Day 1 | Opening Day | Wednesday, September 23

Park Hotel Alexandra, 323 Alexandra Road, Singapore

13:00 Registration
14:00 Opening Ceremony
   Welcome
   Barbara Plinkert, European Union Ambassador to Singapore
   Keynote
   Romana Vlahutin, Ambassador-at-Large for Connectivity, European External Action Service
   Opening remarks
   Sun Xiangyang, Acting 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
   Setting the scene
   Ana Rita Neves; William Becker, European Commission, Joint Research Centre

15:30 Coffee break
16:00 Panel: Asia-Europe Sustainable Connectivity: A way forward
   Chair: Barbara Plinkert, European Union Ambassador to Singapore
   Ivan Velimir Starčević, Ambassador of Croatia to Malaysia
   Yorizumi Watanabe, Emeritus Professor, Keio University, Japan
   Shada Islam, Director of Europe and Geopolitics, Friends of Europe
   Jesper Thomsen, Connectivity Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark

17:10 Poster pitches
17:30 Opening of the Poster Exhibition *
18:00 Welcome Cocktail hosted by the EU
20:00 End of Opening Day

Day 2 | Scientific Sessions | Thursday, September 24

Asia-Europe Foundation, 31 Heng Mui Keng Terrace, Singapore

09:00 Morning Keynote
   Sustaining our common future: pathways for a zero-emission transition
   Sam Cross, Manager of the Aalto Energy Platform, Aalto University, Finland

09:30 Political Connectivity
   Chair: Bart Gaens, Project Director and Senior Research Fellow, The Finish Institute of
International Studies

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

**Constantin Holzer**, University College Cork, Ireland

Asia Europe Connectivity: Converging the Regulatory Standards and Sustainable Financing

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

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

**Meï-Line Le Goueff-Duong**, University of Poitiers, France

A Dark Side of Connectivity: Authoritarian Image Management & Extraterritorial Repression

**Alexander Dukalskis**, University College Dublin, Ireland

**11:00 Coffee break**

**11:30 Policy Instruments for Sustainable Connectivity**

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

Emissions embodied in international trade in the Asia-Europe context

**Igor Makarov**, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russia

Partnership for Sustainability between Smallholders in Asia and Corporations in Europe

**Bustanul Arifin; Novi Rosanti; Hanung Ismono**, University of Lampung (UNILA), Indonesia

Green finance the temporal limits of global environmental change

**Catherine Mei Ling Wong**, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg

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

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

**13:00 Lunch Break**

**14:30 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**, Janabadr University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Coffee and Cocoa Connection: I-EU CEPA Potential Impact to Indonesian Farmers

**Felippa Amanta**, Center for Indonesian Policy Studies, Indonesia

**15:40 Coffee Break**

**16:00 Belt and Road Initiative**

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

Impacts of the Belt and Road Initiative: A Perception Survey of Asian Opinion Leaders

**Pradumna B. Rana; Wai-Mun Chia; Xianbai Ji**, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Achieving complex development goals along China’s Digital Silk Road

**Kevin Hernandez**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), United Kingdom

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

**Alessandro Albana**, University of Bologna, Italy
Paving the road to peace and prosperity? Understanding the conflict impact of infrastructure

Pascal Abb, Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Austria

China’s Belt and Road Initiative 2.0: Promoting Peace and Security in Myanmar?

Cao Jiahuan, Shanghai Institutes of International Studies (SIIS), China

Chinese Corporate Social Responsibilities in BRI: a peace-building mechanism?

May Tan-Mullins, University of Nottingham Ningbo, China

19:00 Social Dinner hosted by ERIA

Day 3 | Scientific Sessions | Friday, September 25

Asia-Europe Foundation, 31 Heng Mui Keng Terrace, Singapore

09:00 Morning Keynote

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

09:30 Transport Connectivity

Chair: William Becker, Senior Researcher, European Commission’s Joint Research Centre

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

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

Can Open Skies Agreement Make the Sustainable Development Regime of EU-Asia Civil Aviation Market?

Jiangtian Xu, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom

Aerotropolis: At what cost, to whom?

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

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Energy Markets

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

Moving towards the creation of regional “clean energy” grids: ASEAN and EU models and perspectives to enhance their energy cooperation

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

12:30 Lunch Break

14:00 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.
Towards Inclusive City through Tourism Development: Quality of Job and Participation
Nadiya Pranindita, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan
 Strengthening connectivity to design special pilot zone for paludiculture development
Ibnu Budiman, Willy Daeli, Risky Haryanto, World Resources Institute, Indonesia
Advancing of the sustainable connectivity through innovation: highlighting SDG9 and SDG17
Shruti Kulkarni, Indian Institute of Science; Manoj Prabhakar, Ericsson

15:45 Coffee break

16:15 Interactive session: Taking stock and moving forward
Interactive session with the audience on future directions in research to support Asia-Europe Sustainable Connectivity.

17:30 Closing
Anita Prakash, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Indonesia

Poster Exhibition *
1) Potential Effects of Tariff Liberalization within “EAEU+” Free Trade Agreements with Asian Countries
Ekaterina Arapova, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russia

2) Pakistan’s relations with the EU and China: On the path towards sustainable connectivity
Agnieszka Nitza-Makowska, Collegium Civitas, Poland

3) The collaboration on IT for cultural heritage in ASEAN
La or Kovavisaruch, National Electronics and Computer Technology Center, Thailand

4) Bridge the Cross-Culture Understanding: Study Case of BIPA Darmasiswa Program in Ambon
Maria Martha Nikijuluw, Pattimura University, Indonesia

5) A Joint Belgium-Singapore Collaboration in Teaching Creativity Thinking in Pedagogy
Shaphyna Nacciar Kader; Fun Man Fung; Jinlu Wu; Eu Jin Lim, National University of Singapore, Singapore; Aaron Rosario Jeyaraj, Brown University, US; Jean-François Rees, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium

6) Co-Creating Lightboard media for a Singapore-France Education Collaboration
Fun Man Fung; Christoph Zimmermann; Hui Ru Tan, National University of Singapore, Singapore; Etienne Blanc; Xavier Coumoul, Université de Paris, France; Thierry Koscienliak, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, France

7) 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 Koscienliak, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, France; Rainer Dumke, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

8) 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

9) Blockchain-based solution for the LNG industry; diversion clauses govern by smart contracts
Jean-Christophe Finidori, HODLNG, France
10) EURAXESS ASEAN - Linking researchers in ASEAN and Europe
Susanne Rentzow-Vasu, EURAXESS ASEAN

11) The Effect of Economic Distance and Trade Cost on India’s Trade Flows: An Application Modified Panel
Jadhav Chakradhar, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, India; Arun Kumar Bairawa, Indian Institute of Technology Indore, India; Radika Kumar, Commonwealth Secretariat, United Kingdom

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