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Will the COVID-19 Pandemic Accelerate or Hinder the Rise of Asia?

Pandemics have changed the course of history of mankind, so will COVID-19. The former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has said: "The world will never be the same after the coronavirus".

The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc to the world economy and severely disrupted the global supply chain. Many economists have opined that COVID-19 will accelerate de-globalization. Multinationals may reshore their production facilities from China, and make necessary supply chain adjustments to mitigate operational risks.

COVID-19 has also exacerbated the strained China-US relations arising from the trade war. While social-economic life in China has basically returned to normal, the US is still muddled in the pandemic. Blaming and bashing China for the spread of the coronavirus has become the presidential election strategy for both the Republicans and Democrats. Intensified China-US rivalry will invariably influence the geopolitics of Asia.

COVID-19 has not only affected business operations, but also changed people's lifestyles and the work environment. The application of AI, the Internet and big data in combating the spread of the virus will undoubtedly accelerate the digital transformation of Asia.

Before the outbreak of COVID-19, political pundits have already predicted that the world was on the cusp of the Asian Century. Will the COVID-19 pandemic, which has devastated many advanced economies, accelerate or hinder the rise of Asia?

A panel of prominent scholars and experts from China, the U.S, Russia, India, U.K., Japan, Thailand, and Malaysia will participate at the New Inclusive Asia Dialogue 2020 (NIAD 2020), to deliberate and share their insights on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Asia, centred around the above mentioned theme.

NIAD 2020 is co-organised by the Centre For New Inclusive Asia, Malaysia, Institute of International Studies, Nanjing University, China and Center for Regional Security Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.



The Independent Voice of Inclusive Asia

CNIA is a non-government Malaysian think tank focusing on the studies of the new dynamics of Asia brought about by the rise of China and other Asian powers, in particular, ASEAN and South Asian countries. It is a Global Partner of the Belt and Road Studies Network (BRSN), an official alliance of international think tanks with research interest in the Belt and Road Initiative, launched by China at the 2nd Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in 2019.

The rise of China is considered by many as the most important phenomenon of the 21st century. The world needs to understand China as much as China must know the rules of the game in engaging with the world. Malaysia is uniquely the confluence of Asia's three great civilisations, namely, Chinese, Indian and Islamic. As a member of the British Commonwealth, Malaysia is also well exposed to Western political and economic philosophies and cultural values.

CNIA intends to exploit this distinct advantage by serving as a bridge to promote better understandings inter and intra Asia, as well as between the New Asia and the World.

CNIA was co-founded by Tan Sri Ong Tee Keat and Mr Koh King Kee.

Tan Sri Ong Tee Keat, Chairman of CNIA, is the former Federal Transport Minister and Former Deputy Parliament Speaker of Malaysia. He is currently the President of The Malaysia-China Silk Route Business Chamber and has been active in promoting Malaysia-China relations since his early days in active politics, more so after exiting from partisan politics in 2013. He is a well-known figure in the Chinese language literary circle for his creative writing as well as his social critique and political commentaries.

Mr Koh King Kee, President of CNIA, is currently the Director of the China Belt and Road Desk, Baker Tilly MH Advisory Malaysia. He is the Joint Vice Chairman of the Council of International Advisors of the National Academy of Belt and Road Green Development at China International Culture Exchange Centre, and former Research Director of People's Justice Party (PKR), Malaysia. Mr Koh has keen interest in the economic development and politics of China and has delivered numerous talks on BRI both in Malaysia and China.

CNIA has signed strategic cooperation agreements with several well-known think tanks in China and cohosted forums, seminars and webinars with Tsinghua University, Nanjing University, Renmin University and Jinan University.

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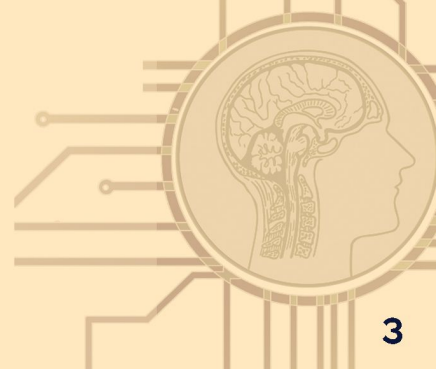


南京大学国际关系研究院

School of International Studies, Nanjing University

Founded in 1964, the School of international Studies at Nanjing University, formerly known as the Research Center of Modern British and American Foreign Policy, is one of the earliest research institutions specialized in international studies in China. In 2000, it expanded to become a multi-disciplinary research institution which focuses on high-quality teaching and research on international studies.

The School of International Studies (SIS) at Nanjing University has long enjoyed good reputation in the field of international relations research. It has traditional advantages in the study of IR history. It serves as a major base for teaching and studying of IR history in China. SIS has undertaken more than 20 state projects including those of the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice as well as the project of Encyclopedia of China. Over the past 50 years, it has made an important contribution to the teaching and research of IR studies in China, established great academic influence at home and abroad, and trained a large number of talents engaged in international studies and related work.



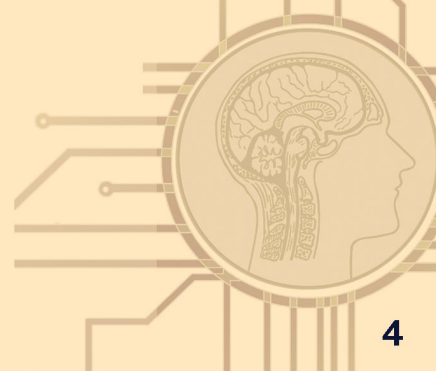


中国南海研究协同创新中心
COLLABORATIVE INNOVATION CENTER OF SOUTH CHINA SEA STUDIES

China Center for Collaborative Studies of the South China Sea, Nanjing University

The China Center for Collaborative Studies of the South China Sea at Nanjing University was founded in July 2012. In May 2013, it was approved and became one of the first collaborative innovation centers sponsored by the Ministries of Education and of Finance. The Center was initiated by Nanjing University and has been greatly supported by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Government of Hainan Province, and the State Oceanic Administration. It works in close collaboration with other research institutes, including the National Institute of South China Sea Studies, the Naval Command Academy, Renmin University of China, Sichuan University, the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and the Institute of Border Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Driven by the demands of major national policies and aimed at the defense of China's maritime rights and security, the Center seeks to develop basic research as well as research on applicable counter measures on South China Sea issues, offer services to the nation's strategic decision-making on these issues, and provide intellectual support for the nation's development of "maritime power", mainly through collaboration between disciplines and institutes—namely, between arts and sciences, military and civilian organizations, universities and institutes, and between universities—which is enabled by system and mechanism innovation.

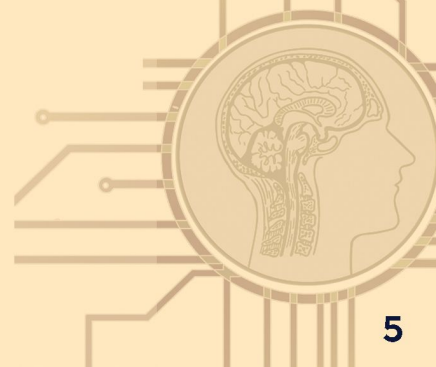
Since its founding, the Center has made full use of Nanjing University's particular edge in disciplines such as international relations, documentation and information, geographic information, oceanic and island research, border history, journalism and communication, and international law, and worked in collaboration with domestic and international researchers from relevant fields. It has made special efforts to establish a cross-university, cross-institute, and cross-regional innovative system for the development of talent, research, and management. Incorporating "first-rate interdisciplinary groups", "first-rate talent training base" and "first-rate new-style university think tank" into one, the Center has become a new collaborative innovation body for South China Sea studies as well as research on maritime security.





The Center for Regional Security Studies, CASS

The Center for Regional Security Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, established in October 2002, is an academy level research center approved by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). The Center is a non-profit academic institution. It is funded by institutions, companies, individuals and foundations at home and abroad. All the funds are used for research and research related activities. The Center mainly conducts comprehensive analysis and research on issues related to China's surrounding security and regional security. The Center organizes research projects, carries out international academic cooperation, and provides policy suggestions for the government. The Center employs part-time special researchers, who are entrusted by the Center to engage in research, participate in and assist the Center in organizing academic activities. The Liaison Office of the Center is located in the National Institute of International Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.





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WELCOME ADDRESS

11:00-11:15

Tan Sri Ong Tee Keat

Chairman, Centre for New Inclusive Asia, Malaysia

Prof Zhu Feng

Director of Institute of International Studies, Nanjing University, China

Dr Zhong Feiteng

Director of Center for Regional Security Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

KEYNOTE SPEECH

11:15-11:45

Moderator: Dr Peter Chang

Deputy Director, Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya

***The Cooperation: The Only Hope to Rise Above Any Black Swans and Grey Rhinos
from Pandemic to Geopolitical Entanglements***

Mr He Yafei

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***The Problem of China Winning: COVID-19 and New National Narrative of
Success and Failure***

Prof Kerry Brown

Director of Lau China Institute, King's College London, U.K.

US - China - Europe : Future Trade and Investment Flows

Prof Klaus W Larres

Richard M Krasno Distinguished Professor of History & International Affairs,
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, U.S.

DIALOGUE SESSION I

11:45-13:00

The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Changing Geopolitical Landscape of Asia

Moderator: Mr Xu Qinduo

Host of Dialogue Weekend, CGTN, Senior Fellow at Pangoal Institution, China

The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Strategic Competition Between China and the U.S.

Prof Zhu Feng

Director of Institute of International Studies,
Executive Director of China Center for Collaborative Studies of the South China Sea,
Nanjing University, China

Is the COVID-19 Pandemic Accelerating Russia's Turn to Asia?

Dr Alexey V Kuznetsov

Director, Institute of Scientific Information for Social Sciences, Russian Academy of Sciences

From BC to AC: The Rise and Continuing Rise of Asia in the Post COVID-19 Era

Mr Sourabh Gupta

Senior Asia-Pacific International Relations Policy Specialist at
Institute for China-America Studies, Washington DC

COVID-19 Will Not Halt the Rise of Asia

Prof Maidul Islam

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India

Q&A (25 minutes)

DIALOGUE SESSION II

13:00-14:15

The COVID-19 Pandemic and Reconfiguration of the Global Supply Chain

Moderator: Dr Peter Chang

Deputy Director, Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya

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Prof Kriengsak Chareonwongsak

Chairman, Nation Building Institute of Thailand

The Impact of COVID-19 on Asia's Complex Value Chain Linkages

Prof Li Xin

Deputy Dean of Statistics, Beijing Normal University, China

A More Integrated Supply Chain Centering ASEAN and China

Dr Wang Dan

Chief Economist, Hang Seng Bank (China)

China - Japan Cooperation and Reconfiguration of the Global Supply Chain

Dr Ding Ke

Research Fellow, Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization, Japan

Q&A (25 minutes)

DIALOGUE SESSION III

14:15-15:30

The COVID-19 Pandemic and Digital Transformation of Asia

Moderator: Mr Oliver Stelling

Senior Communications Advisor

Communications Director, Centre for New Inclusive Asia, Malaysia

Malaysia's Experience in Leading Digital Economy Forward with 4IR

Datuk Wira Dr Rais Hussin Mohamed Ariff

Chairman of Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC)

President & CEO of EMIR Research, Malaysia

Slowbalization, Dual Circulation Development Strategy and China's Digital Transformation

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5G Infrastructure Happenings in China

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Opportunities, Challenges and Competitive Advantages for Asian Countries to Embrace Digital Transformation

Ms Ma Jiawen

Senior Analyst, ByteDance China

Q&A (25 minutes)

CLOSING REMARKS

15:30-15:40

Mr Koh King Kee

President, Centre for New Inclusive Asia, Malaysia

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Dr Peter Chang

Deputy Director, Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya

Dr Peter T. C. Chang is trained in the field of comparative philosophy and religion. In recent years, Dr Chang's research is focused on analyzing the new lease of life ancient philosophical and religious traditions are relishing in modern China. The project looks at how a rejuvenated Confucianism could shape the evolving character of the Chinese milieu and in turn impact the global community. Multidisciplinary in scope, the study covers subjects ranging from social-political reform to inter-civilizations engagements, and bioethical issues to environmental concerns.

Currently based at the Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya, Dr Chang is analyzing the opportunities and risks associated with the Belt and Road Initiative. He is examining this from the perspective of China's soft power, specifically the Chinese traditional as well as popular cultural imprints upon the world at large in general, and Malaysia in particular.



Mr Oliver Stelling

Senior Communications Advisor

Communications Director, Centre for New Inclusive Asia, Malaysia

Mr Oliver Stelling is the Communications Director of Centre for New Inclusive Asia and a senior communications adviser with over 20 years of experience in corporate communications, public policy, crisis communications and reputation management in the Middle East and Asia. He holds a Master's Degree in Communication Research, Chinese Studies and Linguistics from Bonn University and is a commentator on Asian connectivity, China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), strategic communications and reputation. He serves as a GLG Council member for emerging markets communications.



Mr Xu Qinduo

Host of Dialogue Weekend, CGTN

Senior Fellow at Pangoal Institution

Mr Xu Qinduo works as producer of the *TODAY* show and political analyst at China Radio International. He also hosts *Dialogue Weekend* at CGTN every week. As a political analyst who follows Chinese foreign policy closely, Mr Xu frequently contributes to international media outlets such as The New York Times, Press TV, Turkey's TRR, Russia Today, etc.

Mr Xu majored in both English language and international studies. His focus of research has been on China's rise and its interactions with the rest of the world. Mr Xu spent four years in the US as chief correspondent of CRI and one year in Australia as visiting scholar to the University of Melbourne. He is a senior fellow at the Pangoal Institution and an adjunct professor at Renmin University of China.

Mr He Yafei

Former Vice-Minister of
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
People's Republic of China



The Cooperation: The Only Hope to Rise Above Any Black Swans and Grey Rhinos from Pandemic to Geopolitical Entanglements

Mr He Yafei is former Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, and former Deputy Director of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council of China. He was born in Ningbo, Zhejiang Province, in March 1955. He graduated from Beijing Foreign Studies University, and earned a master's degree at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva.

As a professional diplomat, he has served in various positions related to foreign affairs. He was appointed Counselor of the Chinese Permanent Mission to the United Nations in 1994, and Deputy Director General of the Department of Arms Control of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1997. In 1998, he was appointed Minister Counselor of China's Embassy in the United States and was promoted to Minister of the Embassy in 2000. He served as Director General of the Department of North American and Oceanian Affairs from 2001 to 2006, and as Assistant Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2006 to 2008. In 2008, he was appointed Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2010, he assumed the office of Representative and Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the UN office in Geneva, and also served in other international organizations in Switzerland.

Mr He has rich experience in diplomatic practices, and in-depth research and studies on global governance and China's foreign policy, on which he has published several books. His latest book *China and Global Governance* was published in March 2019. On the basis of clarifying the concept and mechanism of global governance, he clarifies China's role in global governance, and summarizes the concepts and practices of China's efforts in improving the global governance system and innovating the model of global governance mechanism.

Prof Kerry Brown

Director of Lau China Institute of
King's College London, U.K.



The Problem of China Winning: COVID-19 and New National Narrative of Success and Failure

Kerry Brown is Professor of Chinese Studies and Director of the Lau China Institute, King's College London, and Associate Fellow on the Asia Pacific Programme at Chatham House, London. From 2012 to 2015, he was Professor of Chinese Politics and Director of the China Studies Centre at University of Sydney. Prior to this, from 1998 to 2005, he served as a diplomat in the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and then from 2006 to 2012 Senior Fellow and then Head of the Asia Programme at Chatham House.

He was Director of the Europe China Research and Advice Network (ECRAN) funded by the European Union. He is the author of 20 books, the most recent of which are *China's Dreams: The Culture of the Communist Party and the Secret Sources of its Power* (Polity, Cambridge, 2018), and *The Trouble with Taiwan: History, the United States and a Rising China* (Zed Books, London, 2019).

Prof Klaus W Larres

Richard M Krasno Distinguished Professor of
History & International Affairs,
The University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill, U.S.



US - China - Europe : Future Trade and Investment Flows

Prof Klaus W. Larres, Ph.D., is the Richard M Krasno Distinguished Professor of History and International Affairs at The University of North Carolina (UNC) in Chapel Hill, NC. At UNC he also directs the Krasno Global Events series, including an “Ambassadors & Distinguished Statesperson Forum”. Recently he has served as a Counselor and Senior Policy Adviser at the German Embassy in Beijing, China. Previously he held the Henry Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy & International Relations at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, and was selected as a Member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, NJ.

Prof Larres focuses on the foreign, economic and security policies of the U.S., China, Germany, and the EU as well as the U.K. In particular, he writes and lectures on political and economic relations among the triangle US-China-EU/Germany. He also works on transatlantic relations, U.S. foreign policy, the history of the Global Cold War, and the life and politics of Winston Churchill. He has also written on the complex North Korea problem, EU and German politics and Brexit.

Prof Larres is the former Clifford Hackett Visiting Professor of European History at Yale University. He also taught British Politics as a Visiting Professor at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC. Prof Larres was also a Visiting Professor at Schwartzman College/Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, and a non-residential Senior Fellow at the think tank Center for Transatlantic Relations at Johns Hopkins University/SAIS in Washington, DC. Earlier in his career, he was also a Visiting Fellow at St. John’s College, Oxford University, and a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, DC.

Born in Germany, Prof Larres was educated at the University of Cologne and the London School of Economics (LSE) in the U.K. He has published widely on the above research themes. He frequently gives interviews to the global media and is often consulted by media organizations, think tanks and international businesses. He advises the New York based consultancy Gerson Lehman Group (GLG) on an occasional basis.

Prof Kriengsak Chareonwongsak

Chairman, Nation Building Institute of
Thailand



The COVID-19 Pandemic and Reconfiguration of the Global Supply Chain

Professor Kriengsak Chareonwongsak, a Senior Fellow at Harvard University, USA, was in addition a Prime Ministerial Adviser in Thailand, a Member of Parliament and Vice Chair of the Economic Development Committee in the House of Representatives. Currently, he is President of the Institute of Future Studies for Development, Chairman of the Nation-Building Institute (NBI), and Professor of Management and Economics, Othman Yeop Abdullah Graduate School of Business, Universiti Utara Malaysia.

Professor Kriengsak Chareonwongsak is a Director of Singapore's Public listed Company ASTI Holdings and Chairman of the Board Risk Management Committee, Krungthai-AXA Life Insurance Public Company Limited. He graduated from Monash University, Australia, with First Class Honours and top of the class, and in 1981 an Economics PhD. He obtained a Master of Public Administration degree from Harvard University, USA, and holds a Master's Degree from Judge Business School at the University of Cambridge, UK, having also a D.Phil. (Doctor of Philosophy in Management) and Post Doctoral Studies (Management and Policy Analysis) both at the University of Oxford, UK. He teaches business, finance, and economics at the graduate level of several universities. He has published more than 200 books and numerous articles, presented over 500 academic papers and 6,000 newspaper and magazine articles.

Dr. Ding Ke

Research Fellow,
Institute of Developing Economies,
Japan External Trade Organization, Japan



China-Japan Cooperation and Reconfiguration of the Global Supply Chain

Dr Ding Ke received his PhD degree in economics from Nagoya University. As the first foreign employee, he has been working at the Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO) for 15 years. His research field includes industrial organization, global value chain, innovation and Chinese economy.

He is the author of *Market Platforms, Industrial Clusters and Small Business Dynamics: Specialized Markets in China* (Edward Elgar, Cheltenham and Northampton, 2012).

PROFILE OF SPEAKERS

Mr Sourabh Gupta

Senior Asia-Pacific International
Relations Policy Specialist at
Institute for China-America Studies,
Washington DC



From BC to AC: The Rise and Continuing Rise of Asia in the Post COVID-19 Era

Mr Sourabh Gupta is a resident senior fellow at the Institute for China-America Studies (ICAS) in Washington D.C. He is a senior Asia-Pacific international relations policy specialist with two decades of Washington, D.C.-based experience in a think tank and political risk research and advisory capacity. Key area of expertise pertains to the intersection of international law, both international maritime law (Law of the Sea) and international trade and investment law, with the international relations of the Asia-Pacific region. Areas of specialization include: analysis of major power relationships and key flashpoint issues in the Asia-Pacific region; analysis of outstanding territorial disputes and maritime law-related developments in Asia; and analysis of developments in World Trade Organization and Asia-Pacific investment, trade and economic regionalism-related policy and politics.

He is a member of the United States Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (USCSCAP) and was a 2012 East Asia Forum Distinguished Fellow.

PROFILE OF SPEAKERS

Datuk Wira Dr Rais Hussin Mohamed Ariff

Chairman of Malaysia
Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC)
President & CEO of EMIR Research, Malaysia



Malaysia's Experience in Leading Digital Economy Forward with 4IR

Datuk Wira Dr Rais Hussin is Chairman of the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) and President & CEO of EMIR Research, Malaysia.

Dr Rais is an avid strategist, perennial wordsmith, accountable and serial entrepreneur, and serious policy intellectual. He has over 26 years of experience launching and expanding large, complex and ultimately successful enterprise initiatives and international programs across a broad range of technical enterprises in for-profit and non-profit environments, that includes but not limited to, Telekom Malaysia, MCI WorldCom Malaysia, Teleglobe Canada, Axis Technologies and Goldnet Resources.

A noted thought leader in Malaysia, Dr Rais is a highly sought-after Writer/Columnist and Conference Presenter. He has a passion for bringing together the best possible resources and talents in pursuit of a prosperous, just and dynamic Malaysia.

Perhaps most notably, Dr Rais was responsible for overseeing the preparation of the first election manifesto to ever trigger a change of government in Malaysia.

He received his Bachelors in Economics (Hons), Masters in Management and Doctorate in Business Administration from International Islamic University of Malaysia, and has participated in Harvard Business School Executive Education Program.

Prof Maidul Islam

Assistant Professor of Political Science,
Centre for Studies in Social Sciences,
Calcutta, India



COVID-19 Will Not Halt the Rise of Asia

Maidul Islam is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta. Previously, he was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Presidency University, Kolkata and at the School of Rural Development, Tata Institute of Social Sciences. He was also a Fellow at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.

He was educated at Presidency College, Kolkata and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. As a Clarendon-Hector Pilling-Senior Hulme scholar at Brasenose College, he earned a doctorate in politics from the University of Oxford in 2012. As an academic, he contributes to academic journals, edited volumes and newspapers.

His research interests are in political theory, South Asian politics and cinema studies. As a political analyst, occasionally, he appears on Bengali news channels. He also gives expert opinions on Indian politics and West Bengal politics to various national and international print media houses. He is the author of *Limits of Islamism: Jamaat-e-Islami in Contemporary India and Bangladesh* (Cambridge University Press, 2015), and *Indian Muslim(s) after Liberalization* (Oxford University Press, 2019).

Dr Alexey V Kuznetsov

Director of Institute of
Scientific Information for Social Sciences,
Russian Academy of Sciences



Is the COVID-19 Pandemic Accelerating Russia's Turn to Asia?

Professor Kuznetsov is Director of the Institute of Scientific Information for Social Sciences, Russian Academy of Sciences (INION).

He is a corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Sciences since 2011 and was a deputy director of the Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) in 2013-2019. He is also a professor at MGIMO-University since 2009. Professor Kuznetsov is a specialist in Russian foreign economic relations, FDI and MNEs, post-Soviet integration, EU economy, Eurasian integration and regional economic policy. He wrote several books and 250 articles in Russian and English.

He graduated from the geographical faculty of the Lomonosov Moscow State University and received his Ph.D. and Dr.Sc. (Economics) from IMEMO. He was awarded the Russian Academy of Sciences medal for his book "Internationalization of Russian Economy: An Investment Aspect" in 2007 and the Russian President Honorary Diploma for merits in scientific activities in 2017.

Professor Kuznetsov is the team-leader of several Russian and international projects, including "Socio-economic Development of Large European Cities: Influence of Foreign Investments and Labour Migrations" and "New Populism and the Trump Phenomenon" (since 2019), "Optimization of Russian Foreign Investment Ties under Deterioration of Relations with the EU" (2014-2018), "Monitoring and Analysis of Investments in the CIS and Eurasia" (2012-2017), and Russian part of EMGP program (since 2009). He is a member of the Scientific Council of the Russian Geographical Society and boards of the Association of European Studies in Russia and the Russian New Economic Association. He is also the editor-in-chief of peer-reviewed open-access scientific journal "Outlines of Global Transformations" from RSCI database on the platform of Web of Sciences.

Prof Li Xin

Deputy Dean of Statistics,
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The Impact of COVID-19 on Asia's Complex Value Chain Linkages

Dr Li Xin is Professor and Deputy Dean of the School of Statistics, Beijing Normal University. Dr Li Xin's main research interests focus on International trade, global value chains, RMB exchange rates, and other fields related to open macroeconomics.

Dr Li has published more than 40 journal papers in Chinese and in English in core journals at home and abroad. She has published 4 books as the first author, and two of them are in English: “From Trade Surplus to the Dispute over the Exchange Rate”, and “Income Disparity in China: Crisis with Economic Miracle”.

Dr Li presided over the National Natural Science Foundation of China and several fund projects from the National Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance, Asian Development Bank, etc. Dr Li has won many academic awards and honors, including the Zhang Peigang Award for Outstanding Achievement in Development Economics, the 13th Excellent Achievements in Philosophy and Social Science in Beijing, the 18th An Zijie International Trade Research Award, the Higher Education Outstanding Scientific Research Achievement Award, and Beijing Outstanding Young Talents.

PROFILE OF SPEAKERS

Mr Luan Tian

Vice President of NETNIC
(Pioneer of 5G IDC Service Industry
in China)



5G Infrastructure Happenings in China

Mr Luan Tian is responsible for several departments in Innoway (the heart of startups eco-system in China) of China including Global Incubation Platform, Big-sized Enterprises collaborations, Online and Offline Innohall, Innovation Training, etc. He has 15 years of overseas working experience in North America and Europe. He acted as jury for several well-known startup competitions nationwide and worldwide, and official innovation and startup mentor for Microsoft accelerator, Hitachi, Walmart, Sino-steel and so on. He is a senior researcher in Cross-border E-commerce, helps international startup projects settle in China and traditional enterprises transform and upgrade. IT Education background in Finland.

PROFILE OF SPEAKERS

Ms Ma Jiawen

Senior Analyst,
ByteDance China



Opportunities, Challenges and Competitive Advantages for Asian Countries to Embrace Digital Transformation

Ms Ma Jiawen is a senior analyst at Bytedance China where she helps the company to understand the global environment. Prior to Bytedance, she was the Associate Director of Public Affairs at North Head, a Beijing-based public affairs consultancy. Ms Ma has also spent time at the Carnegie Endowment of International Peace.

Ms Ma has a BA in international politics from Tsinghua University and a Master of Public Policy from Georgetown University.

PROFILE OF SPEAKERS

Dr Wang Dan
Chief Economist,
Hang Seng Bank (China)



A More Integrated Supply Chain Centering ASEAN and China

Dr Wang Dan is currently the chief economist of Hang Seng Bank (China), responsible for China related research, macro forecast, Sino-US relation and geopolitical risk analysis. She previously worked for the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) where she spent 5 years as China Chief Analyst, leading forecast and research. Prior to that, she was a postdoc fellow in Chinese Academy of Sciences as an economist, specialising in agriculture.

Dr Wang Dan holds a PhD in economics from University of Washington, with a focus on environment and econometrics.

Dr Zhong Feiteng

Director of Center for
Regional Security Studies,
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences



Slowbalization, Dual Circulation Development Strategy and China's Digital Transformation

Dr Zhong Feiteng is Director of the Center for Regional Security Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Zhong received his Ph.D. (2009) in international relations from the Waseda University as well as the Peking University. He is senior research fellow at the National Institute of International Strategy, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and professor at University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

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Prof Zhu Feng

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The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Strategic Competition Between China and the U.S.

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