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We have the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar:

CHINA RESEARCH DAY 2017

CHINA-US RELATIONS AND ASIAN SECURITY

On Thursday, 9 November 2017, at 13:30–15:30
At Unioninkatu 35 (1st floor), Auditorium 116,
University of Helsinki

East Asia has for decades been a haven of stability. Despite the historical grievances affecting the intra-regional relations politically, the economic interdependencies have made the region's actors seek cooperation over conflict. Recently, worries have emerged about the situation changing. China's actions in the East and South China Seas can be regarded as more assertive than before, the presidency of Donald Trump has introduced a heightened level of tension in China-US relations, and the bold nuclear and missile tests by North Korea have actualised the risk of a military confrontation in the region in an unprecedented manner. The theme "China-US Relations and Asian Security" will be discussed by two prominent keynote speakers, highlighting the views from Asia and China in particular.

The China Research Day 2017 is organized jointly by the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, the Finnish China Law Center, the Faculty of Law of the University of Helsinki, the Confucius Institute of the University of Helsinki, and the Finnish Network for Asian Studies. The event is part of the [Asian Studies Days 2017](#), sponsored by the Joel Toivola Foundation.

The participants of the seminar are also invited to a reception hosted by the City of Helsinki (by pre-registration only, for a limited number of participants).

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation both in the seminar and the reception at the very latest by **Wednesday 1 November** by filling in the registration form through the link below. Please also indicate any dietary restrictions.

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Programme 

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Programme

13:00 *Tea and coffee*

13:30 Start of the seminar

Welcoming words and introduction to the theme:

Julie CHEN, Professor of Chinese Studies, University of Helsinki

The United States and China Today: The Emerging Strategic Retrenchment in Dynamic Uncertainties:
SHI Yinhong, Professor of International Relations, Renmin University of China

Comments:

Sabine BURGHART, University Lecturer, Center of East Asian Studies, University of Turku

China's Strategy in the South China Sea Dispute:

LI Mingjiang, Professor, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Comments:

Jyrki KALLIO, Senior Research Fellow, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Discussion

The event is chaired by **Elina SINKKONEN**, Senior Research Fellow, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

15:30 End of the seminar

18:30–19:30 *Reception hosted by the City of Helsinki, Old Court House, Aleksanterinkatu 20*

Please note that the dress code for the reception is smart casual. Once your registration has been confirmed you will receive an invitation for the reception which you need to print out and present at the entrance.

Speaker bios →



Biographies



Julie Yu-Wen CHEN is Professor of Chinese Studies and Finnish Director of Confucius Institute at the University of Helsinki in Finland. She is concurrently “Hosting Professor” (Hosfujúci profesor) at the Department of Asian Studies at Palacky University in Czech Republic. Dr. Chen edits *Asian Ethnicity* (Routledge) and is assistant editor of the *Journal of Chinese Political Science* (Springer). Dr. Chen is the academic liaison for the University of Helsinki at the Nordic Center in Fudan University (China) as well as at the Nordic NIAS Council (NNC) to promote Nordic cooperation in Asian studies. She formerly held academic positions at Nazarbayev University (Kazakhstan), University College Cork (Ireland) and Academia Sinica (Taiwan). She was also visiting scholar at La Trobe University, University of Virginia, University of Tokyo, University of Tübingen, University of Nottingham, and University of Macau. In 2011, Dr. Chen provided testimony in the public hearing of the U.S. – China Economic and Security Review Commission on “China’s Foreign Policy: Challenges and Players” in Washington D.C.



Dr **SHI Yinhong** is a professor of International Relations, Chairman of Academic Committee of the School of International Studies, and Director of the Center on American Studies at Renmin University of China in Beijing. He has served as a counselor of the State Council of China since February 2011. He previously was a professor of International History at Nanjing University from 1993 to 1998, and a professor of International Relations and Director of the Center for International Strategic Studies at International Relations Academy, Nanjing from 1998 to 2001. Dr. Shi obtained a Ph.D. degree in International History at Nanjing University in 1988. Dr. Shi Yinhong has engaged in research and teaching on the history and theory of international politics, strategic studies, East Asia security, and foreign policies of both China and the United States. He has over 520 professional articles and essays published in academic journals, magazines and newspapers, and is the author of 15 books.



Sabine BURGHART is University Lecturer at the Center of East Asian Studies, University of Turku. Between 2008 and 2017, she was a researcher and lecturer at the Department of East Asian Studies of the University of Vienna. Her main research interests include the DPR Korea’s politics, society and economy as well as the country’s international relations. She has researched North Korea for about fifteen years and managed various capacity building projects in the country. She has regularly contributed articles to the yearbook *Korea: Politics, Economy and Society* edited by R. Frank, J.E. Hoare, P. Köllner and S. Pares (Leiden: Brill).





Dr **LI Mingjiang** is an Associate Professor at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. He is also the Coordinator of the China Programme at RSIS. He received his PhD in Political Science from Boston University. His main research interests include China-ASEAN relations, Sino-U.S. relations, Asia Pacific security, and domestic sources of Chinese foreign policy. He is the author (including editor and co-editor) of 12 books. His recent books are *New Dynamics in US-China Relations: Contending for the Asia Pacific* (lead editor, Routledge, 2014) and *Mao's China and the Sino-Soviet Split* (Routledge, 2012). He has published papers in various peer-reviewed journals including the Journal of Strategic Studies, Global Governance, Cold War History, Journal of Contemporary China, The Chinese Journal of International Politics, the Chinese Journal of Political Science, China: An International Journal, China Security, Harvard Asia Quarterly, Security Challenges, and the International Spectator. Dr Li frequently participates in various track-two events on East Asian regional security.



Jyrki KALLIO is Senior Research Fellow at the FIIA. Prior to joining the Institute, he worked for fifteen years as a diplomat in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. His research interests include Chinese political culture and foreign policy, and regional issues in East Asia. He has a special interest in the instrumentalization of traditional schools of thought in East Asian politics, and is the editor and translator of *Mestari Kongin keskustelut - Kungfutselaisuuden ydinolemus* (Gaudeamus).



Elina SINKKONEN is Senior Research Fellow at the FIIA. Before joining the FIIA, she conducted her doctoral research at the University of Oxford. Since 2008, she has regularly taught at the University of Helsinki. Sinkkonen has published on Chinese national identity construction and edited a book on new roles of women in Chinese society. Her further research interests include Chinese nationalism, regional security issues in East Asia, Sino-Japanese relations, public opinion issues in China as well as the domestic-foreign policy nexus in IR theory.

