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6TH GENEVA FORUM ON EAST ASIA

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, 19 November 2026	**09:00–18:00**	**Maison de la Paix, Geneva**

FORUM PURPOSE

The Geneva Forum on East Asia 2026 will bring together students, scholars, and Geneva-based practitioners to discuss how East Asian societies are transforming and how these changes shape regional relations and engagement with the wider world. The event will promote the exchange of academic knowledge and professional expertise to stimulate discussion about contemporary East Asia and facilitate student participation and networking with experts.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Thursday, 19 November 2026 · Geneva Graduate Institute · Room A2

TIME	SESSION / ACTIVITY
09:30–10:50	**Opening plenary** East Asian Societies in a Changing World
11:00–11:50	**Apéro** Networking and refreshments
12:00–13:30	**Lunch**
14:00–15:10	**Career panel** Careers Connecting Geneva and East Asia
16:25–17:35	**Academic panel** Demographic Decline and Migration in East Asia
17:35–18:00	**Closing remarks** Final reflections and departures

PROGRAM CONCEPTS

01 OPENING PLENARY · 09:30–10:50 · ACADEMIC TEAM

East Asian Societies in a Changing World

Guiding question: How are economic transformations within East Asian societies reshaping regional relationships and engagement with the wider world?

The opening plenary will address economic and development issues in East Asia and their impact on regional relationships and the role of the region in the world economy. It will discuss transformation processes in industry, trade and investment, employment and other factors, as well as the changing importance of economic security for national policy.

02 CAREER PANEL · 14:00–15:10 · CAREER TEAM

Careers Connecting Geneva and East Asia

Guiding question: What career paths allow students and professionals in Geneva to work directly on East Asian affairs?

This session will provide an introduction to professional opportunities in Geneva related to East Asian countries and regional affairs. Featuring a conversation between practitioners from international organizations, diplomatic missions and other Geneva-based entities, the session will focus on the professional opportunities for engaging with East Asia. Attendees will learn about participants' professional backgrounds, hear insights on the scope of their work, and receive advice on how to get involved in a field that connects Geneva with the region.

Panelists: Qian Tang, Board Member of the Swiss-China Chamber of Commerce

Elita Karamyan, Asia & Pacific HR Partner of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

03 ACADEMIC PANEL · 15:30–16:40 · ACADEMIC TEAM

Demographic Decline and Migration in East Asia

Guiding question: How is demographic decline reshaping migration choices and economic policy across East Asia?

This panel will discuss the effect of demography on migration and economic and social priorities for East Asian countries. This region is faced with new phenomena such as low fertility rates, aging populations, and new issues in the labor market. The speakers will analyze different strategies for these problems, which reflect the relationship between immigration policy and labor needs, as well as social and demographic security, and will compare the experience of East Asian countries.

PREVIOUS EVENTS

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