**RSIS Virtual Workshop on**

***“Sources of Peace in East Asia”***

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**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

A common view within the policy community of East Asia is that the region is in a period of transition with mounting geopolitical rivalry between a rising China and a United States that is showing uncertainty over its global role. While debates have largely focused on the potential for conflict arising from this transition, there also exist resilient features that could play a critical role in ensuring regional stability amid these changes.

The Virtual Workshop aims to: (a) shift the discussion on East Asia from focusing on war and rivalry to understanding how peace can be achieved or sustained in East Asia; (b) identify the sources that have sustained peace in the region, including US leadership, the ASEAN and non-ASEAN-led multilateral platforms, defence diplomacy, and actions by East Asian states such as Japan and China, among others; and (c) analyse how these features can be harnessed in the current geopolitical landscape.

The Virtual Workshop is part of the collaborative efforts of the [Global Research Network on Peaceful Change (GRENPEC)](https://www.grenpec.com/), a worldwide research network comprising scholars and institutions engaged in the study of peaceful change at the international and regional levels.

All presentation titles are tentative and subject to change. All timings are in Singapore Time (SGT) / GMT+8.

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| **Time** | **Programme** |
| **08:25 – 08:30** | **OPENING REMARKS**Sinderpal Singh*Senior Fellow; Coordinator, Regional Security Architecture Programme and South Asia Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), RSIS, NTU* |
| **08:30 – 10:15** | **PANEL 1: PEACEFUL CHANGE IN EAST ASA****Moderator/Discussant**Evan Resnick*Assistant Professor; Coordinator for External Teaching; Deputy Coordinator of MSc (International Relations) Programme, RSIS, NTU* **Presentations**Peaceful Change in Regional Orders: Some Conceptual IssuesT. V. Paul*James McGill Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science, McGill University, Canada; Fellow, Royal Society of Canada; Founding Director, GRENPEC*Is East Asia Destined for War?Bhubhindar Singh*Associate Professor; Head of Graduate Studies, RSIS, NTU; Southeast Asia Regional Director, GRENPEC* |

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|  | The Historical and Institutional Bases of Peaceful Change in Southeast AsiaRalf Emmers*Professor of International Relations; Dean, RSIS, NTU; and President’s Chair in International Relations, NTU; Member, GRENPEC*Mely Caballero-Anthony*Professor of International Relations; Head, Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies, RSIS, NTU; Member, GRENPEC***Discussion** |
| **10:15 – 10:30** | **COFFEE BREAK** |
| **10:30 – 12:00** | **PANEL 2: CHINA AND PEACEFUL CHANGE****Moderator/Discussant**Hoo Tiang Boon*Assistant Professor, China Programme, IDSS; Coordinator of MSc (Asian Studies) Programme, RSIS, NTU* **Presentations**China, Institutional Balancing, and Peaceful Order Transition in the Asia PacificKai He*Professor of International Relations, Griffith Asia Institute and Centre for Governance and Public Policy, Griffith University, Australia; East Asia Regional Director, GRENPEC*Maintaining Peace in Cross-Strait RelationsWu Shang-Su*Research Fellow, Regional Security Architecture Programme, IDSS, RSIS, NTU***Discussion** |
| **12:00 – 13:00** | **LUNCH BREAK** |
| **13:00 – 14:30** | **PANEL 3: REGIONAL AND MIDDLE POWERS AS SOURCES OF PEACEFUL CHANGE****Moderator/Discussant**Alan Chong*Associate Professor; Acting Head, Centre for Multilateralism Studies (CMS), RSIS, NTU***Presentations**East Asia's Middle Powers Step up to Deflect U.S.-China TensionsT. J. Pempel*Jack M. Forcey Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, United States of America*Initiatives for Peace in East Asia: The Roles of Australia and IndonesiaSarah Teo*Research Fellow, Regional Security Architecture Programme, IDSS, RSIS, NTU***Discussion** |
| **14:30 – 14:45** | **CLOSING REMARKS AND CONCLUSION OF WORKSHOP**Bhubhindar Singh*Associate Professor; Head of Graduate Studies, RSIS, NTU; ; Southeast Asia Regional Director, GRENPEC* |