

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Prague Conference on Asian Studies

# Non-Traditional Security Issues in Asia Threats and Opportunities

20 November 2015

Metropolitan University Prague  
Prokopova 16, Prague 3 – Žižkov, room 302

## PROGRAM

8:30 – 9:00 Registration and Morning Coffee

9:00 – 9:15 Opening Ceremony

9:15 – 9:45 Keynote Speech

**Existential Threats and Opportunities for the Low-Lying Atoll States of the Pacific**

Roy Smith (Nottingham Trent University)

9:45 – 10:00 Coffee Break

10:00 – 11:30 Panel I – **Small States in Asia** (room 302)

**Small States and the Pacific Benefits of Economic Integration: An Analysis of Jordan's Trade Policy**

Imad El-Anis (Nottingham Trent University)

**An Assessment of the Economic and Political Impacts of the Agadir Agreement: Promoting Peace and Stability in the Middle East and North Africa?**

Tarik Oumazzane (Nottingham Trent University)

**Small States and the War for Islam in Asia and the Asia-Pacific**

Mitchell Belfer (Metropolitan University Prague)

11:30 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 Panel II – **Perilous Waters of the Indo-Pacific** (room 302)

**The Indian Ocean: A Jammed Crossroads**

Petra Andelova (Metropolitan University Prague)

**Is China Reinventing the Chinese Tributary System?**

Padraig Lysaght (Eurasia-Pacific Uninet)

**Challenges and Protection of Sea-Lines of Communication in Asia**

Takashi Hosoda (Charles University in Prague)

**Non-Traditional Threats in the South Pacific: How and Why is Australia preoccupied?**

Dominik Cholewski (University of Lodz)

Panel III – **Water Security in Asia** (room 202)

**Multilateral Cooperation on Non-traditional Security Threats in Greater East Asia: The Problem with Freshwater Resources**

Sebastian Biba (Goethe University Frankfurt)

**China's Hydropolitics of the Mekong River Basin**

Michał Zaręba (University of Lodz)

**Sino-Indian Hydro-Hegemony: Opportunity or Oppression?**

Richard Grunwald (Metropolitan University Prague)

14:30 – 14:45 Coffee Break

14:45 – 16:15 Panel IV – **Non-Traditional Security Issues in Southeast Asia** (room 302)

**China's Silk Roads Initiative: Complementing Southeast Asian Economic Integration or Undermining its Political Cohesion?**

Alfred Gerstl (University of Vienna)

**Russia's Engagements in Southeast Asia: Securing Economic Interests while Tackling Transnational Crime**

Alica Kizekova (Center for East-West Cultural & Economic Studies, Bond University)

**ASEAN's Human Security Dimension: a Surprise or an Illusion?**

Alzbeta Kiganda Smith (Metropolitan University Prague)

**Social Media Based Vigilant Groups in Thailand**

Wolfram Schaffar (University of Vienna)

Panel V – **Non-Traditional Security Issues in Northeast Asia** (room 202)

**Russian Climate Change Policy: Towards 'Climate Pragmatism'**

Marianna Poberezhskaya (Nottingham Trent University)

**The Symbol of Kyoto in Japan's Identity Reformulation**

Michal Kolmas (Metropolitan University Prague)

**Security Relations between the DPRK and South Korea after the End of the Cold War: Reciprocity or Bullying?**

Jan Blinka (Masaryk University Brno)

18:00 – 21:00 Dinner for Panelists and Invited Guests

Please note that this program may be subject to change.