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SOUTHEAST ASIA
FORUM

LSE Southeast Asia Forum

Monday 21st May 2018
The Lincoln Centre, London, WC2A 3ED

- 08:30-09:00** **Registration**
Refreshments served on arrival
- 09:00-09:10** **Welcoming Remarks**
Dame Minouche Shafik (LSE Director)
Dr Jürgen Haacke (LSE SEAC Director)
- 09:10-09:55** **Keynote Lecture - ASEAN in a Contested World: Singapore's 2018 chairmanship priorities**
Ms Foo Chi Hsia, H.E. High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore to the United Kingdom, and Ambassador to Ireland and Iceland
- 10:00-11:15** **Panel I – The Great Powers' Economic Engagement of Southeast Asia**
- Chair:** **Professor Tim Forsyth (LSE SEAC)**
- Panellists:** **Dr Deborah Elms (Asian Trade Centre)**
US-Southeast Asian Trade Policy: more a thought than a strategy
- Dr Chheang Vannarith (ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute)**
Understanding China's Regional Economic Diplomacy through the Belt Road Initiative and Lancang-Mekong Cooperation
- Professor Yee Kuang Heng (University of Tokyo)**
Japan's Perspectives on Connectivity Initiatives and Trade Liberalisation in Southeast Asia
- 11:15-11:30** **Refreshments**
- 11:30-13:00** **Panel II – Economic Challenges and Risks in Southeast Asia**
- Chair:** **Jonathan Wheatley (Financial Times)**
- Panellists:** **Peter Mumford (Eurasia Group)**
- Cesar Purisima (Milken Institute)**
- Ying Staton (Global Counsel)**
- Geoffrey Yu (UBS Wealth Management)**
- 13:00-14:00** **Lunch**

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14:00-15:30 Panel III – Leadership and Political Futures

Chair: Dr Champa Patel (Chatham House)

Panellists: Dr Astrid Norén-Nilsson (Lund University)
Cambodia: towards the 2018 elections and beyond

Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak (Chulalongkorn University)
Thailand Between Democracy and Dictatorship

Professor James Putzel (LSE Department of International Development)
The Philippines as an Extreme Case in the Worldwide Rise of Populist Politics

Professor Meredith L. Weiss (State University of New York at Albany)
What Future(s) Do Malaysia's Elections Portend?

15:30-15:50 Refreshments

15:50-17:20 Panel IV – Myanmar: challenges and risks

Chair: Dr Jürgen Haacke (LSE SEAC)

Panellists: Dr Anthony Ware (Deakin University)
Myanmar's 'Rohingya' Conflict: misconceptions, complexity, intractability, drivers

Kai Htang Lashi (Kachin National Organisation)
The Kachin Perspective on the Peace Process: why it has been stalled

Professor Robert H. Taylor
The Army and the Future of the National League for Democracy

Thomas Burn (UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office)
The UK Government's Burma Policy

17:20-17:30 Closing Remarks