Conference Program

5th Annual East Asian Peace Conference:

Regional Peace and Domestic Conflict

6-8 November 2015

Organized jointly by the East Asian Peace Program, Uppsala University, and the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, at the Holiday Inn Singapore Atrium Hotel, 6-8 November 2015
Arrival
5 November
19:30-20:30 Welcome reception at the Holiday Inn Singapore Atrium hotel

Day 1
6 November
09:00-09:30 **Opening Remarks** by Director Prasenjit Duara (Asia Research Institute (National University of Singapore) and program leader Stein Tønnesson (Uppsala University)

09:30-10:30 **Keynote Address** by Miriam Coronel-Ferrer (leader of the negotiation panel of the government of the Philippines with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front): Reflections on the peace process in the Philippines

10:30-10:45 Tea/Coffee Break

10:45-12:30 **Plenary Session:**

Chair/discussant: Prasenjit Duara

Kristine Eck (Uppsala University) and Chris Fariss (Pennsylvania State University): Respect for Human Rights in East Asia and the World

Victoria Hui (University of Notre Dame): East Asia’s Uneasy Long Peace

Fiona Yap (Australian National University): Economic Performance and Domestic Peace in East and Southeast Asia

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:15 **Parallel Panel Session 1:**

1.1 **Power Transitions**

Chair/discussant: Stein Tønnesson

Robert S. Ross (Boston College): Getting East Asia Right: Power Transitions, War, and U.S.-China Relations

Evelyn Goh (Australian National University): Order (not Power) Transition: An English School Approach to Explaining the East Asian Peace

Allan Dafoe (Yale University, presenting) and Jessica Weiss (Cornell University): Authoritarian Audiences in International Crises: Evidence from Real-History and Hypothetical Survey Experiments in China

1.2 Transitional Justice in East Asia

Chair/discussant: Karen Brounéus

Chandra Lekha Sriram (University of East London): The absence of transitional justice measures in Korea and Japan and its lack of effect on the East Asian Peace

Lia Kent (Australian National University): Contesting the norms of transitional justice: Timor-Leste’s approach to peace-building

Renee Jeffery (Griffith University): Amnesties and peace agreements in East Asia

Holly Guthrey (Uppsala University): Exploring local perspectives on denial and acknowledgment in post-conflict Aceh, Indonesia

15:15-15:45 Tea/Coffee Break

15:45-17:30 Parallel Panel Session 2:

2.1 Major Powers

Chair/discussant: Börje Ljunggren

Chin-Hao Huang (Yale-NUS College, Singapore): What Role for the United States in the East Asian Peace?

Mikyoung Kim (Hiroshima City University): Japanese Perceptions of Territorial Disputes: Opinion Poll Surveys in the Southwestern Part of Japan

Rex Li (Liverpool John Moores University): Identity Tension in China-Japan Relations and Its Implications for East Asian Peace: A Constructivist Analysis

Scott Kastner (University of Maryland): Economic interdependence and the prospects for peace in the Taiwan Strait

2.2 Domestic conflict

Chair/discussant: Joakim Kreutz

Jessica Trisko Darden (American University): External Resources and Political Violence: Foreign Assistance to Indonesia
Anne Brown (University of Queensland): East Timor and the East Asian Peace – the significance of local patterns of sociality

Lisa Denney (Asia Foundation) and Patrick Barron (Asia Foundation, presenting): Beyond the Toolkit: Supporting Peace Processes in Asia

18:30- Conference dinner at Padang Palace
Dinner speech by Professor Wang Gungwu

Day 2
7 November

09:00-10:00 Keynote Address by Dan Slater (University of Chicago): Sovereignty, Reform, and the Political Foundations of Durable Peace

10:00-10:30 Tea/Coffee Break

10:30-12:15 Parallel Panel Session 3:

3.1 Religion and nationalism
Chair/discussant: Marte Nilsen
Joakim Kreutz and Mihai Catalin Croicu (Uppsala University): The Gods must be crazy. Is interreligious violence derailing the East Asian Peace?
Isak Svensson (Uppsala University): Gods and Guns: Exploring the Religious Dimensions of the Armed Conflicts in East Asia
Yongwook Ryu (Australian National University): To Revise or Not to Revise: Conservative Nationalism, the ‘Peace Constitution’ and National Identity in Japan

3.2 Governance
Chair/discussant: Dan Slater
Terence Lee (National University of Singapore): Peace Enabling Democratization? The Resolution of Civil Conflicts in Southeast Asia
T. J. Pempel (University of California-Berkeley): Impact of domestic politics on East Asia’s inter-state peace
Pavel Baev (Peace Research Institute Oslo, PRIO): Russia fails to make a pivot to Asia-Pacific and remains in denial of its weakness
12:15-13:15  Lunch

13:15-15:00  Parallel Panel Session 4:

4.1 Normative dimensions of peace
Chair/discussant: Kevin Clements
Stein Tønnesson (Uppsala University) and Zou Keyuan (University of Central Lancashire): Legal foundations of the East Asian Peace
Shirley Scott (University of New South Wales): The Role of International Law in Facilitating the Rise of China
Erik Melander (Uppsala University): Gender, Masculine Honor Ideology, and the East Asian Peace

4.2 Conflict resilience in Southeast Asia
Chair/discussant: Natasha Hamilton-Hart
Anders Engvall (Stockholm Business School): Thailand’s southern conflict
Ashley South and Christopher M. Joll (Chiang Mai University): From Rebels to Rulers: The challenges of transition for non-state armed groups in Mindanao and Myanmar
Thitinan Pongsudhirak (Chulalongkorn University): The Thai-Cambodian border dispute
Vanda Felbab-Brown (Brookings Institution): Fueling Conflict or Dampening It? The Complex Role of Drugs & Other Illicit Economies in Peace and Conflict in Thailand and Myanmar

15:00-15:30  Tea/Coffee Break

16:00-18:00  Parallel Panel Session 5:

5.1 Culture and conflict in Southeast Asia
Chair/discussant: Pauline Tweedie
Eugenie Merieau (Science Po Paris; Thammasat University): Military rule, judicialization of politics and internal peace: The Thai crisis in a comparative perspective
Karen Brounéus, Elin Bjarnegård and Erik Melander (Uppsala University): Honor and Political Violence: Micro-level findings from a survey in Thailand

Christopher M. Joll (Chiangmai University): Dusun Nyoir revisited: What new light on old conflicts tells us about the depth of present peace

Marte Nilsen (Peace Research Institute Oslo, PRIO): Monks in Movements: Buddhism and Political Conflicts in Myanmar and Thailand

5.2 Regional and great power relations
Chair/discussant: Seyom Brown

Natasha Hamilton-Hart (University of Auckland): Domestic socio-economic contests as drivers of regional conflict and cooperation

Liselotte Odgaard (Royal Danish Defence College): Beijing’s and Moscow’s Quest for Stability in their Neighbourhood: The case of Central Asia

Stein Tønnesson and Pavel Baev (Peace Research Institute Oslo, PRIO): Will Russia Inspire China to Break the East Asian Peace?

Stein Tønnesson (Peace Research Institute Oslo, PRIO, and Uppsala University): Does Nationalism Threaten the East Asian Peace?

19:30- Buffet dinner at the Norwegian Ambassador’s residence

Day 3
8 November

9:00-10:30 Roundtable discussion on Regional Peace

10:30-11:00 Tea/Coffee Break

11:00-12:45 Plenary session:
Chair/discussant: Erik Melander

Henrik Urdal (Peace Research Institute Oslo, PRIO): Do Recent Demographic Trends in East Asia Support Peace?

Seyom Brown (Brandeis University): Global System Determinants of the East Asian Peace

Wang Dong (Peking University): Is China trying to push the U.S. out of East Asia?

Chong Ja Ian (National University of Singapore): State Consolidation and a Long Peace in East Asia?

12:45-13:45 Lunch and departure
13:45-15:45 For the program core group and the eight-member Advisory Board:

Advisory Board Meeting