INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

INDO-PACIFIC AREA AND SILK ROADS
the new world strategies

5TH-7TH NOVEMBER 2019

PROGRAMME

UNIVERSITY OF FRENCH POLYNESIA
Symposium organised by Dr Sémir AL WARDI and Dr Jean-Marc REGNAULT
at the University of French Polynesia (GDI EA 4240)

under the aegis of Maison des Sciences de l’Homme du Pacifique
(USR 2003 CNRS/UPF)
Tuesday, 5th November, 2019

9h - Official speeches

10h30 - Introduction of the symposium by Dr Jean-Marc REGNAULT (honorary lecturer, research fellow at GDI)

10h45 - Coffee break

1. A historical insight
Moderated by Dr Sémir AL WARDI

11h15 - The sea routes legacy : a compass for Old Europe ?
Jean-Pierre BAT (Strategy and prevention analysis center, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

11h35 - France and its Oceanian territories (from 1940 to today) : mutual interests ?
Dr Jean-Marc REGNAULT (University of French Polynesia)

11h55 - Discussion

12h30 - Lunch

2. Economic stakes
Moderated by Pr Christian MONTET

14h - The Chinese geo-economic strategy to the Oceanian States
Pr Klaus-Gerd GIESEN (University of Clermont Auvergne)

14h20 - China’s belt and road initiative, an analysis based on a gravity model
Pr Vincent DROPSY & Dr Sylvain PETIT (University of French Polynesia)

14h40 - Nickel in the Pacific area : an indicator for the new Indo-Pacific axis ?
Dr Yann BENCIVENGO (University of French Polynesia)

15h - Discussion and coffee break

15h30 - Energy and the Indo-Pacific : does Nuclear Power have a Future ?
Pr Randy WILLOUGHBY (University of San Diego)

15h50 - Kakadu-Kwajalein-Kako‘olawe. Indo-Pacific axis and new nuclear imperialism’s roads
Dr Anaïs MAURER (Visiting Assistant professor, Colby College, USA)

16h10 - Discussion
Wednesday, 6th November, 2019

3. The States’ strategies
Moderated by Pr Jean-Paul PASTOREL

9h - Every state has their Indo-Pacific : a French approach
Frédéric GRARE (Strategy and prevention analysis center, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

9h20 - The Role of the European Union in Asia Pacific
Pr Zhenling WANG (professor and vice-director of the Chinese People’s Institute of Foreign Affairs research center on Foreign affairs studies)

9h40 - French-australian defense cooperation
Marvin GIRELLI (PhD student, University of French Polynesia)

10h - Discussion and coffee break

10h30 - Rooted in the Pacific area – New Zealand Aotearoa’s part and ambitions for the 21st century
Dr Gregory ALBISSON (University of Grenoble-Alps)

10h50 - New Zealand’s interest and engagement in the « Indo-Pacific » and their consequences
Pr Iati IATI (University of Otago)

11h10 - A Russian glimpse on Pacific area through university presses and mass media
Irina KOZLOVA (PhD student, University of Bordeaux-Montaigne)

11h30 - Research on the Indian Ocean’s contributions to the Indo-Pacific concept
Pr Laurent SERMET (Political Studies Intitute of Aix-en-Provence)

11h50 - Discussion

12h20 - Lunch

4. Geostrategy
Moderated by Pr Peter BROWN

14h - The Comparison of Asia Pacific regional order views between U.S. FOIP and China’s BRI
Pr Wenjuan NIE (professor and vice-director of the Chinese People’s Institute of Foreign Affairs research center on International relations)

14h20 - US’ and Australia’s growing influences in the Chinese-Taiwanese diplomatic competition in the Pacific region
Pr Jean-Pierre CABESTAN (Hong Kong Baptist University)
14h40 - Converging Anticipatory Geographies in Oceania: the Belt and Road Initiative and Look North in Fiji
*Henryk SZADZIEWSKI (PhD student, University of Hawaii at Maona)*

15h - Discussion and coffee break

15h30 - PLAN in the Pacific: naval diplomacy, ambitions, strategy and operational realities
*Pr Emmanuel VÉRON (teacher-researcher, French Naval Academy)*

15h50 - A culturally rootless strategy will not have a future
*Pr Xiaoxia WANG (professor at the French Studies department of the China Foreign Affairs University)*

16h10 - Discussion

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**Thursday, 7th November, 2019**

5. What political and geostrategic implications in Oceania?
Moderated by Dr Jean-Marc REGNAULT

9h - Island States in the Pacific and South-East Asia: fulcrum... or starting point of the Indo-Pacific?
*Pr Éric FRÉCON (French Naval Academy)*

9h20 - Negotiating interdependancies. FLINKS’ international politics (New Caledonia)
*Dr Patrice GODIN (University of New Caledonia)*

9h40 - The Indo-Pacific axis: a must-attend complex for Oceanian States?
*Dr Sémir AL WARDI (University of French Polynesia)*

10h - Discussion and coffee break

10h30 - Food security between Pacific islands, China and South America
*Dr Tamatoa BAMBRIDGE and Zag PUAS (CRIOBE et ANU Australian National University)*

10h50 - Pacific ‘climate soft diplomacy’ leverage in Indo-Pacific geopolitics
*Pr Georges CARTER (Australian National University)*

11h10 - Discussion

12h - Lunch
Conclusions
Moderated by Pr Florence POIRAT

14h - China’s BRI strategy towards Russia and central Asia and its consequences for Russia
Valérie NIQUET (Senior research fellow, Foundation for Strategic Research)

14h30 - Indo-Pacific and silk roads: strategic stakes
Pascal BONIFACE (Director of the French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs and lecturer at the European Studies Institute of the University Paris 8)

15h - Discussion and coffee break

19h - Gala dinner

Participating in the symposium proceedings: Dr Rudy Bessard, Dr Sarah Mohamed-Gaillard and Paco Milhiet