

Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2004/2005 New call for proposals

Our call for proposals for the Annual Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2004/2005 encouraged researchers to submit proposals for workshops on contemporary topics of interregional and multilateral importance to both Asia and Europe. Crucially, workshops had to be organized by Asian and European partners.

On 9 April 2004, an international selection committee selected nine proposals that excelled in their contemporary relevance to both Asia and Europe, their ability to bridge theory and practice, and their promise to stimulate dialogue between the continents. The selected workshops for 2004/2005 are listed below.

The Asia-Europe Workshop Series, sponsored by the Asia-Europe Foundation and the European Alliance for Asian Studies, continues to stimulate innovative research on Asia-Europe relations and to strengthen existing links between scholars and institutions. With the third round up and running, the pleasure is ours to announce the Annual Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2005/2006. For further details please see the insert in this newsletter or visit: www.asia-alliance.org and www.aews.asef.org.

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19-20 May 2004, Vienna, Austria
Writing History between Europe and Asia
Prof. Susanne Weigelin-Schweidrzik (University of Vienna, Austria)
Prof. K. Kesavapany (Institute of South-east Asian Studies, Singapore)

November 2004, Hamburg, Germany
Port-Cities and City-States in Asia and Europe
Prof. Chua Beng Huat (National University of Singapore), Dr Arndt Graf (University of Hamburg, Germany)

18-20 December 2004, Jakarta, Indonesia
Urban Transport Policy in ASEAN: Lessons from European Experience
Dr Nick Marler (University of Leeds, United Kingdom), Ms Ellen Tangkudung (University of Indonesia)

January 2005, Manila, the Philippines
Migrations in Asia and Europe in Contemporary Times: Exploring Transnationalism, Multiple Linkages and Development
Dr Ton van Naerssen (University of Nijmegen, the Netherlands), Dr Marla Asis (Scalabrini Migration Center, Philippines)

10-14 May 2005, Hangzhou, China
First EU-ASEM Workshop on Sustainable Resource Management and Policy Options for Rice Ecosystems in Asia
Dr Reimund Roetter (Wageningen University), Prof. Wang (Guanghuo of Zhejiang University)

11-13 March 2005, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
Comparing Sports Policy, Sports Investment and Regional Development Initiatives in the Hosting of Sports Events in East Asia and Europe
Dr John Horne (University of Edinburgh, UK), Hirose Ichiro (Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan)

May 2005, Leiden, the Netherlands
Communication and Media in popular image building about Islam and the West
Prof. Azyumardi Azra (Islamic State University Jakarta, Indonesia), Dr Dick van der Meij (Leiden University, the Netherlands)

19-21 May 2005, Ventimiglia, Italia
The New Transnational Movements of Persons in the Euro-Mediterranean Area and in South-East Asia, and the Changes in their Management
Dr Salvatore Palidda (University of Genoa, Italy), Dr Carl Grundy-Warr (National University of Singapore)

November 2005, Shanghai, China
Ports, Pirates and Hinterlands in East and Southeast Asia: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
Prof. Li Yihai (Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, China), Dr John Kleinen (Centre for Maritime Research, the Netherlands)

The European Alliance for Asian Studies

Objectives

The European Alliance for Asian Studies (Asia Alliance) is a co-operative framework of European institutes specialized in Asian Studies. The Alliance, established in 1997, aims to bring together the fragmented European field of Asian Studies to establish scholarly excellence in central areas of research and expertise for the benefit of institutes' national research environments and the European community at large.

The intention of the Asia Alliance is not to merge the participating institutes, but to provide a framework within which greater co-operation can occur. The Alliance's open structure enables other European institutes to join.

The scientific objectives of the Alliance are: (1) building up high-quality, border-transcending research on Asia with a strong focus on contemporary issues; (2) creating sustainable networks with Asian and other research institutions and scholars; and (3) strengthening links and communication between academic research on Asia and non-academic institutions and actors.

Activities

The Alliance supports short-term research fellowships, academic workshops, conferences and publications. Fellowships are especially intended to promote the kind of fruitful interaction between national research cultures, which usually develops only between relatively long-term members of an intellectual community. Collaborative research programmes are set up to stimulate academic mobility, to increase interaction between scholars studying Asia, and to enable Alliance members to draw on international expertise.

Although the primary focus of the Alliance is on research, it recognizes that disseminating its results to a broader audience, including governments, the media, and the general public is an integral part of the responsibilities of scientific institutions. As a contribution to this, the Alliance annually organizes 'Asia Updates' where scholars present analyses of recent and current events in Asia. In Fall 2004, sessions will address elections in comparative perspective (European Parliament, Brussels) and East Asian energy policy (Madrid).

For more information on the European Alliance for Asian Studies, please visit its website:

www.asia-alliance.org