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***Indo-Pacific Dynamics***  
***In the new geopolitical landscape***

**Conference Programme**

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**9:00** – Registration

**9:45-10:00**

**Conference Opening Ceremony**

*Location: Room 43*

## *The Indo-Pacific Region: New Perspectives and Challenges*

### ***Part I- First Session***

**Session (10:00-11:30) - Room 43**

***Moderator: Radosław Fiedler (AMU)***

- Krzysztof Kozłowski (Warsaw School of Economics): *Geopolitics of Innovation: How Smart Solutions Reshape Alliances in Asia Pacific*
- Yu-Hua Chen (Akita International University, Japan - online): *Community of Shared Destiny: The Evolution of Japan-Taiwan Relations*
- Roman Backer (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun): *How to Understand the Chinese Empire? Post-Nyeen Typology of Power*
- Joanna Rak (AMU): *Never Again... is Now? Human Rights Eighty Years after the Second World War*

**11:30-11:45 – Coffee Break at the Professor's Club**

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### ***Part II —Second Session***

**Session (11:45-13:30) - Room 43**

***Moderator: Rafał Wiśniewski (AMU)***

- Najimdeen Bakare (Universiti Malaya): *China and India in the Indo-Pacific: Complex Interdependence?*



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- Maciej Gaca (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun): *From "Beautiful Island" to "Layered Identity": Competing Narratives of Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific*
- Adrian Brona (Jagiellonian University): *Managing Hostility within Complex Interdependence: China–India Relations after Doklam*
- Robert Czulda (University of Lodz): *Assessing the Geostrategic Impact of China's Expanding Military Footprint in the South Pacific*
- Beata Bochorodycz (AMU): *Japan as Middle Power and its Role in Evolving Security Architecture of the Indo-Pacific*
- Takuro Kikkawa (Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University): *Security Policy Turning Crisis to Advantage: Jordan's Globally Deployed 'Buffer State' Diplomacy and Business*

**13:30-15:00 – Lunch at the Professor's Club**

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***Part III- Third Session***

**Session (15:00-16:15) Room 43**

***Moderator: Najimdeen Bakare (Universiti Malaya)***

- Maj Gen Zahid Mahmood (National University of Sciences & Technology, NUST): *Beyond Europe: Rethinking Global Order through a South Asian Lens*
- Rafał Ożarowski (Kwiatkowski University of Administration and Business, Gdynia): *Saudi-Chinese Relations: Towards Building a Partnership?*
- Rafał Wiśniewski (AMU): *From Coopetition to Rivalry: The evolving character of US-China relations and their impact on Indo-Pacific*
- Przemysław Osiewicz (AMU): *The European Union's policy towards Pakistan: The role of selected external determinant*



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### *Part IV- Fourth Session*

**Session (16.30-18.00) - Room 43**

**Moderator: Przemysław Osiewicz (AMU)**

- Rafał Szymanowski & Jakub Anusik (AMU): *Middle powers in the post-globalization era: economic strategy and geopolitical repositioning in Germany and Australia*
- Manoj Kumar Panigrahi (OP Jindal Global University - online): *Taiwan, China, and the Internationalization of Cross-Strait Relations*
- Can Yakup (AMU): *China and the US: Strategies for Building Influence in Geopolitically Important Regions: The Suez and Panama Canals*
- Saroj Kumar Aryal (Warsaw University - online): *Indo-Pacific and Compensating Deterrence: India's Approach to China's Aggression on the Northern Border*
- Radosław Fiedler (AMU): *Uncertainty and Alignment: U.S. Policy Toward Key Asian Partners Under Trump*

## *The Indo-Pacific Region: New Trends and Narratives*

### *Session I*

**Session (15:00-16:30) – Room 120**

**Moderator: Ellias Aghili Dehnavi (AMU)**

- Kanan Ahmadzada (AMU): *The Middle East in an Era of Emerging Multipolarity*
- Agnieszka Forysiak (AMU): *De-Risking the Dragon: Middle Power Supply Chain Strategy*
- Ramazan Safa (AMU): *Between Brotherhood and Realpolitik: Turkey's Engagement with the Uyghur Issue*
- Andrii Haivaniuk (AMU): *Beyond the Petrodollar: Financial Power, Sanctions, and the Future of Trade*
- Mykahilo Chudakivskyi (AMU): *Ontological Foundations and Pluralist Approaches in IR*
- Oleksii Luzin (AMU): *Vietnam as strategic economic balancing point between West and East*



- Dmytro Muzychuk (AMU): *German Strategy Toward China*
- Ulkar Azizova (Freelance Journalist): *The New Maritime Silk Roads - Who will be a winner?*
- Kyryl Medvediev (AMU): *The Myanmar Conflict as a Lens on Emerging Security Narratives*

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### *Session II*

**Session (16:45-18:15) – Room 120**

**Moderator: Kanan Ahmadzada (AMU)**

- Ellias Aghili Dehnavi (AMU) : *ASEAN's Role in Shaping the Indo-Pacific: Challenges and Opportunities in Regional Cooperation*
- Julia Grebenstein (AMU): *Balancing Economic Investments and Strategy: China's Expanding Middle East Influence*
- Eva Wasiak (AMU): *Crimes against Muslims that are consuming India in the XXI century*
- Serhii Khodieiev (AMU): *How Indo-Pacific Middle Powers shape Europe's strategic calculus*
- Artyom Papyan (AMU): *Evaluating Taiwan's Asymmetric Defence Strategy*
- Yuliia Kruta (AMU): *Japan as a military power: from pacifism to proactive defense*
- Sofiia Bieliaieva (AMU): *Never Again in the Age of Climate Collapse: Human Rights Lessons from the Pacific Islands*
- Wiktor Chałupniczak & Tymoteusz Taczała (AMU): *Global Britain and its tilt to Asia - the Indo-Pacific and ASEAN in post-Brexit foreign policy*
- Liubomyr Horodniuk (AMU): *Chinese Sand Islands in the South China Sea as a source of tensions in the region.*

## *Taiwan, Japan, South Korea and Australia —Middle Powers in the XXI century*

**Session (15:00-16:30) – Room 125**

**Moderator: Grażyna Strnad (AMU)**

- Grażyna Strnad (AMU): *South Korea's Indo-Pacific Strategy during the Yoon Suk Yeol Administration*



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- Marcelli Burdelski (University of Wrocław): *The Republic of Korea as a Middle Power*
- Mieczysław Sprengel (AMU): *Political Relations between the US and Australia under Obama and Rudd*
- Karol Starowicz (AMU): *'United in strength, united in safety!' – The future of the U.S.–ROK Alliance*
- Iwetta Andruszkiewicz (AMU) & Eliza Kania (Imperial College London): *The post-Brexit UK labour market and influx from South Asia*
- Robin Kural (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University): *Fall of Assad's Regime in Syria and Implications for Israel*
- Mateusz Józwiak (AMU): *Hallyu and its impact on South Korean economic growth*

*China & the New Global Order*

**Online Session (8:00-9:30 am) - Room 127**

**Moderator: Wojciech Nowiak (AMU)**

- Mehmood Ul Hassan Khan (Executive Director of the Center for South Asia and International Studies, Pakistan): *Role of China in Asia Pacific and way forward*
- Christopher Polajner (Vice Chairman of the Eurasia Society, Germany): *The chapter of the Yalta and Potsdam agreements is coming to close. In this context, how are Chinese ideas about the international order evolving*
- Wojciech Nowiak & Dorota Szaban (AMU & Zielona Góra University, Poland): *On the Belt & Road. The Place and Role of China in the Eyes of Poles*
- Sara Zielonka & Laura Zielniewicz (AMU): *The impact of China's Air Hubs on transport dynamics in the Indo-Pacific region*
- Yanzi Zhang (AMU): *China's Development aid and Infrastructure Support to Small Countries in the Indo-Pacific*
- Lena Śmigórska (AMU): *China's role in South Korea's global value chains*
- Yidong Zhu (AMU): *Indo-Pacific Strategy and the narrative that Taiwan's status is undetermined are seen as challenges to the One-China principle*
- Izabela Wiśniewska (AMU): *China as an Environmental Actor: Climate Strategy in the Indo-Pacific*



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- Sultan M. Hali (Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security): *China and India in the Indo-Pacific: Complex Interdependence?*
- Shafei Moiz Hali (National Defence University): *Pak-US Relations; A Return to Another Cursed Alliance?*

*Never Again... is Now? Human Rights Eighty Years after the Second World War*



**IPSA RC26 ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Online Session (14:00-16:30) – Room 56**

**Moderator: Jędrzej Skrzypczak (AMU)**

- Carlos Ramón Fernández Liesa (Carlos III University in Madrid, Spain): *Human Rights and International Law 80 years after the Second World War and the founding of the United Nations'*
- Alex Sander Pires (the Autonomous University of Lisbon, UAL): *Constitutionalism in Crisis: Democratic Deficit and Contemporary Challenges to Human Rights*
- Anju Gupta (JECRC University, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India): *Never Again in a Perpetual Present: Re-engineering Human Rights for Algorithmic Wars and Automated Atrocities*
- Oscar Pérez de la Fuente (Carlos III University in Madrid, Spain): *Disinformation and human rights*
- Cassius Chai (Federal University of Maranhão (UFMA) and the Faculty of Law of Vitória (FDV), Brazil): *Between Promise and Practice: Eighty Years of UN Governance in Light of Structural Inequities Between North and South*
- Anna Potyrała (AMU): *Human Rights and International Law 80 years after the Second World War and the founding of the United Nations*
- Jędrzej Skrzypczak (AMU): *From Words to Atrocity. Fighting Hate Speech during the 80 Years after World War II*

**18:30-19:00 – Dinner at the Professor's Club**

