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Above:
An alleyway at
Kampung Peneleh,
Surabaya (Sketch
by Hongky Zein,
Urban Sketchers
Surabaya, 2019)

ICAS 13: Crossways of Knowledge An International Conference-Festival in Surabaya, Indonesia

The 13th International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 13) will be held in Surabaya, Indonesia, a thriving city with a rich history, from 28 July – 1 August 2024. As a major maritime hub, Surabaya has long acted as a crossway of peoples, ideas and goods. Today, it is a vibrant metropolis and a gateway to the Eastern part of Indonesia and Oceania, where modern skyscrapers scramble with canals and buildings from the colonial era, with vibrant neighborhoods/kampungs in which people from different parts of Indonesia live alongside descendants of Chinese, Arab and Malay settlers.

International Convention of Asia Scholars
ICAS 13: Crossways of Knowledge
28 July-1 August 2024
Surabaya, Indonesia

Deadline for Submissions
25 October 2023

ICAS 13 Surabaya represents a new phase in the IIAS's efforts to re-imagine the Academic Conference in the post-COVID world in which disturbed human-nature interrelations increasingly impinge upon daily life. We are convinced that in spite of the expediency of digital platforms, in-person academic events are still important, provided they embrace a place-based approach to questions of global relevance. We as organisers of this International Convention of Asia Scholars propose to host the meeting in Summer 2024 amidst the realities of Asia. To that end, participants will have opportunities to embed themselves within the local context, engage across regional and disciplinary divides and explore new practices of knowledge production.

ICAS 13 mobilises IIAS's networks of partner institutions and individuals from across the world but is embedded in the social, economic and ecological realities

of Surabaya. Our primary local partner is the Surabaya-based Universitas Airlangga (UNAIR), together with its newly established Airlangga Institute of Indian Ocean Crossroads (AIIOC). AIIOC is an autonomous international platform established on the initiative of four faculties at Universitas Airlangga: Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Public Health. AIIOC and IIAS's collaborative mission is to stimulate inquiry into the rich resources offered by the city of Surabaya and the people of East-Java as a way to create an experiential global-local Conference-Festival (ConFest) that celebrates diversity in collaboration within and beyond academia extending to civil society and the arts. Through our partnership, we are committed to organising a unique event comprising a sustained series of panels, interactive

roundtables, poster sessions, methodological workshops and hands-on activities. In and around the ConFest venues, we will also host participatory local engagements as well as Book, Film, Food and Craft Fairs. 'Crossways of Knowledge', the title of the 2024 convention, evokes the multiple modalities and serendipities of contemporary knowledge exchange between academia and society. ICAS 13 consists of ten broadly defined themes including, but not limited to, *Human Futures, Prosperity, Histories, Media and Culture and Food and Health*. The goal is to facilitate transdisciplinary conversations and to link such conversations with local realities. On the submission website, each global theme is accompanied by a 'local context' note intended to highlight connections between heterogeneous Asian Studies research and the particular context of Surabaya, Indonesia.

Proposals that exhibit a commitment to diversity are encouraged. We look forward to welcoming participants to this novel experiment of academic-civic, local-global collaboration.

Check out the full call for proposals, theme descriptions and submissions portal at www.icas.asia.

ICAS 13 Book and Craft Fair

Publishers and institutes are invited to exhibit at the Book and Craft Fair at ICAS 13 to present their work to the large number of attendees. Should you be interested in exhibiting at ICAS 13, please contact us at icas13@iias.nl.

We also welcome proposals for art exhibitions and workshops, see our submission portal for more information: www.icas.asia.



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