



# THE RISE OF ASIA HISTORY AND PERSPECTIVE

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## LA MONTEE DE L'ASIE HISTOIRE ET PERSPECTIVE

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### International and multidisciplinary conference

**In partnership with CHAC (Centre of History of Contemporary Asia), the first day of the conference will take place at the University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, March 22, 2017**

**The following days of the conference will take place at the University of Le Havre, Le Havre, March 23-24, 2017**

### CALL FOR PAPERS AND FOR PUBLICATION

The conference is open to individual paper presentations. Those willing to present their papers are invited to submit their proposals following the instructions described in the GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTER CANDIDATES below. Several publishers have expressed their interest in the topic of the conference and proposed to publish a book based on a selection of papers. Amongst others, Cambridge Scholar Publishing, Routledge and Vernon Press for the English edition and L'Harmattan for the French edition. Those willing to submit their papers for publication are invited to send as soon as possible their abstracts and their full papers following the GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTER CANDIDATES below.

### SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The conference and the publication are prepared by a Scientific Committee: Darwis KHUDORI (initiator and convenor, University of Le Havre, France), Athanase BOPDA (University of Le Havre, France), Monica BRUCKMANN (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), Fatima HARRAK (University of Mohamed V, Rabat, Morocco), Arnaud LEMARCHAND (University of Le Havre, France), Gourmo LO (University of Le Havre, France), Manoranjan MOHANTY (University of Delhi, India), Ludmila OMMUNDSEN (University of Le Havre, France), Michel PRUM (University Paris Diderot-Paris 7, France), Hélène RABAEY (University of Le Havre, France), Pierre-Bruno RUFFINI (University of Le Havre, France), Ebrima SALL (CODESRIA, Senegal), Pierre SINGARAVÉLOU (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France), Istvan TARROSY (University of Pécs, Hungary).

### TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR)

#### Introduction

*That Asia has “risen” in the world economy since at least 1960, and especially since 2000, is a proposition that is widely accepted. But what does this mean? And what explains it? There is a wide range of answers to these questions, and they are somewhat contradictory. Some argue that Asia (or even China alone) has always been at the center of world economic activities, except for a brief period between 1800 and 1950. For these analysts, the recent “rise” is merely the reassertion of Asia's “historic” or “natural” position. There are others who agree that what is happening*

*now is the relocation of the “center” of the world economy to Asia. For them, this relocation of the center is simply the outcome of a process that has occurred several times before in the modern world system, and which is the result of the logic of how a capitalist system operates.* (Immanuel Wallerstein, *The Rise of Asia in the World Economy*, GIS Réseau Asie - French Network for Asian Studies, September 2012)

In *The Rise of Asia in the World Economy*, Immanuel Wallerstein does not provide any perspective — political, economic, cultural or ecological — that may allow us to foresee whether the rise of Asia will lead the world — humanity as well as ecology — to the better or the worse. Neither does his paper explain how Asia is rising. Indeed, his short essay was certainly not intended to explain the rise of Asia at great length. However, its greatest merit is to stimulate debate and critical thinking. It definitely triggers exciting discussions related to the history of and the varying perspectives on the rise of Asia. Facing the expansion of Asian economic and cultural forces in Africa, America, Europe and other parts of the world, it is only natural that the international community and world citizens raise questions about the origin and condition of the rise of Asia, but also about its development, more specifically the impacts, risks and opportunities it may imply for the rest of the world.

The purpose of this conference is to assess and qualify the rise of Asia. The questions raised above may serve as topics of discussions for academics from a wide range of disciplines (area studies, cultural studies, ecology, economics, geography, history, humanities, languages, management, political and social sciences...), but also for practitioners working in diverse professional fields (business, civil society, education, enterprise, government, management, parliament, public policy, social and solidarity movements...) and geographical basis (Africa, North and South America, Australia, Asia, Europe, Pacific...). Those willing to participate in the conference as presenters are invited to send their abstract before February 2017 (see below for other dates and instructions). Selected papers will be published in a book.

### **Sub-themes**

The following sub-themes are not exhaustive:

- The Rise of Asia: myth and reality
- The Rise of Asia: history and perspective
- The Rise of Asia seen from inside Asia
- The Rise of Asia and new world order
- The Rise of Asia: impacts, risks and opportunities for Africa
- The Rise of Asia: impacts, risks and opportunities for America
- The Rise of Asia: impacts, risks and opportunities for Arab World
- The Rise of Asia: impacts, risks and opportunities for Europe
- The Rise of Asia: impacts, risks and opportunities for the Pacific
- The Rise of Asia: impacts, risks and opportunities for a sustainable world
- Cultural and religious issues in the Rise of Asia
- Ecological, architectural and urban issues in the Rise of Asia
- Economic issues in the Rise of Asia
- Gender and women issues in the Rise of Asia
- Political issues in the Rise of Asia

### **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 for abstract submission: January 31, 2017
2. Announce of the selected presenters: December 2016-February 2017
3. Deadline for full paper submission: February 28, 2017

The abstract is limited to approximately 300 words (Note: 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 full paper is to be presented according to the following basic rule:

- Paper size: A4 (kwarto)
- Margins: 3 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: [masterasie@univ-lehavre.fr](mailto:masterasie@univ-lehavre.fr)

### **FINANCING**

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).