

MOSAIC WARFARE IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA

Tuesday, May the 14th, 2024 | 14h30 - 18h00



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Whether we think of island building, ramming, ghosting, water cannoning, using dazzling lasers, the layoff of buoys, the construction of lighthouses, cutting off or jamming of AIS signals, recent research has identified nearly 170 phenomena of either area denial capacity, hybrid warfare and grey zone tactics. These three distinct categories of phenomena, united under the umbrella term of Asymmetric / Mosaic War-fare, can in turn be divided into different categories, in the South China Sea.

Even though China may appear as the obvious « elephant in the room », experts are witnessing an active involvement by all parties, whether local, regional, extraregional and international powers in the South China Sea, all having specific interests and playbooks. It seems therefore important to try analyzing the situation in a more holistic fashion, in order to better understand its dynamics and evolution.

Organized in partnership between the Paris Catholic University and ESSEC Business School - Singapore Campus, this seminar is meant at giving a broad understanding of the situation in the South China Sea, clarifying the meaning of key terms, and at discussing non-lethal deterrence.

Through two successive panels, experts will share thoughts and confront their views on the diversity, and the intensity of the phenomena of area denial, and grey zone tactics in the South China Sea as well as their impacts for Southeast Asian claimants. Additionally, they will discuss about concrete solutions to deter such phenomena as well as the obstacles in the way of increased cooperation and data sharing.

[Link to register for the conference](#)

PROGRAMME

Introduction	14h00 - 14h30	<p>Cedomir NESTOROVIC, Director MBA Program, ESSEC Business School - Singapore Campus</p> <p>Benjamin BLANDIN, PhD Candidate in Geopolitics, Paris Catholic University / NUS-EAI Network Coordinator of the Yokosuka Council for Asia-Pacific Studies (YCAPS)</p> <p>Emmanuel LINCOT, Expert of China's civilization at IRIS, Professor at the Paris Catholic University</p>		
Panel 1	14h30 - 16h00	<p>Presentations (30")</p> <p>Yoichiro SATO (Ritsumeikan Asia-Pacific University), Evolution of the concepts of "area denial", "hybrid warfare" & "grey zone tactics"</p> <p>Victor Andres MANHIT (Stratbase): Description of the phenomena observed in the South China Sea</p> <p>RADM Rommel ONG (Ateneo School of Government): Analysis of the impacts of the tensions in the South China Sea</p>	<p>Roundtable (45")</p> <p>Round table #1 Is a resolution of the last intra-ASEAN disputes in the South China Sea in sight? Perspectives and blocking points.</p> <p>Evolution and trends of the asymmetric confrontation phenomena in the South China SEA.</p> <p>Moderator</p>	<p>Q&A (15")</p>
Panel 2	16h10 - 17h40	<p>Presentations (30")</p> <p>John BRADFORD (YCAPS, CFR), Evolution of SEA countries' cooperation with local, regional and international actors</p> <p>Dr Yaacob ABDUL RAHMAN (Lowy Institute): Potential of the code of conduct and innovative diplomatic formats</p> <p>Charles BROWN (Booz Allen Hamilton): Potential and obstacles for the concept of MDA to serve as a non-lethal deterrent for Southeast Asia</p>	<p>Roundtable (45")</p> <p>Round table #2 Role and challenges for an increased involvement of external actors in support of ASEAN countries in the South China Sea?</p> <p>Mecanisms and tools to increase and improve data sharing and cooperation between ASEAN countries?</p> <p>Moderator</p>	<p>Q&A (15")</p>
Conclusion	17h40 - 18h00	<p>Concluding word H.E. Minh-Di Tang, French Ambassador in Singapore</p>		

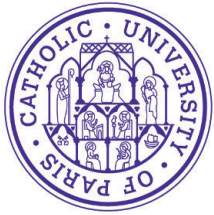
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