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Cultural fellowship programme at the IIAS branch office in Amsterdam

Call for Applicants

As the cultural capital of the Netherlands, Amsterdam is the vibrant home to a wide range of cultural activities and facilities. The city features, among many other museums, the Rijksmuseum, the Photography Museum (FOAM), the Stedelijk Museum for contemporary art, the Van Gogh Museum and the Appel Foundation. The city hosts academies for music, visual arts, design, fashion, film and theatre. Amsterdam also counts several musical venues which feature Asia-related exhibitions and performances, including the renowned pop and jazz venues Paradiso, De Melkweg and Het Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ.

The IIAS branch office in Amsterdam, hosted by the University of Amsterdam (UvA), invites scholars working on Asian culture and arts and those working on the intersection of the academic and the cultural field to apply for a fellowship. The branch is particularly interested to attract scholars and artists with an interest in cultural studies, media studies and critical (postcolonial) theory, preferably with a comparative angle. The University hosts departments in both social sciences and humanities. 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).

Please surf to our website at www.iias.nl for further details and application forms, or email the coordinator of the branch, Dr. Jeroen de Kloet: b.j.dekloet@uva.nl.

Wertheim Lecture 2007

The Amsterdam School for Social Science Research (ASSR) and Asian Studies in Amsterdam (ASiA) are proud to announce the Wertheim Lecture 2007 entitled: 'Making Poverty History? Unequal Development Today' by Jomo Kwame Sundaram, 21 May, 15-17, Amsterdam.

Jomo is Assistant Secretary General for Economic Development at the United Nations and was Professor in Applied Economics at Universiti Malaya. He has published extensively on economic development, global inequality, the Asian financial crisis and ethnicity and entrepreneurship.

For more details please refer to our website <http://www.iias.nl/asia/wertheim> where you will also find all previous Wertheim lectures in pdf format for public reference and class use.

5th EuroSEAS



Call for papers

The 5th EuroSEAS Conference will be held from 12 to 15 September 2007 at the University of Naples 'L'Orientale' in Italy. The conference will be held from Wednesday, 12 September in the morning to Friday, 14 September in the late afternoon. The official start will take place in the morning of Wednesday 12 September. The main conference venue: Palazzo Mediterraneo, Via Marina 59. The building is a brand-new institution equipped with state of the art technology for multi-media presentations. The organizers hope that new media will be presented at the Conference. A movie programme is scheduled showing a number of movies from or about Southeast Asia.

At the moment, more than 40 panels have been organized ranging from topics like identity, religion and sexual cultures to the classic themes of the colonial state and imagined communities in Southeast Asia. New themes like genetics and the impact of new media on the public domain are proposed as well. Panel conveners are in close relationship with prospective panelists to submit abstracts and papers for the conference. An overview of all the panels can be found at the Euroseas website <http://www.euroseas.org/2007/>

Euroseas as an organization is not able to finance individual presenters at the conference, but inquiries can be made in case financial support is required from local sponsors and an official statement is needed.

The European Association for South-East Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) is an international initiative to foster scholarly cooperation within Europe in the field of South-east Asian studies. The Association was founded in 1992 during a meeting of 19 leading Southeast Asia specialists.

Currently chaired by Pierre-Yves Manguin (Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient, Paris), with a permanent secretariat in Napoli (Italy), EuroSEAS aims to promote Southeast Asian studies in Europe. It intends to facilitate exchanges and cooperation among European based Southeast Asianists working in the fields of human and social sciences, as well as between European and Southeast Asian scholars.

EuroSEAS conferences are organized once every three years. Previous conferences were held in Leiden, Hamburg, London and Paris and numerous publications have originated from these meetings. Because of the present size of the conference, initiatives for publication are left to the panel organizers. One of the explicit aims of the organization is to provide a platform for discussions which move beyond attention to a single country. Comparative themes in particular connecting insular with mainland Southeast Asia are of special interest.

The Board

EuroSEAS is led by an international Board whose members are elected every three years. EuroSEAS is responsible for the present website (<http://www.euroseas.org>), which provides a guide to Southeast Asian studies in European universities, updates on research and educational programmes underway, as well as on the publications of specialists in the different member countries. The names and affiliations of the members of the international board, divided along different member countries, can be found on the website. Euroseas also encourages any initiative to discuss the future of Asian Studies and its implications for local research in the Southeast Asian region.

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The Amsterdam School for Social science Research (ASSR) and Asian Studies in Amsterdam (ASiA) are proud to announce the launch of the Wertheim lecture website at <http://www.iias.nl/asia/wertheim/>. All previous Wertheim lectures will be available in pdf format for public reference and class use.

The Wertheim lecture was initiated by the ASSR in 1990 in recognition of W.F. Wertheim's major contributions to the European tradition of historical-sociological research on mod-

ern Asia. Starting 2006, the annual Wertheim-lecture is jointly organised by the ASSR and ASiA. The ASSR (www2.fmg.uva.nl/assr/) is a national research school and a research institute of the University of Amsterdam where social scientists cooperate in multi-disciplinary research. ASiA is an initiative of the Board of the University of Amsterdam and the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) in Leiden. ASiA's goal is to stimulate, facilitate and broaden research activities on Asia in Amsterdam, and to make the outcomes and insights of research accessible to a wider audience.