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CALL FOR PAPERS AND FOR PARTICIPATION

The conference is open to individual and group paper presentations. Those willing to present their papers are invited to submit their abstracts before August 31, 2019. The selected abstracts will be communicated to their authors in October 2019. Please, follow the instruction below.

INTRODUCTION

The largest and the most populous continent in the world, Asia is hugely diverse in terms of culture, economy, geography, politics, religion and ideological orientations of the state systems. Its relationship with other continents is also marked by diversity. In twentieth century, and particularly after most of the countries of the continent had achieved independence, Asia emerged as one of the most vibrant and volatile political landscapes with the newly independent countries consolidating for a new world order as against the imperialist forces attempting to gain control over different countries and the regions of the continent. Asia was a contested political and economic landscape during the cold war politics, torn apart between those aligned to the West (Japan, South Korea, Thailand, the Philippines...), to the East (China, Vietnam), and to the Non-Aligned Movements (Afghanistan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Lebanon, Myanmar, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka...).

The whole continent is divided into a number of sub-continents and regions such as South Asia, East Asia, Central Asia, South East Asia and West Asia. Within the subcontinents too there are huge diversities. Two largest Asian countries in terms of geography and economy — China and India — are the global talking points in development discourses. These two countries, however, are marked by two ideologically opposite orientations since mid twentieth century. However, in the new world order these two powers have been trying to develop global convergences on a number of issues particularly on the issue of open and transparent global trade regime and climate change. China's One Belt One Road (OBOR) initiative has of
course been contested in the continent. South East Asia has been ‘Asian tigers’ with ups and down. Japan is unique in terms of its emergence as a global economic force after its disastrous experience during the Second World War. Vietnam earned global reputation as an irresistible force against imperialist domination. Afghanistan continues to be an experimental ground of imperialism since 1970s. The oil-rich West Asia has been a target of the imperialist design of resource appropriation which has resulted in war and devastation in the region. Iraq has been pushed to the permanent vulnerabilities; emergence of ISIS as a global terror is also a product of the imperialist greed for resources. Iran is a force of resistance against the imperialist design and also a force of global solidarity of the third world countries. Within South Asia and Southeast Asia, there are different models of accommodative politics — both Indonesia and Malaysia representing a model of sustainability of religious and cultural diversity despite being Muslim majority states, which is not the case in Pakistan. India, the largest democracy in the world, and a leading light of anti-colonial struggles through a framework of unique secular proposition — equal respect to all religions — is now marked by ascendance of Hindu majoritarianism. While Buddhism is considered to be the most peaceful religion in the world, however, Sri Lankan and Burmese experiences show that there may be fundamentalism of the Buddhist kind.

Despite all these challenges, Asia is rising with enormous economic power and human resources. This session attempts to explore the potentialities and challenges of ASIA both as a singular as well as diverse entity. It will endeavour to understand the global alternatives the continent holds in terms of addressing the issues of bilateralism and multilateralism; regional approaches within global system as is evident from ASEAN and Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), stand on Paris Agreement on Climate Change; The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) etc. The session will also attempt to understand the vibrant democratic initiatives and the challenges it confronts. (Akhil Ranjan Dutta, Professor & Head, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University, Assam, India. Contact: akhilranjangu@gmail.com).

GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTER CANDIDATES

The selection of presenters is based on the abstract and the basic personal data of the presenter candidates in respect to the following dates:
1. Deadline of abstract submission: August 31, 2019
2. Announce of the selected presenters: October 2019
3. Deadline of full paper submission: December 31, 2019

The abstract is limited to approximately 300 words (figures, tables, and references should not be included in the abstract) accompanied by basic personal data of the author(s) including:
- Full name and surname
- Gender (male/female/other)
- University title (if any)
- Specialism (if any)
- Professional category (lecturer/researcher or activist/practitioner or both)
- Institution/organisation/company
- Function in institution/organisation/company
- Full address (physical/postal address, phone and fax numbers, email)

The basic personal data are to be presented below the abstract (in the same file of the abstract, not in a separate file)
The full paper is to be presented according to the following basic rule:
- Paper size: A4 (kwarto)
- Margins: 2.5 cm from all the borders (top, bottom, left, right)
- Interline: double space
- Typography: Times New Roman, 12 points
- Article size: around 4000 words
- Language: English, British style, article to be checked by a competent person in language editing before submission

The abstract with basic personal data and the full paper are to be sent by e-mail to the following e-mail address: conference-masterasie@univ-lehavre.fr

FINANCING

The organising committee does not provide travel grant to any participant. The presenters as well as simple participants of the conference are supposed to find the necessary fund for their own participation (visa, international and national transport, accommodation).

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The selected abstract authors will receive a notification and be requested to confirm their participation. Those who confirm will be automatically registered by the organising committee and exempted from registration fee. Before the conference, they will receive an official invitation to present their papers in the conference. And during the conference, if they are present, they will receive the following items for free:
1) A personalised badge
2) A copy of conference booklet
3) A certificate of participation
4) Drinks and snacks during all the coffee sessions of the conference in Le Havre
5) Two lunches and two dinners in Le Havre

REGISTRATION FOR SIMPLE PARTICIPANTS

The conference is open to public with or without registration. However, those who are registered will receive an official invitation to attend the conference. And during the conference, if they are present, they will receive:
1) A personalised badge
2) A copy of conference booklet
3) A certificate of participation
4) Drinks and snacks during all the coffee sessions of the conference in Le Havre
5) Two lunches and two dinners in Le Havre for those registered with meals

Registration fee: 20 euros (without meal) or 60 euros (with 4 meals).

The registration payment is to be done online between December 16, 2019 and January 17, 2020 through a bank transfer procedure indicated some time before the opening date.
PRACTICAL MATTERS

The organising committee will provide practical information related to local hotels and transport in Paris and Le Havre. The participants will be accompanied by students of the Université Le Havre Normandie in Master’s Degree in Exchanges with Asia (with their language proficiencies in Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean and Russian, in addition to English and French) and Master’s Degree in Exchanges with Latin America (with their language proficiencies in Portuguese and Spanish, in addition to English and French).