



European Economic Security Challenges in the Indo-Pacific

Ms Lin Goethals (European Institute for Asian Studies)



Dear Madam, Sir,

We are pleased to invite you to an **evening conference** on **Wednesday 5 November 2025** from **17:00 until 18:30** hosted by the **Centre for Security and Defence Studies** of the **Royal Higher Institute for Defence**, with support from the **Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain)**.

Asia and its Indo-Pacific rim are playing an increasingly important role in the global power balance, particularly because of the strategic dynamics between major powers, such as the United States and China. These developments, although complex, call for a nuanced reading of regional issues where economic, technological and diplomatic dimensions are significantly intertwined.

For European countries, this situation requires an increased vigilance regarding economic security, the resilience of supply chains, access to critical technologies, natural resources and the safeguarding of key infrastructures. In a rapidly changing environment, it becomes essential to strengthen analytical, anticipatory, dialogue and reaction capabilities to defend European interests, while promoting an approach towards the Indo-Pacific region that is balanced, cooperative and based on pacifist measures. These issues are addressed within the framework of both common European Union policies and national specificities, priorities and initiatives. Each organisation or state contributes in its own way to economic stability, free trade and the protection of strategic assets.

To address this critical theme, we will be pleased to welcome Ms Lin Goethals, Director of the European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS), whose recognised expertise in regional diplomacy, geo-economics and Europe-Asia relations will help provide valuable insights into current issues. Based on an informed reading of the most recent developments, her presentation will offer strategic lines of thought on a European action that not only combines institutional coordination and national initiatives, but is also based on cooperation, a diversification of partnerships and the consolidation of responsible economic autonomy. The conference offers a framework that is conducive to exchanging ideas and identifying appropriate responses to contemporary challenges.

This conference will be held **in English at the conference room at campus Renaissance** (entrance: **rue Hobbema 8/Hobbemastraat 8, 1000 Brussels**) on **Wednesday 5 November 2025 at 17:00**. **Simultaneous interpretation in Dutch and French will be available on site.** Please note that online participation will not be possible.

Kindly register in advance at www.defence-institute.be. **Registration is required by Wednesday 29 October 2025 at the latest.**

(Signed)

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| 16:30: | Welcome |
| 17:00: | Conference and Q&A |
| 18:30 – 19:30: | Reception |