

# Agenda

## Strategic shifts in EU Asia relations in light of the war in Ukraine

November 28, 2022, 2.00-8.00 pm

Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Ludwigkirchplatz 3–4, 10719 Berlin and online

The war in Ukraine affects all aspects of European foreign, trade and security policy and reverberates beyond its immediate neighbourhood. Deep structural tensions in the international order have been aggravated. On the one hand, Europe is ever more dependent on the US security alliance, which make it harder to maintain a relative degree of independence in its economic and political relations with Asia. On the other hand, trade relations that seek to undercut or take advantage of Western security policies and sanctions may be consolidating. The EU and its member states are pressed to maintain and increase its presence in the Indo-Pacific and to deepen partnerships with various Asian countries.

At the same time, concerns about the vulnerability of critical infrastructures are rising, including global trade and IT networks. The war in Ukraine has accelerated the shift to prioritise security interests when it comes to foreign investments in strategic technologies and industries. Hybrid threats, including disinformation and long-term influence operations, are at the forefront of the latest security strategies in Europe. Beyond Russia, China is seen as the primary, if often hidden, actor behind such activities.

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2.00-3.30 pm

### Session 1: Another Zeitenwende? Strategic shifts in EU-Asia relations

*Speakers:*

*Prof. Emil Kirchner (University of Essex) (online)*

*Dr. Felix Heiduk (SWP)*

*Dr. Hanns-Günther Hilpert (SWP)*

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3.30-4.00 pm

Coffee break

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4.00-5.30 pm

### Session 2: Hybrid threats as a new priority in EU-Asia relations

*Speakers:*

*Arif Havas Oegroseno (Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Germany)*

*Dr. Raphael Bossong (SWP)*

*Antonia Hmaid (MERICS)*

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5:30 pm

Reception

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