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## Session 1

# Cross-border Cooperation for Sustainable Development in Northeast Asia: Lessons from the Nordic Experience

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Institute for Security and Development Policy, Stockholm, Sweden (ISDP)

**Co-organizer:** Nordic Institute of Asian Studies

**Host:** Liu Chunrong & Lars VARGÖ



## Host: Liu Chunrong

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### Introduction of the Host:

Chunrong Liu is Associate Professor of Political Science at School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University. He received PhD from City University of Hong Kong in 2005 and has conducted post-doctoral research at Georgetown University. He is guest researcher at Nordic Institute for Asian Studies and serves as the executive vice director of Fudan-European Center for China – an international platform on comparative China studies based at University of Copenhagen. His research interests lie in the field of political sociology, comparative politics, state-society relations in China, and regional cooperation.



## Host: Lars Vargö

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### Introduction of the Host:


Lars Vargö is the former Swedish Ambassador to Japan (2011-14) and South Korea (2006-11). He obtained his Ph.D. in Japanese studies from the University of Stockholm (1982) with a thesis on the formation of the early Japanese state. He graduated from Uppsala University 1972, majoring in sinology. In 1972-76 he was a repeat Mombusho scholar at Kyoto University. As a diplomat Vargö has returned to Japan four times, but has also served in Libya, Lithuania and the United States. 2001-2005 he served as Ambassador and Head of the International Department of the Swedish Parliament. Vargö has published a number of books on Japan in Swedish, mainly in the fields of history and literature, but is also the author of numerous articles in Swedish, English and Japanese. He has also translated Japanese novels, short stories and poetry into Swedish. He is the founder of the Seoul Literary Society, as well as the Tokyo International Literary Society.

## Theme Interpretation:

The past half-century has witnessed a reduction of ideological and political obstacles to cross-border cooperation in North East Asian (NEA) region. There has been a substantial progress in free trade negotiations and concomitant growth of regional cooperation in dealing with economic recession, scarcity of energy resources, and environmental degradation over the last two decades. Notably, the rise of China and its active regional and global initiatives have generated new dynamics to regional integration.

Despite its growing interconnectivity, NEA region still lacks sufficient institutional infrastructures and effective mechanisms to mitigate potential conflicts and promote regional cooperation. Economic disparities, confrontational nationalism, widespread domestic governance issues, new forms of security threats have combined to challenge the community building efforts. The Trump presidency, with its narrow interpretation of U.S. interests and a transactional mentality in dealing with the international community, has added uncertainties to the political order in the region.

Against this backdrop, what kind of new political order can one expect in NEA region? Under what condition can North East Asia achieve a cross-border cooperation for sustainable development? Specifically, how can NEA regional engagement be inspired by the Nordic experience, where all disputes have been peacefully resolved over the last century and have become one of the most integrated regions in the world?

This sub-forum will delve into the critical issues of conflict resolution and cross-border cooperation in NEA and explore whether and how the Nordic lessons can be useful for the remaking of political order in the region. Discussions will provide new and relational thinking that addresses meanings and values underlying conflict resolution, regional cooperation, economic interests and environmental protection. The insights from the participants including a group of distinguished diplomats and scholars from these two regions will contribute to the comparative study of regional cooperation and help formulate a new road map for community building in NEA. 

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## Session 2

# ASEAN-China Relations in Transition: Differences Management and Win-win Cooperation

**Organizer:** Center for China's Relations with Neighboring Countries, Fudan University

**Co-organizer:** Network of ASEAN-China Academic Institutes; Asia Research Center of Fudan University

**Host:** Shi Yuanhua



## Host: Shi Yuanhua

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## Theme Interpretation:

Year 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of ASEAN, whose integrity and centrality has a significant impact on the prospects of regional cooperation and even the Asian orders. The US will probably adjust its Asia-Pacific policy in a dramatic way after President Trump takes the office in 2017, which inevitably affects the development of ASEAN-China relations. China's Belt and Road Initiative will be further promoted and implemented in 2017, which provides opportunities and paths for the transition of ASEAN-China relations.

The rising powers in Asia will provide prominent leadership on the global stages only when they are able to manage their differences and pursue mutual benefits. The deepening of ASEAN-China cooperation confirms to the shared demands of regional members in Asia, and facilitates the development and integration of ASEAN Community and a wider region. The implementation and improvement of the ASEAN-China "10 + 1" track will work as a prototype for the other tracks in the "ASEAN +" system, and guide the interaction amongst the regional members into the track of win-win cooperation.

This session will be organized by the Center for China's Relations with Neighboring Countries (CCRNC) at Fudan University, with the Network of ASEAN-China Academic Institutes (NACAI) and Asia Research Center of Fudan University (ARC-FDU) working as the partner institutes. Nearly twenty influential scholars from China and ASEAN countries are invited to participate in the session.

The topics discussed in the session are as follows: (1) East Asian Cooperation in Transition and Regional Integration (e.g. the perspectives of East Asia Summit (EAS) members on East Asian Cooperation); (2) ASEAN-China Cooperation under Belt and Road Initiative (e.g. infrastructure, industrial parks, investment and financing cooperation); (3) The Experience and Implications of ASEAN-China Cooperation in the Past 50 Years; (4) ASEAN-China Differences Management (e.g. maritime territorial disputes management, fishery disputes management); (5) ASEAN-China Win-win Cooperation (e.g. the joint exploitation in the South China Sea, fishery cooperation mechanism, the consultation for the Code of Conduct in the South China Sea, RCEP, upgraded version of the CAFTA, Lancang-Mekong Cooperation mechanism). 

## Introduction of the Host:

Shi Yuanhua is Distinguished Professor and Ph.D. Supervisor at Institute of International Studies, Fudan University. His research is mainly focusing on China's Diplomacy History, China's Neighboring Diplomacy, the Korean Peninsula Issues and the Regional Cooperation in Northeast Asia, the Korean Independence Movement and the China-ROK Relations. His major publications include *The New Theory on the Diplomacy History of the Republic of China* (three volumes), *A Historical Analysis of Modern China's Relations with the Neighboring Countries*, *China's Neighboring Diplomacy: 14 Lectures*, *Research Report on China's Neighboring Diplomacy after the 18th CPC National Congress*, *Collected Papers on Korean Independence Movement and China* (two volumes), and *Chronicles of Korean Independence Movement and China* (three volumes). He has won the province-level and ministry-level awards for excellent academic works for several times, such as the First Prize in the Excellent Academic Works Awards of Philosophy and Social Sciences (PSS) granted by the Ministry of Education of China and by Shanghai Planning Office of PSS respectively.