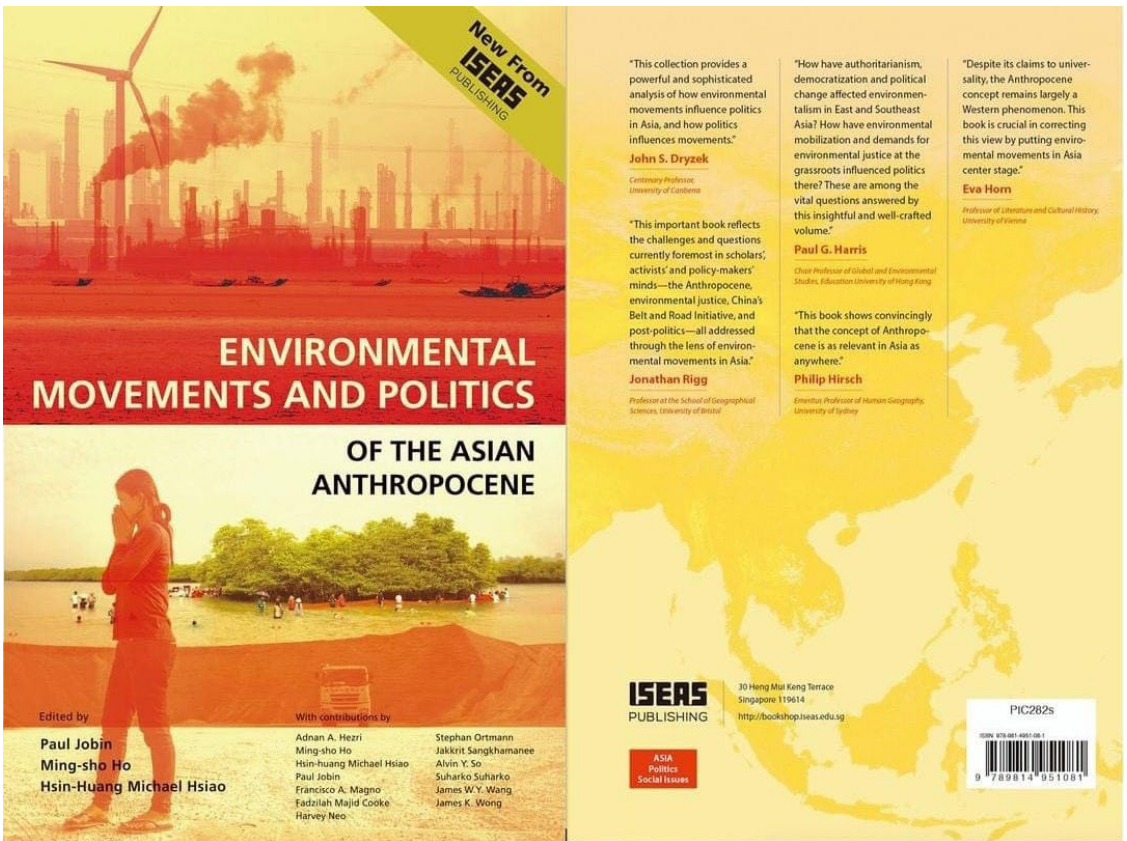


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TAEF UPDATES

Environmental Movements and Politics of the Asian Anthropocene



June 4, 2021

Dr. Hsing-Huang Michael Hsiao, TAEF Chairman, has recently co-edited the book “Environmental Movements and Politics of the Asian Anthropocene”, with Paul Jobin,

Associate Research Fellow at the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, and Ming-sho Ho, Professor in the Department of Sociology, National Taiwan University, and Director of the Research Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Ministry of Science and Technology, Taiwan.

This recent publication addresses mutual impacts between environmental movements and politics in Asia with a collection of cases regarding environmental challenges confronted in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Cambodia. The book provides thus a review of regional environmental crisis from diverse perspectives.

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Imperial Infrastructures in Southeast Asian New Media Arts



June 4, 2021

After its 2018 special issue devoted to Filipino cultures in Taiwan, Taiwan's long-standing literary magazine Youth Literary (幼獅文藝) launched another collection of essays and interviews on Southeast Asian cultures in Taiwan this month. The 2021 June issue, with the general theme "What Are Your Names?", covers bookstores, mass media, literary production, contemporary arts, among other significant cultural sectors, about Southeast Asian migrants in Taiwan.

TAEF's assistant research fellow Ding-Liang Chen contributed to this issue by writing an essay "Imperial Infrastructures in Southeast Asian New Media Arts." (東南亞新媒體藝術的帝國基礎建設)

) Chen's essay aims to give a brief overview of the rise of contemporary arts in Southeast Asia, and explore diverse ways of studying such cultural production as well.

Youth Literary also invited Jennifer Lee, the coordinator of Mekong Cultural Hub, one of TAEF's core partners, to share her experiences in promoting dynamic cultural exchanges between Taiwan and Southeast Asia.

We hope you enjoy the read!

Read more (Chinese only)

TAEF COMMENTARIES

Dr. Sana Hashmi's latest commentaries on regional issues



May 23, 2021

Since March 2021, the TAEF has received Dr. Sana Hashmi as visiting fellow. As a former fellow of Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and consultant in India's Ministry of External Affairs, Dr. Hashmi's research focuses on Taiwan's foreign relations, Taiwan's New Southbound Policy, Taiwan-India relations, China's foreign policy, China's territorial disputes, and Asian security.

During the past few months, Dr. Hashmi has participated, on behalf of TAEF, in several discussions on her research areas. In this newsletter, Dr. Hashmi provided a summary of her latest comments on the following topics:

- India-China relations
- China's Belt and Road Initiative
- US-China rivalry and impact on the Indo-Pacific
- 70 years of Chinese control on Tibet

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CONSORTIUM UPDATES

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The EU's Indo-Pacific Strategy



May 31, 2021

- *Mathieu Duchâtel, Director of the Asia Program at Institute Montaigne, France*

By the end of 2021, the European Union should have an Indo-Pacific Strategy. In late April, the Council of the European Union reached a consensus on the political priorities to be pursued in the upcoming strategic document which the Commission and the High Representative of the Union have been tasked to formalize by September.

The Indo-Pacific is first and foremost a “mental map” guiding foreign and security policies. The EU has been slow to embrace the Indo-Pacific mental map. The current process is the result of the leadership of France, Germany and the Netherlands within the EU institutions. Like any EU foreign policy document, it will reflect a balancing act between the interests of 27 Member States, and the coordinating and leadership skills of the Commission.

What is going to be the impact of this process on EU-China relations? After all, the Indo-

Pacific would not exist if there was no need to balance the rise of China. This, indeed, has been a starting point of the European decision-making process. But it is not the only one.

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NEW SOUTHBOUND POLICY NEWS

The Hindu

Strides to import TLC's drug for Black Fungus

May 27, 2021

A new drug application of Amphotericin B Liposome injection 50 mg filed by Nasdaq-listed Taiwanese clinical-stage specialty pharmaceutical firm TLC has been approved by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) of India.

The approval is for 'immediate importation per approved usage and indication, to aid in the country's emergency of acute liposomal amphotericin B shortage,' the Strides Group said on Thursday. Liposomal amphotericin B injection is indicated for mucormycosis, also known as Black Fungus. The demand for the drug has soared in recent weeks following more people contracting the fungal infection.

The approved product is known as Ampholipad in Taiwan and AmphoTLC in India. Following the approval, AmphoTLC will be imported from Taiwan by Stelis Biopharma, the biotech arm of Strides Group, and introduced and distributed in India immediately, a release said.

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REGIONAL HEADLINES

Nikkei Asia

Duterte's Decision on US Defense Pact to Come 'Anytime

Reuters

Myanmar
☒Diplomacy Intensifies, EU Threatens More

Aljazeera

Morrison in New Zealand for Talks Amid Differences on China

June 4, 2021

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte is set to decide "anytime now" on the extension of a key military pact with the U.S., which has been improved following negotiations, diplomats said on Friday.

The high-stakes decision by Duterte comes as China ramps up its presence in the disputed South China Sea. The Philippine military recently reported spotting hundreds of Chinese "militia" vessels within Manila's maritime zones.

"It's now in the office of the president, and I expect it to come out anytime now," Philippine Ambassador to the U.S. Jose Manuel Romualdez said in an online media briefing with his U.S. counterpart in Manila, John Law, to talk about the 75th anniversary of their countries' diplomatic relations.

"And we're very hopeful ... that the VFA will continue, because it's an important piece of agreement," Romualdez added.

Duterte unilaterally abrogated the 1998 military pact early last year in response to Washington's suspension of the visa of one of his

June 4, 2021

Diplomacy intensified with Myanmar's junta on Thursday as the head of the International Red Cross met with army ruler Min Aung Hlaing and two Southeast Asian envoys arrived for talks on ending the turmoil since the Feb. 1 coup.

The European Union's foreign policy chief, meanwhile, told Reuters the bloc planned to impose a new round of sanctions on the ruling generals and their economic interests in the coming days.

ICRC President Peter Maurer was the most senior representative of an international organisation to travel to the capital Naypyidaw to meet Min Aung Hlaing, whose critics say he should be denied international recognition.

The main international diplomatic effort has been led by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). But there has been little sign of progress since the 10 member countries, Myanmar among them, said at the end of April they had reached a 'consensus' to try to end the crisis - which included political talks and putting a stop to bloodshed.

May 30, 2021

The leaders of Australia and New Zealand are set to hold their first face-to-face talks since the coronavirus pandemic began, with China's growing regional influence and Canberra's controversial deportation policy likely to top the agenda.

Morrison is the first world leader to visit New Zealand since both countries shut their borders last year to contain the virus.

The neighbours opened a quarantine-free travel bubble last month, although a recent outbreak of the virus in Melbourne has prompted New Zealand to suspend the travel bubble with Australia's Victoria state.

Australia's relationship with China has deteriorated significantly over the past year, with Beijing blocking some Australian exports after Canberra excluded China-based telecommunications company Huawei from its 5G phone network and called for an independent investigation into the origins of the coronavirus.

New Zealand, on the other hand, has taken a more accommodating approach towards China,

political allies. Duterte later suspended the termination twice, allowing officials to enhance the agreement. The pact will end in August if Duterte decides to finally terminate it.

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Killings have continued and instead of talking to a rival underground government, the junta has branded it a terrorist group.

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with the two countries upgrading their free trade agreement earlier this year and New Zealand's trade minister suggesting the Morrison government show China more "respect" to obtain similar benefits.

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