



# ASC Annual Meeting 2023

## Conference Agenda

November 23-24, 2023  
Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen  
Geschwister-Scholl Platz  
Neue Aula, Großer Senat

### Thursday, 23 November

13:00-13:30 Registration

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13:30-13:45 Welcome Address

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13:45-15:45 **Panel 1: International Political Economy and IR**

Chair: Tobias ten Brink

*Connecting China – Connecting the World.*

*China's Foreign Policy Discourse of Digital Connectivity as a  
Global Imaginary of Development*

Nicolas Huppenbauer (University of Bonn)

Discussant: Ceren Ergenc

*World-Systems in the Digital Age: China's Rise and the Structure  
of the Global Digital Economy*

Lu Yen-Chi (University of Bonn)

Discussant: Kristin Shi-Kupfer

*The Slow Death of the One-China Duality. The Sino-Lithuanian  
Conflict as a Case Study of Institutional Change*

Katja Levy (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)

Discussant: Jens Damm

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15:45-16:15 **Coffee Break**

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16:15-18:15

**Panel 2: Digitalization and the (Chinese Party-)State**

Chair: Margot Schüller

*Despotic and Infrastructural Power Dynamics in China's Intelligent Party-Building: An Examination of the Integration of Digital Platforms in the CCP's Party Regulation*

Zhu Ningjie (University of Bonn)

Discussant: Marianne v. Blomberg

*The Digital Developmental State: State Bureaucracy and Local Development in an Age of Information Capitalism*

Hannes Gohli (University of Würzburg)

Discussant: Bertram Lang

*China's "Rural Guardians": Platformization of a rural development campaign*

Elena Meyer-Clement (University of Copenhagen) & Antonie Angerer (University of Würzburg)

Discussant: Karsten Giese

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19:00

**Dinner**

**Friday, 24 November**

9:00-10:20

**Panel 3: Political Steering under Xi Jinping**

Chair: Björn Alpermann

*Chinese-style authoritarian finance: Future directions for research on capital markets*

Joachim Brinkmann (University of Tübingen)

Discussant: Hannes Gohli

*The Unexpected Implications of Campus Football in Xi Jinping's China: Political Steering Theory in the Era of 'Top-Level Design'*

Ilker Gündoğan (Ruhr University Bochum)

Discussant: Gunter Schubert

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10:20-10:35	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:35-11:55	<p><b>Panel 4: Local Politics and Central-Local Relations</b></p> <p>Chair: Doris Fischer</p> <p><i>Introducing Beijing's digital system of handling citizen complaints and its implications for intra-government relations</i>  Sabrina Habich-Sobiegalla (Freie Universität Berlin) &amp; Zheng Huan (Central Party School Beijing)</p> <p>Discussant: Christina Maags</p> <p><i>Innovating Under Xi Jinping: Policy Experimentation, Protest, and the Retroductive Methodology</i>  Abbey Heffer (University of Tübingen)</p> <p>Discussant: Christian Göbel</p>
11:55-12:10	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12:10-13:30	<p><b>Panel 5: Censorship and Surveillance</b></p> <p>Chair: Ryanne Flock</p> <p><i>"The Eyes of the Masses are Snow Bright": An Historical Account of Grassroots Surveillance in China</i>  Alexander Trauth-Goik (University of Vienna) &amp; Philipp Immel (University of Würzburg)</p> <p>Discussant: Marina Rudyak</p> <p><i>Overcoming self-censorship of Chinese citizens in surveys through list experiments?</i>  Anna-Sophie Heidemann (Freie Universität Berlin)</p> <p>Discussant: H. Christoph Steinhardt</p>
13:45-15:15	<b>Lunch</b>
15:30	<b>ASC Members' Meeting (members only)</b>