

## Alliance Partners

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The International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) is a post-doctoral institute established in 1993 by Dutch universities and the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, to encourage Asian Studies in the humanities and social sciences and to promote national and international scientific cooperation in these fields. The IIAS is mainly financed by the Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Sciences.

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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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# Asia Alliance

### Short News > General

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;
- and strengthening the links and communication between academic research on Asia and non-academic institutions and actors.

### More info >

More information on Asia Alliance activities:

[www.asia-alliance.org](http://www.asia-alliance.org)

More on the 11-09 Asia Update: [www.eias.org](http://www.eias.org)

### Activities

The most recent Alliance activities are the Asia Update and the meeting of the steering committee. The Asia Update on 'Europe-Asia: One year

after the 11th of September' took place in Brussels on 11 September 2002. More than 130 participants such as ambassadors and counsellors from almost all Asian countries, members of the European Parliament and scholars from research institutes and universities in the field of Asian Studies enjoyed the lively, sometimes controversial discussions. The Alliance steering committee met in Brussels on 12 September 2002. The Alliance members informed on latest and planned activities and discussed the draft of a new Memorandum of Understanding. <

# The Annual ASIA-EUROPE Workshop Series 2003/2004



The Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies and The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) welcome proposals for workshops to take place in 2003/2004 on themes of common interest to both Asia and Europe.

### PROCEDURE

Workshop proposals should be sent to the secretariat of the Asia-Europe Workshop Series before 1 March 2003. Six up to nine workshop proposals will be selected for realization between September 2003 and September 2004. The received proposals will be refereed by a joint Europe-Asia Selection Committee and, when necessary, by external reviewers. Workshop initiators will be informed of the Committee's decision in June 2003. Financial support consists of a contribution to travel costs and accommodation costs up to a maximum of US \$ 15,000 per workshop.

### WORKSHOP FORMAT

- A two to three day meeting bringing together a group of about 20 participants (with male/female parity), balancing senior experts and promising junior researchers;
- The workshop should be jointly organized by a European and an Asian institute from ASEM member countries, and be held in one of the ASEM countries\*;
- The workshop should not be part of a larger conference;
- Participation should be from both Asian and European countries (altogether from at least 8 different ASEM countries; 4 from Europe and 4 from Asia);
- Participants are invited predominantly from the scientific domain but not exclusively. Contributions from other domains (politicians, journalists, corporate staff) are encouraged;
- Workshops that take place in one of the Asian ASEM countries are favoured.

### SCIENTIFIC CONTENT

- The proposal must demonstrate that the multinational participation in the workshop will generate added value;
  - The workshop should focus on a contemporary topic:
    - concerning both Asia and Europe in a comparative perspective
    - concerning shared interests between Asia and Europe
    - of interregional / multilateral importance
    - that will stimulate a dialogue between the two regions
- (Examples might be: 1. Welfare systems and models of social security; 2. Demographic change; 3. Nationalization, regionalization, and localization; 4. Value systems and cultural heritage; 5. Changing labour relations in Asia; 6. Knowledge systems, environment, international business operations, and transmission of technology; 7. Institutional frameworks for company/industrial development and for internationalization of business in Asia; 8. Politics, democracy, and human rights; 9. Security issues (soft and hard); 10. Gender issues)

### THE PROPOSAL

The workshop proposal (of no more than five pages) should be written in the English language. A proposal should contain the following information, and be presented in the order given hereunder:

- Title of the workshop
- Proposed date and venue
- Names of initiators and organizing institutions (both European and Asian), and one contact address
- Main topic (see above under h)
- Introduction to the topic to be addressed
- Scientific objectives
- Publication(s) envisaged, if applicable
- A list of expected participants, indicating for each participant his/her affiliation and disciplinary competence in relation to the workshop's topic. These participants may be contacted by the Selection Committee.
- An itemized, detailed budget indicating expenses as well as all expected incomes (including other sponsors).

Please note that the text of your proposal, if selected, may be published on the web pages of ASEF ([www.asef.org](http://www.asef.org)) and the Asia Alliance ([www.asia-alliance.org](http://www.asia-alliance.org)); and in the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) Newsletter.

### ADDRESS AND DEADLINE

The workshop proposals should be received by the Asia Europe Workshop Series Secretariat no later than 1 March 2003. Proposals may be sent through regular mail only. Applications by fax or e-mail will not be considered. Please be aware that the secretariat makes use of university postal services; therefore please allow an extra three days for delivery.

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Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies



The ASIA-EUROPE FOUNDATION (ASEF), Singapore was established by members of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) on 15 February 1997 with the aim of promoting engagement between the civil societies of Asia and Europe and forging mutual understanding between the two regions. For more information: [www.asef.org](http://www.asef.org)

The STRATEGIC ALLIANCE FOR ASIAN STUDIES is a cooperative framework of European institutes specializing in Asian Studies consisting of the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Leiden / Amsterdam; the Institute for Asian Affairs (Institut für Asienkunde / IFA), Hamburg; the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS), Copenhagen; the European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels (EIAS); and the Asia Europe Centre (AEC) of the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, Paris. The Asia Alliance, established in 1997, aims to bring together existing forces on Asian Studies in Europe to facilitate scholarly excellence to the benefit of national research environments and those of the European Union at large. The Asia Alliance has an open structure and welcomes partners from Asian and other European countries to join in the future. For more information: [www.asia-alliance.org](http://www.asia-alliance.org)

\* ASEM COUNTRIES: Austria, Belgium, Brunei, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Netherlands, Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam.