

18th Lodz East Asia Meeting
“International Relations in Asia –
the Roles of State and Non-state Actors in Asia”
13-14 June 2024
University of Lodz, Poland

Call for Papers

The Lodz East Asia Meeting (LEAM) is an international scientific conference that brings together a wide range of exceptional specialists - scholars, researchers, theoreticians, and practitioners of politics, economy, and culture of Asian countries.

Since 2012, we have hosted over 500 researchers from almost 40 countries, enabling them to engage in intense scientific discussions and build a worthwhile epistemic community.



The 18th Lodz East Asia Meeting (LEAM) delves into the shifting paradigms of international relations in Asia, a region witnessing significant transformations in the roles of both state and non-state actors.

As we navigate through a complex era of geopolitical changes, states are reevaluating their strategic alliances and diplomatic agendas, while simultaneously, non-state entities such as NGOs, corporations, cities, and civil society are emerging as influential forces. These actors are increasingly shaping global governance structures and profoundly impacting regional politics and affairs.

The 2024 conference aims to unravel and analyze these dynamic shifts.

LEAM 2024 offers a platform to explore and understand the evolving dynamics that are redefining the influence and responsibilities of state and non-state actors alike in the Asian landscape.

By bringing together scholars and experts, the conference provides valuable insights into the changing nature of international relations and how these changes are shaping the future trajectory of Asia's role in the global arena.





KEYNOTE SPEAKER
SIMON CURTIS

This year, we invited **Simon Curtis**, senior lecturer in international relations at the University of Surrey, to give a keynote speech. He is a co-author of the forthcoming book *The Belt and Road City: Geopolitics, Urbanization, and China's Search for a New International Order* (Yale University Press 2024).

The keynote speaker's presentation will be the starting point for discussions conducted as part of **special sessions** and **individual sessions**.



SPECIAL GUEST
FRANÇOIS JULLIEN

We invite you to an engaging encounter with **François Jullien**, a renowned philosopher, sinologist and Hellenist, founder and president of L'Association Décoïncidences. François Jullien has positioned his work between the thoughts of China and Europe. He has developed intercultural reflection as well as the philosophy of existence. He is one of the most translated contemporary thinkers in the world.

Our guest will give a lecture entitled *Passer par la langue-pensée chinoise pour relancer la philosophie* (Going through Chinese thought-language to revive philosophy).

Meeting is co-organized with the Lodz Scientific Society.



Special sessions:

- **Exploring the impact of the Belt and Road Initiative on developing countries** - a roundtable discussion with Dominik Mierzejewski (University of Lodz), Jarosław Jura (Lazarski University), Mario Esteban (Elcano Royal Institute) and Bartosz Kowalski (University of Lodz); roundtable organised by the Centre for Asian Affairs of the University of Lodz
- **India and Europe - strengthening ties in a changing global landscape** - an invited panel with Agnieszka Kuszewska-Bohnert (Jagiellonian University), Jakub Zajączkowski (University of Warsaw), Krzysztof Iwanek (War Studies Academy), Patryk Kugiel (Polish Institute of International Affairs) and Grzegorz Bywalec (University of Lodz)
- **Cities as global actors - navigating the intersection of urban development and international diplomacy in Asia and the world** – a roundtable discussion with Paul Costello (German Marshall Fund of the United States), Zane Sime (Norwegian University of Science and Technology), Tomasz Kamiński (University of Lodz) and Joanna Ciesielska-Klikowska (University of Lodz)
- **Insights from the frontlines to the diplomatic halls** – a conversation with Krzysztof Mroziewicz, journalist and former diplomat, on global politics, journalism, and peacekeeping

As usual at LEAM, we plan **Meet the authors** sessions.

If you recently wrote a book related to the conference topic and want to present it at LEAM, please contact us at: leam@uni.lodz.pl



Individual sessions - we invite you to apply to the selected panel:

-  **Statecraft and diplomacy in Asia:** Exploring Asia's geopolitical dynamics, bilateral relations, and regional alliances.
-  **Non-state actors and global governance:** The roles and impacts of NGOs, corporations, and civil society in shaping policies and addressing transnational issues.
-  **Security and conflict resolution:** Discussing security challenges, territorial disputes, cybersecurity, and conflict resolution strategies in Asia.
-  **Economic interdependence and trade relations:** Focusing on Asian trade networks, investment flows, and regional economic interdependencies.
-  **Cultural diplomacy and soft power:** Examining the use of culture, media, and arts in enhancing international influence and relations.
-  **Emerging technologies and future trends:** Assessing the impact of new technologies on international relations and future trends.
-  **Human rights and social justice:** Addressing the link between human rights, social justice, and policy in Asia, focusing on inclusivity and equality.

We encourage researchers to submit papers for individual sessions, yet we also accept **organized panels** (moderator + invited panellists).



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Abstract submission (max. 300 words): 29 February 2024

Notification of accepted abstracts: 22 March 2024

Final program: 31 May 2024

- **Registration fee:** EUR 120 or PLN 490 (payment till 10 May 2024)
- **Early bird fee:** EUR 99 or PLN 425 (payment till 15 April 2024)
- **Reduced fee for doctoral students:** EUR 60 or PLN 250 (till 10 May 2024)
- **Early bird fee for doctoral students:** EUR 49 or PLN 215 (till 15 April 2024)

Organisational details:



Venue: Training and Conference Center, University of Lodz, Poland



Online participation is also possible

The organisers will provide lunches and refreshments during the conference. Conference participants are to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

Participants have the option to reserve accommodation at the University of Lodz hotel for a rate of PLN 140 per night (approximately EUR 33, breakfast included). Accommodation fee will be conveniently consolidated with the overall conference fee. The number of rooms is limited.



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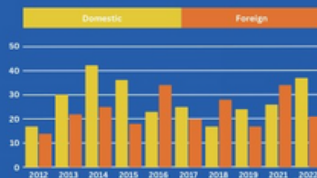
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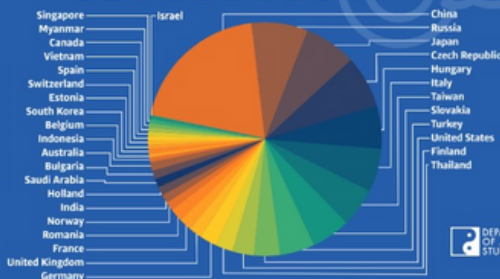


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