

Kick-Off Conference of the Jean Monnet Network on EU-Asia Trade and Security

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Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Ludwigkirchplatz 3-4, D-10719 Berlin

About EAST

The project brings together senior scholars, early stage researchers and think-tankers from three continents to provide **incisive and systematic analysis of the relations between the EU and the Asia-Pacific**. Against the background of the withdrawal of the United States from important global governance regimes, the prospect of a rise in protectionism and the increasing instability of a multipolar world, the European Union and Asian powers have emerged as **the strongest advocates of a globalisation and multilateralism**. Both the EU and countries in the Asia-Pacific region share a **common interest in regional and global stability**. At the same time, this relationship is characterised by **frequent tensions on issues such as market access, intellectual property rights or human rights**, and takes place against a deeper disagreement on principles of state sovereignty and the normative underpinnings of global governance. This network will study **two essential aspects** of this relationship between the EU and the Asia-Pacific region in depth: **security and trade**. Network partners have been selected carefully to ensure the **best possible mix of expertise** from Europe and the Asia-Pacific, from academic institutions and from think tanks, from different disciplines and from both senior and junior scholars. Contributors to each research group will explore the full range of pertinent issues, present their findings as **a series of conferences** and finally publish these in **two edited volumes** – ensuring in the process the added value of collaborative, interdisciplinary and transnational research and aspiring to share the output of the project with **a wide audience from both academia and policy-making**.

Conference Programme

DAY 1:

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | Registration and coffee |
| 9:30 – 9:45 | Opening remarks by the project leaders |
| 9:45 – 11:00 | Roundtable: Current Challenges and Future Outlook in EU-Asia relations
Chair: Hanns-Günther Hilpert, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambassador Laurence Bay, Embassy of the Republic of Singapore, Berlin• Sven Biscop, Egmont Institute, Brussels• Ambassador Volker Stanzel, German Council on Foreign Relations• Uwe Wissenbach, European External Action Service, Brussels |

- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30 – 13:00 Session One:
EU-Asia Relations: Traditional and Non-traditional Security Issues I
 Chair: Thomas Christiansen, Maastricht University
 Panel:
- Raphael Bossong, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin
 - Nicola Casarini, Institute of International Affairs, Rome
 - George Christou, University of Warwick
 - Thomas Diez, Tübingen University
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30 Session Two:
EU-Asia Relations: Traditional and Non-traditional Security Issues II
 Chair: Emil Kirchner, University of Essex
 Panel:
- Katja Biedenkopf, KU Leuven
 - Jean-Christoph Defraigne, Louis University, Brussels
 - Han Dorussen, University of Essex
- 15:30 - 15:50 Coffee break
- 15:50 – 17:20 Session Three:
Bilateral Security Relations between the EU and Key Powers in Asia
 Chair: Tan See Seng, RSIS
 Panel:
- Elena Atanassova-Cornelis, University of Antwerp
 - Felix Heiduk, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin
 - Emil Kirchner, University of Essex
- 17:20 – 18:00 **Presentation of recently published books**
 Chair: Thomas Christiansen, Maastricht University
- [*The European Union and China*](#), presented by Uwe Wissenbach
 - [*EU-Japan Security Cooperation: Trends and Prospects*](#), presented by Emil Kirchner
- 19:00 Conference Dinner (for speakers)

DAY 2: TRADE RELATIONS

- 11:00 – 11:20 **Opening remarks by the project leaders**
- 11:20 – 12:40 Session Four:
Translating complex interdependence into formal trade agreements
Chair: Johan Adriaensen, Maastricht University
Panel:
- Johan Adriaensen, Maastricht University
 - Evgeny Postnikov, University of Melbourne
 - Clara Weinhardt, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin
- 12:40 – 13:40 Lunch
- 13:40 – 15:00 Session Five:
Overlapping and Rivalling negotiations between the EU and Asia
Chair: Evgeny Postnikov, University of Melbourne
Panel:
- Alexandra Hennessy, University of Essex
 - Hanns-Günther Hilpert, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin
 - Katharina Meissner, Institute for European Integration Research (EIF),
University of Vienna
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30 – 17:00 **General discussion and next steps**
- Johan Adriaensen, Maastricht University
 - Thomas Christiansen, Maastricht University
 - Evgeny Postnikov, University of Melbourne
 - See Seng Tan, RSIS