



Asia Europe People's Forum 6

Helsinki, Finland
3-6 September 2006

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The AEPF is a forum for non-state and non-corporate NGOs and civil society groups aiming to bring the voice of the civil society to the official Asia Europe Summit, ASEM, and to create alternatives to its neo-liberal agenda. The AEPF was created in 1996 and has held forums every second year parallel to the ASEM summit. AEPF forums engage civil societies in both Asia and Europe to discuss common issues with an Asia-Europe dimension.

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Queer Asian Sites

International Conference of Asian Queer Studies
22-23 February 2007
Sydney, Australia

Call for Papers
Abstract deadline: 31 August 2006

The conference will investigate the importance of intra-regional networks and interactions amongst queer cultures and communities in Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific. English-language research has tended to understand the emergence of new LGBTQ identities in the region in terms of a 'West and the Rest' model of globalisation based on a one-way process

in which 'the West' exerts influence upon 'the Rest'. In contrast, the *Queer Asian Sites* conference will focus on the importance of intra-regional flows of people, knowledge, representation and capital in the histories and contemporary forms of queer cultures and communities in the region. The questions we hope the conference will explore include:

- What is the legacy of the prewar Japanese occupation on Taipei and Seoul's same-sex and transgender cultures?
- How has the Confucian culture of the economically and politically important immigrant Chinese communities in countries such as Thailand, the Philippines, and Malaysia impacted upon forms of sexual knowledge, representation, and queer lifestyles?
- What impact does gay and lesbian tourism, both from the West and within Asia and the Pacific, have upon identities and practices?
- How are Asian and Pacific diasporic identities negotiated in Western queer cultural centres such as Sydney, Melbourne, and Auckland?
- How important is the expansion and cross-border transfer of queer capital – the pink dollar, the purple baht, the lavender yuan, the rainbow rupee – to the public legitimization of LGBTQ communities in Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific?

Please send abstracts of no more than 250 words to: apq@anu.edu.au
Information on registration and accommodation will be posted on the AsiaPacificQueer website:

<http://apq.anu.edu.au/>

Farsi/English periodical

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Pages began in February 2004 by publishing a bilingual Farsi/English periodical pursuing exchange between Iranian and international authors and artists with critical views on art, culture, urbanism and social issues. Following its second issue, *Pages* began to develop collaborative projects with practitioners in different cultural fields. Its activities transcended the magazine format into other layouts – installation, video essays, workshops and presentations.

Pages is interested in cultural productions that communicate the specific socio-political conditions and circumstances in which they are produced. Being a bilingual magazine forces *Pages* into constant rethinking of its position. It searches for ways to surpass predefined and geographically bound discourses of subjectivity and locality, and tries to point to those intricacies and dissonances within local currents that give way to alternative chains of meanings, relations and coincidences.

We are happy to announce the launch of our new website at where you can read previous issues and navigate through all of *Pages'* activities. We specifically invite you to join our bilingual Forum discussions, and contribute to the Daily Pages, an online platform of *Pages* magazine.

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Civil society and local governance in Japan

New research project

OECD countries are facing increasing unemployment, falling tax revenues, rapidly aging populations and insecurity over social security systems. Almost all are redefining relationships between central and local government, citizens and state. In Japan since the mid-90s, and especially since the decentralization reform package of 2000, we observe the following mutually reinforcing changes: (1) Power shift away from the centre, leading to greater co-operation between administrations, citizens, and corporations, especially in environmental politics, social welfare and urban development; (2) Improved conditions for citizen participation through new legislation, such as the NGO law; (3) Increased citizen participation, in NGOs, local referendums, and citizen networks.

Our project – 'Civil Society in Japan: Partnership as a New Item of Japan's Local Politics' – will analyse interaction between local administrations, NGOs, local politicians and other local actors, their competences, and conflict between them. Our case studies on environmental politics, social welfare, and urban development will determine whether the new interaction between citizens and political and administrative systems is leading to improved problem-solving at the local level and to greater democracy through citizen participation.

The project is based at the department of Japanese Studies at Martin-Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg, and is financed by the German Research Foundation (DFG). Participants include Gesine Foljanty-Jost, Carmen Schmidt and Karoline Haufe.

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Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies

Third Biennial International Conference
13-15 October 2006
Gwalior, India

Call for papers/ abstracts/ submissions
Deadline: 30 July 2006

The Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies promotes research, conference/ seminar/ lecture programs and the understanding of cultures, societies, politics and economics in different Asian & Pacific regions. The Association is a forum for scholars engaged in inter-regional and inter-societal comparative social science. The Third Biennial International Conference will be a meeting point for scholars working on Asian & Pacific studies from South Asia, Southeast Asia and China. The conference aims to develop a new network between Asia fellows and Indian scholars.

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International Symposium on Asia-Pacific Studies

15-17 November 2006
Havana City, Cuba

Call for papers
Deadline: 31 October 2006

The Center for Studies on Asia and Oceania (CEAO) invites you to the International Symposium on Asia Pacific Studies. Our first convocation will address contemporary economic developments and political and security trends in the Asia-Pacific region.

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This meeting explores cosmopolitanism in Asian American life, and the multiple and shifting identities, attachments, and worldviews of Asian Americans and those with whom they interact. As the world's financial center and the hub of the nation's publishing and fashion industries and artistic scene, New York has drawn both exceptional individuals of Asian ancestry, including writers, scholars, painters, musicians and dancers, and masses of workers. The port of New York serves as a continuing place of welcome for Asian entrants and a point of transnational contact, transit and supply.

We seek panels, papers, workshops, roundtables and teaching sessions that explore the presence of Asian Americans in New York City and other urban environments – downtown, boroughs and suburbs alike – and their experience within the various places and institutions that characterize city life: theaters, prisons, offices, museums, factories, streets, mass transit, schools and universities, restaurants, and tourist sites. We especially encourage papers that explore the correlations and interactions between the experiences of Asian Americans and those of other groups and communities that make up the urban landscape, notably African Americans (including Caribbean Blacks); Latinos; Jews; Arab/Muslim Americans; Irish, Slavic, and Italian Americans; Gays/Lesbians; and evangelical Christians.

In addition to paper proposals, we invite panel proposals as well as workshops, roundtables, and teaching sessions that explore ways of historicizing, contextualizing, and critiquing the impact of urban life and interactions on the Asian American experience.

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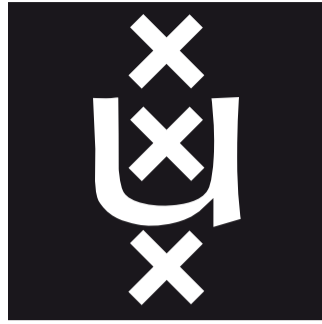
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ASiA

Asian Studies
in Amsterdam



ASiA, a joint endeavour of the University of Amsterdam and the International Institute for Asian Studies, promotes the study of Asia through research and outreach in the Amsterdam region. We aim to increase Amsterdam's contact with researchers in and from Asia, as well as introduce contemporary Asian expressions, developments and experiences to the wider public. All individuals and institutions, academic and non-academic, interested in co-operating with ASiA are invited to contact project manager Sikko Visscher at s.visscher@fmg.uva.nl

ASiA facilitates research within the theme 'Making a Living in a Transnational World: Asian Perspectives on Globalisation', based on two research projects at the University of Amsterdam. 'Asia and Europe Compared', headed by Mario Rutten, comparatively addresses social inequality, views and behaviour of the middle classes, labour relations and informalization in Europe and Asia, and aims to provide a fairer assessment of Asia's role in the world today. 'Illegal but Licit: Transnational Flows and Permissive Politics in Asia' (IBL), headed by Willem van Schendel and Li Minghuan, consists of four projects analysing current migration in their legal and social contexts. For more information on IBL please see http://www.nwo.nl/nwohome.nsf/pages/NWOP_6FCJXB_Eng. Van Schendel is the guest editor of a forthcoming special issue of the *IIAS Newsletter* on this topic. For upcoming events, see:

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