

Friday, June 19, 2026		
15:30 – 16:15		
Welcome & Opening Address		
Speaker	Title	Affiliation
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
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
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
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 Conjunction	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 (鄺菁)	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
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

9:30 – 10:30

Panel 5

Delinking, Regional Agency and Autonomy

Speaker	Title	Affiliation
Wang Yichen (王翊臣)	Navigating the Interregnum: ASEAN Centrality and Regional Order-Mediation in a Post-Hegemonic Conuncture	Nanjing 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

10:30 – 10:45

Discussion, Q & A

10:45 – 11:00

Break

11:00 – 12:20

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	China’s Victorhood Pivot: Mnemonic	Lingnan University

(楊向峰)	Practices and the Contest for the Post-World War II Order	
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
12:20 – 12:35 Discussion, Q & A		
12:35 – 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

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Discussion, Q & A

16:05 – 17:00

Closing Ceremony