



International interdisciplinary scientific conference  
**Shifting Inter-Regional Balance: EU-East Asia Economic  
Cooperation**

Organized by Centre for Asian Studies  
October 21-22, 2015  
Small Hall, Vytautas Magnus University  
Kaunas, Lithuania

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**DAY 1**

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09:00-10:00 Registration  
10:00 – 10:30 Welcome address

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**KEYNOTE SPEECH**

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10:30 – 11:30 LIOU Tohai, National Chengchi University, Taiwan  
*Taiwan's Role in Asian Economic Integration: Implications for Taiwan-EU FTA*  
11:30 – 12:00 Discussion  
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

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**MA POSTER SESSION**

13:00 – 14:00  
14:00 – 14:20 Coffee break

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**SESSION 1: SMALL STATES, BIG AMBITIONS**

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14:20 – 14:40 Linas DIDVALIS, Vytautas Magnus University  
*Most Prospective Areas for Cooperation between Lithuania and ASEAN Countries*  
14:40 – 15:00 Gediminas VALANTIEJUS, Mykolas Romeris University  
*Practical Problems of Legal Regulation of Customs Duties Developing an  
International Trade between the Republic of Lithuania and East Asian Countries*  
15:00 – 15:20 Rita BAIDOKAITĖ, Kaunas Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts

*Practitioner's Insights: What Makes Kaunas Region Attractive to Entrepreneurs of East Asia?*

15:20 – 15:40 Discussion

14:00 – 14:20 Coffee break

**16:00 – 16:45 Roundtable discussion**

19:00 Conference dinner

## DAY 2

### KEYNOTE SPEECH

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10:00 – 10:30 Aušra MALDEIKIENĖ, economist, former Taiwan Fellowship grantee  
*Taiwan and Lithuania Social Policy Regimes: Structure and Comparison*

10:30 – 10:45 Discussion

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

### SESSION 3: SESSION 4: CHINESE PRESENCE IN THE EU'S NEIGHBORHOOD

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11:00 – 11:20 Konstantinas ANDRIJAUSKAS, Vilnius University  
*Meet the 'Infrastructural Superpower': Geo-Economic and Strategic Sources of China's Development Frameworks in Contemporary Eurasia*

11:20 – 11:40 Aliaksandr FILIPAU, Belarusian State University of Culture and Arts  
*Belarus-China Economic Relations in the 2011 – Early 2015 in Context of the Chinese Economic Policy in Eastern and Central Europe*

11:40 – 12:00 Branimir VIDMAROVIC, independent researcher  
*Case Study: China's Belarus strategy: Implications for Russia and EU; Lessons for Balkans*

12:00 – 12:20 Discussion

12:20 – 13:20 Lunch

### SESSION 4: REGIONALISM IN EUROPE AND ASIA

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13:20 – 13:40 Frank KRAUSHAAR, University of Latvia  
*Tradition, Hegemony and the Rhetoric of Independence: The Power of Small Countries to Rewrite History in East Asia and Eastern Europe*

13:40 – 14:00 Vlad VERNYGORA, Tallinn University of Technology  
*Asian Integration: Battling 'Uncertainty', 'Difficulty' and 'Complexity'*

14:00 – 14:20 Discussion

**14:20 – 15:00 Roundtable discussion**

15:00 Cultural program for conference participants