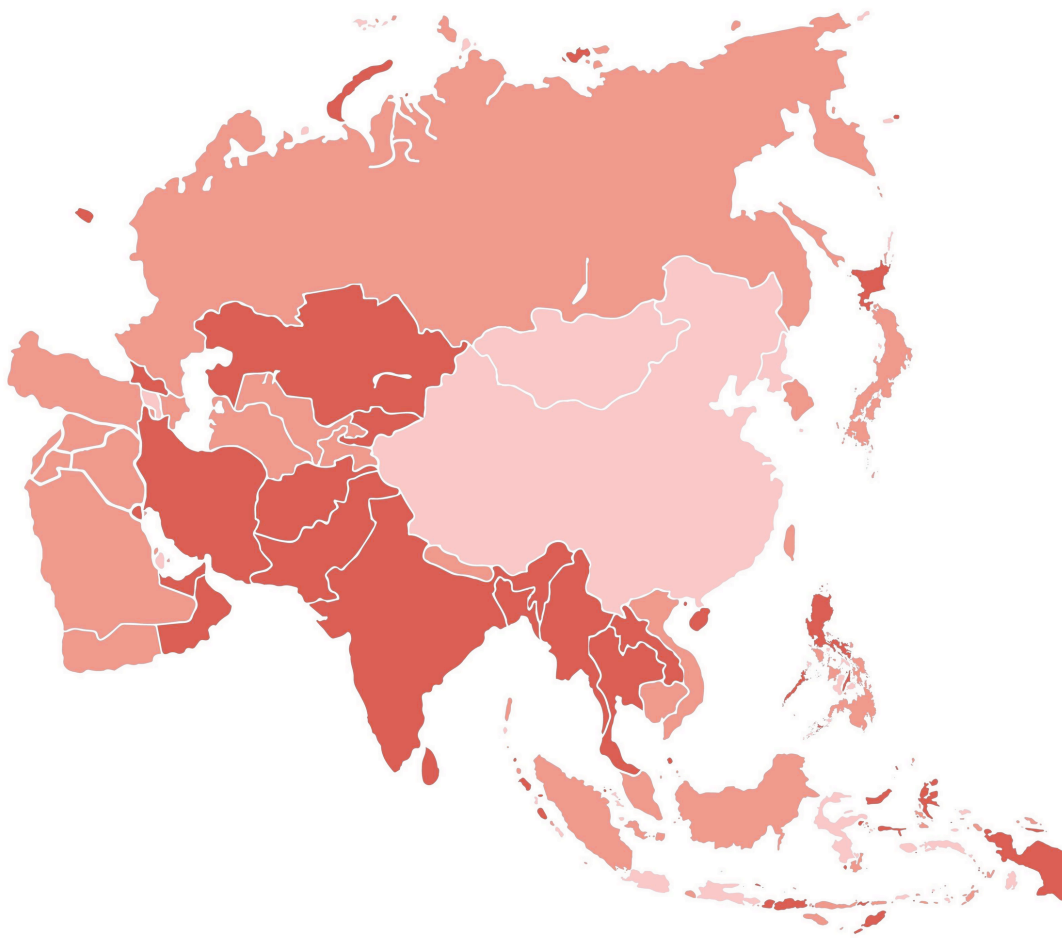


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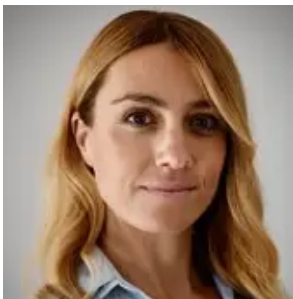
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Session 2 – Friday 7th November 14:30-15:30 GMT Middle East: Syria, Gaza, Iran and the Future of the Region



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Session 2 – Friday 7th November 15:45-16:45 GMT East Asia: Taiwan, North Korea and Regional Security



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