



# The Asian Century – Exploring the Shifting Geopolitical and Economic Dynamics of the Region

## Paneldiscussion

moderated by Konstantinos Chalakatevakis

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Recent geopolitical shifts, particularly in the context of U.S.-China tensions, the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and evolving trade alliances, have significantly impacted Asian countries. As global economic players, China, India, Japan and Taiwan are navigating complex dynamics, balancing regional security concerns with economic opportunities. China's assertive foreign policies, especially in the South China Sea and its Belt and Road Initiative, are reshaping trade routes and diplomatic relations. Meanwhile, India is carefully balancing its relationships, engaging with Western powers while maintaining its strategic autonomy and seeking to strengthen its position in global supply chains. Japan and Taiwan face challenges balancing economic interests with security commitments to the U.S. These shifting alliances and conflicts are reshaping economic strategies, influencing trade flows, investment patterns, and technological advancements, while exposing vulnerabilities to global disruptions.

### Speakers

PD Dr. Simona A. Grano, Head of Research: China-Taiwan  
Prof. Dr. Nicolas Martin, Chair of Indian Studies  
Prof. Dr. David Chiavacci, Chair of Japanese Studies  
Prof. Dr. Christopher Mittelstädt, Chair of Chinese Studies  
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**An apéro will be offered after the discussion.**