

New Dynamics in Southeast Asia - Implication for the EU

8 November 2018, 10:00 – 13:00

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The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is an important economic and political partner of the European Union (EU). ASEAN encompasses 10 countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam - economies at vastly different stages of development but all sharing immense growth potential. ASEAN is a major global hub of manufacturing and trade, as well as one of the fastest-growing consumer markets in the world. Home to more than 600 million people, ASEAN has a larger population than the EU.

While the region is thriving economically, the security landscape is in flux. There are conflicting territorial and maritime claims in the South China Sea between China and some members of ASEAN. The positions are hardening with China now building artificial islands and installing military facilities in the area. In this evolving security environment, China and the United States are vying for regional supremacy. These growing tensions in Southeast Asia are putting Europe's economic interests at risk, since more than one third of the EU's external trade goes through the Indo-Pacific region.

The conference - jointly organized by IAI and T.wai - aims to provide participants with insights on current dynamics in Southeast Asia and on ASEAN-EU relations, including a discussion of the role that the EU can play in this distant but increasingly important part of the world.

WORKING LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

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PROGRAMME

09:30 – 10:00 Welcome coffee and registration of participants

10:00 – 11:15 **FIRST SESSION – New Dynamics in Southeast Asia**

Chair **NICOLA CASARINI**, Senior Fellow, IAI, Rome

Panel **BRIDGET WELSH**, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of Asian Outreach, John Cabot University, Rome

GIUSEPPE GABUSI, Assistant Professor of International Political Economy and Political Economy of East Asia, University of Turin

ROMEO ORLANDI, Vice President, Italy-ASEAN Association, Rome

Open debate

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:45 **SECOND SESSION – ASEAN and the EU**

Chair **RICCARDO ALCARO**, Research Coordinator, IAI, Rome

Panel **NORLI MUADZA NOOR**, Minister/Deputy Head, Embassy of Malaysia in Rome

VALENTINA MUIESAN, Head of Division South East Asia, Pacific, Antarctica, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome

SHADA ISLAM, Director of Europe and Geopolitics, Friends of Europe, Brussels

Open debate

12:45 – 13:00 **FINAL REMARKS**

Chair **FERDINANDO NELLI FEROCI**, President, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

Keynote speech **ENRICO LETTA**, President, Italy-ASEAN Association; former Prime Minister of Italy

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