China, Russia, and the Existing World Order: Seeking to Overthrow the Status Quo or Merely Pursuing Advantage within It?

Panel 1:

Muslim Administration in Non-Arab Peripheries: Russia, China, India, and Turkey

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The world is de-secularizing. Today's religious revival grew out of religion's public function, not its appeal for personal faith. In contrast to Catholicism and Orthodoxy, Islam does not request a definite organizational structure of congregation, and is able to adapt itself to any political regime. In other words, comparing Muslim administration in these four countries has more significance than a mere minority study. Through this prism we may identify fundamental features of the four political regimes.

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The Power and Limitations of Dominant Party Control: United Russia, the Chinese Communist Party, and the Indian Congress in Comparative Perspective

Atsushi Ogushi, Osaka University of Law and Economics, and Yuko Adachi, Sophia University

Conventional wisdom states that political parties are essential for making a political order. In regional powers with a huge territory, massive population, diverse ethnic groups, rapidly growing economies and swiftly changing social conditions, dominant parties have been a useful mechanism for containing the centrifugal forces. We will discuss the functions of dominant parties in Eurasia and their limitations.

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Discussants: Marlene Laruelle, IERES, and Deepa Ollapally, Sigur Center

Panel 2

Growth in the International Reserves of Russia, China, and India: Implications for the World Economic System

Shinichiro Tabata, Hokkaido University

Major regional powers in Eurasia, i.e. Russia, China, and India, accumulated substantial foreign reserves during the 2000s, which has led to the revival of the Bretton Woods international monetary system. Although the costs of this accumulation are enormous, there is a fair possibility that this system will continue in the near future.

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Comparison of Trade Liberalizations in Russia, China and India

Yugo Konno, Mizuho Research Institute Ltd.

Russia, China and India all introduced a broad trade liberalization at the beginning of the 1990s. However, the paces of reform differed considerably from one country to the next. This study will compare the trade liberalizations in the three countries through an analysis of trade performances.

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Discussant: Jiawen Yang, GW Business School

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