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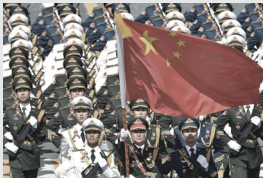
The summer was marked by the G20 in Hangzhou, a new milestone in China's demonstration of its growing influence, but also by the ruling of the Court of Arbitration in The Hague on the islands in the South China Sea. These events highlighted the importance of Asian issues in international relations as well as in the global economic governance. But for Asia, the major event of the last few months was the surprise – as seen from there – of Brexit, which has caused much uncertainty and bewilderment in a continent that had sometimes envied or wished for the European integration or even feared that it may turn into an overly cohesive entity in the face of the rise of other continents, including when it came to assigning the much vaunted “market economy status.” Cards are being reshuffled and the election periods that are still producing aftershocks in England or starting in France and Germany will most likely push into

the background the Asian concerns of Europeans. That would be a paradox as well as a mistake at a time when Europe – or its main components – plainly matters so much for Asia.

The activities of our Centre will attempt to reduce the risk posed by the widening of such a gap, as our Centre has always been dedicated to doing. In addition to continuing our “Observatories” for a shared in-depth regional expertise, the organisation of seminars to share perspectives – on cyber issues as well as China “as seen from” – and the participation of our members to Asian forums – such as the “Huai Hai Forum” in Shanghai – will contribute to such a mission.

They will also take place in the ever more concrete context of our scientific research and development cooperation with the various entities of INALCO, which is already home to many of our activities and teams.

EVENTS



PERSPECTIVES

Annual International Conference on China

The China Observatory held its annual conference on 27 September in Paris to bring together Indian and French analyses of contemporary China, in particular with respect to China's domestic policy and its international implications, China's military modernization, China and India's neighbors, and China's ambitions in the Indian and Pacific oceans. +

Study Day on Cyber Geopolitics in Asia

Organized in partnership with the Castex Chair of Cyber Strategy on 7 July at the Geography Society. About 20 international experts began by making an assessment of cyber issues in Asia before comparing European and Asian stances on cyber security. +

Breakfast - The Chinese Economy and Finance as Seen from Japan

On 12 October – Kai Kajitani, Professor at the University of Kobe, spoke at the Inalco research institute on “Capital Surplus: The Main Problem Facing China?” in the context of the cycle of conferences focused on corporate issues. +

CURRENT DEBATES

At CERI, on 28 September, on “**Legislative Elections in Hong Kong**”, Jean-Philippe Béja, Jean-Pierre Cabestan, Stéphanie Balme and Jean-François Di Meglio discussed the impact of the umbrella movement and its limits, and upcoming in November with a meeting with Stéphanie Balme, Jean-François Di Meglio and Hubert Testard on **China and Brexit**. +

At Inalco, on 24 November – Discussion on Asia with Han Dong-ho (Korean Institute for National Unification) and Teodora Gypuchanova (Database Center for North Korean Human Rights, DBNK), who will discuss **the human rights situation under the North Korean regime**, together with Antoine Bondaz, Guibourg Delamotte, William Fautré, Dorian Malovic, John Nilsson-Wright and Pierre Rigoulot. +

On 1st December – Presentation of the publication “**Framing China's Energy Security: A Multidimensional Perspective**” by Jean-François Di Meglio and Giulia Romano, Routledge editions – in collaboration with CERI. +

IN BRIEF

Fourth Edition of the **Huaihai Forum**, 14 & 15 October, Shanghai

Asia Centre will be represented by Jean-François Di Meglio at this edition focused on “The International Order In Transition: Global Challenges and Management” organized by the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. +

Scientific Convention with Inalco

The Asia Centre is delighted to announce the arrival of Jean-François Heimburger (Fellow), Margot de Groot (Junior fellow) and Kahina Fahem (Administrative assistant), and new associates Marianne Peron-Doise (Irsem), Giulia Romano (SciencesPo) and Jean-François Huchet (Inalco).

New Members and Associates

Asia Centre a le plaisir d'annoncer les arrivées de Jean-François Heimburger (Fellow), Margot de Groot (Junior Fellow) et Kahina Fahem (Administrative assistant), et les nouvelles associations de Marianne Peron-Doise (Irsem), Giulia Romano (SciencesPo) et Jean-François Huchet (Inalco).

Third Meeting of the Advisory Board 2016

Organized on 29 September, it allowed for the discussion of the Asia Centre's scientific activities and prospects in the presence of Antoine Bondaz, Jean-Pierre Cabestan, and Jean-Luc Racine.

Photo Exhibition – Shanghai Sacred

by photographer-anthropologist Liz Hingley.

This exhibition is the result of over three years of research on the territories, rituals and communities that make and celebrate Shanghai's “sacred space” and its diversity, solidarity and creative dynamism. First shown at the ICP, the exhibition will soon be hosted by Inalco. +



PUBLICATIONS

ANALYTICAL BULLETINS

Strategy Bulletins on China no. 5 & 6, by Antoine Bondaz, PhD

These Bulletins present the most representative opinions of Chinese thinkers and strategists on the PLA as well as China's relations with its periphery and the world.

Japan Analysis no. 39 - **Japan's Energy Transition After Fukushima: Actors, Achievements and Consequences**

With contributions from Sophie Buhnik, Amélie Corbel, Antonin Francesch, Benoît Granier, Arnaud Grivaud, Raphaël Languillon and Nicolas Leprêtre..

Korea Analysis no. 10 - **French-Korean Relations**

With contributions from Léonie Allard, Antoine Bondaz, Jean-Raphaël Chaponnière, Chul Min Mo, Théo Clément, Jean-François Heimbürger, Jung Sang-Chun, Benjamin Katzeff Silberstein and Pierre-Emmanuel Roux.

NOTES

A Toughening Regime and Rising Tensions: What Future for Xi Jinping's Presidency?, by Camille Liffiran (French-Chinese Centre of Beijing / Asia Centre)

Assessment of Xi Jinping's policies, as the 19th Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) scheduled for fall 2017 is drawing closer and is likely to see the replacement of a significant number of the members of the Political Bureau.

The New Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries, by Dorota Richard, PhD (SciencesPo)

Since 2012, the cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European countries has intensified. It is developing in both the traditional bilateral context and in the context of the so-called "16+1" Format.

China-Myanmar and China-Thailand: An Asymmetric Triangle, by Arnaud Dubus, Bangkok

Relations between China and these two neighbours have recently moved in opposite directions. Previously called a "tributary" of China, Thailand has curbed its trade with the Chinese regime since the 2014 coup, while Myanmar's democratic opening (since 2015) has improved even its relations with its powerful neighbour.

China EU Relations: Where to Now?, by Kerry Brown, PhD (King's College / Chatham House)

This briefing note looks back at the relations between China and the EU since the start of the 2000s, which were originally imbued with mutual idealism before turning more pragmatic, and analyses the destabilising consequences that may follow from Brexit.

China's Energy Trilemma - **The Nexus of Energy Security, Environmental Sustainability and Economic Prosperity as Prisms to Decipher Asia's Moving Challenges**, by Benjamin Denjean



IN THE MEDIA

Myanmar: The Origins of the Violence between Buddhists and Muslims in Rakhine State

Florence Geoffroy, *Asialyst*, 17 October

India: The Tectonic Shift of Castes

participation by Jean-Luc Racine to the programme CulturesMonde on *France Culture*, 6 October

Perceptions and Realities of Authoritarianism in Southeast Asia

Eric Frécon, *Le Monde Diplomatique*, October 2016

China's Insatiable Appetite

Jean-François Di Meglio, quotes in *Le Monde*, 25 September

The Dalai Lama, Persona Non Grata?

Jean-François Di Meglio on *France Culture*, 14 September

President Hollande's Visit to Vietnam

Jean-Raphaël Chaponnière in *Les Echos*, 6 September

North Korea's Nuclear Tests

analyses by Antoine Bondaz in *Le Monde* and *Le Figaro*, 18 & 19 September

Editorial by Jean-Pierre Cabestan in the last issue of *China Perspectives* : « **What Kind of International Order Does China Want? Between Reformism and Revisionism** », August 2016

The Paradoxes of China's Soft Power

Jean-François Di Meglio, in *France Forum* no. 62: Global Governance, The New Deal, July 2016

Columns by Jean-Raphaël Chaponnière in *Asialyst*: "Brexit: What is at Stake for Asia?", "China, a Double-Engine Economy," "South Korea: Turbulence Ahead for the Shipbuilding Industry," "Are Chinese Investment Abroad Higher Than Foreign Investment in China?", "In the Heart of Southeast Asia, the 'Great Trade Game' Is in Full Swing," "Asia: The Gender Imbalance," "A Global Growth 'Made in Asia.'"

CONTRIBUTION TO DEBATES

North Korea – Immersion into the Heart of a Totalitarian State, by Antoine Bondaz, PhD,

and photographer Benjamin Decoin, published by Editions du Chêne on 28 September

India's Foreign Policy: National Interest and Global System, presentation by Jean-Luc Racine

at the symposium "Where Is India Going?", Res Publica Foundation, 6 June 2016. The symposium's printed book is available online

Towards Renewed Tensions in the Taiwan Strait, Jean-Pierre Cabestan, Research Notes no.

31, "The Stakes Behind China's 'Active Defense' Strategy," IRSEM, October 2016