

5th Asia-Europe Editors' Roundtable

**“Asia and Europe: Engaging for
a Post-Crisis World”**

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*under the conference “4th Connecting Civil Societies of
Asia and Europe Conference”*

Programme Booklet

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OUTLINE

Introduction

We live in an era of profound transition. Change is occurring rapidly and unpredictably. Challenges and risks are increasingly inter-connected across borders as well as across sectors. In the aftermath of the international financial and economic crisis, and with lessons drawn from UNFCCC COP15 in Copenhagen, there is widespread recognition that there are serious shortcomings in the present global architecture for responding to these new challenges. There is an urgent need for a re-think of necessary international mechanisms and institutions for credible and effective global governance.

Aims and Objectives

- To take stock of recent trends in global governance
- To examine and find shared ground between Asia and Europe for building consensus on the desired evolution of a new global architecture
- To raise awareness among European participants of the implications of Asia's dynamic growth and relevance in the evolving new world order
- To raise awareness among Asian participants of the continued relevance of Europe

Issues to be discussed

- Existing mechanisms such as the UN and other multilateral institutions appear to be facing a crisis of confidence. Are they falling short of expectations? Is the status quo inadequate for engaging emerging powers in the common interests of all? What is the significance of replacing the G-8 with G-20?
- Are new initiatives for global leadership, such as the G-20, meant to be permanent? If so, how should such global mechanisms evolve to provide international stability?
- What is the shape of future international financial architecture? Are there lessons from the Eurozone crisis for Asia and Europe? Is there room for more Asia-Europe cooperation for stabilising international financial markets?

Participation

Up to 20 senior editors of major print or broadcast media

Chairperson

Ambassador Dominique Girard, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation

Rapporteur/Moderator

Dr Gareth Price, Head of Asia Programme, Chatham House

Moderator

Dr Kerry Brown, Senior Fellow, Asia Programme, Chatham House

Outcomes

- Summary of discussions to be included as inputs for the report of the 4th Connecting Civil Societies of Asia and Europe which will be submitted by ASEF to ASEM Leaders on the occasion of the 8th ASEM Summit
- Monograph jointly-published by Chatham House and the Asia-Europe Foundation

PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2010

All day	<i>Arrival of participants</i>
18:15	<i>Bus departs from hotel for BOZAR</i>
18:30 - 21:00	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>(open to all Connecting Civil Societies Conference participants)</small></p> <p>Cocktail Reception/Visit to the Exhibition: A Passage to Asia. 25 Centuries of Exchange between Asia and Europe <i>Venue: Centre for Fine Arts (BOZAR), Brussels</i></p>

SUNDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2010

09:10	<i>Bus departs for The Square</i>
10:00 – 10:30	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>(open only to Editors' Roundtable participants and observers) [5 mins photo opportunity for press]</small></p> <p>Opening Keynote Speech: H.E. Steven Vanackere Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Belgium</p> <p>Introduced by: Ambassador Dominique Girard Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation</p>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:15	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>(open only to Editors' Roundtable participants and observers)</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Asia and Europe: Engaging for a Post-Crisis World*</u></p> <p>Introductory Remarks by Rapportuer/Moderator: Dr Gareth Price Head, Asia Programme, Chatham House</p> <p>Session One: "Is there a crisis of global leadership?"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inter-connected crises: Attitudes towards shared challenges, including global financial system; migration; climate change; security and terrorism. ▪ How effective are current institutions dealing with these challenges? Is there a continued role for the UN? Who sets the global agenda? ▪ The G-20 constitutes 80% of world GDP. Does power confer legitimacy? How can the G-20 be more inclusive and transparent?

12:15 – 13:45	Lunch
14:00 – 15:15	<p style="text-align: right;">(open only to Editors' Roundtable participants and observers)</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Kerry Brown Senior Fellow, Asia Programme, Chatham House</p> <p>Session Two: "An Asian Century?"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can Asia and Europe engage in this post-crisis world? ▪ Is Asia becoming an economic entity? ▪ Will growing economic integration lead to growing political integration in Asia? ▪ How will Europe and Asia work with the US, which remains a dominant global power?
15:15 – 16:30	<p style="text-align: right;">(open only to Editors' Roundtable participants and observers)</p> <p>Discussant: Dr Pradumna B. Rana Associate Professor, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (Singapore)</p> <p>Session Three: "Future Global Economic Architecture (GEA) - What shape of things to come?"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shortcomings of the GEA before the global economic crisis of 2007/2008 and how the G-20 led GEA had addressed some of them. ▪ How can the inclusiveness and legitimacy of the G-20 be enhanced? ▪ How could the GEA evolve in the future? ▪ How can Asia and Europe engage and contribute to the evolving GEA?
16:30 – 17:00	<p style="text-align: right;">(open only to Editors' Roundtable participants and observers)</p> <p>Wrap-Up and Conclusion</p>
17:15 – 17:45	<p style="text-align: right;">(open to all Connecting Civil Societies Conference participants) [Open for media coverage]</p> <p>Plenary, Closing Remarks by the Organisers** <i>Venue: The Arc, The Square</i></p>

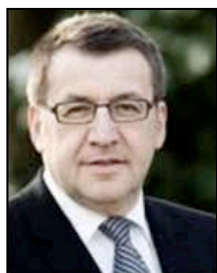
* See Discussion Paper on Asia-Europe: Engaging for a Post-Crisis World circulated on 24 Sep 2010.

** Following the 5th Asia-Europe Editors' Roundtable, participants are invited to stay on in Brussels to cover the 8th ASEM Summit which takes place on 4 to 5 Oct 2010. For more information on the Summit, please see www.asem8.be

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PROFILES

Keynote Speaker



Steven Vanackere is currently the Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium and Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Institutional Reform. He obtained his Degree in Political Sciences, Law and Economics, and soon became involved with politics and worked inter alia as an advisor to Herman Van Rompuy (then Chairman of the Christian-democratic party, now President of the European Council), and as Chief of Cabinet of the Minister of Economic Affairs, Budget, Finance and External Relations of the Brussels Capital Region Government. Mr Vanackere also served as Managing Director of the Port of Brussels and Deputy Director General of MIVB/STIB, the urban public transport company of Brussels. He became a member of the Flemish Regional Parliament in 2004, and after only three years became Minister of Welfare, Public Health and Family Affairs in the Flemish Regional Government. In 2008, he was transferred to the Belgian federal level and swore the oath as Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium and Belgian Minister of the Civil Service, Public Enterprise and Institutional Reform. He became Minister of Foreign Affairs in November 2009.

Chairperson



Dominique Girard joined ASEF as its fourth Executive Director in November 2008. A graduate in Political Studies from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris and in Oriental Languages (Chinese and Vietnamese) from the Ecole Nationale des Langues Orientales (1967 and 1969 respectively), Ambassador Girard is a career diplomat holding the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary (hors classe). He started his diplomatic career in the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Secrétaire des Affaires Etrangères (Orient) in 1970 and since then has been alternating diverse postings in the Ministry and in French diplomatic missions in Vietnam, Laos, Singapore, USA and China. He was Ambassador to Indonesia (1992-1995), Australia (1995-2000) and India (2002-2007). Prior to his present appointment, he was Diplomatic Adviser to the French Government, as well as Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Council of France. Ambassador Girard has been awarded several French Honorary distinctions; among them, National Order of Merit (Officer), 2002; and the Legion of Honour (Officer), 2007.

Rapporteur/Moderator



Gareth Price is Head of the Asia Programme at Chatham House, home of The Royal Institute of International Affairs. He gained his PhD from Bristol in 1997 and was Political Risk Analyst for the Control Risk Group from 1998 to 2000, then South Asia Analyst for the Economist Intelligence Unit from 2000-2004. Dr Price was Senior India Research Fellow prior to his appointment as Head of the Asia Programme. His areas of expertise include economic reform in India, Indian and Pakistan domestic politics and international relations in South Asia. Projects

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Moderator



Kerry Brown is a writer, lecturer and consultant about China and Asia. He is Senior Fellow at Chatham House on the Asia Programme. Educated at Cambridge, London and Leeds Universities, he worked in Japan, Australia, and the Inner Mongolian region of China, before joining the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. He worked in the China Section and then served as First Secretary, Beijing, from 2000 to 2003, and Head of the Indonesia East Timor Section at the FCO from 2003 to 2005. He is a Research Associate of the Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy, at SOAS, and currently sits on the board of the Great

Britain China Centre. He is also an Associate of the China Policy Institute at Nottingham University and an advisory editor to the Berkshire Encyclopedia of China.

Discussant



Pradumna B. Rana is an Associate Professor at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU). He was the Senior Director of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB's) Office of Regional Economic Integration which spearheaded the ADB's support for Asian economic integration. Prior to that, he held various senior positions at the ADB for many years. He has teaching and research experience at the NTU, NUS, and the Tribhuvan University (Nepal). He obtained his PhD from Vanderbilt University where he was a Fulbright Scholar and a Masters in Economics from Michigan State

University and Tribhuvan University where he was a gold medalist. He has published widely in the areas of Asian economic development and integration, financial crises, and economic policy reforms in transition economies. These include 15 authored or edited books, over 25 chapters in books, and over 40 articles in international scholarly journals including *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Asian Economics*, *World Development*, *Developing Economies*, and *Singapore Economic Review*. Recently, he co-authored a book on *South Asia: Rising to the Challenge of Globalization* (World Scientific Publishers) and co-edited books on *Pan-Asian Integration: Linking East and South Asia* (Palgrave Macmillan) and *National Strategies for Regional Integration: South and East Asian Case Studies* (Anthem Press, UK). Presently, he is co-authoring a book on *Asia and the Global Economic Crisis: Challenges in a Financially Integrated World* (Palgrave Macmillan).

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- Relevant travel taxes
- Visa application fees
- Two-way airport transfer in Brussels* (Airport/train station ↔ hotel).

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- ALL original boarding passes
- Copy of travel itinerary
- Original receipt of air/train ticket purchase from the travel agency or airline, bearing the price of the ticket (the air ticket/e-ticket does not serve as a valid receipt)
- Original air/train ticket or e-ticket
- Photocopy of passport bearing entry visa to Belgium and original receipt of payment for visa application, if any
- Original receipts of airport taxes paid, if any
- Original receipts for airport transfers (train or taxi) in Brussels¹
- If the reimbursement is to be paid to the participant's organisation, an invoice or cover letter from the organisation

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About the organisers:



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