

The liberal script and the Indo-Pacific — strategies, narratives and perspectives

Panel-Discussion
(online, Cisco Webex)



27.04.2022 | 09:30–11:00 CEST (90 minutes)

Short impulses

9:30–9:40h

Welcome and introduction

Prof. Dr. Amrita Narlikar (SCRIPTS, GIGA)

9:40–9:45

Political science perspective from Japan

Prof. Hidetoshi Nakamura & Prof. Paul Martyn Bacon (Waseda University)

9:45–9:50

Practical policy perspective from Indonesia

Arif Havas Oegroseno (Ambassador of Indonesia in Berlin)

9:50–9:55

Political science perspective from India

Prof. Dr. Ummu Salma Bava (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

9:55–10:00

Practical policy perspective from Germany

Dr. Jasper Wieck (Deputy Director General Asia-Pacific and Special Envoy for the Indo-Pacific Policy at the German Foreign Office)

10:00–10:10

Wrap-up

Prof. Dr. Michael Zürn (SCRIPTS, WZB)

10:10–11:00

Open discussion

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16:30–18:00 Singapore | 17:30–19:00 Seoul | 17:30–19:00 Tokyo | 19:30–21:00 Sydney

Even before the Russian aggression against Ukraine, the “Indo-Pacific” region was characterized by strong geopolitical rivalries. Thus, an increasingly visible buildup of arms and a process of bloc formation among some of the most important actors in this region pushes German and European foreign policy makers to show a clearer political stance. This becomes even more urgent since Putin’s war seems to have a severe impact on the region.

Based on the discussions during the SCRIPTS regional conference “Liberal Script(s) – Versions and Contestations of a Concept”, held in February 2022, the follow-up discussion will bring together high-ranking policy makers and scholars in order to address the following questions:

- What are the implications of the Russian aggression for the Indo-Pacific and the political calculations of the actors?
- Which fundamental questions of international order are being debated in this region, and how do they relate to the Liberal International Order (LIO)?
- Which “blocs” are being formed by which actors?
- What are the long-term strategies of actors in the region (especially of the ASEAN)?
- How should the Federal Foreign Office behave in this context? What standards should apply to German/European foreign policy – in particular with regard to the tension between the principles of the LIO and respect for regional developments and own strategic interests?