

## 2nd Annual Geopolitical Conference

### Strategic and Geopolitical Issues in the Contemporary World

Prague, 16th November 2012

*Institute of Political Science (FSV UK)/ Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Prague*

**8:30 – 9:00 Registration**

**9:00 – 9:30 Opening speeches:**

**Martin Riegl** – IPS FSS UK

**HE Christine Hsueh** – Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Representative

**Petr Jüptner** – IPS FSS UK

**9:30 – 11:45 Panel 1: The Power Shift from the West toward the East Asia**

**Chair: Jakub Landovský**

**Lu, Yeh-Chung** (National Chengchi University, Taiwan): *Maritime Security in Asia-Pacific: Taiwan's Contribution as a Peacemaker*

**Cheng Chin Mo** (Tamkang University, Taiwan): *The Rise and Decline of the EU*

**Velina Tchakarova** (Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, AIES, Austria): *Coping with the Global Power Shift from the West to the East: What Role for the EU in its European Neighborhood*

**Cheng, Yu-Chin** (IPS FSS CUNI): *New Page of International Security: NATO-China*

**Kevin Blachford** (University of Winchester, UK): *Nuclear Deterrence and Asymmetric Conflict in the Twenty-First Century*

**Tatsuhiko Yamamoto** (Kanazawa University, Japan): *What Can Japanese Citizens Read and Understand about their Own Situation in the Far East and the World?: An Approach of Analyzing a National Newspapers*

**Yeh Hung Lin** (Tamkang University, Taiwan): *Compete for Chairmanship: China in the World*

**Hoe-Yeong Loke** (EU Centre in Singapore): *From Asia Values to the "Asian Century": A critical assessment of polemical East-West discourses*

Discussion

**11:45 - 12:00 Coffee break**

**12:15-13:30 Panel 2: China as a risk hegemon of the World Politics**

**Chair: Yu Chin Cheng**

**Vijeta Rattani** (Bremen University, Germany): *Climate Change as a Security Challenge: China's Role in the Global Policy Regime*

**Norafidah Ismail** (University Utara Malaysia Kedah, Malaysia): *Sino-Saudi Relations: Relevance for United States Relations with Saudi Arabia*

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**Isabella Hermann** (Johann Wolfgang Goethe- University Frankfurt, Germany): *China and Venezuela – An Ideological Freindship?*

**Irina Valko** (IPS FSS CUNI): *The Arctic Regional System under External Influence: The Case of China*

Discussion

**13:30-14:15 - Lunch**

**14:00-15:15 Panel 3: Africa's Mercy: To stay or to leave**

**Chair: Martin Riegl**

**Timothy J. Sandole** (Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, USA): *U.S. – Venezuelan Energy Relations: Challenging but Distinctly Manageable*

**Wouter Zaayman** (RSA): *Geopolitics of Contemporary Africa: Third Scramble for Africa*

**Shaibu Sunday Danlidi** (IPS FSS CUNI): *Africa Hegemony: Inside the Heartland*

**Masahiro Kashima** (Kanazawa University, Japan): *Wither Arab North Africa?: Domestic Change and Its Diplomatic Ramifications*