2nd Annual Geopolitical Conference
Strategic and Geopolitical Issues in the Contemporary World

Prague, 16th November 2012
Institute of Political Science (FSV UK)/ Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Prague

8:30 – 9:00 Registration
9:00 – 9:30 Opening speeches:

Martin Riegl – IPS FSS UK
HE Christine Hsueh – Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Representative
Petr Jüptner – IPS FSS UK

9:30 – 11:45 Panel 1: The Power Shift from the West toward the East Asia
Chair: Jakub Landovský

Lu, Yeh-Chung (National Chengchi University, Taiwan): Maritime Security in Asia-Pacific: Taiwan’s Contribution as a Peacemaker
Cheng Chin Mo (Tamkang University, Taiwan): The Rise and Decline of the EU
Velina Tchakarova (Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, AIES, Austria): Coping with the Global Power Shift from the West to the East: What Role for the EU in its European Neighborhood
Kevin Blachford (University of Winchester, UK): Nuclear Deterrence and Asymmetric Conflict in the Twenty-First Century
Tatsuhiro Yamamoto (Kanazawa University, Japan): What Can Japanese Citizens Read and Understand about their Own Situation in the Far East and the World?: An Approach of Analyzing a National Newspapers
Yeh Hung Lin (Tamkang University, Taiwan): Compete for Chairmanship: China in the World
Hoe-Yeong Loke (EU Centre in Singapore): From Asia Values to the “Asian Century”: A critical assessment of polemical East-West discourses

Discussion

11:45 - 12:00 Coffee break
12:15-13:30 Panel 2: China as a risk hegemon of the World Politics
Chair: Yu Chin Cheng

Vijeta Rattani (Bremen University, Germany): Climate Change as a Security Challenge: China’s Role in the Global Policy Regime
Norafidah Ismail (University Utara Malaysia Kedah, Malaysia): Sino-Saudi Relations: Relevance for United States Relations with Saudi Arabia

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Isabella Hermann (Johann Wolfgang Goethe- University Frankfurt, Germany): China and Venezuela – An Ideological Freindship?
Irina Valko (IPS FSS CUNI): The Arctic Regional System under External Influence: The Case of China
Discussion

13:30-14:15 - Lunch
14:00-15:15 Panel 3: Africa's Mercy: To stay or to leave
Chair: Martin Riegl

Timothy J. Sandole (Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, USA): U.S. – Venezuelan Energy Relations: Challenging but Distinctly Manageable
Wouter Zaayman (RSA): Geopolitics of Contemporary Africa: Third Scramble for Africa
Shaibu Sunday Danlidi (IPS FSS CUNI): Africa Hegemony: Inside the Heartland
Masahiro Kashima (Kanazawa University, Japan): Wither Arab North Africa?: Domestic Change and Its Diplomatic Ramifications