

Summary:

Christian has a strong academic and personal interest on East Asia, which he visited for private and academic purposes since the early-1990s. Using different modes of transport (bus, boat and bicycle) in exploring the region and its two sub-region, Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia, contributed in developing an interesting and valuable insight view of the region which also contributed to his academic work which focus on East Asia. He has also a specific interest on some of East Asia's great rivers, like the Yellow River, the Chang Jiang (Yangtze) and the Mekong, which he also travelled extensively. From an academic perspective he has strong interest on China and Japan, on East Asia's regional and sub-regional integration processes, environmental and climate change related impacts, and on East Asia's International Relations in general.

Research Interests:

International Relations; Regional Integration; Security Studies;
Environmental and Climate Change related risks and development challenges;

Academic background:

PhD (Political Science) University of Birmingham (2014)
MA International Studies (Security Studies) University of Birmingham (2001)
Magister (4 years degree) Political Science and Related Studies (Economics, Sociology, Education Theory) University of Salzburg (2001)

Guest Speaker

The Belt and Road Initiative an Indication of China's Hegemonic Intentions: Conflicting Evidence, Special Lecture given at Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, University of Madras, 21 Nov. 2019, Chennai, India.

Political Economic Perspectives of China's Belt and Road Initiative, Special Lecture given at the School of Economics, Zhenjiang University, 28 May 2019, Hangzhou, China.

China-ASEAN engagement and the BRI: Intensifying Regional and Sub-regional cooperation for Common Benefits, yet Challenges are Attached, International WS on BRI in Southeast and South Asia; Opportunities and Challenges, Institute of Geography and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Science, 13-14 May 2019, Beijing, China.

One Belt one Road, China and GMS Co-operation, Belt and Road and Greater Mekong Sub-region Co-operation conference, Chiang Mai University, Sep.01 2017, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

East Asia's Transborder Environmental Issues: Encouraging regional cooperation or conflict? International Symposium Cultural Perception and Policy Engagement of Environmental Issues in Northeast Asia, 03-04 December 2016, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan.

China's reform and opening process - a fundamental political project. 3rd Annual Conference of ACS in Ireland, 23 – 24 April 2010, University College Dublin, Ireland.

Analysing social, political and economic developments in Japan from the mid-1960s to the mid-1990s: the concept of regime change; Research Institute of Economics and Management 26 Oct. 2007, South-Western University of Finance and Economics, Chengdu, China.

Publication

Books

Political Economic Perspectives of China's Belt and Road Initiative: Reshaping Regional Integration 2019

Comparative evaluation of European and Asian sub-regional integration process: the EUSDR and the GMS process (co-authored, forthcoming 2020)

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

'One Belt, One Road - China's New Grand Strategy?' Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies, Trade and the New Silk Road 15 (3), 289-305, 2017¹

'China's reform and opening process: a new model of political economy?' Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies, China's Model of Economic Development 14 (1), 69-87, 2016

'Analysing Complex Political Dynamic by Applying the Concept of Regime Change', Journal of Economics and Development Studies, 2 (2), 33-45, 2014

'China's adaptation challenges - a critical assessment of China's ability to facilitate a strategic shift towards a low carbon economy by applying the structure-agency framework', Journal of Contemporary China, 22 (84), 1028-47, 2013

'Analysing Complex Political Change by Applying the Concept of Regime Change: Identifying the Transformations within the Japanese political-bureaucratic-business regime', Asian Social Science, 8 (15), 12-23, 2012

'Local solutions as an element in China's strategy for sustainability?' Local Economy, 26 (5), 439 – 446, 2011

'China's multidimensional environmental issues a fundamental challenge for China's future development - a critical assessment', East Asia: International Quarterly, 28 (1), 1-20, 2011

'China's reform and opening process – a fundamental political project', Asian Social Science, 6 (11), 28-41, 2010

Chapter in Books

'*Risk Management, Climate Change related risks and the Precautionary Principle*', in Encyclopaedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Climate Action Walter Leal Filho et al (2020)

'*Towards Long-Term Resilience: The Challenge of Integrating Climate Change Related Risks into a Risk Analysis Framework*, co-author W. Leal, pp. 369-379; in W. Leal et al. (eds.), Climate Change Adaptation, Resilience and Hazards Climate Change Management, (2016)

'*China's Adaption Challenge: How to facilitate a Shift Towards a Low-carbon Economy - Past Experience and Future Challenges*', pp. 310-325; in: Jun Li, Liming Wang (eds) China's Economic Dynamics A Beijing Consensus in the making? (2014)

'*Environmental degeneration and climate change a multidimensional (political, economic,*

¹ Ranked within the 'Most Read Articles – Top Ten' by JCEBS 2003- 2017 evaluation.

security) challenge for China's future economic development and its global reputation: a critical assessment', pp. 472-491; in Zongwei Luo (ed) Green Finance and Sustainability: Environmentally Aware Business Models and Technologies (2011)

'China's Integration into a Global Economy: A Case of Natural Economic Development or the Deliberate Outcome of Political Decisions to Re-legitimise the Leading Role of the CCP?' 224-242; in Zhongmin Wu (ed) Financial Sector Reform and the International Integration of China (2009)