

Preliminary program  
ENLIGHT workshop, Göttingen, September 2023

**More than a Distant Relative:  
China and its Neighbours in an Increasingly Turbulent World**

**Day 1, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

09:15-09:50	Opening remarks: <i>TBC</i>  Keynote speech (public): Julie Yu-Wen Chen, University of Helsinki <b>Knowledge Production About China and Perception of the Rise of China in Central Asia: Oral History Interviews with Senior China Experts and Sinologists</b>
09:50-10:00	Coffee break
10:00-12:15	<b>Session 1. China and Central Asia</b>
	Chi Zhang, University of St Andrews <b>Challenges and Opportunities for China's Investment and Development Strategy in Central Asia</b>
	Roza Turarbekava, Justus Liebig University Giessen <b>Public Protests in Central Asia in 2022: Assessing China's Position</b>
	Karolina Kluczevska, Ghent University <b>China's Influence in Tajikistan vis-à-vis Other International Partners</b>
	Maryia Danilovich, Göttingen University <b>What's New? China's Cooperation Mechanisms with the Central Asian States</b>
	Discussion
12:15-14:00	Light lunch
14:00-16:15	<b>Session 2. China and Southeast Asia</b>
	Wanjing Chen, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology <i>TBC</i>
	Neil Loughlin, City University of London <b>China's Engagement in Southeast Asia: Insights from Cambodia</b>
	Felix Heiduk, German Institute for International and Security Affairs <b>Security in Southeast Asia: the 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific' vs. China's 'Circle of Friends'</b>
	<i>TBC</i>
	Discussion
16:15-16:45	Coffee break
16:45-19:15	Recordings for CeMEAS conversations
19:30	Dinner: venue <i>TBC</i>

## Day 2, September 12<sup>th</sup>

9:15-9:50	Keynote speech (public): Ivan Franceschini, University of Botswana <b>Global China's Dark Side: The Role of Chinese Organised Crime in Asia's 'Scamdemic'</b>
09:50-10:00	Coffee break
10:00-12:00	<b>Session 3. China and its Neighbors: Lessons for Theory</b>
	Sascha Klotzbücher, Comenius University in Bratislava <b>Reaching out with the United Front: a Magic Weapon of the Weak</b>
	Anja Jetschke, Göttingen University <i>TBC</i>
	Agha Bayramov, University of Groningen <b>Russia's War in Ukraine and the Rise of the Middle Corridor as an Alternative Route for Sino-Western Trade Relations</b>
	Monique Taylor, University of Helsinki <b>Energy Security and the Indo-Pacific Concept</b>
	Final discussion and closing remarks
12:00 -13:30	Optional lunch (mensa/canteen)
13:30 -15:30	Recordings for CeMEAS conversations/City walk (optional)