

SOAS University of London presents the

China in the World virtual conference

Wednesday 8 December 2021

Session 1: 10.30am to 12.30pm, GMT

Session 2: 1.30pm to 3.30pm, GMT

This virtual conference aims to bring out the perceptions of China's rise from countries that stretch from the eastern extremity of Asia, through the Middle East to the west coast of Africa. They also happen to be the regions that form the focus of study at SOAS.

Session 1: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Time	Overview	Presenter
10.30	Introduction	Steve Tsang Director, SOAS China Institute
10.39	Opening remarks	Adam Habib Director of SOAS University of London
10.45	China's approach towards and view of the world	Jing Huang Beijing Language and Culture University
10.53	Promise, Pressure, and the Perils of Not Wanting to Choose Sides: Singapore Amid China-US Rivalry	Ja Ian Chong National University of Singapore
11.01	The curious case of China-Singapore engagement	Hoo Tiang Boon Nanyang Technological University
11.09	POLL	
11.15	Thailand as a province of China (泰国省) in the Milk Tea Alliance	Wasana Wongsurawat Chulalongkorn University
11.23	Panda or Dragon? Viewing the Rise of China from Taiwan	Chun-Yi Lee University of Nottingham
11.31	Iran and the rise of China	Mohsen Shariatnia Shahid Beheshti University of Iran
11.39	POLL	
11.45	The Future of Africa-China economic relations: Perceptions and Reality	Anzetse Were Development Economist, FSD Kenya
11.53	Oscillations: Nigeria-China relations	Abdul-Gafar Tobi Oshodi Lagos State University
12.01	China's contribution to efforts towards economic transformation/structural change in Sub-Saharan Africa	Carlos Oya SOAS University of London
12.09	POLL	
12.15	Closing remarks	Steve Tsang Director, SOAS China Institute

Session 2: 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Time	Overview	Presenter
13.30	Introduction	Steve Tsang Director, SOAS China Institute
13.36	The Belt and Road as political technology: Power and economy in Pakistan and Tajikistan	Hasan H. Karrar Lahore University of Management Sciences & Till Mostowlansky The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva (IHEID)
13.44	The Volumetric Presence of China in Nepal	Galen Murton James Madison University
13.52	Chinese Engagement and Vulnerability in South Asia: The Case of Four Countries	Deep Pal Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
14.00	Being and Belonging among Pakistan's Chinese Diaspora	Ping-hsiu Alice Lin The Harvard Academy for International & Area Studies
14.08	Questioning the Debt-Trap Diplomacy Rhetoric surrounding Hambantota Port	Maria Adele Carrai NYU Shanghai
14.16	POLL	
14.22	China's soft power outreach into the Middle East	Jonathan Fulton Zayed University, Abu Dhabi
14.30	Shifting Societal Responses to China's Belt and Road Initiative across Central Asia	Bhavna Davé SOAS University of London
14.38	Built on Power: Manifestations of China's Presence in West Asia/Middle East	Anoush Ehteshami Durham University
14.46	POLL	
14.52	Afro-Chinese Cultural exchanges: A One-Way Traffic?	Muhudin Shangwe University of Dar es Salaam
15.00	Waking up the Neighbour? Visualising China's economic rise in Japanese fictional media	Griseldis Kirsch SOAS University of London
15.08	UN sanctions on North Korea: the role of China	Hazel Smith SOAS University of London
15.16	POLL	
15.22	Closing remarks	Steve Tsang Director, SOAS China Institute



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