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Program

8 September: East building conference room at IWAAS

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:20 Opening Ceremony

Host: Prof. Wang Lincong (Assistant Director-general of Institute of West-Asian and African Studies, Vice-President of the Chinese Association for Middle East Studies)

Opening Ceremony Speech (5 minutes per person)

Speech by Yang Guang (The President of CHAMES)

Speech by Hidemitsu Kuroki (The President of JAMES)

Speech by CHOE, Young-chol (Head of KAMES of Delegation)

Speech by P.Lkhagvasuren (The President of MAMES)

09:20-09:40 Group Photo

09:40-10:00 Coffee Break

10:00-11:40 The Issues of Political Development in the Middle East (15 minutes per person)

Chairperson: Prof. Liu Zhongmin (Director of the Middle East Institute of Shanghai International Studies University, Vice-President of the Chinese Association for Middle East Studies)

Speakers:

1. Huang Minxing: The Problem of Modernization of Politics in Arab World: the Perspective of Nation State Building
2. Young Chol Choe: Succession of Saudi Arabia's Kingship
3. Wang Suolao: The Comparative Flaw in Al-Sisi's New Authoritarianism
4. Niu Xinchun: Trump's Policy on the Middle East
5. Guo Changgang: Turkey-US Relations: Crisis or Friction?

Discussion

11:40-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:10: The Issues of Economic Development in the Middle East (15 minutes per person)

Chairperson: Prof. Niu Xinchun (Director of the Middle East Institute, China

Institute of modern international relations, Vice-President of the Chinese Association for Middle East Studies)

Speakers:

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1. Yang Guang: The Belt and Road Initiative and the Middle East
2. Manabu SHIMIZU: The Belt and Road Initiative and its Historical Implications with Special Reference to Development Strategies in the Middle East
3. Kazuaki Takemura: Reclaiming State Lands: the Latest Egyptian Move to Shift Land Ownership between the State and Individuals
4. Li Ruifeng: Desertec Dream Based on Solar Power in the Middle East
5. Liu Dong: Energy Cooperation between China and the Middle East
6. Swan Kim: UAE Media Industry and Regulation

Discussion

15:10-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-17:20 Culture and Religion of the Middle East (15 minutes per person)

Chairperson: Prof. Huang Minxing (Vice-President of the Chinese Association for Middle East Studies)

Speakers:

1. Battulga. S: Mongolian Muslims: The Case Study of the Mongolian Kazakhs Society
2. Eun-ji KIM: Korean's Awareness towards Arab Region through Movies: Analysis of Listed Films and its Selection from the Arab Film Festival in Korea
3. Wang Feng: The Traditional Political Thought of Twelver Shi'ism: its Connation, Characteristic and Impacts
4. Alena Kulnich: Muslim Authors on Asian Religions: the Šābian Connection
5. Li Lin: A Theory of "Actionless Activity"—On the Localization of Islam from the Relationship between the State Law and the Islamic Law

Discussion

18:00 Dinner

9 September: East building conference room at IWAAS

09:00-10:20: Regional Pattern and Hot-spot Issues in the Middle East (15 minutes per person)

Chairperson: Prof. Tang Zhichao (Director of Division of Middle East Studies of IWAAS)

Speakers:

1. Liu Zhongmin: The Political Risks and Security Threats of Belt and Road Construction in the Middle East and Countermeasures
2. Keiko Sakai: Understanding the Transformation of Power Balance in the Middle East: from Sunni/Shiites Dichotomy to the Competition for Post-IS Regional Predominance
3. Li Guofu: Assessments of the Middle East Hot Issues: Can the Iranian Nuclear Deal Survive?
4. Jin Liangxiang: Iran's Institutional Conservatism within the Context of U.S.

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10:20-10:40 Coffee Break

10:40-11:50: Regional Pattern and International Relations of the Middle East(15 minutes per person)

Chairperson: Prof. Yang Guang (The President of the Chinese Association for Middle East Studies)

Speakers:

1. Tang Zhichao: The Post-American Middle East and the Reconstruction of Regional Order
2. Oyunsuren.S: Relation between Mongolia and Iran
3. Yu Guoqing: The Challenges of EU's Middle East Policy: A Perspective from China
4. Kangsuk Kim: Drivers of Potential Violent Extremism and Korea's Strategies to Prevent Radicalization

Discussion

11:50-12:00: Concluding Remarks: Yang Guang (President of the Chinese Association for Middle East Studies)

12:00 Lunch