Navigating the New Geopolitics of Asia and Global Order of Tomorrow

A regional project by FES in Asia



ASIA HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN SUBJECT TO GLOBAL **AND REGIONAL POWER RIVALRIES.** In the 21st century, the future international order will be decisively shaped in the Asia-Pacific region. Countries large and small will each play their part in defining the political, economic and societal trajectory of the world's centre of gravity amidst a rapidly changing regional and global environment.

The geopolitics and geoeconomics of Asia have many dimensions. They produce complex patterns of competition, conflict, cooperation and (dis-)integration, which are all unfolding at the same time. Accelerated by the COVID-19 crisis, a strategic new normal is taking form, characterized by uncertainty, exceptional disruption, and unprecedented change.

This regional project by FES in Asia will take into perspective how the rules and terms of the international order are renegotiated in the coming years.

Countries in Southeast Asia don't want to choose between China and the United States. In the context of an already unbalanced world order, we all need to learn how to best navigate the complex geopolitical environment around us.

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The need to avoid creating a binary response to the geopolitical tensions and global issues, is vital as forcing countries to choose a side is producing greater division. There is a crucial need for more strategic communication and inclusive dialogue to creating a better understanding of the challenges on all sides

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The COVID-19 crisis has caused economic disruption and increased tensions. We are observing decoupling trends between China and the United States in some areas. The implications of trade conflicts and shifting supply chains are profound — for Europe and all countries in the Asia-Pacific Region.

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