

# PROGRAMME

Last update **24 September 2020**

*All times are shown in Central European Summer Time, CEST.*

## Day 1 | Opening | 22 September

### 09:00 WELCOME

**Barbara Plinkert**, European Union Ambassador to Singapore

### 09:15 OPENING CEREMONY

**Stephen Quest**, Director-General of the Joint Research Centre, European Commission

**Toru Morikawa**, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation

**Koji Hachiyama**, Chief Operating Officer, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia

**Miao Lu**, Co-founder and Vice-President, Center for China and Globalization

### 10:00 KEYNOTE

**Sustainable Connectivity - The European way**

**Romana Vlahutin**, Ambassador-at-Large for Connectivity, European External Action Service

### 10:30 REAL BREAK

*Take a break for a drink and some stretching.*

### 10:40 PANEL

**Asia-Europe Sustainable Connectivity: A way forward**

*Chair: **Asad Beg**, Adviser to Ambassador-at-Large for Connectivity, European External Action Service*

**Yeo Lay Hwee**, European Union Centre, Singapore

**Jesper Thomsen**, Connectivity Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark

**Shada Islam**, Managing Director New Horizons Project & Senior Advisor European Policy Centre

**Frédéric Asseline**, Principal Climate Finance Specialist, Asian Development Bank

### 12:00 VIRTUAL COFFEE SESSION

*Bring your own beverage and engage on the discussion on pathways to build-back better connectivity in a post-COVID world.*

### 12:40 POSTER EXHIBITION

*Visit the poster exhibition booths showcasing the latest research on Asia-Europe sustainable connectivity. Join the live sessions on September 24.*

### 12:40 SPEED-NETWORKING

*Mingle with other participants in three minutes random chance encounters.*

## Day 2 | Scientific Sessions | 23 September

### 08:30 SPEED-NETWORKING

*Mingle with other participants in three minutes random chance encounters.*

### 09:00 KEYNOTE

#### **Sustaining our common future and pathways for a zero-emission transition**

**Samuel Cross**, Manager of the Aalto Energy Platform, Aalto University, Finland

### 09:30 SCIENTIFIC SESSION 1

#### **People-to-People Connectivity**

*Chair: **Diana Zahorte**, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Romania to the Republic of Singapore*

EU-India Cooperation in Higher Education as an Enabler of the ASEM Sustainable Connectivity  
**Zane Šime**, Latvian Political Science Association, Latvia

Implementation People-to-People Connectivity through SHARE Scholarship to strengthen ASEAN Identity

**Missy Oktavia Manullang; Yuliana Prasetyawati**, LPSR Communication & Business Institute, Indonesia

The Filipino Diaspora: A comparative analysis of OFW remittances from ASEAN and EU  
**Maria Angela Zafra**, Strategia Development Research Institute, Inc.

Advancing of the sustainable connectivity through innovation: highlighting SDG9 and SDG17  
**Shruti Kulkarni**, Indian Institute of Science

### 09:30 SCIENTIFIC SESSION 2

#### **Local Energy Markets**

*Chair: **Christopher Len**, Senior Research Fellow and Head of Publications, National University of Singapore*

ASEAN EU cooperation: sharing best practices to implement regional energy interconnectivity

**Fabio Indeo**, Nato Defense College Foundation, Italy

Local electricity market projects in China and the EU – A comparative perspective

**Helena Uhde**, Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research at Beijing Institute of Technology, China

International (inter)connectivity via interconnectors? Gas and energy market ramifications  
**Konrad Zawodzinski**, Kozminski University, Poland

### 11:00 REAL BREAK

*Take a break for a drink and some stretching.*

### 11:10 VIRTUAL COFFEE SESSION

*Bring your own beverage and engage on the discussion following the scientific sessions.*

### 12:00 SPEED-NETWORKING

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## Day 3 | Scientific Sessions | 24 September

### 08:00 SPEED-NETWORKING

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### 08:45 POSTER EXHIBITION LIVE SESSIONS

#### 1) Pakistan's relations with the EU and China: On the path towards sustainable connectivity

**Agnieszka Nitza-Makowska**, Collegium Civitas, Poland

#### 2) The collaboration on IT for cultural heritage in ASEAN

**La or Kovavisaruch**, National Electronics and Computer Technology Center, Thailand

#### 3) Bridge the Cross-Culture Understanding: Study Case of BIPA Darmasiswa Program in Ambon

**Maria Martha Nikijuluw**, Pattimura University, Indonesia

#### 4) Co-Creating immersive 360° video media with a Singapore-France education collaboration

**Christoph Zimmermann; Fun Man Fung**, National University of Singapore, Singapore; **Xavier Coumoul; Etienne Blanc**, Université de Paris, France, **Thierry Koscielniak**, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, France; **Rainer Dumke**, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

#### 5) China-EU cooperation: Towards a green(er) energy scenario in Africa

**Andrea Valente**, Instituto do Oriente, Institute for Political and Strategic Studies, University of Lisbon, Portugal

#### 6) Blockchain-based solution for the LNG industry; diversion clauses govern by smart contracts

**Jean-Christophe Finidori**, HODLNG, France

#### 7) Exploring the ASEM Sustainable Connectivity Portal

**William Becker; Ana Rita Neves**, European Commission Joint Research Centre

### 09:30 SCIENTIFIC SESSION 3

#### Policy Instruments for Sustainable Connectivity

*Chair: **Ana Rita Neves**, Policy analyst, European Commission's Joint Research Centre*

The alignment of Chinese financing with the Paris Agreement: propaganda, aspiration or reality?

**Mario Esteban Rodriguez; Lara Lázaro**, Autonomous University of Madrid, Elcano Royal Institute, Spain

Partnership for Sustainability between Smallholders in Asia and Corporations in Europe  
**Bustanul Arifin**, University of Lampung (UNILA), Indonesia

Strengthening connectivity to design special pilot zone for paludiculture development  
**Ibnu Budiman**, World Resources Institute, Indonesia

### 09:30 SCIENTIFIC SESSION 4

#### Impacts of COVID-19 in ASEM's Connectivity Agenda

*Chair: **George Cunningham**, European External Action Service (EEAS)*

The evolution of the ASEM connectivity concept

**Yeo Lay Hwee**, European Union Centre, Singapore

The future of ASEM connectivity in the wake of COVID-19

**Tonchev Plamen**, Institute of International Economic Relations

ASEM digital connectivity in the wake of COVID-19

**Maaïke Okano-Hejmans**, Netherlands Institute for International Relations 'Clingendael'

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### Day 4 | Scientific Sessions | 25 September

#### 08:00 SPEED-NETWORKING

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#### 09:00 KEYNOTE

##### **Clean Energy Options for Global Shipping Industry**

**Roland Roesch**, Deputy Director of the IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre

#### 09:30 SCIENTIFIC SESSION 5

##### **Transport Connectivity**

*Chair: **Nicola Bianchi**, Scientific attaché, Embassy of Italy to the Republic of Singapore*

The Eurasian Landbridge: implications of linking East Asian and Europe by rail

**Richard Pomfret**, University of Adelaide, Australia

Climate-Neutral Maritime Connectivity between Europe and Asia

**Plamen Tonchev**, Institute of International Economic Relations, Greece

China's Investment in EU Ports: Assessing Geo-Economic Implications of the BRI in Maritime Europe

**Alessandro Albana**, University of Bologna, Italy

Air transport connectivity between Asia and Europe

**Panayotis Christidis**, European Commission's Joint Research Centre; **Alloysius Joko**

**Purwanto**, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia

Aerotropolis: At what cost, to whom?

**Ellen Putri Edita**, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia

#### 09:30 SCIENTIFIC SESSION 6

##### **Political Connectivity**

*Chair: **Bart Gaens**, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA)*

An inquiry into synergies and tensions between the EU's Connectivity Strategy and China's BRI

**Constantin Holzer**, University College Cork

Asia Europe Connectivity: Converging the Regulatory Standards and Sustainable Financing

**Anita Prakash**, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

EU and ASEAN Cooperation on Sustainable Development: towards an alignment of regional actions plans?

**Mei-Line Le Goueff-Duong**, Université de Poitiers

Paving the road to peace and prosperity? Understanding the conflict impact of infrastructure

**Pascal Abb**, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt

**09:30 SCIENTIFIC SESSION 7**  
**Trade and Investment**

*Chair: **Abdul Kaium Masud**, Associate Professor, Noakhali Science and Technology University*

Enhancing Trade and Investment Facilitation for Global Value Chain Integration in Europe and Asia

**Eleonora Salluzzi**, International Trade Centre

The Role of Global Value Chains to Strengthening the Connectivity between Europe and Asia  
**Cungki Kusdarjito**, Janabadra University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Coffee and Cocoa Connection: I-EU CEPA Potential Impact to Indonesian Farmers  
**Felippa Amanta**, Center for Indonesian Policy Studies, Indonesia

**11:00 REAL BREAK**

*Take a break for a drink and some stretching.*

**11:10 VIRTUAL COFFEE SESSION**

*Bring your own beverage and engage on the discussion taking stock of the 4-days of AESCON and how research can support policy making.*

**11:50 CLOSING**

**Raimondo Bussi**, Acting Head of Partnership Instrument Unit, European Commission's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments

**Anita Prakash**, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

**Ana Rita Neves**, European Commission's Joint Research Centre

**12:30** *End of the conference*

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