



ISAS-SPF WORKSHOP

Securing the Indo-Pacific: Expanding Cooperation between Asia and Europe

(Three Sessions: Spread between March and May 2021)

9.00am-11.00am (BST), 5.00pm-7.00pm (Singapore Time), 6.00pm-8.00pm (Tokyo Time)

About the Workshop

Though the Indo-Pacific powers have been trying to grapple with the significant transformation in their neighborhood over the last decade, Europe has finally realised that the region is too important to be left either to the bipolar Sino-American contest or the Indo-Pacific's regional powers. China's rise and its military, economic and diplomatic assertiveness have been primarily responsible for Europe's renewed interest in the region. It is, however, equally driven by Europe's emergence as a normative pole in international politics, which aims to ensure that the states play by the established rules of international law and follow the global conventions on peaceful resolution of outstanding disputes. As the Indo-Pacific becomes the primary battleground for emerging technological, connectivity, and governance challenges in the world, Europe's contributions to the region's geopolitical and geo-economics shape and form can prove decisive.

This series of workshops will comprise:

Workshop 1: Europe's Resident Powers in the Indo-Pacific, 24 March 2021

The first workshop will discuss the engagement of Europe's two resident powers in the Indo-Pacific – Britain and France – with the ongoing geopolitical transition in the region. It will discuss their Indo-Pacific strategy and how it fits with their foreign and national security policy. It will also focus on how the region perceives the involvement of these two European powers in Indo-Pacific's evolving geopolitics.

Workshop 2: Continental Europe and the Indo-Pacific, 14 April 2021

The second workshop will focus on Germany and the European Union's view of the security and stability of the Indo-Pacific and their strategies to cope with the emerging strategic flux in the region. It will focus on the complementarities and contradictions in the strategies and policies of the other major powers in Europe with that of France and Britain.

Workshop 3: Regional Perceptions of Europe's Push into the Indo-Pacific, 10 May 2021

The last workshop will explore how states in the Indo-Pacific view Europe's entry into the Indo-Pacific and their expectations and anxieties regarding Europe's Indo-Pacific turn. It will specifically discuss the convergences and differences in the view of the Quad countries vis-à-vis the ASEAN over Europe's engagement in the Indo-Pacific.

PROGRAMME

24 March 2021

Session 1: Europe's Resident Powers in the Indo-Pacific

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Question and Answer Session

End of Event