



Annual colloquium

Views from Indo-Pacific: perceptions, positioning and critical perspectives of Indo-Pacific strategies

When?

Wednesday February 19, 2025, from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm followed by a networking cocktail from 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Thursday February 20, 2025, from 8.50 am to 6pm

Where?

HEC Montréal, Hélène-Desmarais Building

Room C.651 Deschênes group (6th floor)

501 Rue de la Gauchetière W., Montréal

Presentations will be delivered in **French or English**. To ensure accessibility for all participants, **free simultaneous translation services** will be provided throughout the event.

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Program

Wednesday February 19, 2025 – Room C-651 Deschênes Group

9am – 9.30am: Registration and Welcome

9.30am-9.55am: Opening remarks and addresses

- Opening remarks by **Carl Bouchard**, Vice-Dean of the Arts and Science Faculty, Université de Montréal
- Address by General Consul **Akihiko Uchikawa**, Consulate_general of Japan in Montreal
- Address by a representative of Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie du Québec

9.55am-10.25am: Opening remarks

- **Patrick Leblond**, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa

10.30am -12pm: Panel 1 – Reorienting Indo-Pacific foreign policies in the new geopolitical context

Moderated by **Yann Roche**, Professor of geography, Université du Québec à Montréal and director of the Strategy and Diplomacy Axis

- **Won Deuk Cho**, Assistant professor, Department of Indo-Pacific studies, Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (Korea National Diplomatic Academy)
- **Ting-Sheng Lin**, Professor, Department of political science, Université du Québec à Montréal
- **Jeffrey Ordaniel**, Associated professor of international security studies, Tokyo International University

1pm- 2.30pm: Panel 2 - Economic security and the resilience of the global value chains

Moderated by **Ari Van Assche**, Professor of international affairs, HEC Montréal and director of the Economics and Trade axis.

- **Rita Chen**, General director of Taipei economic and cultural Office in Montreal
- **William Polushin**, Director, International relations, Business Development Bank of Canada
- **Kensuke Yanagida**, Research fellow at The Japan Institute of International Affairs

2.45pm – 4.15pm: Panel 3 – Emerging issues and socio-political dynamics

Moderated by **Dominique Caouette**, Professor of political science, UdeM and Chairholder, director of the Social, political, environmental and emerging issues axis.

- **Dolores Chew**, Professor at Marianopolis College
- **Marie Lamensch**, Project coordinator, Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights studies (MIGS), Concordia University
- **Joseph Palis**, Professor, Department of geography, University of the Philippines – Diliman
- **Rachel Silvey**, Director of the Richard Charles Lee Asian Institute and professor in the Department of geography and planning at the Munk School of Global affairs and public policy, University of Toronto

4.30pm – 6.30pm: Networking cocktail – Room A.373c

- Presentation of the 2025 doctoral field grand recipients

Thursday February 20, 2025 – Room C-651 Deschênes Group

8.30am – 8.50am: Registration and Welcome

8.50am-9am: Opening of the day and announcement of the program

9am-10.30am: Panel 1 - Indo-Pacific geopolitics and regional strategies

Moderated by **Yann Roche**, Professor of geography, UQAM and director of the Strategy and Diplomacy axis.

- China's Indo-Pacific strategy: Framing, perceptions, risks and benefits – How China is trying to regain control of the narrative | **Domink Massicotte**, master's student in political science, UdeM and **Nicolas Vaxelaire**, master's student in political science, UdeM and McGill University
- Canada and the Quadrilateral Security (Quad): Opportunities and challenges in the Indo-Pacific | **Amel Hamzi**, 3rd year undergraduate student in political science, UdeM
- The Impact of Status of Forces Agreements on host states in the Indo-Pacific: How Sri Lanka will tame the dragon and Uncle Sam | **Natasha Fernando**, PhD student in religious studies, UQAM
- Securing the AI challenge in bilateral relations between China and the European Union | **Anne Guérin-Lévesque**, master's student in public and international affairs, UdeM

10.30am-12.05pm: Panel 2 – Culture, gender and society

Moderated by **Diana Dimitrova**, full professor in religious studies, UdeM

- 工夫茶 (kungfu tea): Tea as political tool | **Mathilde Hardouin**, 3rd year undergraduate in the joint honours program in East Asian Studies and political science, McGill University
- Love stories in the land of arranged marriages: What place for “romantic love” in 21st-century India? | **Elie Libong**, PhD student in anthropology and religious sciences, UdeM- Université de Liège
- Queering domesticity and belonging: A performative exploration of identity and space in New Delhi | **Manvendra Singh Thakur**, PhD student in literature, UdeM
- The personification of competence: the socio-economic value of beauty in the South Korean labour market | **Camille Grondin-Gagné**, 2nd year undergraduate student, major in anthropology and minor in Asian studies, UdeM

1pm-2.30pm: Panel 3 – Perceptions of diplomatic and geopolitical strategies in the Indo-Pacific

Moderated by **Dominique Caouette**, Professor of political science, UdeM and Chairholder, director of the social, political, environmental and emerging issues axis.

- Using Buddhism to change perceptions and tell the “Good stories” about Chinese foreign policy: Exploring Chinese Buddhist diplomacy | **Mai-Lan Thaler**, PhD student in political science, university of Ottawa
- China and negative externalities: the limits of regional control | **Alexandre Lord**, master’s student in political science, Université de Laval and **Théoxane Marchand**, master’s student in Political science, UdeM
- Africa in China: representation, discourse and experience | **Clément Broche**, PhD student in History, UQAM
- Indo-Pacific under tension: How is popular support for war evolving? | **Jozef Rivest**, master’s student in political science, UdeM

2.35pm-4.05pm: Panel 4 – Economic development and resistance strategies in the Indo-Pacific

Moderated by **Ari Van Assche**, Professor of international affairs, HEC Montréal and director of the Economics and Trade axis

- The India-Iran-Russia North South Corridor: ambitions of Eurasian space countries | **Luiza Brodt**, PhD student in geographic sciences, Université Laval
- Opposition movements to the BRI in Southeast Asia | **Sophy Tan**, master’s student in political science, Université Laval
- The resilience of tropical marine areas to climate change: the case of Raja Ampat | **Claudia Laurin**, master’s student in geography, UQAM
- North Korean patriotism in exile: the case of the Chongryon in Japan | **Justine Ines Laforge**, 3rd year undergraduate student, double major in political science and Asian studies, UdeM

4.30pm- 6pm: Closing roundtable – What to expect for the next 4 years in Indo-Pacific?

- **Won Deuk Cho**, Assistant professor, Department of Indo-Pacific studies, Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (Korea National Diplomatic Academy)
- **Jeffrey Ordaniel**, Associated professor of International Security Studies, Tokyo International University
- **Rachel Silvey**, Director of the Richard Charles Lee Asian Institute and professor in the Department of geography and planning at the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto
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