

DANCING WITH DRAGONS AND EAGLES

Global South and Great Power Dynamics

🕒 10 April 2025 9:00-16:30 📍 HSS436

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Welcome, Mohsen Al-Attar, XJTLU

Geopolitics of Connectivity:

Implications for States, State-Business and Labor Relations

🎤 **Chair:** Mohsen Al-Attar, XJTLU

👤 **Discussant:** Afa'anwi Che, XJTLU

9:00-10:30

Panel 1

- ▶ **Dancing with Dragon and Eagles: Global South and Great Power Dynamics**
Debora Malito, Dragan Pavlicevic, Ji You, XJTLU
- ▶ **Non-interference and the State-Business Dynamics of China in the Ethiopian Civil War**, Ye (Ivy) Wei, The Chinese University of Hong Kong – Shenzhen
- ▶ **Driving Capital. Free trade and Mexico's electric vehicle boom**
Alejandra González Jiménez, University of Toronto
- ▶ **Competing models of infrastructure development in the context of great power rivalry.**
Dragan Pavlicevic, XJTLU

10:30-11:00

☕ **Coffee break**

Rethinking the International Order:

Status, Alliances and Strategic Autonomy

🎤 **Chair:** Debora Malito, XJTLU

👤 **Discussant:** Andrej Krickovic, XJTLU

11:00-12:15

Panel 2


- ▶ **The Politics of Status: Southeast Asian Middle Powers' Strategic Choices**
Qingming Huang, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen
Ruilei Xing, Wuhan University
- ▶ **Clashing Narratives: A Role-Theoretic and Critical Discourse Analysis of U.S.-China Diplomatic Competition in the Middle East (2011-2024)**
Mohsen Solhdoost, XJTLU
- ▶ **The Arab World and Sino-US High-Technology Competition**
Maria A. Soloshcheva, National Research University Higher School of Economics


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12:15-13:15

 **Lunch break**

Multialignment, Trust, and Locally Embedded Narratives

 **Chair:** You Ji, XJTLU

 **Discussant:** Xianwen Kuang, XJTLU

13:15-14:30
Panel 3

- ▶ **America, First in Africa? How and Why Badmouthing China in Africa did not Profit the U.S. under Trump 1.0**
Afa'anwi Che, XJTLU
- ▶ **Global infrastructures and Africa's multi-alignment from Lobito's shores**
Debora Malito, XJTLU
- ▶ **Portrayals of Sino-US Competition in the Global South**
Mutinda Mutisya, University of Nairobi

14:30-14:45

 **Coffee break**

Multilateralism and Climate Cooperation

 **Chair:** Dragan Pavlicevic, XJTLU

 **Discussant:** Alessandra Cappelletti, XJTLU

14:45-16:00
Panel 4

- ▶ **Climate cooperation in a multipolar world: the geopolitics of China's environmental policy exchange with Africa and Latin America**
Annah Zhu, Wageningen University
Niklas Weins, XJTLU
- ▶ **US-China competition through multilateral platforms: the BRICS+ as a tool of Chinese Engagement with the Global South**
Sotiris Petropoulos, University of the Peloponnese
- ▶ **China's international humanitarian engagement: adaptation or differentiation?**
Lina Gong, XJTLU

16:30

Conclusion and Way Forward

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