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## **New Security Dynamics in the Indo-Pacific: Strategies, Partnerships and Rivalries**

The aim of the workshop is to involve researchers in EUVIP consortium and some invited experts and early career researchers to compare the strategies of China, Japan, South Korea and regional organisations such as ASEAN, not just on Indo-Pacific strategies, but also other related topics such as connectivity, security (e.g., South China Sea) and China-US rivalry. We also use the first EUVIP workshop to get to know more about researchers and their work in our partner universities. Hence, our consortium's researchers whose work is related to the Indo-Pacific studies are welcome to share their work-in-progress in this workshop and receive feedback.

Participants are supposed to arrive in the morning of Monday 29 May. Time below is Helsinki time, which is 1 hour ahead of Central European Time.

The meeting is held under the Chatham House Rule. Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

### **Monday 29 May**

*Venue: University of Helsinki Main Building, Room U4072*

14:00 Opening by local host Julie Yu-Wen Chen, University of Helsinki

14:10 Remark by EUVIP leaders Alfred Gerstl and Kristina Kironka

14:20 Remark by Arto Haapea, Director of Unit of East & Southeast Asia and Oceania, Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs

14:30-16:00

#### **Panel 1: Comparing East Asian Countries' Stances on Indo-Pacific Strategies**

- China's Role in the Emerging Indo-Pacific Politics

Julie Yu-Wen Chen, Professor of Chinese Studies, University of Helsinki

- Beijing Eyes Brussels: Chinese Perceptions of the European Tilt to the Indo-Pacific

Friso Stevens, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Helsinki

- Contentious Connectivity: The US, Japan and the Free and Open Indo-Pacific

Bart Gaens, Leading Researcher & Ville Sinkkonen, Postdoctoral Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

- South Korea's Role in the Indo-Pacific: The Role of Domestic Politics in Shaping Strategies

Myunghee Lee, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Copenhagen

16:30-18:30 Dinner reception hosted by Taiwan Representative Janet Chang at Hotel Kämp (Akseli Room) with her short presentation "Taiwan's Semiconductor Industry"

## **Tuesday 30 May**

Venue: University of Helsinki Main Building, Room U4072

10:00-11:00

### **Panel 2: South China Sea Conflict and Exploring the Role of the EU**

- EU-ASEAN Relations and Non-Traditional Security within the Indo-Pacific Construct  
Monique Taylor, Senior Lecturer, University of Helsinki

- The EU's Perspective on the South China Sea Dispute and Its Potential Role Therein

Alfred Gerstl, EUVIP Leader, Palacky University

11:00-12:00

### **Panel 3: India's Role in the Indo-Pacific and How to Foster EU-India Relations?**

- India's China Challenge in the Indo-Pacific: Foreseeing the Future  
Jagannath Panda, Head of Stockholm Center for South Asian and Indo-Pacific Affairs, Institute for Security and Development Policy

- Closing Gaps: The EU-India Partnership in the Indo-Pacific Region"  
Henrik Chetan Aspengren, Swedish Institute of International Affairs

12:10-13:10 Lunch at Caverna. Address is Yliopistonkatu 5, 00100 Helsinki

13:10-13:30 We walk together to Finnish Institute of International Affairs

13:30-15:00

Venue: Finnish Institute of International Affairs, 5th Floor

### **Panel 4: US-China Rivalry in the Indo-Pacific**

- China-US Competition within the Military-Technological Sphere  
Matti Puranen, Senior Researcher, Finnish National Defense University

- Minilaterals in the Indo-Pacific: AUKUS and the Quad'  
Monique Taylor, Senior Lecturer, University of Helsinki

## **Wednesday 31 May**

Venue: University of Helsinki Main Building, Room U4072

10:00-12:00 Steering Committee Meeting (CLOSED, only for the EUVIP Steering Committee, 7 persons)