



# The Coveted South China Sea, between Trade, Tensions, and Crises. Cross-cutting Approaches from the 16th to the 21st Century (Journée d'Études)

Programme Event

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## Overview

Workshop 1: A Diachronic Approach to the South China Sea, From the 16th to the 21st Century  
Workshop 2: Geopolitical approach to the South China Sea, from the 1960s to the present day

## Participants

### Convenor

- Pierre Journoud (University of Montpellier – Paul-Valéry)

### Chair

- Pierre Asselin (San Diego State University)
- Pierre Journoud (University of Montpellier – Paul-Valéry)
- Guadalupe Pinzón Ríos (National Autonomous University of Mexico)
- Th? H?nh Nguyen (Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV))

### Panelists

- François Gipouloux (EHESS)
- Guadalupe Pinzón Ríos (National Autonomous University of Mexico)
- François Drémeaux (University of Angers, France & California State University, Sacramento, USA)
- Sunny Le Galloudec (Université Le Havre Normandie, UMR CNRS IDEES)
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- Pierre Asselin (San Diego State University)
- Maxime Ghazarian (Université de Montpellier Paul-Valéry)
- Pierre Journoud (University of Montpellier – Paul-Valéry)
- Hirotaka Watanabe (Teikyo University)
- Christian Lechevry (former Advisor for Strategic Affairs and the Asia-Pacific to the President of the French Republic between 2012 and 2014; Permanent Secretary for the Pacific between 2014 and 2018)

## Papers

## **The Maritime Space of East Asia from the 16th to the 21st Century: Relevance and Limits of the Concept of the Asian Mediterranean**

François Gipouloux (EHESS)

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## **The Northern Philippines as a Center for Transpacific Connections: English and French Projections to the Pacific During the First Part of the 18th Century**

Guadalupe Pinzón Ríos (National Autonomous University of Mexico)

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## **The “French Hong Kong” and “French Singapore” Projects in the South China Sea During the Colonial Period**

François Drémeaux (University of Angers, France & California State University, Sacramento, USA), Sunny Le Galloudec (Université Le Havre Normandie, UMR CNRS IDEES)

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## **The Strategic Role of the South China Sea in the Rivalry between the great powers, from the early 20th century to 1975**

Th? H?nh Nguyen (Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV))

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## **Washington and the South China Sea during the Cold War**

Pierre Asselin (San Diego State University)

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## **The South China Sea seen from Brussels. European Community, NATO, and the Construction of an Analytical Foundation**

Maxime Ghazarian (Université de Montpellier Paul-Valéry)

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## **France and the South China Sea, from 1974 to the Present**

Pierre Journaud (University of Montpellier – Paul-Valéry)

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## **Japan, the South China Sea, and the Indo-Pacific**

Hirota Watanabe (Teikyo University)

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## **The Effects of Power Rivalries in the South China Seas on the Strategic Balance of Oceania**

Christian Lechevry (former Advisor for Strategic Affairs and the Asia-Pacific to the President of the French Republic between 2012 and 2014; Permanent Secretary for the Pacific between 2014 and 2018)

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