

The 8th International Forum on Asia and the Middle East

The Middle East Security and Development in the Global Context



September 16-17, 2023

Shanghai International Studies University

Shanghai, China

CONFERENCE HANDBOOK

Forum Venue

Conference Center of Shanghai International Studies University
Hongkou Campus, 550 West Dalian Road
Hongkou District, Shanghai, P.R. China

Opening Ceremony: Lecture Hall 1- Conference Center

Workshop 1: British Meeting Room- Conference Center

Workshop 2: German Meeting Room- Conference Center

Workshop 3: Japanese Meeting Room- Conference Center

Workshop 4: French Meeting Room- Conference Center

Workshop 5: MBA Lecture Room- Conference Center

Closing Ceremony: MBA Lecture Room- Conference Center

Registration

September 15, 2023 13:00 - 20:00 For Non-Shanghai-based Guests

September 16, 2023 08:00 - 08:20 For Shanghai-based Guests

Forum Agenda

September 16, 2023

08:30 - 09:00 Opening Ceremony

09:00 - 09:20 Group Photo

09:20 - 10:00 Invited Speech

10:00 - 10:15 Tea Break

10:15 - 11:30 Keynote Speeches

13:30 - 17:30 Workshop Discussions

September 17, 2023

09:00 - 10:15 Keynote Speeches

10:15 - 10:30 Tea Break

10:30 - 11:40 Closing Ceremony

Participants in Workshops

Workshop 1

Moderator: ZHANG Yuan

Speakers: SUN Degang, JIN Liangxiang, Sujata Ashwarya, WANG Zhen, Ibrahim Fraihat, ZHANG Jiajia, Asif Iqbal Dawar, TONG Fei, Umit Sonmez, TANG Tanqi

Moderator: JIN Liangxiang

Speakers: MIN Jing, WANG Nan, ZHANG Yuan, Hashmat Ullah Khan, WANG Liying, Amir Esmacili, HAN Jianwei, Ahmed Jamali, Mirdef Alqashouti

Workshop 2

Moderator: JIANG Yingmei

Speakers: JIN Zhongjie, WEI Min, Ahamad Sayer Dauzai, Nagapushpa Devendra, NIU Song, ZHANG Chuchu, Necati Demircan, LIU Dong, DENG Weilin

Moderator: WEI Min

Speakers: WANG Youyong, JIANG Yingmei, Allauddin Kakar, WEN Shaobiao, Seyed Mohamad Sadeqh Emamian, Hend Sultan, LI Xueyan

Workshop 3

Moderator: Seevan Saeed

Speakers: FENG Lulu, SHANG Yanli, QIAN Xuming, ZHOU Jun, ZHEN Cheng, CHEN Feiyu

Moderator: FENG Lulu

Speakers: Mohd Waseem, LI Yi, YANG Hui, Seevan Saeed, SHU Meng, CAO Yuting

Workshop 4

Moderator: XUE Qingguo

Speakers: LI Weijian, LIU Shengxiang, Hosam Matar, YUE Hanjing, JIANG Zhen, Alaa Aldeek, WEI Liang, LIU Chang, CHEN Yao, BAO Yuting

Moderator: LI Weijian

Speakers: GUO Shuyong, XUE Qingguo, ZHANG Junying, Kensuke Yamamoto, Kamran Saddique, Nazmul Islam, Abdallah Sayed Yousef Abdelrazek, ZHANG Zhiyuan

Workshop 5

Moderator: ZHAO Jun

Speakers: LI Bingzhong, LI Yanzhi, ZOU Zhiqiang, Shabnam Dadparvar, LIU Yi, WANG Jin, Mujib Alam, PENG Bo, JIN Shiyi

Moderator: LI Bingzhong

Speakers: DING Long, Gafar Karar Ahmed, TANG Jianduan, Kouki Mariem, BAO Chengzhang, ZHAO Jun, DUAN Jiuzhou, Adam Laroussi, LU Qiuyi, LIN Xinyu, SHEN Xin

Introduction

In September 2021, Chinese President Xi Jinping put forward the Global Development Initiative (GDI) at the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. In April 2022, he put forward the Global Security Initiative (GSI) at the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference. These two global initiatives are important international public goods that China has offered to the world, offering Chinese wisdom and solutions to maintain world peace, promote common development, and facilitate a community with a shared future for mankind.

To strengthen international exchanges and contribute to the security and development of the Middle East, Shanghai International Studies University will hold the 8th International Forum on Asia and the Middle East in Shanghai, China, on September 16-17, 2023 (Saturday and Sunday). The forum, co-hosted by the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University, the Chinese Association of Middle East Studies, and Hamad Bin Khalifa University, will focus on the theme of “The Middle East Security and Development in the Global Context”.

Opening Ceremony & Speeches

September 16 08:30 – 11:30
Lecture Hall 1, Conference Center

Chaired by DING Jun

Professor, Director of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University, Editor-in-chief of *Asian Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies*

Opening
Remarks

08:30 –
09:00

JIANG Feng

Professor, Chair of Shanghai International Studies University Council

WANG Lincong

Professor, President of the Chinese Association of Middle East Studies, Deputy Director-general of the Institute of West-Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Hassan Hakimian

Professor, Acting Dean and Director of the Middle Eastern Studies Department, College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar

09:00 – 09:20 Group Photo

Chaired by ZHU Weilie

Professor, Honorary Director of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University

Invited
Speech
09:20 –
10:00

ZHAI Jun

Special Envoy of the Chinese Government on the Middle East Issue

10:00 – 10:15 Tea Break

<p>Chaired by LIU Zhongmin Vice President of Chinese Association of Middle East Studies, Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>	
<p>Keynote Speeches</p> <p>10:15 – 11:30</p> <p>(15 minutes /Person)</p>	<p>“Reconciliation Trend” of Middle East and Its Significance WU Sike Former Special Envoy of the Chinese Government on the Middle East Issue, Former Chinese Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Egypt</p>
	<p>Bridging Civilizations for a Shared Future: Cultural Exchanges in China-West Asia Relations Mohamad Homayoon Professor, Faculty of Culture and Communication, Imam Sadiq University; Member and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Imam Sadiq University, Iran</p>
	<p>Building Bridges with the Islamic World Brett Scharffs Professor, Director of International Center for Law and Religion Studies at Brigham Young University Law School, US</p>
	<p>The Geopolitics of Energy in MENA in a Changing Global Order Youness Abouyoub Chief of Governance and State-Building Section at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA); Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Political Science at the University of New England</p>
	<p>The Transition and Reconstructing of the Middle Eastern Pattern LIU Zhongmin Vice President of Chinese Association of Middle East Studies, Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute of Shanghai International Studies University</p>

Workshop 1 Global Security and the Middle East

September 16 13:30 – 17:30
British Meeting Room, Conference Center

Middle East Security in a Global Context

Chaired by ZHANG Yuan
Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University

13:30- 15:15 (10 minutes /Person)	<p>GCC Countries' Future Relationship with the Shanghai Cooperation Organization: Motivation and Prospect SUN Degang Professor, Director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Institute of International Studies at Fudan University, China</p>
	<p>Global Security Initiative and Its Practices in the Middle East JIN Liangxiang Associate Professor of the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies</p>
	<p>GCC as a Regional Security Complex: Challenges, Choices, and Future Prospects Sujata Ashwarya Professor of the Center for West Asian Studies [Middle Eastern Studies], Jamia Millia Islamia</p>
	<p>WANG Zhen Professor of the Institute of International Relations, Shanghai Academy of Social Science</p>
	<p>The Future of the Middle East Proxy Conflicts Ibrahim Fraihat Dean and Associate Professor in International Conflict Resolution at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies</p>
	<p>Study on Security Governance in the Middle East Sea Area under the Concept of Maritime Community of Common Destiny ZHANG Jiajia Lecturer of the Ocean University of China</p>

	<p>Reconceptualising Security-Development Paradigm: A Critical Analysis of Chinese Development Peace Model in the Middle East Asif Iqbal Dawar (online) Assistant Professor and HEC Approved Ph.D. Supervisor in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Faculty of Contemporary Studies, National Defence University, Pakistan</p>
	<p>Analysis of the Security Situation in the Gulf and Ways for China to Participate in Governance TONG Fei Associate Professor of the Institute of West-Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences</p>
	<p>The Mutual Impact of the Chinese Global Initiatives on the Regulatory Systems and the Institutional Governance Structures of the Middle Eastern Countries Umit Sonmez Researcher in Doktora Öğrencisi, AraStirmaci; London School of Economics and Political Science, UK</p>
	<p>The “Arab Spring” and the Proxy Wars in the Middle East TANG Tanqi Ph.D. Candidate of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
<p>15:15 – 15:45 Tea Break</p>	
<p>China’s Role in Reshaping of the Middle East Chaired by JIN Liangxiang Associate Professor of the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies</p>	
<p>15:45- 17:30 (10 minutes /Person)</p>	<p>Middle Eastern Countries Urgently Need to Strengthen Regional Identity and Cooperation MIN Jing Professor of the School of History and Culture at Lanzhou University, China</p> <hr/> <p>The Reconstruction of Afghanistan and Regional Cooperation —— Also on China’s Advantages and Roles WANG Nan Full Senior Reporter, <i>People’s Daily</i></p>

	<p>Balancing, Hedging and Alliances: Strategic Options for MENA Countries in a Changing International Order ZHANG Yuan Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>The China-brokered Deal Between Iran and Saudi Arabia: A Way forward to Sustainable Peace and Development in the Middle East Hashmat Ullah Khan Post-Doctoral Researcher of Institute of Middle Eastern Studies of Northwest University, China</p>
	<p>The Evolution of American Reconstruction Policy in Iraq and Its Constraint WANG Liying Lecturer of the Hebei Normal University, China</p>
	<p>The Global Security Initiative and China-Iran Security Cooperation in the New Middle Eastern Security Architecture Amir Esmaeili Ph.D. Candidate of Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>China’s Cognition and Response to Iran’s “Look East” Policy: An Explanation of Partner-Community Framework HAN Jianwei Associate Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>China’s Global Security Initiative in Action: Analyzing Saudi-Iran Geopolitical Détente and Reconciliation in the Middle East Ahmed Jamali Ph.D. Candidate of Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>Abraham Accord: Regional and Security Implications Mirdef Alqashouti Ph.D. Candidate of School of Government and International Affairs at Durham University, UK</p>

Workshop 2 Global Development and the Middle East

September 16 13:30 – 17:30
German Meeting Room, Conference Center

China and the Middle East Jointly Build the Belt and Road

Chaired by JIANG Yingmei
Associate Professor of the Institute of West-Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

13:30- 15:15 (10 minutes /Person)	<p>Enhancing the Quality and Effectiveness of China's Belt and Road Construction with Middle East Countries in the New Era JIN Zhongjie Professor of the School of Arabic Studies at Ningxia University, China</p>
	<p>New Path on the High-quality Co-construction of the Belt and Road under Global Development Initiative WEI Min Professor of the Institute of West-Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences</p>
	<p>The Post-Taliban Security and Political Architecture of South-Central Asia and its Impact on the Belt and Road Initiative Ahamad Sayer Dausai Senior Research Fellow at BAHAM Research Institution, Afghanistan</p>
	<p>China's Belt and Road in the Middle East: Opportunities and Challenges Nagapushpa Devendra Research Associate at the University of Erfurt, Germany</p>
	<p>China's Hajj-related Infrastructure Diplomacy towards Saudi Arabia NIU Song Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>

	<p>China's Infrastructure Diplomacy in the Middle East and North Africa ZHANG Chuchu Associate Professor of the School of International Relations and Public Affairs at Fudan University, China</p>
	<p>Building a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind through Railroads: Middle Corridor Railroads and Security Necati Demircan Ph.D. Candidate and Research Assistant of Center for Turkish Studies at Shanghai University, China</p>
	<p>Capacity Cooperation Between China and Arab Countries in Manufacturing Industries LIU Dong Associate Professor of the Institute of West-Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences</p>
	<p>China and the Saudi-Iran Rapprochement: Background, Motivation and Impact DENG Weilin Ph.D. Candidate of the School of Foreign Languages at Peking University, China</p>
15:15 – 15:45 Tea Break	
<p>Economic Development in the Middle East</p> <p>Chaired by WEI Min Professor of the Institute of West-Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences</p>	
15:45- 17:30 (10 minutes /Person)	<p>The Root Causes of Internal Strife in Sudan and China's Overseas Interests Protection WANG Youyong Professor, Director of the Institute of Translation Studies at Shanghai International Studies University</p>

	<p>The Development Trend of Middle Eastern Finance and Financial Cooperation Between China and Middle East JIANG Yingmei Associate Professor of the Institute of West-Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences</p>
	<p>Geopolitics of Belt and Road Initiative: CPEC and Changing Regional Landscape Allauddin Kakar Assistant Professor in Command and Staff College Quetta, Pakistan</p>
	<p>Great Power Competition and China's Middle East Economic Diplomacy in the New Era WEN Shaobiao Assistant Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>Iran-China Economic Cooperation: Ambitious in Theory and Symbolic in Practice Seyed Mohamad Sadegh Emamian (online) Assistant Professor in Public Policy, Governance and Policy Thinktank, Sharif University of Technology, Iran</p>
	<p>Understanding Economic Diplomacy Between China and the GCC States in the New Era Hend Sultan Assistant Professor in Helwan University, Egypt</p>
	<p>Food Crisis in the Middle East under Russia-Ukraine Conflict LI Xueyan Ph.D. Candidate of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>

Workshop 3 Middle East Energy and Digital Economy

September 16 13:30 – 17:30
Japanese Meeting Room, Conference Center

Energy and Development in the Middle East

Chaired by Seevan Saeed
Associate Professor of the Middle East Politics at the University of Exeter and Shaanxi
Normal University

13:30- 15:15 (10 minutes /Person)	<p>Green Belt and Road and New Energy Cooperation Between China and Arab Countries FENG Lulu Professor of the School of Arabic Studies at Ningxia University, China</p>
	<p>Review and Prospect of Energy Industry Development in Middle East in 2022 SHANG Yanli Senior Expert of the CNPC Economics and Technology Research Institute, China</p>
	<p>The Red Sea Energy Geopolitics: Big Power Rivalry and Energy Security QIAN Xuming Associate Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>Motivation, Current Situation and Prospects of Cooperation Between China and the Middle East in the New Energy Vehicle Industry ZHOU Jun Assistant Professor of the Center for Sudan Studies at Yangzhou University, China</p>
	<p>Fragile Cooperation? The Relationship Between Jordan and Israel and the Governance of the Jordan River ZHEN Cheng Ph.D. Candidate of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>An Analysis of US Water Diplomacy Strategy in the Middle East Since the Middle East Turbulence CHEN Feiyu Ph.D. Candidate of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
15:15 – 15:45 Tea Break	

Digital Economy and Knowledge Economy in the Middle East

Chaired by FENG Lulu

Professor of the School of Arabic Studies at Ningxia University, China

15:45- 17:30 (10 minutes /Person)	<p>Saudi Vision 2030 and the Knowledge Economy: Impact on Non-Saudi Workers Mohd Waseem (online) Research Scholar of Department of West Asian & North African Studies and Faculty of International Studies at Aligarh Muslim University</p>
	<p>Analysis of the Motivation of Qatar's Foreign Aid LI Yi Associate Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University, Deputy Editor-in-chief of <i>Arab World Studies</i></p>
	<p>The Other Revolution Guided by AI in the GCC: Taking the UAE as an Example YANG Hui Associate Professor of the School of Foreign Languages at Weifang Medical University, China</p>
	<p>Producing Knowledge in the War Zone: The Case of Universities in the North Eastern Syria Seevan Saeed Associate Professor of the Middle East Politics at the University of Exeter, UK, and Shaanxi Normal University, China</p>
	<p>Female Employment in the Arab World in the Context of Algorithms SHU Meng Assistant Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>Development and Prospect Analysis of the UAE Digital Economy under the Post-pandemic Background CAO Yuting Lecturer of the School of Asian and African Studies at Shanghai International Studies University</p>

Workshop 4 The Middle East Pattern in a Changing Context

September 16 13:30 – 17:30

French Meeting Room, Conference Center

The Middle East in a Changing International Context

Chaired by XUE Qingguo

Professor of the School of Arabic Studies at Beijing Foreign Studies University

13:30-15:15 (10 minutes /Person)	<p>From Political to Economic and Social Transformation: Analyzing the International Background and Driving Forces behind the Historic Changes in the Middle East LI Weijian Professor of the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies</p>
	<p>The Trend of the Middle East Order after the Russia-Ukraine War and China's Choice LIU Shengxiang Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>China and the Arab Levant Corridor (ALC) Non-escalatory Confrontation with US Containment Policy Hosam Matar (online) The Head of Strategic Studies in the Consultative Center for Studies and Documentation, Lebanon</p>
	<p>Impact of the Conflict Between Russia and Ukraine on the Iranian Nuclear Issue YUE Hanjing Professor of the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, China</p>
	<p>Israel and American Sanctions on Iran JIANG Zhen Professor of the Institute of Middle Eastern Studies at Northwest University, China</p>
	<p>Impact of China's Position towards the Palestinian Issue: Strengthening the International Pluralism Alaa Aldeek Member of the Central Committee of the Palestine Popular Struggle Front, Palestine</p>

	<p>India's Relations with Israel under the Evolving International/Regional Landscape WEI Liang Associate Professor, Deputy Director of the Center of Development and Governance Studies, Institute of West-Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences</p>
	<p>The Adjustment and Prospect of Biden Administration's Middle East Policy Since Ukraine Crisis LIU Chang Assistant Professor of the Department for Developing Countries Studies, China Institute of International Studies</p>
	<p>Countering the PKK by Arming Pro-Government Kurds: The Long-Standing Village Guard System in Turkey CHEN Yao Ph.D. Candidate of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>Abe Administration's "Balanced Diplomacy" in the Middle East: Connotation, Reasons and Dilemmas BAO Yuting Ph.D. Candidate of Xiamen University, China</p>
15:15 – 15:45 Tea Break	
Civilizations, Culture and Soft Power in the Middle East Chaired by LI Weijian Professor of the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies	
15:45-17:30 (10 minutes /Person)	<p>The Relevance of the Global Security Initiative upon the International Cooperation: from the Perspective of International Political Sociology GUO Shuyong Professor, Dean of the School of International Relations and Public Affairs at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>Cultural Security in the Arab States: Challenges and Responses XUE Qingguo Professor of the School of Arabic Studies at Beijing Foreign Studies University, China</p>

Research on the Integration of Ethnic Cultures and the Construction of a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind under the Background of the Belt and Road Initiative

ZHANG Junying

Researcher of the China Institute of Fan Zhongyan Research Center, North China Electric Power University, China

Sunni Symbolic Politics over Jerusalem: Regional Rivalries during the Trump Administration and Beyond

Kensuke Yamamoto

Senior Assistant Professor at the University of Shizuoka, Japan

China's Soft Power in the Middle East: Sino-Saudi Co-Construction of the Belt and Road: Prospects and Challenges.

Kamran Saddique

Ph.D. Candidate of the College of Journalism & Communication at East China Normal University, China

Power of Bonding and Non-Western Soft Power Strategy: Assessing China's Soft Engagement in the Case of Iran, and Turkey

Nazmul Islam (online)

Head of Türkiye, Asia, and Indo-Pacific Studies, International Relations and Strategic Research; Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Administration at Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University, Turkey

The Community of Common Destiny from the Perspective of Modern Arab Thought

Abdallah Sayed Yousef Abdelrazek

Ph.D. Candidate of the Shanghai Normal University; Lecturer Assistant of Helwan University, Egypt

Analysis of China-Saudi Security Cooperation from Cross-Cultural and Cross-Regional Perspectives

ZHANG Zhiyuan

Ph.D. Candidate of the Middle East Studies Institute at the Shanghai International Studies University

Workshop 5 Regional Dynamics in the Middle East

September 16 13:30 – 17:30
MBA Lecture Room, Conference Center

Turkey's Foreign Policy and Its Regional Dynamics

Chaired by ZHAO Jun
Associate Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University

13:30-15:15 (10 minutes /Person)	<p>Security Discourse and the Centennial Evolution of State Governance in Turkey LI Bingzhong Professor, Dean of the School of History and Civilization at Shaanxi Normal University, China</p>
	<p>A Study of the Intra-party Democracy of the Justice and Development Party and Turkish Political Governance LI Yanzhi Professor of History School at Liaoning University, China</p>
	<p>Economic Connotation of Türkiye's Vision 2023 and Its Assessment ZOU Zhiqiang Researcher of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Institute of International Studies at Fudan University, China</p>
	<p>Cooperation Between Türkiye and China in the BRI through the Middle Corridor and Its Impact on the Geopolitical Position of the Islamic Republic of Iran Shabnam Dadparvar Associate Professor of Tianshui Normal University, China</p>
	<p>Türkiye 2023 in Regional and International Politics LIU Yi Professor of the Institute of Global Studies at Shanghai University, China</p>
	<p>The Clashes of Legitimacies: Comparative Studies of Ming and Ottoman Empires' Tributary Systems in the 16th Century WANG Jin Associate Professor of the Institute of Middle Eastern Studies at Northwest University, China</p>

	<p>The Impact of External Actors on Gulf Geopolitics: Assessing China and Turkey’s Roles in Shaping Security Dynamics in the Region Mujib Alam Professor of the MMAJ-Academy of International Studies in Jamia Millia Islamia, India</p>
	<p>Turkey Strategic Will and Realistic Dilemma of Regional Power PENG Bo Director of Research Projects of Shanghai Center for Rim Pac Strategic and International Studies, China</p>
	<p>State Feminism in the Early Turkish Republic JIN Shiyi Ph.D. Candidate at School of Asian Studies at Beijing Foreign Studies University, China</p>
<p>15:15 – 15:45 Tea Break</p>	
<p>Regional and International Dynamics of the Foreign Policies of Arab States Chaired by LI Bingzhong Professor, Dean of the School of History and Civilization at Shaanxi Normal University</p>	
<p>15:45- 17:30 (10 minutes /Person)</p>	<p>The Evolving Roles of the Gulf States in the Horn of Africa DING Long Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>Sudan: The Crisis in Sudan, Where Is the Situation Heading? Division of the Country or a Settlement, or Civil War? Gafar Karar Ahmed Former Sudanese Ambassador to China</p>
	<p>From Syria to Ukraine, Cold War Never Ends, But Escalates TANG Jianduan Member of Middle East Studies Institute Think-tank Council at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>China and the Middle East Countries Non-traditional Security Cooperation under the Global Security Initiative Kouki Mariem Ph.D. Candidate of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>

	<p>Equidistant Diplomacy: A New Direction of Saudi Arabia's Foreign Policy? BAO Chengzhang Associate Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>Egypt and Security Council Reform: Its Position, Actions and Constraints ZHAO Jun Associate Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>The Arabness of Middle East Affairs and Egypt-Türkiye Competition DUAN Jiuzhou Assistant Professor of the Institute for International and Area Studies at Tsinghua University, China</p>
	<p>International Cooperation and National Diffraction: the Institutional Challenges of Moroccan and Egyptian Powers in the Belt and Road Initiative Adam Laroussi (online) Ph.D. Candidate and Academic Researcher of the University of Montreal, Interuniversity Group for Studies and Research on African Societies and Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, Canada</p>
	<p>The Foundation and Prospect of Cooperation Between China and North African Countries LU Qiuyi Assistant Professor of the Institute of African Studies at Zhejiang Normal University, China</p>
	<p>A Research on Lebanon's Foreign Policy LIN Xinyu Ph.D. Candidate of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>The Modernity of Traditional Organizations: Tribes and State Building in Jordan SHEN Xin Ph.D. Candidate at Peking University, China</p>

Keynote Speeches & Closing Ceremony

September 17 09:00 - 11:40
MBA Lecture Room, Conference Center

Chaired by Hassan Hakimian

Professor, Acting Dean and Director of the Middle Eastern Studies Department, College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar

Keynote Speeches 09:00 - 10:15 (15 minutes /Person)	<p>Solving the Middle East Security Dilemma Calls for Chinese Wisdom GAO Youzhen Former Chinese Ambassador to Qatar</p>
	<p>Food Issues in the Arab Region: Current Situation and Possible Policies to Strengthen their Food Systems to Achieve the Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Zine Barka Professor of Abou Bakr Belkaid University of Tlemcen, Algeria</p>
	<p>The MENA in the Emerging Multipolarity: Perspectives for New Policies Yahia Zoubir Professor and Director of Research in Geopolitics, KEDGE Business School, France; Senior Visiting Scholar of the Institute of International Studies at Fudan University, China</p>
	<p>Achievements and Prospects of the Construction of the Belt and Road Between China and the Middle East WANG Jian Director of the Institute of International Relations, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, China</p>
	<p>Lebanese Hezbollah's Political Communication Strategy in Consociational Democracy, 2016-2020: A Quantitative Text Analysis of Al-Manar Kota Suechika Professor in College of International Relations at Ritsumeikan University, Japan</p>
10:15 - 10:30 Tea Break	

<p>Chaired by SHU Meng Director of Editorial Department, <i>Asian Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies</i>, Assistant Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>	
<p>Closing Ceremony 10:30 - 11:40 (10 minutes /Person)</p>	<p>Workshops' Summary Report: Workshop 1: WANG Lishen Workshop 2: JIANG Shuang Workshop 3: CHEN Feiyu Workshop 4: CHEN Yao Workshop 5: LIN Xinyu</p> <p>All speakers are Ph.D. Candidates of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University</p>
	<p>Academic Summary Gafar Karar Ahmed Former Sudanese Ambassador to China</p>
	<p>Academic Summary NIU Song Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University, Deputy Editor-in-chief of <i>Asian Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies</i></p>
<p>End of The 8th International Forum on Asia and the Middle East “The Middle East Security and Development in the Global Context”</p>	

Accommodation

1. Magnotel Shanghai (Hongkou Football Stadium)

No. 714, West Jiangwan Road, Hongkou District, Shanghai.

2. SISU Guest House

No. 189, Tiyuhui Road (W), Hongkou District, Shanghai. (Adjacent to the West Gate of SISU Hongkou Campus)



Meals

Dining locations

For guests in Magnotel: Buffet Restaurant of Magnotel

For guests in SISU Guest House: Lotus Hall, 2nd Floor

For Shanghai-based guests: Lotus Hall, 2nd Floor of SISU Guest House

Dining time

September 15 18:00-19:30 (Dinner)

September 16 11:50-12:40 (Lunch)

18:00-19:30 (Dinner)

September 17 11:50-12:40 (Lunch)

Weather

Sep 15

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Sep 17



Traffic Tips

Flying to Shanghai

Both Hongqiao and Pudong International Airports serve the City of Shanghai. Both offer access by train, bus, and shuttle into downtown Shanghai. Pudong is about 60 minutes by car / taxi (about 44 km, ¥150.00 / daytime taxi) and 120 minutes by public transportation to our Hongkou Campus.

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Metro

Shanghai Metro Line 3 can be boarded downtown at Chifeng Road or Hongkou Football Stadium (where you can also interchange to Line 8) stations to ride down to our Hongkou Campus.

Lists of Participants

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Adam Laroussi	Ph.D. Candidate and Academic Researcher of the University of Montreal, Interuniversity Group for Studies and Research on African Societies and Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, Canada
Ahamad Sayer Dauzai	Senior Research Fellow at BAHAM Research Institution, Afghanistan
Ahmed Jamali	Ph.D. Candidate of Shanghai International Studies University
Alaa Aldeek	Member of the Central Committee of the Palestine Popular Struggle Front, Palestine
Alfaraj Abdullah	Senior Researcher, Saudi Research and Knowledge Exchange Center
Allauddin Kakar	Assistant Professor in Command and Staff College Quetta, Pakistan
Amir Esmacili	Ph.D. Candidate of Shanghai International Studies University
Asif Iqbal Dawar	Assistant Professor and HEC Approved Ph.D. Supervisor in the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Faculty of Contemporary Studies, National Defence University, Pakistan
BAO Chengzhang	Associate Professor of the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University
BAO Yuting	Ph.D. Candidate of Xiamen University, China
Brett Scharff	Professor, Director of International Center for Law and Religion Studies at Brigham Young University Law School, US
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