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## **8<sup>TH</sup> LODZ EAST ASIA MEETING : EAST ASIA AFTER GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS**

JUNE 4-5, 2012

LODZ, POLAND

Ever since its first edition in 2002, the Lodz East Asian Meeting gather scholars, researchers and students in all disciplines, specializing in East Asian studies. Being the first academic conference of its kind in Poland, gradually it became one of the most important venues for academic exchange in the field. After hosting eight conferences and publishing six volumes of studies, we hope to broaden its scope and turn it into a more open, international event. Therefore we invite scholars, professionals and graduate students interested in East Asia to submit paper and panel proposals.

### **Overview**

The economic performance of East Asia in the world economy has already been very impressive. In this context, the global financial crisis became an evident turning point in redefinition of the international relations, with more than evident shift from West to East. The American crisis and Euro Zone crisis have revealed the need for the new global structure. In this context East Asia region should be regarded as one of the most important and influential regions in the world. Although the global economic crisis did not originate in Asia, it did shape Asian and global economies structures. The shift from export-led economies by Asian developing countries into consumption-led growth has become a real challenge for the governments. On the other hand the Asian economies have stepped up from their regional orientation to global responsibilities. The growing role within the IMF and the World Bank has formed new dimensions and challenges. Due to financial crisis China lost its market and was forced to alter its economic model. But, if this task is not accomplished, in order to keep its growth alive, China vows for liberal trade, contrary to its official statements of equality and justice. One of the problem is economic situation of Japan after the March 11 earthquake. In 2010 Japan lost the status of the second world economy, and now it has to cope with an increasing public debt due to the costs of the rebuilding of Tōhoku region. In case of Korean Peninsula the financial crisis might be used to strengthen economic ties between South and North Korean and create a new platform for the future cooperation.

**Special Panel:** Japanese Politics and Diplomacy

**Special Presentation:** China's Diplomatic Tools (outcome of research project conducted by the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Lodz)

**Special Exhibition:** Polish Harbin – Memory of the Past



**Topics that will be considered for inclusion:**

1. The role of Asia in the new global economic and political order
2. Chinese investments in Europe: Central European perspective
3. Multilateralism in East Asia
4. Regional integration in East Asia
5. Political transformation and institutional changes in East Asia
6. New theoretical approaches to IR in East Asia
7. Political systems in East Asian countries
8. Security issues in East Asia
9. Chinese economic performance, ODI and Foreign Policy
10. China-EU-USA relations and currency issues
11. Economic and political situation of Japan after the March 11 earthquake
12. Evolution of situation on Korean Peninsula

Please submit a 250 words abstract by **28 February 2012** to *leam2012@uni.lodz.pl*. The Organizing Committee will announce the accepted abstracts on **15 March 2012**.

**PRACTICAL INFORMATION:**

**Venue:** University of Lodz, Poland

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**Proposal Submission Deadline:** February 28, 2012

**Announcement of Accepted Abstracts:** March 15, 2012

**Conference Fee:** 80 EURO (graduate students 45 EURO)