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Conflict and Cooperation in the Interdependent
World

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Is interdependent world becoming more cooperative? Let's talk about it!

Conference Programme

Day 1

Wednesday 11 April 2018

W1- Security and Governance in Syria Roundtable

**Ammar Khaf, Bader Mustafa, Navvar Saban, Piotr Łukasiewicz, Agnieszka Bryc,
Karol Wasilewski, Wolfgang Muhlberger, Łukasz Fyderek, Giorgi Goguadze**

Day 2

Thursday 12 April 2018

Opening Remarks and Keynote Speeches

Adam W. Jelonek

Sahdewan Ponmoni

Pak Nung Wong

Łukasz Fyderek

T1- Central Asia and Caucasus: Prospects and Limitations of a Silk Road
Initiatives

Sargis Grigoryan, Islamic Extreme Radicalism in the Caucasus

Agnieszka Kuszewska, Between aspirations and reality: Central Asia in India's
strategic approach

Łukasz Sarek, Limited Impact of the Belt and Road Initiative on the Size and
Structure of the Chinese FDI in Uzbekistan and Prospects for Future Growth



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T2- Maritime Strategy in the Era of Great Power Competition

Jakub Królczyk, South China Sea Conflict - the Vietnamese perspective

Adrian Brona, Polar Silk Road in the Context of Relations between China and CEEC

Piotr Andrzej Głogowski, The situation on the South China Sea as an analogy to the Thucydides Trap

Mateusz Danielewski, Russia's foreign policy toward the Republic of Korea

T3- Media and Politics in the Middle East Roundtable

Miray Akdag Uluc, Wacław Przemysław Turek, Ammar Khaf, Karolina Rak, Łukasz Fyderek, Karol Wasilewski

T4- Diplomacy in the Middle East

Aya Allam, The Impact of Diplomacy in Power Politics and in Maintaining "Peace in the Middle East"

Daniel Gołębiowski, UAE Cultural Policy and Diplomacy in the International Context

Sebastian Żbik, Switzerland of the Middle East? The question of Oman's policy of neutrality in recent years.

T5- Strategies of Middle Eastern States in the Era of Regional Rivalry

Karol Wasilewski, Turkey's Strategic Culture's Paradox: A Schrödinger's Cat?

Ivo Marcin, Negotiations and its role in the armed conflict and influence on economic development

Giorgi Gogvadze, The Middle East Conflict. Security Environment and Implications to the International System

T6- Political Islam and the Dynamics of Social Movements

Magdalena Pycińska, Evolution of Political Islam - The Case of Hamas

Irwan Saidin, Perceptions and Influences of the Arab Spring towards the Malaysian Islamic Youth Movement

Konrad Pędziwiatr, State as a Key Actor in Politicization of Islam in Egypt and Tunisia Before and After the Arab Spring

T7- New Old Player – Consequences of Russia's Middle Eastern Comeback

Agnieszka Bryc, Russia's Middle East Resurgence: a Success Story?

Wolfgang Muhlberger, Russia's foreign policy approach to MENA: narrating order, reaping benefits

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Michał Lipa, Between Rock and Hard Place: Egyptian Foreign Policy navigating US and Russia's influences

Day 3

Friday 13 April 2018

F1- A Shifting Power Balances in East Asia

Non Arkaraprasertkul, Technology, Design Thinking and Globalization from Below: Making Sense of a New Era of Socio-economic Empowerment in Urban China

Quanyi Zhang, China and US's Role at Resolving Korean Peninsula Issue

Roman Vokalchuk, China's Belt and Road Initiative through the Lens of Central Asia

Bogusław Pacek, Political Changes in East Asia - the Chance for Development or Regional and Global Threat

F2- Iran-Saudi Rivalry and the Changing Middle East

Aida Abdelrehim, Iran-Saudi "Race Against Time" in the changing Middle East

Davoud Gharayagh-Zandi, Iran-Saudi Foreign Relations in Prospect: Probable Scenarios

Artur Skorek, Israel's energy security in the changing Middle East

Y1- Competition and Cooperation in Asia (Young Researchers Panel)

Jakub Stefanowski, Sino-Russian rivalry in the context of regional integration in Central Asia after the Cold War

Marcin Hubicki, Do US academics support open confrontation strategy with China? Comparison of Harvard and Chicago Universities specialists' views on the US-China relations in East Asia

Kacper Rafalski, Influence of space programs development on the level of cooperation in Asia-Pacific region

Y2- Conflict and Cooperation in the Middle East (Young Researchers Panel)

Wojciech Zgórski, Iran's rivalry with Saudi Arabia in the 21st century and its impact on the situation in the Middle East

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Iga Kleszczyńska, Regionalization and globalization in the Middle East. Case study of the League of Arab States

Olaf Szczap, First and Second Gulf War - reality vs. media coverage

Schedule of the Conference

Day	Hour	Venue: Collegium Maius UJ	Venue: Jagiellonian Library
11 Apr Wednesday			
	12.00-12.30	Registration	
	12.45-14.15	W1	
		Lunch	
	15.45-17.00	W1	
12 Apr Thursday	9.15-9.45		Registration
	10.00-10.30		Opening Remarks and Keynote speech
	10.45-12.00	T3	T1
	12.15-13.30	T4	T2
		Lunch	Lunch
	14.30-15.45	T5	T7
	16.00-17.15	T6	-
	19.00-20.15	Reception	
13 Apr Friday			
	10.30-12.00		F1
	12.15-13.45		F2
	14.00-15.00		Lunch
	15.15-16.30		Y1
	16.45-17.30		Y2