

Online Workshop

The European Green New Deal and External Policies: European Perspectives and Implications for Asia-Pacific

The Case of India

Date: 20th October 2020

14h30 IST/11h00 CET

ZOOM-Meeting

Background

The European Union has traditionally been a pioneer in setting ambitious targets and promoting global cooperation regarding environmental policies to promote sustainable development within Europe and on a global level.

In December 2019, the president of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, named the *European Green Deal* as "Europe's hallmark." With a 250 billion Euro projected funding, it is one of the most ambitious projects the E.U. has set up so far –aiming at no less than "Europe becoming the first climate-neutral continent."

Despite the E.U. still being the largest single market, the ambitious goal of the "European Green Deal" can only be achieved in redefining the exchange patterns with other major economies. As the national economies of the Asia-Pacific region will remain the most dynamic ones and are currently undergoing their own major transformations, they will be chosen as points of reference.

The research project aims at contributing to the role of the European Union as a normative power in shaping multilateral frameworks to achieve the goals laid down in the COP21, the 2030 Agenda, and other global agreements on sustainable development.

Objectives of the Webinar / Guiding questions:

- How is the E.U.'s green deal perceived in your country?
- Where do you see fields of cooperation both in politics and business? Are there any concrete examples?
- How can a substantive dialogue between both 'worlds' be established?
- Is the current framework of bi- and multilateral trade agreements etc. well designed to achieve the goals of the Green New Deal?
- What is the understanding of sustainable development in your country and Asia, and what lessons can be learnt from that?

Agenda

1430	<i>Welcoming remarks</i> Dr. Peter <i>Hefele</i> , Director Asia-Pacific, KAS, Berlin Professor Dr. Prana <i>Biswas</i> , Dean Research, IMT, Ghaziabad
1445	<i>Introduction into the topic</i> Professor Dr. Sonia <i>Chikh M'hamed</i> , ESSCA Shanghai, KAS fellow, Berlin/Shanghai
1450	Session 1 Green Transformation in India: Achievements and Challenges <i>Moderation: Dr. Annapurna Mitra</i> , ORF, Mumbai
1455	<i>Statement 1</i> Dr <i>Prodipto Ghosh</i> , IAS, Delhi
1505	<i>Statement 2</i> Dr. <i>Ashish Agarwal</i> , IIM, Lucknow
1515	<i>Discussion</i>
1535	<i>Coffee/Tea break</i>

1540	<p>Session 2</p> <p>Partners in Transformation - Potential for India-EU-Relations in the New Era of Green Deal</p> <p><i>Moderation: Syed Nazarkat, Journalist, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of DATALeads, Delhi</i></p>
1545	<p><i>Statement 1</i></p> <p><i>Dr. V Rajgopalan, IAS, Delhi</i></p>
1555	<p><i>Statement 2</i></p> <p><i>Mr Hitesh Kataria, Director Sustainability, Mahindra & Mahindra, Mumbai</i></p>
1605	<p><i>Discussion</i></p>
1620	<p><i>Conclusions and next steps</i></p> <p><i>Professor Dr. Shalini Rahul Tiwari, IMT, Ghaziabad</i></p> <p><i>Professor Dr. Sonia Chikh M'hamed, ESSCA Shanghai, KAS Fellow 2020/21</i></p>
1630	<p>End of Workshop</p>

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Participants

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