

Friday, June 19, 2026

15:30 – 16:15

Welcome & Opening Address

| Speaker | Title | Affiliation |
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| Daniel Vukovich (胡德) | Interregnum or Conjunction? | The University of Hong Kong |

16:15 – 17:35

Panel 1

BRICS, the Global South: Crisis and Response

| Speaker | Title | Affiliation |
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| Yin Zhiguang (殷之光) | The World as We Want It, De-dependency Development from a Global South Perspective | Fudan University |
| Xu Zhun (許准) | China, the Global South, and the Crisis of the Imperialist Order | Sun Yat-sen University |
| Yan Hairong (嚴海蓉) & Barry Sautman | Assault on the Global South: Unilateral Sanctioning of Zimbabwe and China's Response | Tsinghua University & The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology |
| Lu Meijian (路梅簡) | Between Abundance and Scarcity: The Political Economy of Food Security in the Global South | Fudan University |

17:35 – 17:50

Discussion, Q & A

Saturday, June 20, 2026

10:00 – 11:00

Panel 2

BRICS, the Global South: Concept

| Speaker | Title | Affiliation |
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| Zhang Xin (張昕) | The Three “Three Worlds”, Global East/South and the Multipolar World | East China Normal University |
| Ma Jiahong (馬嘉鴻) | The Global South from the Historical Perspective of the International Communist Movement | Renmin University of China |
| Zhao Danyang (趙丹陽) | Assessing the Cohesion of the Expanded BRICS: Identity Competition and Strategic Divergence in a Heterogeneous Global South | St. Petersburg State University |

11:00 – 11:15

Discussion, Q & A

11:15 – 11:30

Break

11:30 – 12:30

Panel 3

State Capacity after Neo-liberalism and Zombie Neo-liberalism

| Moderator | Affiliation |
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| Ernest Ming-tak Leung | | The Hong Kong Polytechnic University |
| Speaker | Title | Affiliation |
| He Haoyang (何昊陽) | After the Rise, Before the Alternative: Zombie Neoliberalism, Selective State Capacity, and Managed Unevenness in the Global Conuncture | Beijing Normal-Hong Kong Baptist University |
| Zhang Hong (張閔) | Rethinking the “State Capacity”: A Comparative-Historical Study of Crisis Governance beyond Neoliberalism | Beijing Foreign Studies University |
| Li Jing (酈菁) | State-centered Social Protection in Contemporary China since 2020: “Polanyian Moment” and the Diversity of Responses | Sun Yat-sen University |
| 12:30 – 12:45 Discussion, Q & A | | |
| 12:45 – 14:30 Lunch | | |
| 14:30 – 15:50 Panel 4 Technology, Innovation and Governance | | |
| Moderator | | Affiliation |
| Liu Shih-Diing (劉世鼎) | | University of Macau |
| Speaker | Title | Affiliation |
| Feng Kaidong (封凱棟) | Fueling Innovation: How China Moved Beyond Emulating the U.S. Model | Tsinghua University |

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| Li Zongfang (李宗芳) | In the Interregnum: New Patterns of Sino-ASEAN AI Cooperation under the Digital Silk Road | Peking University |
| Ki Cora Chow (周琪) | Blaming the Human for the Machine: The Critique of Defect Essentialism in Quality-Control Fiction in Early-Reform South China | Washington University in St. Louis |
| Huang Shan (黃珊) | Platform Labour and Control in the Digital Economy | The Hong Kong Polytechnic University |
| 15:50 – 16:05 Discussion, Q & A | | |

| Sunday, June 21, 2026 | | |
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| 9:30 – 10:50 Panel 5 Delinking, Regional Agency and Autonomy | | |
| Speaker | Title | Affiliation |
| Zhou Yichuan (周一川) | Navigating Uncertainty: Constitutional Executive in a Global/Revolutionary Perspective | Tsinghua University |
| Jiang Yuchen (姜羽晨) | Morbid Symptoms in the Vertical Garden: Health Dependency and the “South” within Europe | Tsinghua University |
| Yang Jingkai (楊競凱) | Rebalancing Diplomatic Practices of the Gulf Arab States in the Context of China’s Rise | Shanghai International Studies University |

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| Wang Yichen (王翊臣) | Navigating the Interregnum: ASEAN Centrality and Regional Order- Mediation in a Post-Hegemonic Conjuncture | Nanjing University |
| 10:50 – 11:05 Discussion, Q & A | | |
| 11:05 – 11:20 Break | | |
| 11:20 – 12:40 Panel 6 Culture and Critical Theory | | |
| Speaker | Title | Affiliation |
| Max Junbo Tao | A Confucian Perspective on (Re) Constructing Political Legitimacy and Moral Authority in a Deteriorating International Order: The Case of Shushu (叔術) | The University of Hong Kong |
| Yang Xiangfeng (楊向峰) | China's Victorhood Pivot: Mnemonic Practices and the Contest for the Post- World War II Order | Lingnan University |
| Song Geng (宋耕) | Narrative Democratization and Digital Masculinities in Contemporary China | The University of Hong Kong |
| Zeng Jinghan (曾敬涵) | Confucius Institutes and China's Cultural Diplomacy: Critical Reflections from an Insider | City University of Hong Kong |
| 12:40 – 12:55 | | |

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| Discussion, Q & A | | |
| 12:55 – 14:30 | | |
| Lunch | | |
| 14:30 – 15:50 | | |
| Panel 7 | | |
| China and Global Conjuncture | | |
| Moderator | | Affiliation |
| Alessandro D'Angelo (李鋒) | | The Chinese University of Hong Kong (incoming) |
| Speaker | Title | Affiliation |
| Jacob Dreyer (卓睿) | What World Order Does China Offer? | Palgrave Macmillan |
| Tim Summers | Great Changes Unseen in Centuries: China, International Relations and the Global Conjuncture | The Chinese University of Hong Kong |
| Gordon C Chang (鄭志達) | The PRC in Two Tracks of Time: China's Revolution as an Evolving Idea System | Western Illinois University |
| Yi Yan (易妍) | After the Rise: The Chinese Logic in Global Humanitarian Imagination and Its Version for Future Global Moral Orders | East China Normal University |
| 15:50 – 16:05 | | |
| Discussion, Q & A | | |
| 16:05 – 17:00 | | |
| Closing Ceremony | | |