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INDO-PACIFIC AREA AND SILK ROADS
the new world strategies

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

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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 Institute 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 departement of the China Foreign Affairs University)

16h10 - Discussion

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-Gail-
lard and Paco Milhiet



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