

4th Annual Geopolitical Conference¹

Strategic and Geopolitical Issues in the Contemporary World: Trends in Regional Conflicts and Cooperation

Venue: Prague, Karolinum, Zelená posluchárna

Date: November 14th 2014

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

Registration: 8:30 – 9:00

Opening remarks: 9:00 – 9:10

Martin Riegl and Petr Jüptner – IPS FSS CUNI

Opening speech: 9:10 – 9:20

HE Christine M.Y. Hsueh-Representative, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Prague

1st Panel 9:30 – 11:15: 3rd wave of regionalism (success or failure?)

Chair: Jakub Landovský

Keynote speech:

Prof. To-Hai Liou (National Chengchi University) – Taiwan and Asian Economic Integration: Implications for Taiwan-EU Economic Cooperation Agreement.

Jan Kofroň (IPS FSS CUNI) – Distant Regions - Imminent consequences: Or how the South East Asia Balance of Power affects Central Europe.

Velina Tchakarova (Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, AIES) – Revival of Russia's regionalism (the case of Euroasian Union)

Jana Sehnálková (IIS FSS CUNI) – Republic of China's involvement in regional integration

Michael Romancov (IPS FSS CUNI) - Archaic territorial visions as ultimate challenge for EU(rope). Was Russian annexation of Crimea first step?

Irina Valko – (IPS FSS CUNI) New Regionalism in the Arctic? Negotiating Sovereignty through the RTA Networking

2nd Panel 11:15-12:45: Regionalism and security

Chair: Michael Romancov

Speakers:

Bořivoj Hnízdo (Metropolitan University in Prague) – Democracy as a Tool of Geopolitical Nonstability?

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Urban Jakša (University of Ljubljana) - Geopolitical Role of Unrecognized States in South Caucasus: Affirmation or Erosion of Sovereignty?

Jan Smetana (Metropolitan University in Prague) – Consequences of the Regional Economical Cooperation on the Security of the Black Sea Region

Bohumil Doboš (IPS FSS CUNI) – Regional response to security threats in the Indian Ocean

Hrishabh Sandilya (IPS FSS CUNI, Visiting International Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi) - Changes in Afghanistan 2014 and its impact on South Asia

Lunch 12:45 – 13:30 (in Karolinum premises)

3rd Panel 13:30-15:00: Regionalism outside Europe (blow to multilateralism and revival of spheres of influence?)

Chair: Martin Riegl

Speakers

Tomas Klin (University of Wrocław) – The erosion of great powers' exclusivity in spheres of influence

Slavomír Horák (IPS FSS CUNI) – Infrastructure projects as a tool of Chinese integration policy in Central Asia

Fabio Indeo (University of Camerino) - Perspectives of regional cooperation in Central Asia after 2014

Vilém Řehák (IPS FSS CUNI) – Inter-regionalism in Global Economy: Changes and Continuities in Asian-African Cooperation

Priya (Defence & National Security Studies, Panjab University)– Energy Diplomacy in Indo-Iranian Relations and Challenges Ahead