

# Competing spaces, shifting orders: Asia's new geopolitics

## 12<sup>th</sup> Berlin Conference on Asian Security (BCAS)

### AGENDA

October, 15-16, 2018

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Day 1, October, 15  
9.00am

**Registration of participants**

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9.15am – 9.30am

**Welcome remarks** (*Prof. Dr. Günther Maihold, Deputy Director, SWP*)

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9.30am – 11.00am

**Session 1:**

**Introduction: Space, geography, and international politics in Asia**

*Chair: Günther Maihold, SWP*

- *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)*
- *State transformation in globalizing Asia: New geopolitics or the restructuring of social power relations? (Jeb Sprague, University of California, Santa Barbara)*

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11.00am – 11.15am

Coffee break

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11.15am – 1.15pm

**Session 2:**

**Rival geopolitics reloaded?**

*Chair: Gudrun Wacker, SWP*

- *The Belt and Road Initiative: China's new geopolitical strategy? (Zhixin Zhang, Shanghai Institute for International Studies, Shanghai)*
- *Trump's Asia policy and the concept of the "Indo-Pacific" (Jamie Fly, GMFUS, Washington D.C.)*
- *Europe and changing Asian geopolitics (Mathieu Duchâtel, ECFR, Paris)*

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1.15pm – 2.30pm

Lunch

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2.30pm – 4.00pm

**Session 3:**  
**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)*

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4.00pm – 4.30pm

Coffee break

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4.30pm – 6.00pm

**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)*

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6.00pm

Dinner

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Day 2, October 16  
9.30am – 11.00am

**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)*

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11.00am – 11.30am

Coffee break

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11.30am – 1.00pm

**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)*

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1.00pm

Lunch

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