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Roundtable Discussion

China's Global Influence: Perspectives from Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific

1 February 2024

3 PM – 4:30 PM

Asia Centre Meeting Hub (Phaya Thai)

Background

Since the late 1990s and early 2000s, China's economic prowess has propelled the country to the forefront of global influence, ushering in a paradigm shift with far-reaching implications for the global economy, technological innovation, and global politics. China's rapid economic growth has solidified its position as the world's second-largest economy, reshaping the contours of global trade and investment, including aspirational initiatives like the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) or the Global Development Initiative. The PRC's previous emphasis on development has lately been complemented with an increasing focus on security, as expressed in projects such as the Global Security Initiative.

In the technological sphere, China's remarkable advancements in artificial intelligence and 5G technology have garnered international attention. This extends to the media sector, as the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) strategically embarked on an initiative to shape global perceptions of China by asserting control over media narratives. This initiative aligns with the government's desire to portray a more favourable image of itself and the country on the international stage.

China's increasing political engagement in international organisations and forums is another facet that demands scrutiny to assess the impact of China's growing political influence on the prevailing international order, examining potential collaborations or conflicts stemming from its diplomatic initiatives.

To delve deeper into this phenomenon, the Asia Centre is organising a roundtable discussion. This event will serve as a platform for critically assessing the strategies employed by China to exert power across different regions in the world, evaluating potential consequences, and exploring possible ways forward.

Objectives

- Examine China's strategic initiatives to increase its influence in the Euro-Atlantic, and the Indo-Pacific region.
- Identify the methods deployed to shape perceptions of its policy and actions globally and in these specific regions.
- Evaluate the concerns and responses of stakeholders in the Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific to counter China's influence.

Program Outline

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| 2:45 – 3 PM | Registration |
| 3 – 3:10 PM | Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr James Gomez, Regional Director, Asia Centre● Dr Martin Hála, Founder and Director, Project Sinopsis |
| 3.10 – 3:35 PM | Panel 1: China's Impact in the Euro-Atlantic with special emphasis on Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr. Martin Hála, Founder and Director, Project Sinopsis● Bao Do, Researcher, Sinopsis● Kateřina Procházková, Researcher and Outreach Coordinator, Sinopsis |
| 3:35 – 4:00 PM | Panel 2: China's Influence in Indo-Pacific with Special Emphasis on Southeast Asia's Media Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr Marc Pinol Rovira, Research Manager, Asia Centre● Yawee Butrkrawee, Senior Researcher, Asia Centre● Kyi Thar Phone Myint, Researcher, Asia Centre● Ekmongkhon Puridej, Researcher, Asia Centre |
| 4:00 – 4:30 PM | Open Discussion |
| | Networking |

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