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CONFERENCE** KRAKÓW 11-13 APRIL 2018

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**

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Wednesday 11 April 2018

W1- Security and Governance in Syria Roundtable

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

**Day 2**

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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

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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 Vakulchuk**, 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

**Marceli Burdelski**, Nuclear Crisis on the Korean Peninsula: Implications to US and China

### 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



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## 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

**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			
	10.00-12.00		F1
	12.15-13.45		F2
	14.00-15.00		Lunch
	15.15-16.30		Y1
	16.45-17.30		Y2