

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND TRENDS IN SOUTH, SOUTHEAST AND EAST ASIAN SOCIETIES

8th Annual Prague Conference on Asian Studies

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Metropolitan University Prague, Prokopova 16, Prague 3 – Žižkov

Program:

- 8:30-9:00 Registration and Morning Coffee
- 9:00-9:15 Welcome Speech (room 201)
- 9:15-10:45 **Keynote Speeches** (room 201)
Speaking for Myself: Women's Writing in Asia | (Malashri Lal, English Advisory Board of the Sahitya Akademi)
Unpacking Contentious Politics: Southeast Asian Fieldwork Experiences | (Duncan McCargo, University of Leeds)
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:30 **Panel I – India: Communities and Groups at the Margin I** (room 201)
Trafficking in India: International Mandates over Local Realities | (Geraldine Forbes, State University of New York Oswego)
Mental Health and Education in India: From Rabindranath Tagore to Today's Problems | (Christine Kupfer, Edinburgh Napier University)
Mothers at the Margin in Mahasweta Devi's Short Stories | (Blanka Knotkova-Capkova, Metropolitan University Prague)
- Panel II – China's Impact on Security in East and Southeast Asia** (room 202)
Ideological Foundations of the Chinese Communist Party's Foreign Policy in Contemporary Perspective | (Bartozs Kowalski, University of Lodz)
China's Geopolitical Strategy in East Asia and Regional Problems for the Weaker Economies: a Case of the Philippines | (Francisco Falsetti Xavier, Jilin University, China)
China's Hydropolitics of the Mekong River Basin | (Michale Zareba, University of Lodz)
Slaves of Hydro-Illusionary Truth – Rethinking Hydropower Development in the Mekong River Basin (Richard Grunwald, Metropolitan University Prague)
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-15:00 **Panel III – India: Communities and Groups at the Margin** (room 201)
Rivalry, Neutrality or Cooperation: the Dalit Movement in Contemporary Tamil Nadu | (Pavel Hons, Czech Oriental Institute)
The Kotas: From a „Primitive“ Tribe to the Modern Citizens. The Tribal Group in the Process of Transformation | (Sona Bendikova, Charles University, Metropolitan University Prague)
Indigenous (Adivasi) Communities' Demand for a Separate, Officially Recognized Religion in India (Radhika Borde, Metropolitan University Prague)
- Panel IV – Contemporary Foreign Policy of Japan** (room 202)
In the Land of Working Poor – Neoliberalism, Institutional Change and Social Exclusion in Contemporary Japan | (Jan Sykora, Charles University, Metropolitan University Prague)
Contemporary Challenges to Japan's Foreign Policy | (Toru Furugori, Counselor, Japanese Embassy in the Czech Republic)
Collective Self-Defense and Japan's Incrementalism | (Michal Kolmas, Metropolitan University Prague)
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-17:00 **Panel V – Human Security and Environmental Politics in Southeast Asia** (room 201)
Climate Change in the Philippines: Paradoxical Relationship among Ecology, Grassroots Society and Political Administration | (Luzile Satur, Passau University)
Human Security in Malaysia, Philippines and Cambodia | (Alzbeta Kiganda Smith, Metropolitan University Prague)
A Human Security Assessment of Papua New Guinea: from the Perspective of Policy | (Dominik Cholewski, University of Lodz)
Dispossession, Incorporation and Resistance: Gendered Experiences and Responses to Oil Palm Plantation Development | Rosa de Vos (Wageningen University) and Izabela Stacewicz (University of Reading)
- Panel VI – Contemporary Security Issues in East Asia** (room 202)
Hybrid Warfare and its Occurrence in East and Southeast Asia | (Jan Blinka, Masaryk University)
Beijing's Activity on South China Sea and Reaction of International Community – a New Area of Conflict in Contemporary Sino-Japanese Relations | (Marcin Socha, University of Lodz)
Security Cooperation of Japan and Vietnam in the South China Sea | (Maria Strasakova, Metropolitan University Prague)
- 18:30-21:00 Dinner for Panelists and Invited Guests

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