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### Speakers Biographies

#### Hoo Tiang Boon

Hoo Tiang Boon is Associate Professor and Coordinator (Head) of the China Programme at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. He is also a Faculty Fellow with NTU's University Scholars Programme, as well as a US-ASEAN Fulbright Scholar. He holds a PhD in International Relations from the University of Oxford.

Dr. Hoo is the author of several publications on China, cross-strait relations and US-China relations. His recent authored/edited books include *China's Global Identity: Considering the Responsibilities of Great Power* (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2018-2019); *Chinese Regionalism in Asia: Beyond the Belt-Road Initiative* (New York & London, Routledge, 2022, forthcoming); and *Chinese Foreign Policy under Xi* (New York & London: Routledge, 2017). Dr. Hoo has been involved in several diplomatic initiatives, including the Singapore-US Strategic Dialogue, the Vietnam-Singapore Security Dialogue, the Singapore-France Dialogue on China, the Korea-Singapore Forum, and the Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institutions. He was formerly a visiting fellow at the China Foreign Affairs University, a visiting scholar at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, and a visiting researcher at the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies.

#### Maria Adele Carrai

Maria Adele Carrai is an Assistant Professor of Global China Studies at NYU Shanghai. She is the author of *Sovereignty in China. A Genealogy of a Concept since 1840* (CUP, 2019). Her research explores the history of international law in East Asia and investigates how China's rise as a global power is shaping norms and redefining the international distribution of power. Prior to joining NYU Shanghai, she was a recipient of a three-year Marie-Curie fellowship at KU Leuven. She was also a Fellow at the Italian Academy of Columbia University, Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program, Max Weber Program of the European University Institute of Florence, and New York University Law School.

#### Ja Ian Chong

Ja Ian Chong is associate professor of political science at the National University of Singapore. Dr. Chong's work crosses the fields of international relations, comparative politics, and political sociology, with a focus on security issues relating to China and East Asia. He follows the interplay of social movements, politics, and foreign policy in East Asia. Dr. Chong was a 2019/20 Harvard-

Yenching Visiting Scholar, 2013 Taiwan Fellow, 2012/3 East-West Center Asian Studies Fellow, and 2008/9 Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program fellow. He previously worked with the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C. and the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies in Singapore.

Dr. Chong's work appears in several journals, edited volumes, and newspapers, including the *China Quarterly*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Security*, and *Security Studies*. He is author of *External Intervention and the Politics of State Formation: China, Thailand, Indonesia – 1893-1952*, Cambridge University Press, 2012, recipient of the 2013/4 Best Book Award from the International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association. He is currently working on the aggregate effects of middle and smaller power responses to major power competition as well as the political and social consequences of foreign influence operations.

### **Bhavna Davé**

Bhavna Dave (PhD in Political Science from Syracuse University, NY) is Senior Lecturer in Central Asian Politics in the Department of Politics and International Studies at SOAS, University of London. She is the author of the book *Kazakhstan: Ethnicity, Language and Power* (Routledge: London, 2007). She is editor of *Modern Central Asia* (London: Routledge, 2009), a four-volume reference collection which is part of Routledge's series on *Critical Issues in Modern Politics*. She has published works on issues of labour migration in Kazakhstan and Russia, language and ethnic identities, minorities, elections and patronage in Kazakhstan, and EU-Central Asia relations, labour migration in Kazakhstan and Russia, the role of the Russian Far East in Russia's 'pivot to Asia' policy, social and security implications of China's Silk Road economic development initiative in Central Asia and India-Central Asia relations. Her current research and writing are centred on: 1) the political economy and legal framework of labour migration, migrant and diaspora networks in Russia and Kazakhstan; 2) geopolitics and alliances in Eurasia, and the consequences of China's Belt and Road initiative for the Central Asian states; 3) the strategic role of the 'priority development programme' of the Russian Far East as part of Russia's pivot to Asia policy and the implications for the East-Asian region.

### **Anoush Ehteshami**

Anoush Ehteshami is Professor of International Relations in the School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University. He is the Nasser al-Mohammad al-Sabah Chair in International Relations and Director of the HH Sheikh Nasser al-Mohammad al-Sabah Programme in International Relations, Regional Politics and Security. He is, further, Director of the Institute for Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies (IMEIS) at Durham, one of the oldest and noted centres of excellence in Middle Eastern studies in Europe. Amongst his recent publications is (with Niv Horesh) *How China is Changing the Middle East* (New York, NY: Routledge, 2020).

### **Jonathan Fulton**

Jonathan Fulton is an Assistant Professor of Political Science in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Zayed University, in Abu Dhabi, UAE, and a senior non-resident fellow at the Atlantic Council. His research focuses on China - Middle East relations, international relations of the Gulf, Chinese foreign policy, and Asia – Middle East relations. He has written widely for both academic and popular publications. His books include *China's Relations with the Gulf Monarchies*, *External*

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### **Jing Huang**

Prof Huang Jing is University Professor and Dean (Academic Affairs) of the Institute of International and Regional Studies at Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU). Before joining BLCU in 2018, Prof. Huang was the Lee Foundation Professor on US-China Relations and Director of Centre on Asia and Globalization of the LKY School of Public Policy at National University of Singapore (2008-2018), Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution (2004-2008), Shorenstein Fellow at Stanford University (2002-2003), and Associate Professor (tenured) of Political Science and Director of the Asian Studies Program at Utah State University (1994-2004). Prof. Huang also taught at Harvard University as an instructor in 1993-94. Prof Huang is a Richard von Weizsäcker Fellow at Bosch Academy in Germany since 2013.

Prof. Huang's main research and teaching interests include security in Asia-Pacific, US-China relations, security in Asia-Pacific, Chinese elite politics, China's foreign policy and its development strategy. He is the author of numerous papers and journal articles, and has published hundreds of columns and op-eds in major newspapers and magazines. Prof. Huang has authored two books: *Factionalism in Chinese Communist Politics* (Cambridge University Press, 2000), which won the prestigious Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize, and *Inseparable Separation: the Making of China's Taiwan Policy* (World Scientific Press, 2010). He edited or co-edited seven volumes on South China Sea, the environment policies of Asian countries, and the development of Russia's Far East and Siberia. As an internationally renowned scholar, Prof. Huang has provided policy advices for governments, NGOs, educational institutions, think tanks, and businesses for countries in Asia, America and Europe, including China, the United States, Russia, Japan, India, South Korea, Norway, Germany, Vietnam, Australia, Malaysia and Singapore. Prof. Huang serves on board of several companies and foundations in and outside China.

Prof. Huang earned a bachelor degree in English literature from Sichuan University, a master degree in history from Fudan University, and a PhD in Political Science from Harvard University.

### **Hasan H. Karrar**

Hasan H. Karrar is an associate professor in the department of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan. He has published research on China, Central Asia, and the Karakoram region in north Pakistan. His current research is variously focused on bazaars and small traders, informality and financialization, and everyday securitization and development.

### **Griseldis Kirsch**

Griseldis Kirsch is Reader in Contemporary Japanese Culture at SOAS University of London. Her research interests include screen culture and (self-)censorship in Japan, with particular reference to war memory in Japan. She has acted as script consultant for the Amazon Prime series *The Man in the High Castle* (series 1 and 2) as well as for *Giri/Haji* (BBC). She is the author of *Contemporary Sino-*

*Japanese Relations on Screen. A History: 1989-2005* (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2015) and co-editor of the volume *Assembling Japan: Technology, Modernity and Global Culture* (Oxford: Peter Lang, 2015), but she has also published widely on nationalism and identity in the media in Japan and Europe.

### **Chun-Yi Lee**

Dr. Chun-Yi Lee is Associate Professor at school of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham. She is also the director of Taiwan Studies Program at Nottingham, a board member of European Association of Taiwan Studies. Chun-Yi's first book was published by Routledge in 2011: *Taiwanese Business or Chinese Security Asset*. The book is under Leiden Series in Modern East Asia History and Politics. Currently, Chun-yi is working on a public policy research project, to compare Taiwan and UK government's strategies to counter Covid-19. Meanwhile Chun-yi is working her second single authored monograph on the topic of 'China's New Normal: The Impact of China's Rise on the Global Political Economy'.

### **Ping-hsiu Alice Lin**

Ping-hsiu Alice Lin is a socio-cultural anthropologist of South Asia with interests in political economy, cultural geographies, and commodities.

Her dissertation, *"Precious Economies: Gems and Value-Making in the Pakistan-Afghanistan Borderlands,"* offers new perspectives on how value comes into being across different scales, spheres of exchange, and actors located along the nodes of the global trade of colored stones. Her work is supported by grants from the Wenner-Gren Foundation, EHESS, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Ping-hsiu's research interests include Commodity chain, Inter-Asia as Method, Political Economy, and South Asia.

### **Till Mostowlansky**

Till Mostowlansky is a Research Fellow in Anthropology and Sociology at The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. He is the author of *Azan on the Moon: Entangling Modernity along Tajikistan's Pamir Highway* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2017) and co-editor of the volume *Infrastructure and the Remaking of Asia* (University of Hawaii Press, forthcoming).

### **Galen Murton**

Galen Murton is a human geographer with broad research and teaching interests in the politics of international development. His ongoing research project examines the social and geopolitical implications of infrastructure development across the Himalayan borderlands of High Asia, primarily between Tibet and Nepal. He also studies local experiences with international aid in post-disaster landscapes. More recently, Galen has started to examine what is wrong with infrastructure in America, and is especially curious about the possibilities for a Green New Deal in post-industrial national contexts. Related to these projects and his classroom instruction, he also likes to conduct fieldwork with his students in the mountain ranges of Asia as well as the Americas.

### **Abdul-Gafar Tobi Oshodi**

Abdul-Gafar Tobi Oshodi is a lecturer in the Department of Political Science, Lagos State University. He was a fellow of the Social Science Research Council's Next Generation of Social Science in Africa (2013-2014), a doctoral fellow at the Centre for Research on Peace and Development, KU Leuven (2013-2017), and a University of Edinburgh Centre of African Studies' Catalyst Fellow (in 2019 and 2020). He recently completed an American Council of Learned Societies African Humanities Program postdoctoral fellowship (2020-2021), working on a book project entitled "Imageries of Mao Zedong's China in Ghanaian newspapers, 1957-1976".

### **Carlos Oya**

Carlos Oya is Professor of Political Economy of Development at SOAS, University of London, and development economist by training. His main research interests are: labour relations and employment, economic transformation, agrarian political economy, development policy, poverty, and research methodology. Carlos has recently led a project on structural transformations and employment outcomes in infrastructure construction and manufacturing sectors in Ethiopia and Angola, with a special focus on Chinese firms ([www.soas.ac.uk/idcea](http://www.soas.ac.uk/idcea)).

### **Deep Pal**

Deep Pal is a visiting fellow in the Asia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a nonresident fellow at the National Bureau of Asian research. His research and publications focus on the Indo-Pacific, India's foreign policy in its immediate and greater neighbourhood, and regional security in South Asia, with particular emphasis on China.

### **Muhidin Shangwe**

Muhidin Shangwe (PhD) is a Tanzanian currently Lecturer in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Dar es Salaam. He obtained his doctorate degree from the East China Normal University in Shanghai in 2017. His PhD dissertation was titled "*China's Soft Power in Africa: A Case of Tanzania*." Apart from China's engagement with Africa, other research interests include India-Africa relations and African international relations.

### **Mohsen Shariatnia**

Mohsen Shariatnia is an Assistant Professor of International Relations at the National University of Iran (Shahid Beheshti), in Tehran. His research and teaching work is mainly focused on Iran's Asia policy and evolving ties between East and West Asia. His research and analyses have appeared in peer-reviewed journals as well as prestigious Persian and English outlets.

### **Hazel Smith**

Professor Hazel Smith's publications include '*Nutrition and Health in North Korea: What's New, What's Changed and Why It Matters*', *North Korean Review*, Vol. 12 No. 1, Spring 2016, pp. 7-34; *North Korea: Markets and Military Rule* (Cambridge University Press, 2015), '*Crimes against*

*Humanity? Unpacking the North Korean Human Rights Debate*, *Critical Asian Studies*, Vol. 46 No. 1, 2014, pp. 127-143; [joint edited] *Reframing North Korean Human Rights*; *Critical Asian Studies*, December 2013/ March 2014, *Reconstituting Korean Security* (2007); *Hungry for Peace: International Security, Humanitarian Assistance and Social Change in the DPRK* (2005) and [joint-edited] *North Korea in the New World Order* (1996). Professor Smith received her PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics in 1993 has held prestigious competitive fellowships at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2012/2013), the East-West Center, Honolulu (2008 and 2015), Kyushu University (2010), the United States Institute of Peace (2001/2002) and was a Fulbright scholar at Stanford University (1994/1995). Professor Smith is regularly called on to advise governments, including the UK and the US and is a frequent broadcaster for the global media on North Korea, where she lived and worked for United Nations humanitarian organisations for two years and from where she earned a North Korean driving license.

## Anzetse Were

Anzetse Were is a development economist with over ten years of experience in economic research, analysis, advising and strategy development focused on inclusive economic development and transformation in Africa. Her areas of expertise include the financial sector and finance systems in Africa; country and regional economic diagnostics in Africa; private sector development; the digital economy; climate finance; and the political economy of finance and development in Africa. She has a Master's in Economics from the University of Sydney (Australia) and a Bachelor's degree from Brown University (USA). Anzetse works with and advises governments, private sector, development finance institutions, non-profit organisations, as well as academia and think tanks.

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