

What Future for Conflict Transformation in Asia and Europe?

Experts meet to discuss inter-regional partnership in conflict transformation

8th Asia-Europe Roundtable

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'The Future of an Asia-Europe Strategic Partnership in Conflict Transformation'

A select group of Asian and European experts will meet in Bali from 22 to 25 May 2011 to discuss *'The Future of an Asia-Europe Strategic Partnership in Conflict Transformation'*. The high-level meeting brings together decision-makers from the public service sector, regional organisations, academia, NGOs, and the media. This group of experts will include His Excellency Jusuf Kalla, former Vice-President of Indonesia. Together, they will review current and emerging trends in various sectors and envisage possible future scenarios of conflict, to identify the methods of cooperation between Asia and Europe that will best address future conflict challenges.

The scenario-building and strategy formulation exercises will be led by prominent futurist Dr. Sohail Inayatullah, who developed the Six Pillars approach to futures thinking and scenario development. The scenario building process will provide experts with the tools to identify practical and creative conflict transformation strategies.

Participants will come to the meeting prepared to discuss topics such as:

- The major developments in Asia and Europe with respect to conflict transformation in the past two decades.
- The current social, political, economic, environmental trends that may impact the future of conflict transformation in Asia and Europe.
- The uncertainties or 'critical unknowns' that present mechanisms/structures for conflict transformation haven't taken into account.

The 8th Asia-Europe Roundtable reflects two important developments in recent decades. The first is a shift in thinking about ways of addressing conflict, moving beyond "conflict management" to "conflict transformation". This approach emphasises addressing the root causes of particular conflicts over a long time-frame, in recognition of the impact of embedded societal structures, relationships and interests that prolong conflict situations. The second development is the continuing emergence of Asia-Europe cooperation to address common challenges to peace and security. The Asia-Europe Roundtable series recognises the fact that both regions are major stakeholders in conflict situations around the globe.

The event is organised jointly by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF), the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Office for Regional Cooperation in Asia, and the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA), with the support of the Europe-Asia Policy Forum (EUforAsia).



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