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“CHINA AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE – Towards Multipolar World “

May 7-8, 2024 (Tuesday and Wednesday) 2024

Venue: Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade
Jove Ilica 165, 11040 Belgrade

The Conference language: **English**

Programme

May 7th (Tuesday):

08:55–09:10 Registration and Orientation

09:10–09:15 Welcoming Remarks

Professor Dragana Mitrovic, PhD, Director of IAS and CAFES

Session 1.

09:15–12:30 (Moscow time: 10:15-12:40/ Beijing time: 15:15-18:40/ Tokyo time: 16:15-19:40)

BRICS Plus – South-South Cooperation, Limits, Potentials and Aspirations (first part)

Discussions will be held after every speech of 20 minutes and after all the speeches.

Moderator: Dr Jaganath Panda

Speakers:

1. Esra HATIPOGLU, Rector and Professor, Bahcesehir University, Istanbul. *Sustainable Horizons: Unleashing the Power of BRICS Plus South-South Cooperation in a Changing Global Landscape*
2. SUN Jisheng, Professor, China Foreign Affairs University. *Multilateralism with Chinese characteristics (app. 15.40 Beijing time)*
3. Gracjan CIMEK, Professor, Polish Naval Academy. *An inter-civilizational association of states for a "new era." (app. 10.05 Belgrade time)*
4. Matjaz NAHTIGAL, Professor, University of Ljubljana. *The future of multipolarity: deepening of fragmentation or deepening of qualified pluralism? (app. 10.30 Belgrade time)*

10:45–11:00 Coffee Break

5. Marina SHILINA, Professor, Plekhanov University, Moscow. Irina VOLKOVA, Professor, Russian Friendship University. *BRICS+ and South-*

South Cooperation: The Basics of the New World Order? (app. 12.00 Moscow time)

6. Prof. Marco RICCERI, EURISPES BRICS LAB, Roma. *The UN commitment to a "Pact for the Future". An open challenge for the main actors of multi-centrism, their global visions and strategies for progress.* (app. 11.25 Belgrade time)

7. Vladimir BOLDIN, Ass. Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Natalya EMELYANOVA, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Alexandra YAKOVLEVA, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences. (app. 12.50 Moscow time)

"Promising formats and topics for scientific cooperation between the BRICS countries in the social and humanitarian sphere".

12:15–12:30 Discussion and Concluding Remarks

12:30–13:15 Lunch (at the Conference venue)

Session 2. China and its Relations with Major Partners

13:15–16:15 (Starts at Moscow time: 14:15/ Beijing time: 19:15/ Tokyo time: 20:15)

Discussions will be held after every speech of 20 minutes and after all the speeches.

Moderator: Giovanni Nicotera, Dragana Mitrovic

Speakers:

1. SONG Lilei, PhD, Professor, School of Political Science & International Relations, Tongji University, Shanghai *The Soft Connectivity between China and Europe: An Example of China-EU High-Level People-to-People Dialogue (HPPD) Mechanism* (app. 13.15 Belgrade time)

2. Konstantin Antonovich CHEREVYK, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Lomonosov Moscow State University. *Strategic cooperation between China and Tajikistan: trade and economic aspect.* (app. 14.40 Moscow time)

3. TAKAHARA Akio, JIIA, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Tokyo Woman's Christian University. *Japan-China Relations: Perception Gaps between the Two Nations.*

14:25–14:35 Coffee Break

(Belgrade time: 15:35/ Moscow time: 16:35)

4. Alisher Erkinovich SHAYKHOV, Dr., Advisor to the Rector of Strategic Development at Diplomat University, Tashkent. *Cooperation between Uzbekistan and China – an important factor in strengthening the economic development of the Central Asia region.* (app. 15.35 Moscow time)

5. Dr Jagannath P. PANDA, Head, SCSA-IPA, Institute for Security& Development Politics, Sweden. *Is China losing the European Space?* (app. 14.55 Belgrade time)

6. Aleksandar PAVIC, MP, *Can the Emerging Multipolar World Bring Down the New Berlin Wall?* (app. 15.20 Belgrade time)

7. LI Jianjun, Associate Professor, Institute of Global and Area Studies, Capital Normal University, Beijing. *"Chinese People's Primary Concern about Serbia: A Case Study of the Subscription Account of the Center for Study of Civilizations of Capital Normal University"* (app. 15.40 Belgrade time)

16:00-16:15 Concluding Remarks

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May 8th, (Wednesday):

10:15–12:00

Session 3. BRI and the Global Economy

Discussions will be held after every speech of 20 minutes and after all the speeches.

Moderator: Giovani Niccotera, Dragana Mitrovic

Speakers:

1. SOONG Jenn-jaw, Professor, NCKU, Social Science, Dept of Political Science, Tainan. Muhamad IKSAN, Jakarta, NCKU, PhD candidate. *Indonesia's leadership in regional and global orders: Middle power strategy hedging the rising China? (app. 17.15 Tokyo time)*
2. Sarmiza PENCEA, PhD, Romanian Academy, Institute of World Economy. *The praised tree that has never borne fruit: Romania-China economic relations after 2012. (app. 11.40 Bucharest time)*
3. Dragana Mitrovic, Professor, IAS President, *BRI and Serbia-China cooperation*

11:25–12:00 Discussion and Concluding Remarks of the 3rd Session and the Conference

12:00 *Taxi transport to downtown and*

12:15 **Optional lunch downtown Belgrade**

Zoom link for both days:

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