



The newly launched Modern East Asia Research Centre at Leiden University aims to become a European hub to support disciplinary research on Greater China, Japan, and – in the near future – Korea, covering the period from the 19th century until the present. MEARC's research aims to contribute to our understanding of the region and the roots of current developments, to address the normative challenges posed by East Asia, and to further our understanding of mainstream disciplines including politics, history, and philosophy.

MEARC will offer a visiting scholars program; provide grants for recent PhD graduates to prepare their manuscripts for publication; organize and co-finance conferences, workshops, research seminars and a lecture series; publish monographs, working papers and feature editions of journals in both area studies and the disciplines; and support the acquisition of resources.

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### Scientific research during World War II

Conference: 25 - 26 January 2007, Leiden  
Call for papers  
Deadline: 1 November 2006

This two-day conference will explore how scientists coped with the particular circumstances created by the war. We invite presentations from historians working on World War II, science, and scientific instruments.

The first day will deal with the circumstances under which scientists worked in war-waging countries such as Germany, Japan, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and the United States, and the results of their research. Topics to be discussed include the service of scientists in weapon programs and strategic industries, and the immigration or emigration of researchers.

The second day will address the circumstances under which scientists worked in occupied countries, such as the Netherlands and France, and the results of their research. Topics include how scientists coped with scarcity of resources, limited means of communication, and the often remarkable continuity in research conducted under apparently difficult circumstances.

Proceedings of the conference will be published. Proposals can be submitted until 1 November 2006. For more information see: [www.museumboerhaave.nl/conference](http://www.museumboerhaave.nl/conference)

### Towards a new age of Asian art

AAH 33rd Annual Conference  
12 - 14 April 2007  
Belfast, UK  
Call for papers  
Deadline 10 Nov 2006

Cities in the Asia-Pacific region have over the past 20 years been at the centre of economic growth and cultural re-examination. Globalisation has encouraged the Asian metropolis to deconstruct its own cultural heritage while urbanisation has prompted inhabitants to reconsider development, competition, modernised cultures and values. In recent biennales and triennials, artists have given expression to their (post-colonial) national identity by combining and redefining traditional materials and aesthetics with high technology. This session encourages papers that focus on, but are not limited to, the questions: How do curators' strategies aid the understanding of contemporary Asian art? How do artists hybridise their artistic languages? How do artists and curators find the balance between nationalism and globalisation?

We invite art historians, artists, theorists, and cultural and media analysts to submit abstracts in English (250 words maximum) with your name, affiliation (if any), contact details, and a short CV by 10 Nov 2006. Materials or enquiries to Ming-Hui Chen, Loughborough University School of Art and Design.  
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<http://aah.org.uk/conference/index.php>

### Energy and security

Call for papers  
Deadline 15 November 2006

With oil prices reaching all-time highs, crises in oil-producing regions, and ever-increasing global demand, issues of energy and security have come to the fore on the international political agenda and in scholarly debate. These challenges affect both energy importing and exporting countries:

- While Europe and other importing OECD countries may have to re-think their relations with increasingly powerful exporting countries, redesign their energy security policies and search for alternatives to oil, the impact on the 'have-nots' in the developing world will be even more challenging.
- The scarcity of oil and other energy resources will shift relations between importing and exporting countries, and between importing countries (and possibly between exporting countries, for instance conflicts over disputed reserves). An 'oil hunt' has already started in regions such as the Gulf of Guinea and Central Asia and may also affect the Middle East and Latin America.
- As a consequence, energy and security, rather than energy security, is a pertinent issue for domestic politics in exporting countries. In the scholarly analysis and debate, the 'rentier state' approach (which predicts that windfalls from abundant resource exports have harmful consequences for growth, corruption and democratization) and the 'resource curse' hypothesis (which suggests that a resource bonanza cre-

ates both motive and opportunity for civil conflict and violent power struggles) have received particular attention. Debate has also emerged over whether the current prominence of security concerns has led to neglecting 'traditional' development approaches (with the effect of undermining social and political stability in entire subregions of Africa and elsewhere in the medium and long term) or whether security must be seen as a pre-condition for the achievement of development goals.

We invite articles addressing the above issues, as well as related issues provided they combine the main topic of 'energy and security' with a regional focus on Asia, Africa, Latin America or the Middle East, trans-regional perspectives or comparative approaches. Papers should be submitted to [giga-journal-family@giga-hamburg.de](mailto:giga-journal-family@giga-hamburg.de) by 15 November 2006.

For further information: [www.giga-hamburg.de/giga-journal-family](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/giga-journal-family)

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### 14th Gonda Lecture

24 November 2006  
Amsterdam

The 14th Gonda Lecture by Alexis Sanderson, University of Oxford, will be held on Friday, 24 November 2006 at the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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## Südostasien aktuell

Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs

### Call for Papers

*Südostasien aktuell* – *Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs* is an internationally refereed academic journal published by the Institute of Asian Affairs (part of GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies), Hamburg. The bimonthly journal focuses on current developments in Southeast Asia. It has a circulation of 750 copies and reaches a broad readership in the academia, administration and business circles. Articles to be published should be written in German or English and submitted exclusively to this publication.

*Südostasien aktuell* is devoted to the transfer of scholarly insights to a wide audience. The topics covered should therefore not only be orientated towards specialists in Southeast Asian affairs, but should also be of relevance to readers with a practical interest in the region.

The editors welcome contributions on contemporary Southeast Asia that are concerned with the fields of international relations, politics, economics, society, education, environment or law. Articles should be theoretically grounded, empirically sound and reflect the state of the art in contemporary Southeast Asian studies.

All manuscripts will be peer-reviewed for acceptance. The editors respond within three months. Research articles should not exceed 10,000 words (incl. footnotes and references). Manuscripts should be submitted to the editors in electronic form: [suedostasien-aktuell@giga-hamburg.de](mailto:suedostasien-aktuell@giga-hamburg.de). For detailed submission guidelines see: [www.giga-hamburg.de/ifa/stylesheet](http://www.giga-hamburg.de/ifa/stylesheet).

#### Recent topics:

- ASEAN: Cooperative Disaster Relief after the Tsunami
- Confronting the Past – The Difficult Road to Accountability in East Timor
- Burma: Drug Control Progress and Possibilities

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## Tenure-Track Appointment

### History of China in the Nineteenth and/or Twentieth Centuries

### University of British Columbia

The Department of History at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver) invites applications for a tenure-track appointment at the rank of assistant professor in the history of China in the nineteenth and/or twentieth centuries, effective 1 July 2007. This appointment is intended to enhance the department's existing strength in East Asian history. Applicants are expected to provide evidence of innovation and excellence in research, as demonstrated by their published contributions or potential contributions to scholarship in the field. A strong commitment to teaching at both the graduate and undergraduate levels is also required.

The University of British Columbia hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. We encourage all qualified candidates to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The position is subject to budgetary approval. Applications should include a C.V., a description of current and future research interests, and letters of reference from three referees (under separate cover). Applications may include up to three reprints of unpublished papers or chapters. Application materials should be received no later than 30 October 2006 and should be addressed to:

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es, Amsterdam. Admission to the lecture is free. Those wanting to attend are requested to notify the secretariat of the Gonda Foundation, Antwoordnummer 10785, 1000 RA Amsterdam (tel. 020-5510 782, e-mail: bernadette.peeters@bureau.knaw.nl).

**Political participation and regime legitimacy in contemporary China**

**International Workshop**  
28 February - 2 March 2007  
Duisburg, Germany

State-led institutional innovation and political reform in China in recent years has been most notable at the local level. While direct village elections became obligatory in 1998, new modes of participation have also been introduced in China's cities. These measures are promoted by the government to enhance social stability, cadre efficiency and accountability, and overall regime legitimacy.

Participation, citizenship and legitimacy are our key concepts for comparing China's villages and urban neighborhoods to assess the political awareness of peasants and city dwellers, the current relationship between the local cadre bureaucracy and the people, the degree of tension and trust in the local state and the scope and limits of a 'harmonious society'. The workshop will assess the success of reform measures thus far, drawing on the results of a joint German-Chinese research project on rural and urban political participation.

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**Migration, livelihoods and human rights: lessons from EU and ASEAN**

**ASEF/Alliance Workshop**  
The Hague, the Netherlands  
July 2007

The intersection between international migration, human trafficking and human rights is among the most complex of contemporary issues. Recent theories on global migration emphasize the need for context; migration cannot be conceptualized as 'uncontrollable flows'. Mediated by institutions and shaped by social relations which give rise to relatively stable migration regimes, current migration involves formal and informal channels and creates risks for specific groups of migrants. Particular attention will be paid to relations of class, gender and generation and how they shape a continuum ranging from human trafficking to illegal but safe forms of migration.

The workshop aims to move beyond the nation-state as the unit of analysis with sector-specific analyses of migration as chains of labour and value, and how these are embedded in the restructuring of economic, political and social relations in the EU and ASEAN. In this light, the workshop aims to show the necessity of developing clear human security goals and of approaching migration policy as a mix of instruments to answer differentiated and culturally shaped interests and needs at particular points within migration chains. The workshop will also draw on the narratives of migrants collected by qualitative studies to illustrate where collaborative efforts may be required between states, employers, human rights organisations and migrant workers.

The workshop will gather researchers, policy makers and representatives from migrant groups with expertise on Southeast Asia and/or Europe. The workshop is convened by Thanh-Dam Truong, Centre for Human Security Studies, Chubu University, Japan, and Roy Huijsmans, Institute of Social Studies, the Netherlands. Further information will be available at [www.asia-alliance.org](http://www.asia-alliance.org)



**3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Space Conference**

21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2007, Singapore  
<http://pdcc.ntu.edu.sg/ASC2007>

**First Announcement and Call for Papers**

**SCOPE**

The Asian Space Conference aims to provide a forum for research, operation and education in the area of space science and technology as well as the related fields of the humanities and social sciences. The conference fosters communication and discussion among space engineers and scientists, sociologists, rural and urban planners, economists, political scientists, legal experts, educators and satellite service providers (telecommunications, earth observations, meteorologists). The objective is to interact outside individual disciplines and to discuss and share information and knowledge of space applications to solve common problems of sustainable economic growth, poverty alleviation, social stability and disaster mitigation with an emphasis on Asia.

The areas of interest are, but not limited to, the following topics:

**Space systems in the Asian region:**

- Current space activities and missions
- National space systems and infrastructures
- Future space missions
- Cooperative regional and international activities
- Launching possibilities

**Socio-economic:**

- Satellites in national policy and planning decisions
- Space applications (economic growth, poverty alleviation, social stability, disaster mitigation)
- Role of regional and international organisations
- Space science and technology in education
- Creation of awareness

**Satellites and the humanities:**

- Sociological uses
- Environmental / disaster monitoring
- Historical perspectives and archaeology research
- Impacts on cultures, commerce & communities

**Legal aspects:**

- Framework for satellite services and applications
- Role of private enterprises under international and national law
- Regulatory regimes for Asian space activities
- Legal aspects of earth resource satellites
- National sovereignty

**PAPER SUBMISSION**

Authors are invited to submit a full length 8-page paper of double column text using single spaced 10pt size type on A4 paper. Detailed paper formatting and submission instructions are available on the conference webpage.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Individuals and institutions are invited to submit proposals to organise and chair workshops, special sessions, panel discussions and / or round tables on space related subjects.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Papers submission:	6 <sup>th</sup> of November 2006	Camera-ready paper:	16 <sup>th</sup> of February 2007
Notification of acceptance:	8 <sup>th</sup> of January 2007	Event proposal:	6 <sup>th</sup> of November 2006

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**Fellowships at the International Institute for Asian Studies**

IIAS invites postdoctoral researchers to apply for fellowships in Leiden or Amsterdam. IIAS fellows are invited to present lectures, participate in seminars, and cooperate in research programmes. Applications can be submitted at any time.

For more information and an application form see the IIAS website:  
[www.iias.nl](http://www.iias.nl)  
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**Leiden or Amsterdam?**

The IIAS main office in Leiden is hosted by Leiden University, which has a long tradition in Asian Studies. Its departments of languages and cultures of China, Korea, Japan, South and Central Asia, and Southeast Asia and Oceania all have extensive collections.

Leiden hosts the Research School CNWS (School of Asian, African and Amerindian Studies), the Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM), the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV), the Faculty of Creative and Performing Arts, the Faculty of Theology (with an emphasis on the theology of Islam), the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences with its departments of Cultural Anthropology, Development Sociology and Political Science, the Institute of Environmental Sciences (CML), the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Development, and the Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC). Asia-related museums in Leiden include the National Museum of Ethnology and the Sieboldhuis Museum. Leiden University is language oriented and focused on classical as well as contemporary studies.

In The Hague (15 minutes by train from Leiden) one can find the Leiden University Campus The Hague (specialized in Law and Governance Studies), the National Library of the Netherlands (KB), the Netherlands National Archives, the International Institute for Social Studies (ISS) and the Netherlands Institute of International Relations, Clingendael.

The IIAS branch office in Amsterdam is hosted by the University of Amsterdam (UvA). The university counts departments of Cultural Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science, Communication Science, Media Studies and has an Academic Medical Center (AMC). Amsterdam has two universities. The Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VUA) includes departments of Political Science, Social Cultural Sciences, Social and Cultural Anthropology, and the VU University Medical Center. Both UvA and VU have extensive department libraries in addition to their main libraries.

Asia-related institutes in Amsterdam include the Amsterdam School for Social Research (ASSR), Asian Studies in Amsterdam (ASiA), the International Institute for Social History (IISG), the Netherlands Institute for War Documentation (NIOD), The Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis (ASCA) and the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT). As the (cultural) capital of the Netherlands, Amsterdam hosts many museums, such as the Rijksmuseum and the Tropenmuseum of Anthropology, and musical venues which feature Asia-related exhibitions and performances. The departments in Amsterdam have a more interdisciplinary and comparative social science approach. Leiden and Amsterdam are 30 minutes apart by train.