

EVENTS

The New China As Told to the Future President: Towards a New Digital Silk Road

In partnership with the Aspen Institute, Asia Centre was pleased to welcome on 19 April David Baverez for the publication of his book *Paris-Pekin Express* for a better understanding of the scope of the change resulting from the rise of a new China as well as an analysis of the political, economic and social changes of the Chinese model. Moderated by Florence Biot, Jean-François Di Meglio and Caroline Ruellan.

The New Deal in China – Policy, Economy, Foreign Affairs

In partnership with IHEDN, 20 April. With contributions from Justin Vaisse (CAPS), Thorniké Gordadzé (IHEDN), Jean-François Di Meglio (Asia Centre), Joris Zylberman (Asialyst) and David Baverez.

FORTHCOMING IN JUNE - Expert Group Meetings

7 June - CHINA OBSERVATORY - China's Presence in the Sahel Region: The Case of Niger and Chad

by Pr. Jean-Pierre Cabestan, HKBU/Asia Centre, Pilot of the China Observatory
Although Niger and Chad are fragile States that are facing significant security challenges, they are not overlooked by China, which has increased not only its economic presence – in particular in oil and infrastructure – but also its political and cultural influence as well as its development aid. However, despite notable military cooperation with these countries, China hardly contributes to their security.

22 June - SOUTHEAST ASIA OBSERVATORY - Indonesia's Strategic Elites: Towards a Reshaping of Eminent Political Circles?

by Dr. Alban Sciascia, Associate Researcher at Asia Centre. This first roundtable in the new cycle of the Southeast Asia Observatory organized by Asia Centre in partnership with the Ecole Navale and INALCO will be moderated by Pr. Delphine Allès (Université Paris Est Créteil/Irasec). It will gather research and administration guest experts.

Public Conferences

9 June - Launch of New Publication Asia Trends: The Terrorist Challenge in Asia, in partnership with INALCO and Courrier International

Asia Centre is pleased to convene a roundtable to mark the publication of its new bi-annual bulletin Asia Trends: Key Insights and Analysis – Asia at the Source. The editorial board and the authors will present the original approach that has resulted in this new bilingual interdisciplinary bulletin, which will provide an in-depth analysis of current events and strategic trends based on sources in the original languages for a better understanding of the regional and global dynamics as seen from Asia. The first issue will focus on the terrorist challenge in Asia before examining the current affairs of the last few months as seen from Northeast, Southeast and South Asia.

Moderated by Eric Chol, Editor-in-Chief of Courrier International.

Débats Asia

14 June - Asia's Demographic Transition, with Ranil Manohara Salgado, Assistant Director in the International Monetary Fund's Asia and Pacific Department (APD)

organized by Asia Centre to mark the publication of the report "Regional Economic Outlook: Asia and Pacific." Moderated by Jean-François Di Meglio, Asia Centre.

15 June - China, New World Order, New Leaders and New International Relations, with Pr. Wang Jisi, Professor at the School of International Studies and Dean of the Institute of International and Strategic Studies, Peking University

Moderated by Renaud Girard, Le Figaro



IN BRIEF

2016 Activity Report

All our activities, publications and contributions to debates in 2016 can be consulted in the activity report available online.

Les Carnets d'Asia Centre

Through the upcoming release of its «Carnets» on the platform Hypothèses, Asia Centre wishes to make available to the academic community a new medium to circulate its monitoring and analytical bulletins in their entirety as well as news relating to its field expert work.

Meetings with Partner Delegations

Since the start of the year, Asia Centre has hosted several of its partners: Pr. Ho Keun Yoo, of Cheongju University, researchers from the School of Public Policy and Management of Tsinghua University, the Shanghai Institute for International Studies (SIIS), as well as the China Institute for Contemporary International Relations (CICIR).

Visit by the National Defense University

Florence Biot and Candice Tran Dai had the opportunity to talk with Col. Fan Chien-Kuo, Vice-Commandant and General Instructor at the War College, and to converse on cybersecurity issues with Dr. Hwang Ji-Jen, Head of the International Master of Strategic Studies.

PUBLICATIONS

FORTHCOMING – ANALYTICAL BULLETIN ASIA TRENDS

With contributions from Léonie Allard, Paul Caussat, Jean-Raphaël Chaponnière, Jean-Yves Colin, Florence Geoffroy, Happymon Jacob, Camille Liffra, Tuty Raihanah Mostarom, Raffaello Pantucci, Marianne Péron-Doise, Sulmi Park, Romain Brian Quivoij, Jean-Luc Racine and Alban Sciascia

CHINA BRIEFING NOTES

China in the South Sudan Armed Conflict: the “Parallels” Strategy, by Obert Hodzi (University of Helsinki).

Report – 12th Sino-European Strategic Dialogue with CICIR.

Xi Jinping at The “Heart” of Power as the 19th Congress Looms, Jérôme Doyon

MEMOS

China, the South Pacific and Contemporary Geopolitics

Memo of the China Observatory roundtable organized on 25 January, with Pr. Anne-Marie Brady.

China’s Metastasizing Terrorist Threat

Memo of the China Observatory roundtable organized on 13 February, with Raffaello Pantucci.

MONITORING

La Lettre de l’Observatoire Asie du Sud-Est

In the framework of the new cycle of the Southeast Asia Observatory, still headed by Dr. Eric Frécon, publication of a bimonthly newsletter on the main personalities, events and publications.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEBATES

9 May – Pakistan. The State of Regional and Strategic Relations

Senate hearing of Jean-Luc Racine

14 & 15 May – Belt & Road Forum and Belt and Road Global Think Tank Forum

Participation of Jean-François Di Meglio to these events organized by the Chinese Center for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE) in Beijing.

31st May – Analysis Workshop “Conventions – Regulating Globalization” on the New Silk Roads - MEAE with Stéphanie Balme (SciencesPo PSIA) et M. Paul Furia, MEAE

31st May – Cultures on the Internet: Spaces for Expression in China – Bookstore Le Phénix, With the participation of Anna Zyw Melo, Associate Researcher at Asia Centre, on The Challenge of Mobile Connection, with Murielle Fabre and Jean-Philippe Béja.

8 June – Five Years of Xi Jinping, China’s Political Development – IRSEM

J.-P. Cabestan, C. Tran Dai and J.-F. Di Meglio will participate in this symposium for an assessment of Xi Jinping’s first presidential term.

12 June – OBOR and Development Opportunities for Companies – France China Committee, MEDEF International

26-28 juin - 6th French Network for Asian Studies International Conference (FNASIC), with Jean-Luc Racine.

MEDIAS

Inde : le gouvernement assume une démonétisation risquée

J.-L. Racine, *Radio Vatican*, February 1st

Is The Trump Era Really The Xi Era?

J.-P. Cabestan, *ChinaFile*, March 1st

Les effets du Make in India sont encore diffus

J.-L. Racine, *Les Echos*, March 3rd

Deauville: une journée pour mieux cerner la Chine

J.-F. Di Meglio, *Ouest France*, March 11

Pourquoi la corruption est-elle si ancrée en Chine

J.-P. Cabestan, *Huffington Post*, March 15

Pourquoi la France intéresse l’Indonésie

E. Frécon, *LaTribune.fr*, March 28

Au Japon, on manque de chômeurs

J.-Y. Colin, *Le Figaro*, April 10

Asie du Sud Est : la diplomatie du bambou

E. Frécon, *France Culture*, Mai 6

Moon Jae-in devra réduire les inégalités et le fossé générationnel en Corée du Sud

Antoine Bondaz, *Asialyst*, Mai 10

Inde. New Delhi et les grands projets chinois et russe en Asie centrale

Jean-Luc Racine, *France Culture*, Mai 11

- The Belt & Road Forum
by Jean-François Di Meglio -

Chine : les enjeux d’influence des nouvelles routes de la soie, *Les Echos*, Mai 11

La Ceinture et la Route, une initiative qui «inverse le cours de l’Histoire», *Xinhuanet*, Mai 14

La Chine cherche à imposer sa vision de la mondialisation, *les Echos*, Mai 15

- Local elections in Nepal
Jean-Luc Racine -

Elections locales au Népal : une première depuis vingt ans, *Libération*, Mai 13

Au Népal, les premières élections locales depuis 20 ans, *La Croix*, Mai 15

L’économie indienne, au défi d’une croissance mieux partagée

Jean-Luc Racine, *RFI*, Mai 20

La cybersécurité en Asie du Sud-Est, Candice Tran Dai, dans «L’Asie du Sud-Est 2017, Bilan, enjeux et perspectives», dir. Claire Thi-Liên Tran et Abigaël Pesse, Irasec/ Les Indes savantes, 2017