

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

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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:

9:00 – 9:30 **Registration and coffee**

9:30 – 9:45 **Remarks by project leaders**

9:45 – 11:40 **Session One: Opening roundtable**

Chair: Tan See Seng, RSIS

Panel:

- Joseph Chinyong Liow, Dean of College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University
- Philomena Murray, University of Melbourne
- Yeo Lay Hwee, Director of EU Centre in Singapore



- 11:40 – 12:00 Coffee break
- 12:00 – 13:45 Session Two:
EU-Asia Relations: Traditional and Non-traditional Security Issues I
 Chair: Thomas Christiansen, Maastricht University
 Panel:
- Nicola Casarini, IAI & Michito Tsuruoka, Keio University
 - Roberto Dominguez, Suffolk University
 - Michael Raska, RSIS
 - Pascal Vennesson, RSIS
- 13:45 – 14:45 Lunch
- 14:45 – 16:15 Session Three:
EU-Asia Relations: Traditional and Non-traditional Security Issues II
 Chair: Emil Kirchner, University of Essex
 Panel:
- Christopher Len, Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore
 - Sung-Hoon Park, Korea University
 - Alistair Cook, RSIS
 - Martin Searle, RSIS
- 16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30 – 18:00 Session Four:
Bilateral Security Relations between the EU and Key Powers in Asia
 Chair: Tan See Seng, RSIS
 Panel:
- Thomas Christiansen, Maastricht University & Mason Richey, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
 - Philomena Murray, University of Melbourne & Margherita Matera, University of Melbourne
 - Reuben Wong, National University of Singapore
 - Bhubhinder Singh, RSIS
- 20:00 Conference Dinner (for speakers)

DAY 2: TRADE RELATIONS

- 11:00 – 11:15 **Remarks by project leaders**

- 11:15 – 12:45 Session Five:
Negotiating trade amidst geo-economic turbulence
Chair: Philomena Murray, University of Melbourne
Panel:
- Bart Kerremans, KU Leuven
 - Soo Yeon Kim, National University of Singapore
 - Evgeny Postnikov, University of Melbourne & Johan Adriaensen, Maastricht University
- 12:45 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30 Session Six:
Designing trade agreements to withstand turbulent times
Chair: Bart Kerremans, KU Leuven
Panel:
- Jean-Frédéric Morin, Université Laval & Madison Cartwright, University of Sydney
 - Camille Nessel, Ghent University
 - Alasdair Young, Georgia Tech
- 15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45 – 17:15 Session seven:
Parallel negotiations and overlapping agreements
Chair: Evgeny Postnikov, University of Melbourne
Panel:
- Margherita Matera, University of Melbourne
 - Sung-Hoon Park, Korea University
 - Poppi Winanti, Universitas Gadjah Mada
- 17:15 – 17:30 **Final remarks**