



## **New Game Changers in the European Union-Asia Relationship: Rethinking Engagement and Regional Developments**

*April 16, 2019 at 3:00-3:15 Welcome*

Associate Professor Bridget Welsh, John Cabot University

*3:15-4:15 Setting the Context: New Developments in EU-Asia Engagement*

Chair: Giulia Pompili, Journalist Asia-Pacific, *Il Foglio*

Professor Shada Islam, Friends of Europe

Dr. Mercy Kuo, Pamir & *The Diplomat*

*4:15-5:15 Assessing Developments in Northeast Asia*

Chair: Associate Professor Bridget Welsh, John Cabot University

Professor Christopher Hughes, London School of Economics

Associate Professor Antonio Fiori, University of Bologna

Assistant Professor Giuseppe Gabusi, University of Torino

*5:15-6:15 Assessing Developments in Southeast Asia*

Chair: Professor Shada Islam, Friends of Europe

Professor Romeo Orlandi, Association Italy-ASEAN

Dr. Nicola Casarini, Istituto Affari Internazionali

Associate Professor Bridget Welsh, John Cabot University

*6:15-6:30 Closing Remarks with Reception to follow*

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**Giulia Pompili** is a journalist for *Il Foglio* where she writes about Asia. In 2012 she won the prestigious "Umberto Agnelli" journalistic award from the Italy-Japan Foundation. She is most recently known for her defense of media freedom during the visit of Xi Jinping to Italy.



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**Bridget Welsh** is an Associate Professor of Political Science and the Director of Asian Outreach at John Cabot University. She specializes in Southeast Asian politics, with a focus on Malaysia, Myanmar and Singapore. An author and editor of numerous books and articles, her latest book is entitled *The End of UMNO?: Essays on Malaysia's Former Dominant Party*. She received her Ph.D in political science from Columbia University, language training at Cornell University (FALCON) and B.A. from Colgate University. She is also a Senior Research Associate of the Hu Feng Center for East Asian Democratic Studies of National Taiwan University, a Senior Associate Fellow of The Habibie Center, a University Fellow of Charles Darwin University, a Senior Advisor for Freedom House, a member of the International Research Council of the National Endowment for Democracy and the Asian Barometer Survey.