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“Indonesia – The New Maritime Axis of the Asia-Pacific”

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Indonesia is a large and important country by any standards. It is not only the most populous country of Southeast Asia and the unwritten leader of ASEAN, but is also increasingly regarded as one of the new rising middle powers such as Brazil and India. Nowadays, under the new leadership of the incumbent president Joko “Jokowi” Widodo, this vast archipelagic country ambitiously strives to revive the visions of the ancient Majapahit Empire by turning Indonesia into a true maritime axis of the Asia-Pacific, and making it a real power of the Global South, given its outstanding geostrategic position.

To fulfill this, Indonesia has embarked on the path of improving its lagging harbor and other infrastructure, while also attempting, sometimes controversially, to protect its rich and strategic waters. Can Indonesia make this dream come true? Can its recent economic growth support these plans? Is Indonesia a new star to watch? These are just some of the questions, which will be addressed in the talk by Dr. Tomáš Petrů from the Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

