

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 superpower competition between China and the United States and its repercussions will decisively shape the **future global order**. The Asia-Pacific region will likely be caught for decades in a contest for political dominance, military power and economic influence.

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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Malaysian Senator and former Deputy Defence Minister
Chairman of Research for Social Advancement (REFSA)



Afghanistan has been subject to power rivalries for the most part of its history, as have other landlocked and least-developed countries. It is high time we prioritize strategy debates around our own national development path and build broad and inclusive coalitions within our society.

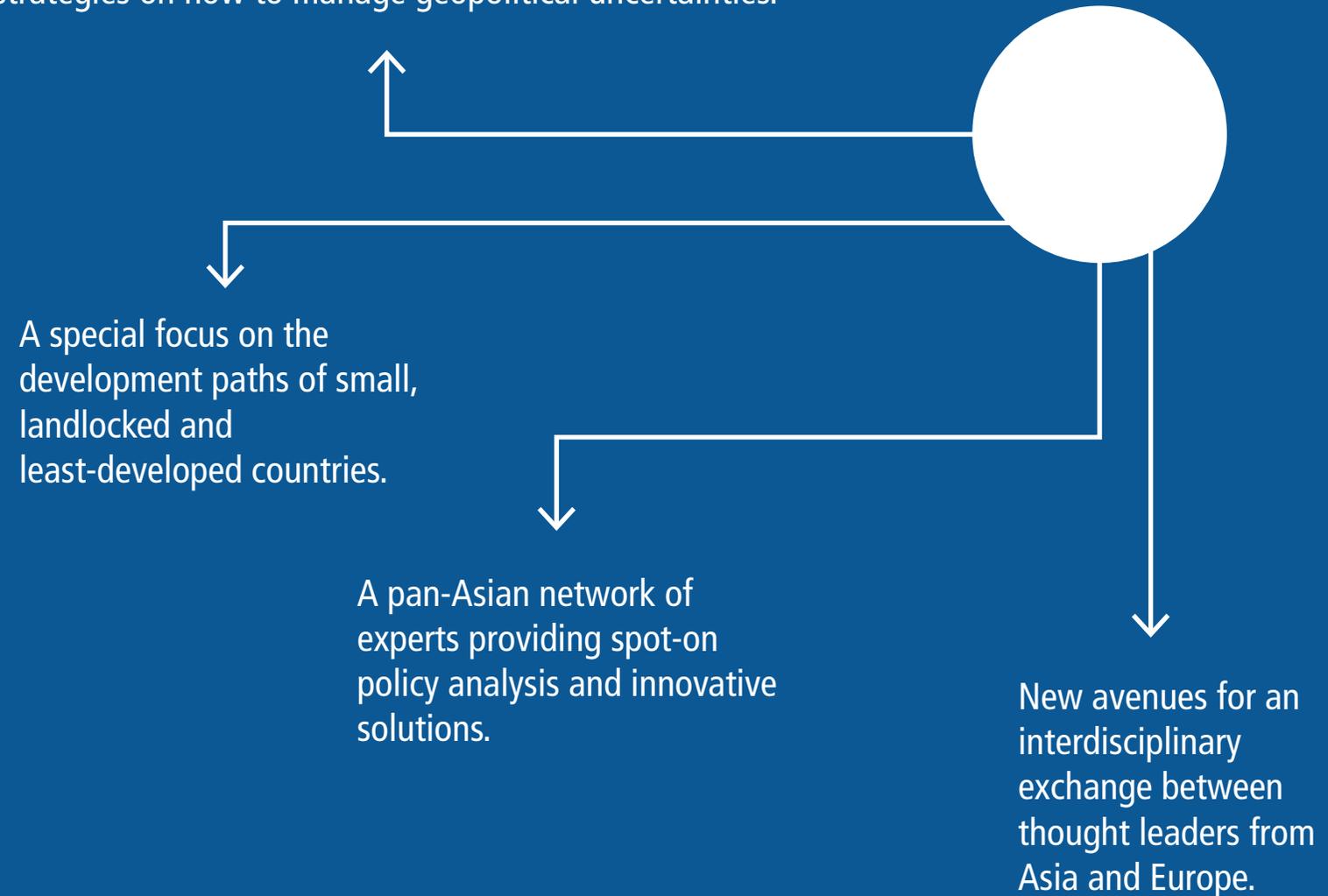
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OUR JOINT AGENDA

A platform for countries to unpack ideas and develop strategies on how to manage geopolitical uncertainties.



STRUCTURE

NATIONAL

Strategy & Foresight Labs

Analyzing major geopolitical and geoeconomic dynamics with national stakeholders and developing strategic options to shape development paths.

REGIONAL

Geopolitics Labs

Examining regional key trends and developing progressive blueprints to jointly move beyond a "zero sum logic".

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Fostering engagement between decision makers and experts from Asia and Europe on global geopolitical topics.

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FES Asia blog series and regional podcast, policy briefs, focus studies, interactive maps, infographics & videos, visual recordings, innovation talks

OUR PROJECT

Navigating the New Geopolitics of Asia pursues three interrelated aims at the national, regional and global level.



FES Asia Strategic Foresight Group

Bringing together senior experts from across Asia in a truly interdisciplinary new format. A regional platform with thought leaders representing a diverse set of countries – from Afghanistan in the west to Japan in the east, and from Mongolia in the north to Australia in the south.

THE MANY FACES OF GEOPOLITICS IN ASIA

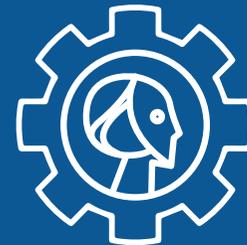
The project looks at a wide range of geopolitical and geoeconomic trends across the Asia-Pacific region. It seeks to understand the implications of a rapidly changing strategic environment for the national development paths of FES partner countries.



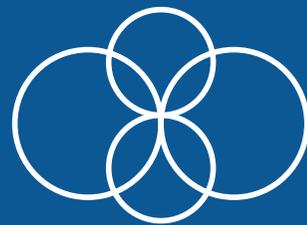
Systemic Implications of the COVID-19 Crisis



What's in a Name?
The Geopolitics of Narratives



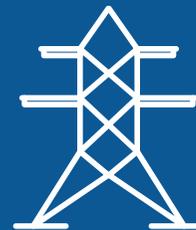
The Geopolitics of Artificial Intelligence and Technology



The Geopolitics of Collective Security and Regional Cooperation



The Geopolitics of Trade and Supply Chains



The Geopolitics of Energy and Critical Infrastructure



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.

JÖRG WUTTKE

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