s Asia policy and the concept of the “Indo-Pacific” (Jamie Fly, GMFUS, Washington D.C.)  
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**Responding to the new geopolitics in Asia**
*Chair: Sebastian Schiek, SWP*

- Japan’s reluctant embrace of BRI? (Masafumi Iida, NIDS, Tokyo)
- Australia between China and the United States (Aaron L. Connelly, Lowy Institute, Sydney)
- India and the Indo-Pacific (Vijay Sakhuja, JNU, New Delhi)

### 4.00pm – 4.30pm
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### Session 4:
**Searching for a place in Asia’s new geopolitics**
*Chair: Christian Wagner, SWP*

- When Populists perform foreign policy: Duterte and the Asia-Pacific regional order (Aries Arugay, University of the Philippines, Quezon City)
- A new role for Sri Lanka in Asia’s changing geopolitics? (Barana Waidyatilake, Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute, Colombo)
- Cursed by geopolitics? South Korea’s place in Asia’s changing politics of space (Sung-Mi Kim, Cambridge University, Cambridge)

### 6.00pm
Dinner
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Session 5:
Setting standards, exporting governance: geopolitics and geo-economics
Chair: Kirsten Westphal, SWP

- The United States and the rise, fall and future prospects of the (comprehensive and progressive agreement for) Trans-Pacific Partnership (Xianbai Ji, NTU, Singapore)
- The EU's Asia-Pacific partnership: shaping Asia's geopolitics through FTAs? (Hanns Günther Hilpert, SWP, Berlin)
- The Asian Super Grid in Northeast Asia and China's Belt and Road Initiative (Gaye Christoffersen, Johns Hopkins, Nanjing)

11.00am – 11.30am
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Session 6:
Conclusion: Competing spaces, shifting orders – what role for Europe?
Chair: Felix Heiduk, SWP

- Intervention 1 (Gudrun Wacker, SWP, Berlin)
- Intervention 2 (Dominik Mierzejewski, University of Lodz, Lodz)
- Intervention 3 (Shada Islam, Friends of Europe, Brussels)

1.00pm
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