

# CHINA AND THE WORLD

AFTER THE 20TH CPC NATIONAL CONGRESS

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# **ABOUT NIAD 2022**

# China and the World After the 20th CPC National Congress

President Xi Jinping was elected to a third term as Secretary-General of the Communist Party of China at the 20th CPC National Congress held in October 2022 with a new seven-man Politburo Standing Committee as the CPC entered its second centennial.

President Xi's report to the 20th CPC National Congress laid the blueprint for China's technology and innovation driven high-quality development for the next five years and beyond. The report also set out the guiding principles for Chinese-style modernisation in building China into a modern socialist country in all respects.

Soon after the 20th CPC National Congress, President Xi attended the G20 Summit in Bali on November 16. He met US President Joe Biden in-person for the first time for a three-hour meeting, apart from holding a series of side meetings with other world leaders. Many deemed that the meetings Xi had at the G20 Summit signified China's return to the global stage after close to three years of Covid lockdown.

As the world's second largest economy and the global manufacturing powerhouse, China is pivotal to the global supply chain, with more than 140 countries and regions as its major trading partners. Thus, the 20th CPC National Congress carries far-reaching implications for the world, which is at the cusp of a new order.

With this in mind, a panel of prominent scholars and experts on international relations from China, the U.S., U.K., Korea, Singapore and Malaysia have been invited to speak at NIAD 2022 to share their perspectives and insights on how President Xi and his new team will navigate China in a world that is facing unprecedented uncertainties and intensified geostrategic competition.

NIAD 2022 consists of two dialogue sessions as follows:

Session I China's High-Quality Development and Chinese-Style Modernisation

Session II China's Diplomacy After the 20th CPC Congress

# NIAD 2022 AGENDA

## **16:00-16:15 WELCOME ADDRESS**

#### Tan Sri Ong Tee Keat

Chairman, Centre for New Inclusive Asia, Malaysia

#### Captain Tian Shichen (Rtd)

Founder and President, Global Governance Institution, China

#### 16:15-17:10 **DIALOGUE SESSION I**

# China's High-Quality Development and Chinese-style Modernisation

#### **MODERATOR**

### Dr Eugene Pek Chuen Khee

Research Director, Centre for New Inclusive Asia, Malaysia Dean, Faculty of Business and Management, UCSI University

#### **SPEAKERS**

## **Prof Kerry Brown**

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

## **Prof John Gong**

Distinguished Fellow, Global Governance Institution, China Professor of Economics, University of International Business and Economics, China

## **Dr Jayant Menon**

Senior Fellow, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore

#### **DISCUSSANTS**

## **Prof Liu Ying**

Professor of Law at Law School, Sun Yat-sen University/Southern Marine Science and Engineering Guangdong Laboratory (Zhuhai), China

#### Dr Anna Du

Associate Professor in Finance and Research Lead of Accounting and Finance Subject Group at The Business School, Edinburgh Napier University, U.K.

#### Q&A

#### **DIALOGUE SESSION II** 17:10-18:10

# China's Diplomacy After the 20th CPC National Congress

#### **MODERATOR**

#### Dr Eugene Pek Chuen Khee

Research Director, Centre for New Inclusive Asia, Malaysia Dean, Faculty of Business and Management, UCSI University

#### **SPEAKERS**

#### **Prof Klaus W. Larres**

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

#### **Prof Rana Mitter**

Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China, University of Oxford, U.K.

#### Dr Zhao Hai

Distinguished Fellow, Global Governance Institution, China Research Fellow, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China

## **Prof Jinsuk Byun**

Professor at College of Law, Sookmyung Women's University, Korea

#### **DISCUSSANT**

## Dr Syed Mahmud Ali

Associate Fellow, Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya, Malaysia

## Q&A

## **18:10-18:15 CLOSING REMARKS**

## Mr Koh King Kee

President, Centre for New Inclusive Asia, Malaysia

# ORGANISER



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. CNIA is also a founding member of the International Academic Network for a Community with Shared Future.

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 understanding 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. 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 China Belt and Road Desk, Baker Tilly MH Advisory Malaysia. He is the President of Dr. Wu Lien-Teh Education Society, Malaysia, Vice President of the International Academic Network for a Community with Shared Future, and Joint Vice Chairman of the International Council of Advisors of the National Academy of Belt and Road Green Development, China. Mr Koh has long been a keen observer of the political and economic developments in China. He is the author of the book The New Era in Today's China, and a columnist of China Focus and Nanyang Daily. He regularly delivers talks and has been widely interviewed by Malaysian and Chinese media on BRI and China related issues.



As an independent international think tank, the Global Governance Institution (GGI) brings together a leading expert team to provide consultation for both state and non-state actors to solve various international and domestic problems, through interdisciplinary and cross-border cooperation among experts in various fields at home and abroad. GGI adheres to 'innovation', 'quality' and 'humanity' embedded in all its products and services.

In addition to policy recommendation as its inherent mission, GGI provides contract-based projects and international consulting services to government and enterprise clients at home and abroad. With an expert team composed mostly of retired public servants, including government officials and military officers with rich practical experience, our research and consultig services stand out in terms of information accuracy, evidence reliability, policy orientation, recommendation efficiency and operability.

By producing research reports and articles and convening international expert dialogues, we cover a number of areas: diplomacy, defense and security; internet security; international communication; synergy of national strategies; international dispute settlement; ocean governance; international culture and education.

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# SPEAKER



# **PROF KERRY BROWN**

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

Kerry Brown is Professor of Chinese Studies and Director of the Lau China Institute at King's College, London. He is an adjunct of the Australia New Zealand School of Government in Melbourne, and the co-editor of the Journal of Current Chinese Affairs, run from the German Institute for Global Affairs in Hamburg. He is an Affiliate of the Mongolia and Inner Asia Studies Unit at Cambridge University.

From 2012 to 2015 he was Professor of Chinese Politics and Director of the China Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, Australia. Prior to this, he worked at Chatham House from 2006 to 2012, as Senior Fellow and then Head of the Asia Programme. From 1998 to 2005 he worked at the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, as First Secretary at the British Embassy in Beijing, and then as Head of the Indonesia, Philippine and East Timor Section.

Professor Brown directed the Europe China Research and Advice Network (ECRAN) giving policy advice to the European External Action Service between 2011 and 2014. He is the author of over 20 books on modern Chinese politics, and has written for every major international news outlet, and been interviewed by every major news channel on issues relating to contemporary China.

# **PROF JOHN GONG**

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Dr John Gong is professor of economics at the University of International Business and Economics, where he teaches and researches in areas of finance, industrial organisation, and antitrust and competition policies.

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Dr Gong is a prolific researcher and writer with a list of publications in leading international academic journals. He was the executive editor of the Journal of Chinese Economic and Foreign Trade Studies published in the U.K.

# SPEAKER



# DR JAYANT MENON

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Dr Jayant Menon is Senior Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute) in Singapore. Prior to this, he was Lead Economist in the Office of the Chief Economist at ADB. He joined the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in 1999 and has worked on the India Desk, the Regional Economic Monitoring Unit, the Southeast Asia Department, and the Office for Regional Economic Integration. He also had a stint as Senior Research Fellow at the ADB Institute in Tokyo from 2005 to 2008.

He holds adjunct appointments with the Australian National University, University of Nottingham, U.K., and IDEAS, Malaysia. He has served as a Board Director of CDRI, Cambodia and on the Advisory Board of the University of Nottingham, Malaysia.

Dr Jayant Menon has authored and edited 15 books, more than 40 chapters in books and 70 articles in peer-reviewed journals.

# PROF KLAUS W. LARRES

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He has recently served as a Counselor and Senior Policy Adviser at the German Embassy in Beijing, China. He was also a Visiting Professor at Schwarman College/Tsinghua University in Beijing, China, and a non-residential Senior Fellow at the think tank Center for Transatlantic Relations at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, D.C.

Recently, Prof Larres was appointed to the position of Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Indian Institute of Technology in Mumbai, India. He has also been asked to serve on the International Board of the Bundeskanzler-Willy-Brandt-Stiftung in Berlin and on the board of directors of the Carolina China Council in Raleigh, N.C. He is also a senior adviser to the Chinese-American Friendship Association (CAECA) in Raleigh, and board member of the Berlin based foreign policy journal WeltTrends and The NC Zeitgeist Foundation in Charlotte, N.C.

Prof Larres focuses on the global politics of the U.S., China, Germany, Russia, the E.U. and the U.K. In particular, he writes and lectures on the political, economic, and security relations among the triangle US-China-EU. He also works on transatlantic relations, 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 and on Brexit.

# SPEAKER



# PROF RANA MITTER

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Vice-President (Public Engagement), British Academy, U.K.

Rana Mitter is Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China at the University of Oxford, and Vice-President (Public Engagement) of the British Academy.

His work focuses on the emergence of nationalism in Modern China, both in the early 20th century and in the present era. He is the author of several books, including *Modern China: A Very Short Introduction* (2008, new ed. 2016), and the award-winning *A Bitter Revolution: China's Struggle with the Modern World* (2004). His book *China's War with Japan, 1937-45: The Struggle for Survival* (U.S. title: *Forgotten Ally*) was named as a 2013 Book of the Year in the Financial Times and the Economist, was named a 2014 CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title, and won the 2014 RUSI/Duke of Westminster's Medal for Military Literature. His most recent book *China's Good War: How World War II Is Shaping a New Nationalism* (2020) was awarded the title Most Accessible and Captivating Work for the Non-Specialist Reader Accolade at the ninth edition (2021) of the ICAS (International Convention on Asia Studies) Book Prize.

Prof Rana regularly presents and contributes to programmes on television and radio, commenting on contemporary Chinese politics and society. His television documentary *The Longest War: China's World War II* was broadcast on the History Channel Asia in summer 2015. His reviews and essays have appeared in newspapers including the Financial Times, New York Times, The Guardian, The Telegraph, Caijing, and Outlook (India).

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Dr Zhao has undertaken research on topics ranging from China-US relations, China's foreign policy to global governance. Besides academic publications, he is a frequent international affairs opinion contributor to China Daily and a guest commentator at the China Radio International (CRI) and China Global Television Network (CGTN).

Previously, Dr Zhao worked as a research fellow at the National Strategy Institute of Tsinghua University (NSI) and held various positions at think tanks in Chicago and Washington, DC in the United States.

Dr Zhao graduated from Peking University with a dual Bachelor's degree in history and law, and later a Master's degree in Asia-Pacific regional studies. He also studied at the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies. He obtained his PhD in international history from the University of Chicago.

# DISCUSSANT



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# DISCUSSANT

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He was trained at the Pakistan Military Academy, and educated at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies (RUSI) and King's College London, U.K., earning a PhD in war studies. After working for the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) as a broadcast journalist, analyst and editor for two decades, he was appointed as East Asia International Affairs Programme Associate at the LSE IDEAS. He is currently an Associate Fellow at the Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya.

