



ORIENTAL BUSINESS AND INNOVATION CENTER
Budapest Business School, University of Applied Sciences

CALL FOR PAPERS

OBIC Conference 2021
6-7th May, 2021
online

After having to postpone the OBIC International Conference 2020, the OBIC organizes its annual conference in 2021 online, through live-stream with real-time presence according to the following topic:

*"MEGATRENDS IN ASIA": DIGITALIZATION
SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS*

The term **megatrend** was coined by John Naisbitt in 1982. Back then he defined ten global megatrends that he viewed as important, seemingly unstoppable long-term shifts in the progress of societies. The goal of the OBIC conference is to discuss key, long-term challenges—megatrends—of the Asian region, with a **special focus on digitalization in countries' security and foreign policies**.

In recent years, Asian societies have been confronted by the rise of China transforming the Asia-Pacific region, particularly in economy- and security-related areas. At the same time, India and Indonesia are also rising economic powers that are substantially changing the shape of Asian economic power relations. The rapid growth of markets in the region has become more and more important as an element of global growth, however, challenges such as migration, urbanization, severe environmental problems (the climate challenge, air pollution, etc.) must be dealt with too. Over the course of the last decade, these tensions have often turned into local political disputes (i.e. in the South China Sea) and new initiatives (such as the Belt and Road Initiative) have come under fire and have also been fiercely debated in some countries too.

One of the megatrends, to which special attention ought to be paid at the conference, is digitalization and its significance in countries' security and foreign policies. Recent technological developments have allowed observers to realize that a new wave of the technology revolution is about to transform the global economy and politics as well. Digitalization, 5G networks, the Internet of things, artificial intelligence, and their profound impact are already here, however the way we are doing business, implementing our economic policies, and pursuing foreign policies is about to change more significantly than we could ever have imagined.



The OBIC welcomes papers related to Asian megatrends at its conference in 2021, including the following research areas and it will arrange the panels accordingly:

Topics and panel themes:

1. Digitalization
2. Demographics
3. Economic interconnectedness
4. Economic power shift
5. Climate change
6. Urbanization
7. Migration

For the virtual event, presentations shall be recorded in advance, meanwhile panel discussions will require real-time participation in order to facilitate scholarly discussion and debate.

As we promised, the papers that were approved last year will be accepted for this year's conference too, however, there is the possibility to update your abstracts and full papers if needed.

Important dates:

- Abstract submission: 14th February 2021
- Notification of accepted papers: 20th February 2021
- Recorded presentations to be sent: 12th April, 2021
(Further technical information will be provided.)
- Full paper submission: 30th April 2021
(If your presentation or paper is not received by the deadline, your name will be removed from the conference agenda.)
- Preliminary program: 1st April 2021
- Conference dates: 6-7th May 2021
- Conference location: virtual event, online
- Organizer: Budapest Business School, Oriental Business and Innovation Center (OBIC)

OBIC offers publication opportunities. For more, see the details on the [website](#).

Registration fee: Thanks to our generous sponsor, the registration fee is waived.

Registration with the submission of the abstract shall be done on the following link:

<https://www.obic-bbs.hu/en/conference-abstracts/>

In case of any question or inquiry, please feel free to contact us on obic@uni-bge.hu!

Further information on the OBIC Conference 2021 is available on the OBIC website:

<https://www.obic-bbs.hu/en/obic-conference-2021/>

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