



GLOBAL HOTSPOT:

The South China Sea and US-China-ASEAN Relations

The South China Sea has steadily become a flashpoint in world politics, with China, the United States, and the member states of ASEAN having legal, political, economic, commercial, and military interests in the region. This session will examine the background to the rising tensions in the region, beginning with a discussion of the South China Sea Arbitration Award on 12 July 2016, the rising tensions between the US, China, and ASEAN, and the legal, political, and economic implications of rising instability in the region two weeks into the Trump Administration in the United States.

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