

**17th Lodz East Asia Meeting**  
**“Regional order in (post)-pandemic Asia”**

University of Lodz

**27-28 June 2022**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

**MONDAY (JUNE 27) - ALL TIMES IN CET (WARSAW)**

**Venue:** Faculty of International Relations and Political Studies, Narutowicza 59a, Lodz (I floor)  
and online

9.00-10.15

Plenary  
Hall

(Sala Rady  
Wydziału)

**OPENING SESSION**

**WELCOMING REMARKS**

**Prof. Łukasz Bogucki**

Vice-Rector for International Relations of the University of Lodz

**Prof. Ryszard Machnikowski**

Dean of the Faculty of International Relations and Political Studies, University of Lodz

**KEYNOTE SPEECH: Prof. Bart Dessein „China, Central Asia, and a Changing Global Order”**

(moderator: Prof. Tomasz Kamiński)

10.15-10.30

Coffee and tea break

	Plenary Hall (Sala Rady Wydziału)	Room 102
10.30-11.30	<p><b>Panel 1: Implications of the Covid-19 pandemic for the politics, economy and societies of Asian countries</b></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Dominik Mierzejewski</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr Agnieszka Nitz-Makowska, Collegium Civitas, <i>China as a Global Public Goods Provider? The Implications of the Covid-19 Crisis for Chinese Soft Power</i></li> <li>2. Mr Mirosław Sadowski, McGill University/INP PAN, <i>Hong Kong in the Times of Pandemic: A Correlation between Flattening the Curve and the Slide Towards (Authoritarian) Illiberalism?</i></li> <li>3. Mr Adam Pawelczyk, University of Silesia in Katowice, <i>Covid restrictions in Chinese cities in late 2021 and early 2022. Comparative analysis</i></li> </ol>	<p><b>Panel 2: Social and political changes in the Peoples Republic of China</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dr Bartosz Kowalski</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr Maciej Maćkowiak, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań/Kupsik Law Firm, <i>Myth and legal misconceptions regarding the Chinese Social Credit system</i></li> <li>2. Ms Emilie Sz wajnoch, University of Silesia in Katowice, <i>Social Credit System – uncontroversial central foundation and local Orwellian solutions?</i></li> <li>3. Ms Monika Kwiatkowska, Jagiellonian University, <i>The influence of neo-Confucian philosophy on the Social Credit System in China</i></li> </ol>
11.30-11.45	Coffee and tea break	
11.45-13.30	<p><b>Panel 3: Indo-Pacific region in the politics of regional and world powers</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dr Joanna Beczkowska</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dr Justyna Eska-Mikołajewska, Cracow University of Economics, <i>Post-pandemic China-Australia relations: new challenges and perspectives</i></li> <li>2. Dr Łukasz Fijałkowski, University of Wrocław, <i>Indo-Pacific as a regional security complex (online)</i></li> <li>3. Prof. Robert Rajczyk, University of Silesia in Katowice, <i>Taiwan's strategic communication (online)</i></li> <li>4. Dr Robert Czulda, University of Łódź, <i>Emerging Economic and Political Potential of the Asia-Pacific Region – A View of the Islamic Republic of Iran</i></li> </ol>	<p><b>Panel 4: History and Present in Asia</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dr Michał Zaręba</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mrs Kateřina Urbancová, Charles University, <i>The South China Sea – Clash of Cartographies (online)</i></li> <li>2. Ms Paulina Rogozińska, University of Łódź, <i>History issues of Japan in its contemporary politics on SEA</i></li> <li>3. Dr Jose A. Canton, University of Łódź, <i>Opium and the European penetration in the Sinosphere (1500-1840)</i></li> <li>4. Ms Gunel Madadli, Jagiellonian University, <i>The dilemma between Feminist Foreign Policy and ethical principles of politics</i></li> <li>5. Mr Marcin Krzyżanowski, Jagiellonian University, <i>Afghanistan - grim present, unclear future</i></li> </ol>

	5. Mr Achim Alan de Merlo, The Graduate Institute, Geneva / Sophia University Institute of International Relations, Tokyo, <i>Japan-Europe post-pandemic security cooperation metamorphosis in the Indo-Pacific (online)</i>	
13.30-14.30	Lunch	
14.30-16.00	<b>Plenary panel (online): Post-pandemic Sino-American reconfiguration in East Asia – Prof. Robert G. Sutter</b> (Elliott School of International Relations), <b>Prof. Zhiqun Zhu</b> (Bucknell University), <b>Prof. Dominik Mierzejewski</b> (University of Lodz), moderator: <b>Grzegorz Stec</b> (MERICS).	
16.00-16.05	Coffee and tea break (short)	
16.05-17.15	<p><b>Special session - Let's talk about books (meeting with the authors):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Prof. Andrei P. Tsygankov</b>, San Francisco State University, "Routledge Handbook of Russian Foreign Policy", Routledge 2020 <b>(online)</b> (moderator: Prof. Michał Słowikowski; Dr Bartosz Kowalski)</li> <li><b>Prof. Glenn Diesen</b>, University of South-Eastern Norway, "Europe as the Western Peninsula of Greater Eurasia: Geoeconomic Regions in a Multipolar World", Rowman &amp; Littlefield Publishers 2021 <b>(online)</b> (moderator: Dr Joanna Ciesielska-Klikowska)</li> </ol>	<p><b>Panel 5: Changes in foreign and domestic policy of India</b></p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Grzegorz Bywalec</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prof. Agnieszka Kuszewska, Jagiellonian University, <i>Between Russia and the West: India's Realpolitik through the lens of defensive realism (online)</i></li> <li>Dr Tomasz Okraska, University of Silesia in Katowice, <i>Still Cold Peace? Sino-Indian Relations two years after Galwan Valley clash</i></li> <li>Ms Natalia Zajączkowska, University of Lodz, <i>On the Politics of Fear: The Role of Politicians in Stoking Islamophobia during the COVID-19 Pandemic in India</i></li> </ol>

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**Panel 6: War in Ukraine and its consequences for the international order in Asia**

Moderator: Dr Robert Czulda

1. Prof. Thomas Gold, University of California, Berkeley, *Suddenly Taiwan - Ukraine as the Empires Strike Back*
2. Prof. Grzegorz Nycz, Pedagogical University of Cracow, *Pivotal role of China in the strategic confrontation between Russia and the West of the II Cold War (online)*
3. Dr Adrian Szumowski, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, *Lessons for the Peoples Republic of China: War in Ukraine 2022*
4. Mr Adith Srinivasan, University of Edinburgh, *Enemies Wanted: The Realpolitik of the "China Threat" Construction*
5. Prof. Carmen Mendes, Macau Scientific and Cultural Centre, *China at the ultimate crossroads: supporting Russia or dealing with the West? (online)*

**Panel 7: Growing role of paradiplomacy and non-state actors in Asia**

Moderator: Dr Joanna Ciesielska-Klikowska

1. Dr Anna Rudakowska, Tamkang University, *International relations of Taiwanese cities – sovereignty free paradiplomacy?*
2. Prof. David A. Jones, University of Warsaw, *Politicisation of the Olympic Games: To Divide Instead of to Unite when Paradiplomacy is Abused (online)*
3. Mr Michał Gzik, University of Lodz, *Subnational relations between Poland and China. Case of Polish cities and regions*
4. Mrs Yulia Rachinsky-Spivakov, MFA of Israel, *Civil Society in the Philippines under Duterte - love story or breakup? Analyzing cooperation with the NGOs on environment and labour migration (online)*

11.15-11.30

Coffee and tea break

11.30-13.00

**Panel 8: Multilateral political and economic cooperation in and with Asia**

Moderator: Prof. Tomasz Kamiński

1. Prof. Marcin Grabowski, Jagiellonian University (Prof. Niall Duggan, University College Cork, Prof. Jörn-Carsten Gottwald, Ruhr-University Bochum, Dr Kamila Szczepanska, University of Turku), *EU-China Relations: Development and Resilience in the*

**Panel 9: Japan in contemporary international relations**

Moderator: Dr Marcin Socha

1. Prof. Karol Żakowski, University of Lodz, *International and Domestic Determinants of Post-Abe Japan's Policy towards China*
2. Mr András Bartók, National University of Public Service, Hungary, *Securizing demographic aging in contemporary Japan - policy and public discourse*

	<p><i>Age of Complexity (online)</i></p> <p>2. Dr Burcu Ermeýdan, Independent Researcher, Turkey, <i>Overlapping Regionalism in East Asia: A Critical Review on Free Trade Agreements (online)</i></p> <p>3. Mr Midas Van Dijk, International Institute of Asian Studies (Chris Wensink (IIAS), Richard Griffiths (IIAS)), <i>Why Regions are the future?</i></p> <p>4. Ms Angela Sarafian, AI 4 Development Agency, <i>Strategic significance of the shifting power dynamics of the semiconductor markets in East Asia on regional and global security (online)</i></p>	<p>3. Mr Zachariasz Popiolek, Keio University, <i>From real to cyber? How the pandemic has changed political communication style in Japan - from the perspective of individual support groups Koenkai (online)</i></p> <p>4. Mr Piotr Głogowski, Cracow University of Economics, <i>Japan's foreign policy in the post-pandemic era</i></p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.15	<p><b>Roundtable: Implications of the war in Ukraine on Russia-China relations (online, TBC)</b></p> <p>Moderator: Ms Lily Ong</p>	<p><b>Special session - Let's talk about books (meeting with the authors):</b></p> <p><b>1. Prof. Beata Bochorodycz</b>, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznan, "Fukushima and Civil Society: The Japanese Anti-Nuclear Movement from a Socio-Political Perspective", Routledge 2022 <b>(online)</b> (moderator: Prof. Karol Żakowski)</p> <p><b>2. Prof. Bogdan Góralczyk</b>, University of Warsaw, "Nowy długi marsz. Chiny ery Xi Jinpinga", Dialog 2021 <b>(online)</b> (moderator: Prof. Tomasz Kamiński, Mr Michał Gzik)</p>
15.15-15.30	Coffee and tea break	
15.30-17.00	<p><b>Roundtable discussion (online): Paradiplomacy in and with Asia –Dr Anna Rudakowska (Tamkang University), Prof. Tomasz Kamiński (University of Lodz), Dr Joanna Ciesielska-Klikowska (University of Lodz), moderator: Prof. Dominik Mierzejewski (University of Lodz)</b></p>	
17.00	Closing remarks	