



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

**DAY 1**

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

**KEYNOTE SPEECH**

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

**MA POSTER SESSION**

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

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

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14:20 – 14:40	Linus DIDVALIS, Vytautas Magnus University <i>Most Prospective Areas for Cooperation between Lithuania and ASEAN Countries</i>
14:40 – 15:00	Gediminas VALANTIEJUS, Mykolas Romeris University <i>Practical Problems of Legal Regulation of Customs Duties Developing an International Trade between the Republic of Lithuania and East Asian Countries</i>
15:00 – 15:20	Rita BAIDOKAITĖ, Kaunas Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts <i>Practitioner's insights: What Makes Kaunas Region Attractive to Entrepreneurs of East Asia?"</i>

15:20 – 15:40 Discussion

15:40 – 16:00 Coffee break

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

19:00 Conference dinner

## DAY 2

### KEYNOTE SPEECH

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09:30 – 10:15 Aušra MALDEIKIENĖ, economist, former Taiwan Fellowship grantee  
*Taiwan and Lithuania Social Policy Regimes: Structure and Comparison*

10:15 – 10:45 Discussion

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

### SESSION 2: CHINESE PRESENCE IN THE EU'S NEIGHBORHOOD

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11:00 – 11:20 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*

11:20 – 11:40 Branimir VIDMAROVIC, independent researcher  
*Case Study: China's Belarus strategy: Implications for Russia and EU; Lessons for Balkans*

11:40 – 12:00 Konstantinas ANDRIJAUSKAS, Vilnius University  
*Meet the 'Infrastructural Superpower': Geo-Economic and Strategic Sources of China's Development Frameworks in Contemporary Eurasia*

12:00 – 12:20 Discussion

12:20 – 13:20 Lunch

### SESSION 3: 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 Alex 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