

## Alliance Partners

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**NIAS** - The Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS) is an independent research institute funded by the governments of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden through the Nordic Council of Ministers. The NIAS, founded in 1967, serves as a focal point for research on contemporary Asia and for promoting Asian Studies in the Nordic academic community.

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# Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies Europe and Asia - one year after 11 September

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General

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During the past year, the European Union has engaged in a very rapid response to the attacks on targets in the United States on 11 September, including comprehensive support for the global coalition against terrorism as well as a number of specific initiatives to address threats within Europe.

One year after the attacks, the Asia Update will bring together academics, official representatives from Europe and Asia, and the press to assess how economic, political, social, and security developments in Asia are affecting the relations between the European Union and Asia.

The programme will consist of four parts:

1. Europe-Asia: Strategic Framework for Enhanced Partner-

ship - A Critical Review and Future Outlook for EU-Asia Relations

2. Post-11 September Security Policy: New Political Issues and Concern on Human Rights

3. Issues of Security in Post-11 September Central Asia: Present Context, Actors and Possible Scenarios

4. The EU-Islam Dialogue <

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## Alliance Short Update

The Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies is a cooperative framework of European institutes specializing in Asian Studies. The Alliance, established in 1997, aims to bring together fragmented forces in Asian Studies in Europe to facilitate scholarly excellence to the benefit of the respective national research environments and those of the European scholarly environment at large, by: building up high-quality, border-transcending research with a stronger focus on contemporary issues; creating sustainable networks with Asian and other overseas research institutions and scholars; strengthening the links and communication between academic research on Asia and non-academic institutions and actors.

In the previous issue of the *IIAS Newsletter* a call for workshop proposals was published in the framework of the newly set up Alliance/ASEF Annual Asia Europe Workshop Series. For more information on the selection of the proposals, please see below.

From 4-7 April 2002 the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) was held in Washington. The Asia Alliance was represented in the exhibition hall, where representatives of the Alliance institutes provided information on Alliance activities, and on the publication programmes of the participating institutes. In cooperation with the IIAS and various Dutch publishers (Brill, MMF, IDC, and the KITLV) an e-mail/Internet service was provided

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For information on the Asia Europe Foundation (ASEF), please see: <http://www.asef.org>

for AAS participants, free of charge.

The Asia Alliance organized a 'meeting in conjunction' on the ASEM (Asia Europe Meeting) process. The central question during the meeting was: 'How can ASEM contribute to a more stable triangular global political environment in the aftermath of 11 September and what will this mean for its relationship with the US?'. The contributions made by the panel participants will be collected in a third publication on ASEM edited by Dr Paul van der Velde and Prof. Wim Stokhof.

### Upcoming events

- 11 September 2002, Brussels: one-day Alliance Asia Update at the European Parliament on EU-Asia relations after 11 September (main organizer: EIAS).
- October 2002, Berlin: one-day Asia Update in Berlin (organized by IFA);
- November 2002, Paris: Colloquium on Environmental issues in Paris (to be organized by ASEF and AEC). <

## Asia-Europe Workshop Series Update



By Wim Stokhof and Josine Stremmelaar

In the previous *IIAS Newsletter* (issue 27), we announced the first call for proposals for the Annual Asia-Europe Workshop Series sponsored by the Asia-Europe Foundation and the Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies. This encouraged academic researchers to submit proposals for the organization of workshops focussing on a variety of issues affecting both regions. The criteria of proposals were determined by considerations of interregional and multilateral importance and the applicants were requested to focus on contemporary topics concerning both Asia and Europe in a comparative perspective. Most importantly, the workshops had to be organized by an Asian partner and European partner, to stimulate dialogue between both regions.

The Workshop Series secretariat received 30 proposals by 1 June 2002, covering a wide range of topics. The Selection Committee Meeting was held in Singapore on the 27 June, and the committee consisted of Amb. Delfin Colomé (ASEF), Prof. Jean-Luc Domenach (Tsinghua University), Prof. Chai-bong Hahm (Yonsei University), Prof.

Lily Kong (National University of Singapore), Prof. Hanns Maull (University of Trier), Prof. Shamsul A.B. (University Kebangsaan Malaysia) and Prof. Wim Stokhof (Asia Alliance).

The committee showed enthusiasm with regards to the quality of the proposals and a possibility of a series of projects in the future. (Amb. Delfin Colomé had expressed his interest in funding another Workshop Series in the following year, seeing the positive responses from interested organizations and institutions). The committee hopes to have more proposals coming from Asian and Southern European scholars for the next series, which will be announced, in the next issue of the *IIAS Newsletter*.

The six selected proposals are:

- 1) **Dr P. Ho** (Wageningen University, the Netherlands)
- Prof. Dai Guangcui** (Forestry Economic Research Institute, China) *Land Registration and Spatial Planning in Transition Countries: Opportunities for Asian and the European Union* 31 October - 1 November 2002
- 2) **Dr P. Nas** (Universiteit Leiden, the Netherlands)

- Prof. J. Silas** (Institut Teknologi, Indonesia) *Mega-urbanization in Asia and Europe* 12-14 December 2002
- 3) **Dr H. Dahles** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
- Dr Loh Wei Leng** (University of Malaya, Malaysia) *Transborder Exchanges: Business, Networks and Identity Formation in Asia's and Europe's New Economy* May 2003
- 4) **Dr M. Fiskesjö** (Museum of Far Eastern Antiquities, Sweden)
- Dr Chen Xingcan** (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China) *New Perspectives in Eurasian Archeology* June 2003
- 5) **Dr R. Hassink** (University of Bonn, Germany)
- Dr Shin Dong-Ho** (Hannam University, Korea) *The Restructuring of Old Industrial Areas in Europe and Asia* August 2003
- 6) **Dr S. Bhattacharya** (Welcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, UK)
- Dr R.K. Chhem** (National University of Singapore) *Interweaving Medical Traditions: Europe and Asia, 1600-2000* 11-13 September 2003 <

The IIAS will launch the new ASEM Research Platform website on 1 September:

[Http://www.iias.nl/asem](http://www.iias.nl/asem)