

# **Trilateralism & Triangular Dynamics in International Relations. Implications for International Relations Theory.**

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Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies

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**SAI, Room Z10**

Explaining and analysing change in the structure of international relations, especially from an actor-centered point of view - is a challenge for researchers. This was the case during the Cold War, with its bilateral global configuration of powers, which, following its end, was replaced by the 'unipolar moment'. This was the concurrent view of nearly all scholars. However, in recent years, particularly during the period following the onset of the financial crisis in 2008, there has been a distinct polarisation of positions accompanied by quandaries in the assessment of the new emerging structure of international relations. Representatives of rising powers, especially China, India, Russia and Brazil, openly refer to a multipolar world. Experts in the field of international relations generally accept the multilateral paradigm as an accurate representation of the actual configuration of powers. In this context more scholars have begun to focus on trilateralism as a prism and tool of analysis which could explain interactions in across a range of economic, political and cultural dimensions of international relations.

This two-day conference seeks to (1) examine trilateral and triangular dynamics in South Asia and Indian Ocean region and in the interactions of Great Powers (2) to ask whether a ‘trilateralism perspective’ contributes to the analysis of the intractability of the India-Pakistan conflict, the limits to and, opportunities for regional integration as well as Sino-Indian and US-Indian relations, and (3) to compare trilateralism in Asia with trilateralism in Europe and other spheres of international relations.

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July South Asia Institute, Room Z10**

**10.00 – 10.15 Welcome and Introduction:**

Professor Subrata **Mitra**, Head of Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University

Professor Edward **Halizak**, Director of the Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw

Dr. Jakub **Zajaczkowski**, Chairperson of the Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies, Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw

**10.15-12.00: Panel I: Trilateralism & Triangular Dynamics in International Relations**

**Chair:** Dr. Bogusław **Zaleski** (10.15-11.00 presentations)

Professor Edward **Halizak**, Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies, Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw

**Trilateralism as a Concept in International Relations Theory**

Professor Jean-Luc **Racine**, Senior CNRS Fellow, Centre for South Asian Studies (EHESS) and Vice-President Asia Centre, Paris

**Entangled triangles: conceptualizing US geopolitics in and around South Asia**

Professor Subrata K. **Mitra**, Head of Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University

**Triangular dynamics in social science research: an exploratory survey**

*11.00-12.00 discussion*

12.00 – 13.00 *Lunch*

**13.00 – 14.30 Panel II: South Asia in International Relations: Trilateral Perspectives and Triangular Dynamics.**

**Chair:** Professor Jean-Luc **Racine** (*Presentations 13.00 – 14.00*)

Professor Subrata K. Mitra, **Head of** Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University

**The South Asian Security Dilemma: the India-China-Pakistan Strategic Triangle**

Dr. Jivanta Schoettli, Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University

**Title to be confirmed**

Dr. Siegfried O. Wolf, Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University

**India-Pakistan Relations: The US Factor and the Afghanistan's Impact from a Pakistani Perspective**

*14:00-14:30 discussion*

14.30 – 15.00 coffee break

**15.00-16.30 Panel III: Trilateralism in Asia: Prospects, Challenges and Obstacles.**

**Chair:** Professor Subrata K. **Mitra** (presentations 15.00-16.00)

Professor Edward **Halizak**, Institute of International Relations

**US – China – EU: New Trilateralism**

Dr. Jakub **Zajęzkowski**, Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies, Institute of International Relations

**Indian Ocean Region: New Trilateralism?**

Mr. Marian **Gallenkamp**, Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University

**Bhutan between India and China: Triangular Dynamics and Policy Options for Small States.**

*16.00-16.30 discussion*

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July South Asia Institute, Room Z10**

Welcome: Dr. Jivanta Schoettli

**10.00 – 12.00 Panel IV: Trilateralism beyond Asia: Lessons for Asia?**

**Chair:** Professor Frank **Pfetsch (T.B.C.)** (*Presentations 10.00 – 11.00*)

Professor Kim van der **Borgh**t, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, Belgium

**Trilateralism in International Trade and Financial Regimes**

Ms. Aneta **Halizak**, University of Warsaw, Institute of International Relations, Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies

***Trilateralism in International Cultural Relations***

Dr. Paula **Marcinkowska**, University of Warsaw

***Trilateral Relations in Europe: Russia – Ukraine – EU: a case study***

*11.00- 12.00 discussion*

***12.00-12.30 Wrap up***

Dr. Bogusław **Zaleski**, Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies, Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw

**12.30 – 13.00 Trilateralism in International Relations: research project – discussion**

*13.00-14.00 Lunch*

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### List of Presenters

Professor Bogusław **Zaleski**, Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies, IIR, University of Warsaw (former Deputy Foreign Minister of Republic of Poland)

Professor Subrata K. **Mitra**, Head of Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University

Professor Jean-Luc **Racine**, Senior CNRS Fellow, Centre for South Asian Studies (EHESS) and Vice-President Asia Centre, Paris

Professor Kim **van der Borcht**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

Dr. Jakub **Zajackowski**, Chairperson of the Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies, Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw

Dr. Siegfried O. **Wolf**, Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg

Dr. Paula Marcinkowska, University of Warsaw, Institute of International Relations

Aneta **Halizak**, University of Warsaw, Institute of International Relations, Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies

Marian **Gallenkamp**, Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg

Dr. Jivanta **Schoettli**, Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg

### About the speakers.

**Edward Halizak** – Associate Professor, Director of International Relations Institute since 1990. He was a student of The University of Warsaw (1971-1975). In 1980 he achieved the title of doctor (PhD) on the basis of his work: “Regionalism in international relations”. In 1988 he became assistant professor on the basis of his work: “*The scientific and technical Cooperation of East-West* and in 1999 the title of Professor thanks to the work: “*Asia and Pacific region in international relations*”. After graduating in 1975 he was continuously connected with the International Relations Institute, passing through all levels of academic carrier starting from intern, PhD student, Assistant Professor and finally to Qualified Professor (2004). During the years 1982-1990 he was Deputy Director of International Relations Institute and beginning from 1990 was selected seven times to be Head of the Institute (1990, 1993, 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008). He also heads the Section, Political

Economy of International Relations. His international experiences are manifested by his participation in numerous prestigious conferences such as: Salzburg Seminar, Convention of Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, EAST-West Centre (New York), International Studies Association, International Political Studies Association. He has also been associated with important academic institutions in the USA such as Ken State University 1985, Pittsburg University 1994, University of California-San Diego-1997.

**Bogusław Zaleski** is Associate Professor, Institute of International Relations at the University of Warsaw. He has been a Visiting Fellow at a number of eminent institutions such as Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India at the School of International Studies, Nuffield College, Oxford University and Nebraska University, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA Since 1995 he has held various positions in the government's public administration including Advisor to Minister; Director of the Foreign Department at the Prime Minister's Chancellery; Director General – Chief of the Prime Minister's Office. From 1998-2002 and 2006-2008 he was Director of the Department of European Integration and Comparative Studies at the Energy Regulatory Authority and 2002-2005 Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Jakub Zajączkowski** is assistant professor at University of Warsaw, Institute of International Relations; Chairman of the Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies in the Institute, and also Erasmus coordinator. He focuses in his research on contemporary international relations, security in Asia-Pacific region, South Asia in IR, India's Foreign and Security Policy, India-EU relations, Developing countries in IR.

In 2007 and 2008 he was awarded by the fellowship for Young Researchers of the Foundation for Polish Science and in 2008 and 2009 awarded by the Rector of University. Member of research Board of European University Center at Peking University and member of following research networks: Europe-China Academic Network; Asia-Europe Human Security Network. He has been visiting professor in over 14 universities (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Indiana University, Bloomington; Salzburg University; South Asia Institute, Heidelberg; Madrid Autonoma; Sciences Po, Paris; Swansea). He published 2 books (India in International Relations, Warsaw 2008; EU in International Relations, Warsaw 2006) and over 50 articles published in research journals.

**Aneta Halizak** – holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Warsaw (summa cum laude). She also completed MA in Museum and Gallery Management at City University London (with merits), with the MA thesis concerning strategies of museums collections management adopted by British museums handling foreign restitution claims. She was an apprentice with the National Museum in Warsaw and she had a work placement with the Unit of Cultural Property Management in the British Library London. Currently she is a

doctoral researcher at the Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw. PhD thesis explores legal, social and commercial aspects of international art market. She acts as a lecturer in the issues of protection of cultural property in international law at the Institute of International Relations and abroad. Her research interests concern the issues of the international art trade, art law, protection of cultural property in international law, the impact of restitution claims on the practice of museums and galleries, ethics in museums.

**Paula Marcinkowska** – assistant Professor at the Institute of International Relations, Warsaw University. She holds a PhD degree in Political Science from the Warsaw University where she also obtained two Master degrees - in International Relations and Law. She participated in various international programmes organised i.a. by Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Institute of European Studies), Diplomatische Akademie Wien, Universität Wien and European think tanks. Her research interests concern International public law, EU foreign policy, European Neighbourhood Policy. She did her research in international public law i.a. in the U.N. Headquarters in New York, U.S. In 2011 she published a book about the European Neighbourhood Policy.

**Subrata K. Mitra** is Professor and Head, Department of Political Science at the South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, and a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi. He was President of the Research Committee on Political Sociology of the International Political Science Association (2002-2006). Professor Mitra has studied at the universities of Utkal (Orissa, BA), Delhi (MA), Jawaharlal Nehru University (Delhi), M.Phil., and the University of Rochester (Ph.D.), and taught at the universities of Hull (Great Britain) and California, Berkeley. Governance, sub-nationalism, rational choice theory, quantitative applications in Political Science and South Asian politics and security, and citizenship are among his main areas of interest. His current research involves a comparative study of citizenship as cultural flow, with India as a case study. His publications include , *When Rebels become Stakeholders* (Delhi: Sage; 2009), *The Puzzle of India's Governance: Culture, Context and Comparative Theory* (Routledge, 2005), *Modern Politics of South Asia* (edited, 5 volumes, Routledge, 2008), *Culture and Rationality* (Sage, 1999), *Power, Protest and Participation: Local Elites and Development in India* (Routledge, 1992). His articles have appeared in the *Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, *International Journal of Punjab Studies*, the *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics* , *World Politics*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *The International Social Science Journal*, *West European Politics*, *Third World Quarterly*, and *Comparative Political Studies*. Subrata Mitra is the series editor of *Advances in South Asian Studies*, Routledge and has been involved with several international organisations including the UNESCO and the European Union as a scientific consultant.

**Jean-Luc Racine** is Senior CNRS Fellow, Centre for South Asian Studies (EHESS) and Vice-President of the Asia Centre, Paris. He has written extensively in French and English on the subject of international relations and the politics of India and South Asia. His work has appeared in international scientific journals and his comments and analysis of contemporary politics of South Asia regularly feature in magazines and newspapers. Most recently, he edited, *L'Inde et l'Asie: nouveaux équilibres, nouvel ordre mondial*. (Paris, CNRS, 2009)

**Siegfried O. Wolf** is a post-doctoral researcher and lecturer at the department of political science, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany. He was educated at the Institute of Political Science (IPW) and the South Asia Institute (SAI), both Heidelberg University. He specializes in comparative politics, especially in democratization, civil-military relations, political parties and party systems, social movements, citizenship and identity constructions. Currently he is a lecturer in political science at the SAI. For his doctoral research, he has conducted fieldwork in South Asia as an affiliate of the Centre de Sciences Humaines (attached to the French Embassy), located in New Delhi/India. He is co-author of *A Political and Economic Dictionary of South Asia* (Routledge: London, 2006); he co-edited a volume on *State and Foreign Policy in South Asia* (Sanskriti, 2010); and is Deputy Editor of the *Heidelberg Papers in South Asian and Comparative Politics*.

**Jivanta Schöttli** is a post-doctoral researcher and lecturer in the Department of Political Science at the South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany. Her research interests include Indian politics and foreign policy. Her PhD from Heidelberg University was on policy-making and institution-building during the transition period after independence under Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and is forthcoming as a book with Routledge, London. Prior to that she was at the London School of Economics where she studied International Relations (BSc) and Economic History (MSc). She has co-authored *A Political and Economic Dictionary of South Asia*, written articles on foreign policy and co-edited various publications.

**Marian Gallenkamp** holds a Master's degree in Political Science and Politics South Asia from Heidelberg University. His thesis, entitled *Democracy in Bhutan: A Challenge for Contemporary Theory?* centered on the lack of explanatory power of current approaches of regime transition and regime classification in view of Bhutan's history of institutional change and recent democratization. He has specialized in transition studies, democratic theory and the politics of Bhutan. Marian Gallenkamp is also the author of Bhutan Research ([www.bhutan-research.org](http://www.bhutan-research.org)) a comprehensive knowledge base for the study of politics and democracy in the Kingdom of Bhutan. His research interests include amongst others security in South Asia, hybridity in institutions and politics, as well as regime transitions in the non-western world.