



Asia in the World Fellowship Programme

Shaping a Globally Connected
Knowledge Community

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The Asia in the World Fellowship Programme

The International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) introduces a groundbreaking fellowship programme that transforms traditional approaches to Asian Studies. Moving beyond conventional North-South dynamics and regional frameworks, this innovative programme fosters a truly global dialogue through a unique three-phase journey: six months at IIAS in Leiden, followed by an exchange period at a partner institution in Asia, Africa, Latin America, or Europe, concluding with a final stage in Leiden.

The 'Asia in the World' programme is designed to promote innovative research and global collaboration in Asian Studies, ensuring that the fellowship benefits both individual researchers and the broader academic community. The co-hosting model helps sustain our ambition to make it a truly multi-centred mode of knowledge production and collaborative exchange.

Connecting Asian Studies Scholars in a Multipolar World

Our fellows become part of a globally connected community of scholars dedicated to unravelling Asia's intricate connections with the world, embracing a multitude of perspectives and intellectual traditions. Our network of partner institutions enables researchers to engage with worldwide collaborative projects that transcend geographical and disciplinary boundaries, promoting more inclusive and equitable modes of generating new knowledge.

The programme culminates in a public event in Leiden, where fellows showcase their research and reflect on their fellowship experience at IIAS and the co-hosting institutions. In this way, the itinerant structure contributes to a richer, more nuanced understanding of Asia in today's interconnected world.

Through this dynamic approach, we aim to support a more multi-centred and circulatory process of knowledge creation and sharing, thus preparing a new generation of scholars to address contemporary global challenges in a multipolar world.

We invite scholars and researchers from all disciplines to apply for this unique opportunity.

Phase 1

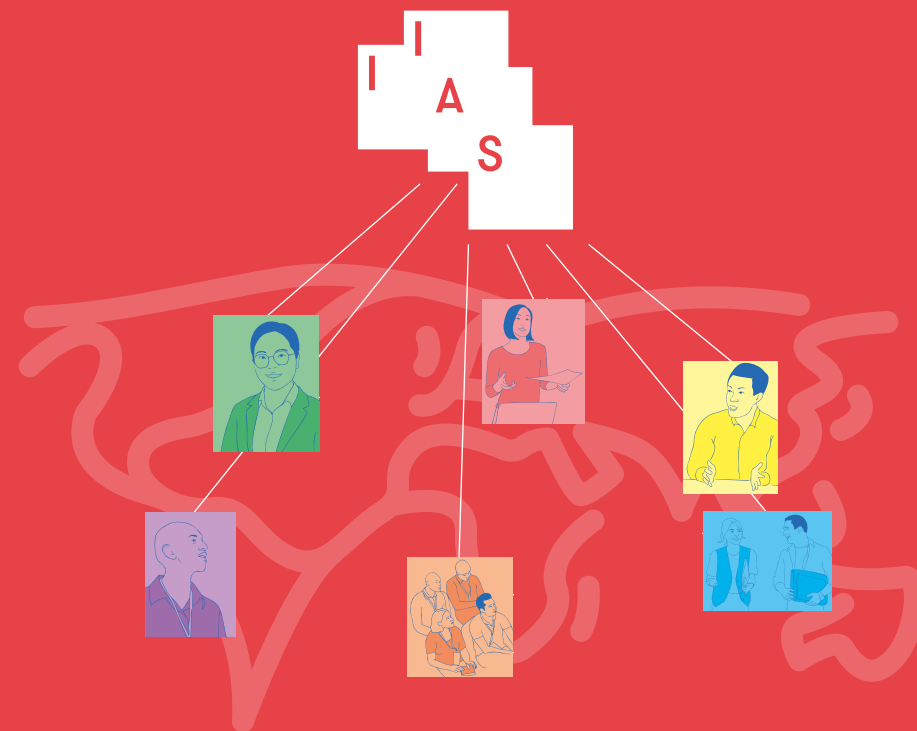
Six Months at IIAS in Leiden, the Netherlands

The International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) at Leiden University provides a dynamic environment where you can participate in enriching debates that broaden your perspectives on Asian Studies. We value our fellows as active participants in our Institute. You will have the opportunity to connect with and collaborate on IIAS projects, participate in IIAS activities, publish your work in *The Newsletter*, propose and record podcasts and discuss your work through various types of events. In addition, the Fellowship Programme organises joint fellow activities with several partner institutions in the Netherlands and across Europe.



Three to Five Months at One of the Co-Hosting Institutes

The 'Asia in the World' Fellowship Programme partners with leading institutes in different world regions. At present, they include the following.



Institute Website City Country
Airlangga Institute of Indian Ocean Crossroads (AIIOC)
 (Surabaya, Indonesia)
<https://aiioc.unair.ac.id>

Centre for Research in Anthropology (CRIA)
 (Lisbon, Coimbra, & Minho, Portugal)
<https://cria.org.pt>

Centro de Estudos Afro-Orientais (CEAO) Bahia University
 (Salvador, Brazil)
<https://www.ceao.ufba.br>

French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP)
 (Pondicherry, India)
<https://www.ifpindia.org>

Kasetsart University (KU)
 (Bangkok, Thailand)
<https://www.ku.ac.th/en/community-home>

Institute for Urban Research (IUR) Malmö University
 (Malmö, Sweden)
<https://www.iuresearch.se>

Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies University of Erfurt
 (Erfurt, Germany)
<https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/max-weber-kolleg>

Max Weber Forum Delhi
 (Delhi, India)
<https://mwfdelhi.hypotheses.org>

School of Culture Resources of Taiwan National University of the Arts (TNUA)
 (Taipei, Taiwan)
<https://scr.tnua.edu.tw/en/institute>

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
 (Madrid, Spain)
<https://www.uam.es/uam/en/inicio>

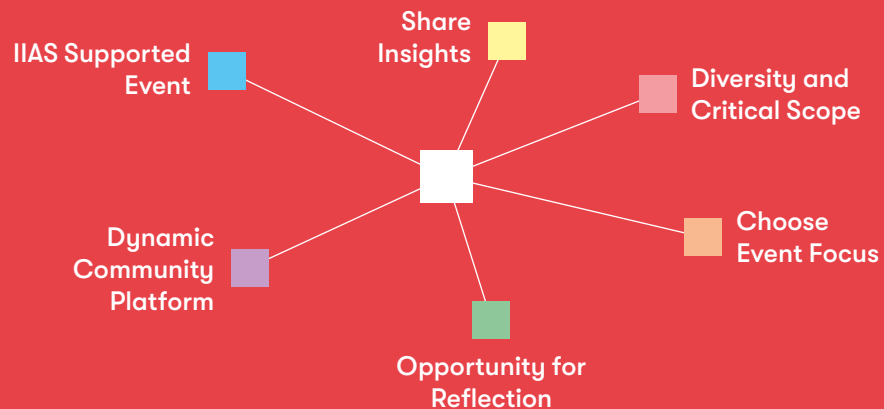
Universite Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD)
 (Dakar, Senegal)
<https://www.ucad.sn>

University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM)
 (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)
<https://www.udsm.ac.tz>

Worldmaking Heidelberg University
 (Heidelberg, Germany)
<https://www.zo.uni-heidelberg.de/sinologie/worldmaking>

Return to IIAS in Leiden

Upon your return to Leiden, we will ask you to share your insights gained from your stay with the co-hosting institution. With IIAS support, you and the other fellows of your cohort will organise an event highlighting the diversity and critical scope of Asian Studies. Each cohort will choose the event's focus, making it a dynamic platform open to the Leiden University community and beyond. Furthermore, we will provide an opportunity to reflect on how institutions shape our understanding and study of Asia.



The International Institute for Asian Studies

The International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) is a globally oriented institute that actively promotes critical, humanistic, and collaborative work on, with, in, and beyond Asia. Our platforms and programmes revolve around five core priorities: Research, Education & Pedagogy, Civic Engagement, Network Building, and Communication & Dissemination.

Recognising the fundamental inter-connectedness of Asia and other world regions, IIAS supports work that transcends traditional divides of discipline, geography, social sector, and methodology. Since its inception in 1993, IIAS has focused on transforming conventional patterns of academic practice in Asian Studies, particularly by emphasising the development and sharing of new forms of knowledge through international collaboration.

As a facilitator based in the Global North, IIAS currently works to connect institutions in its network across the Global South. Over the last years, IIAS has gained recognition for its unique 'South-South-North' vision, one seeking to effectively support a more multi-centred and circulatory process of knowledge creation and sharing, with the explicit recognition that the increasingly fragmented world we live in requires stronger capacities for mutual engagements between different world regions – crucially including what is called the 'Global South.' This S-S-N vision now underpins many existing IIAS collaborative projects and initiatives.

Fellowship Options at IIAS

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Gonda-IIAS Fellowship

Promising young Indologists at the post-doctorate level can apply for funding with the J. Gonda Foundation of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) to spend three to six months doing research at IIAS.

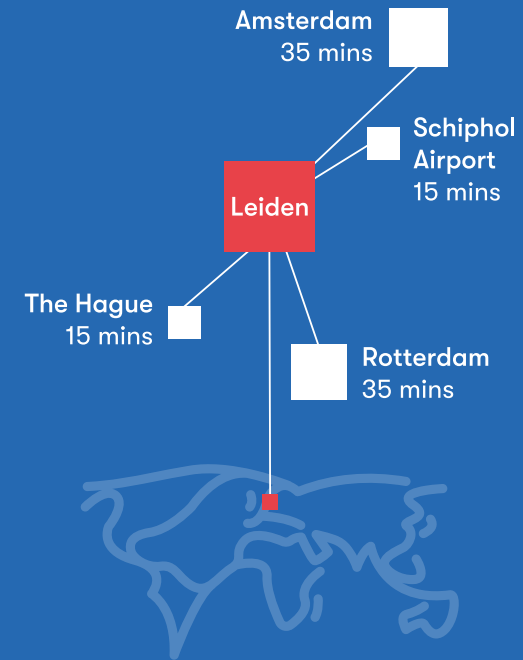
Visiting Researchers (Self-Funded)

Each year, IIAS hosts researchers on sabbatical as well as projects supported by other funding systems. These researchers are invited to engage with the broader IIAS community and collaborate on our initiatives and projects. Interested applicants can apply year-round via the online form on our website.

Professorial Fellowship for the Chair of Taiwan Studies at Leiden University and IIAS


Are you a dedicated researcher who specialises in Taiwan Studies? You are welcome to apply for this professorship position, available for either five or ten months.

Information: www.iias.asia/fellowships



IIAS is conveniently located in the heart of Leiden, The Netherlands, surrounded by a cluster of academic institutions centered around Leiden University and its renowned Asian Library.





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