



# THE ASIA-EUROPE FOUNDATION AND THE ASIA-EUROPE MEETING



The **Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)** advances mutual understanding and collaboration between the people of Asia and Europe through intellectual, cultural, and people-to-people exchanges. These exchanges include conferences, lecture tours, workshops, seminars and the use of web-based platforms. The major achievement of ASEF is the establishment of permanent bi-regional networks focused on areas and issues that help to strengthen Asia-Europe relations.

Established in February 1997 by the partners of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), ASEF reports to a board of governors representing the ASEM partners. ASEF is the only permanent physical institution of the ASEM process. Since 1997, the Foundation has initiated projects engaging some 14,000 individuals from Asia and Europe. ASEF works in partnership with other public institutions and civil society actors to ensure its work is broad-based and balanced among the partner countries.

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The **Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)** was initiated in 1996 when the ASEM leaders met in Bangkok, Thailand. ASEM is an informal trans-regional platform for dialogue and co-operation between the two regions and has arisen out of a mutual recognition that the relationship between Asia and Europe needed to be strengthened in light of the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

The ASEM process is based on an equal partnership and its activities are grouped into three pillars: political, economic and socio-cultural. It brings together Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vietnam, the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat.

ASEM holds a Summit every two years, alternately in Asia and in Europe. This is the highest level of decision-making in the process. Besides the attendance of the Head of States, the Summit also features accompanying Ministers, the Head of the European Commission and other stakeholders. Apart from the Summit meetings, the ASEM process is carried forward through a series of Ministerial and working-level meetings, as well as a number of activities arising from it.

[www.aseminfoboard.org](http://www.aseminfoboard.org)

**COVER DESIGN CONCEPT** The cover design features three interlocking rings which form '08' and encapsulate ASEF's slogan. It uses four bold colours – red, blue, green and yellow, a vibrant palette which is a signature part of the ASEF's visual identity. Through the use of the watercolouring effect, the four colours merge and disperse to create a vivid spectrum of colours representing the diversity and dynamism of ASEF.

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**This report covers calendar year 2008. It was an eventful year where ASEF once again demonstrated its core strengths in working with civil society in Asia and Europe in promoting linkages and mutual understanding between the two regions.**

Indeed, ASEF's achievements since its founding in 1997 have been remarkable for such a small organisation. It has conducted over 400 projects during the course of its existence, resulting in 14,000 or so alumni from different walks of life from both regions. Through this, ASEF has created sustainable bi-regional networks over a cross-section of society.

ASEF operates in the context of a growing strategic relationship between Asia and Europe. Its work complements that of the Asia-Europe Meeting process or ASEM, under whose political aegis ASEF was created. There is a clear nexus between them, making ASEF a rather unique conduit between civil society and policymakers, while adding considerable value to ASEM through its activities. This is best manifested by the numerous activities ASEF undertakes, directly or indirectly, in support of ASEM. The best example in 2008, but by no means the only one, was the 7th ASEM Summit (ASEM7) in Beijing in October 2008. On that occasion, ASEF, in co-operation with host China, organised a series of activities that engaged a cross-section of civil society constituencies covering areas such as international relations, the economy, culture, media developments and the environment. In their declaration at ASEM7, the leaders recognised "the value of ASEF's flagship programmes in furthering the priorities, and enhancing the visibility of ASEM."

During the year, there were several significant organisational developments that are worth highlighting. First, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of ASEF was expanded in 2008 from 10 to 12 Governors by the inclusion of an Asian and European member each. This is a response to the increase in recent years in the membership of ASEM, which now stands at 45.

Second, and very important, there was a handover in leadership at ASEF. As of 1 November 2008, Ambassador Dominique Girard of France took over as Executive Director for a four-year term, from Ambassador Wonil Cho of Korea. This followed a changeover earlier in the year in Deputy Executive Directors which saw Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Khanh of Vietnam take over from Mr Bertrand Fort of France. I would like to place on record the gratitude

of the Board of Governors to Ambassador Cho and Mr Fort for their dedication and their invaluable contributions to ASEF. At the same time, we welcome Ambassador Girard and Ambassador Khanh to the ASEF family. I look forward to working with them, both of whom are distinguished diplomats with vast experience that will be assets to ASEF's evolution. I observed with satisfaction that the transfer of the Executive Directorship from Ambassador Cho to Ambassador Girard was well-prepared and professionally executed.

Looking ahead, ASEF operates in an increasingly complex and challenging global setting. It must remain relevant and responsive to this dynamic environment, while remaining true to its mission and inherent strengths. The ASEM7 Summit was inevitably preoccupied by the financial and economic crisis, which is global in scope and has affected Asia and Europe unexpectedly severely. The crisis is likely to be with us for some time to come, with the attendant social implications. ASEF is well-positioned to mobilise its civil society networks, in order to facilitate a bi-regional dialogue to address the wide-ranging impact of the crisis. The new leadership of ASEF is fully aware of the challenges and dangers of the global economic crisis and has started to work on projects to focus on various aspects of the crisis. It is our obligation to mobilize the outstanding representatives of civil society, as well as policymakers to help to understand the rapidly changing phenomena of the crisis. The inevitable duty of ASEF is to give priority in its intellectual work to the possible social and political consequences of the increasing global uncertainties and imbalances. At the same time, ASEF needs to continue to maintain on its radar scope other pressing global issues such as climate change and inter-cultural dialogue where it has developed an excellent track record.

Conversely, it should be recognised that the important long-term work ASEF does is only possible with the support of ASEM partners, and that the current economic difficulties may have implications for the financial resources the Foundation can obtain to do its work. Some perspective is necessary here especially since ASEF has a track record of delivering high-quality results in a cost-effective manner. Its approved

budget for 2009 of less than SGD\$9 million or 4.5 million euros, is modest by any standard, especially when seen against the quality of its programmes. It is necessary therefore for ASEF and its ASEM stakeholders to work together to ensure that the necessary financial contributions are maintained.

Notwithstanding the challenges ahead, ASEF has developed various competencies over the years, which are increasingly relevant in an interconnected world in need of multilateral and multi-stakeholder solutions to various issues. With its emphasis on constructive dialogue, backed by an impressive and growing list of alumni and partner institutions, ASEF is well-placed to enhance its already significant role at the heart of Asia-Europe relations. I am confident that ASEF and its energetic staff will continue to make the most of the opportunities in the years ahead.

**Ambassador Andrés Balogh**  
Chair of the Board of Governors for 2009



**ASEF is governed by a Board of Governors, appointed by the respective ASEM partners. The Governors are nominated for a renewable period of three years. The Board meets thrice in a two year cycle and sets out policy directions of ASEF.**

## The Board of Governors as of 31st December 2008

<b>Austria</b> Ambassador Dr Wolfgang Schallenberg	<b>Greece</b> Ambassador Dr Sotirios Mousouris	<b>Mongolia</b> To be confirmed
<b>Belgium</b> Ambassador Marc Calcoen	<b>Hungary</b> Ambassador Dr András Balogh	<b>Myanmar</b> Ambassador U Win Myint
<b>Brunei Darussalam</b> Ambassador Pengiran Haji Yunus bin Pengiran Haji Mahmud <i>Datin Hajah Maimunah Dato Paduka Haji Elias (till Jul 2008)</i>	<b>India</b> Ambassador Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	<b>The Netherlands</b> Prof. Dr. W.A.L. Stokhof <i>Ambassador Paul R. Brouwer (till Mar 2008)</i>
<b>Bulgaria</b> Mr Borislav Kostov	<b>Indonesia</b> Ambassador Sastrohandoyo Wiryono	<b>Pakistan</b> Mr Mohammad Abdul Mateen Khan <i>Mr Noor Muhammad Jadmani (till July 2008)</i>
<b>Cambodia</b> H.E. Mrs Tuot Panha <i>Mrs Oum Somanine (till Nov 2008)</i>	<b>Ireland</b> Dr Thomas P. Hardiman	<b>The Philippines</b> Ambassador Rosario G Manalo <i>Ms Maria Zeneida Angara Collinson (till Jan 2008)</i>
<b>China</b> Ambassador Lü Yongshou	<b>Italy</b> Dr Piero Gastaldo	<b>Poland</b> <i>Ambassador Boguslaw Majewski (till Oct 2008)</i>
<b>Cyprus</b> To be confirmed	<b>Japan</b> Ambassador Prof Takayuki Kimura	<b>Portugal</b> Lieutenant-General Vasco Rocha Vieira
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<b>Finland</b> Dr Kaarina Suonio	<b>Lithuania</b> Ambassador Dainius Petras Kamaitis	<b>Slovenia</b> Ambassador Helena Drnovsek Zorko
<b>France</b> Ambassador Dominique Perreau	<b>Luxembourg</b> Mr Edmond Israel	<b>Spain</b> Mr Jesus Sanz Escorihuela
<b>Germany</b> Prof Dr Helmut Haussmann	<b>Malaysia</b> Ambassador Dato' Ramanathan Vengadesan	
	<b>Malta</b> Prof Henry Joseph Frendo	



**I assumed the role of Executive Director of ASEF in November 2008 with almost 40 years in the French Foreign Service. Having spent most of those years in Asia, the opportunity to join ASEF presented an exciting chance to contribute to a bi-regional relationship from a different people-to-people perspective and to use my experience to further the Foundation's goals.**

I would first like to pay tribute to the work of my predecessor, Amb. Wonil Cho of Korea, who led the organisation for four sometimes challenging years. ASEF's achievements since its founding have been profoundly impressive, with a wide reach. The Foundation's mission is a unique and challenging one, having been charged by the ASEM political process to bring the people of Asia and Europe closer together and to enhance mutual understanding. As it involves shaping people's attitudes, the work often covers sensitive areas with political overtones, which require delicate yet targeted approaches.

I was fortunate to witness first-hand the pertinence and value of ASEF's projects at the ASEM 7 Summit in Beijing, China in October 2008, just before my term at ASEF had commenced. Here, I discovered that, small as it is, the Foundation successfully launched 5 diverse projects that complemented the Summit and added visibility to it. I was immediately struck by the value of these projects and the professionalism and energy of the staff. This left me with no doubt about the quality of ASEF, both in terms of its people and its outputs, but also from the perspectives of in-depth linkages with local partner organisations and the value of its alumni.

However, ASEF's past successes should not lull it into complacency. In a world where the pace of change is intensifying and where prospects for the years ahead are uncertain in the face of a severe financial and economic crisis, several questions arise. What is next for ASEF? How can the Foundation stay relevant and indeed stand out in its second decade of existence?

At the outset, it is clear that ASEF must continue to leverage on its inherent strengths – its ability to forge permanent networks across both regions and to bring together experts and opinion shapers in key areas of importance to Asia and Europe. At the same time, ASEF needs to stay nimble and adaptable to a dynamic global environment. While retaining and enhancing the successful aspects of the Foundation, it is also vital that we make changes in areas where it would better suit the evolving needs of the Foundation.

Given the size of our organisation, it is obvious that ASEF cannot accomplish everything in all areas. It is therefore necessary to sharpen our focus, prioritising areas of critical significance. The Foundation will efficiently adjust to the current global situation by focusing its efforts for the year ahead towards three major areas: public health and pandemics, environment and sustainable development, as well as economy and society. The rationale behind these choices is clear – they respond to pressing concerns in the global and ASEM agenda and are areas in which ASEF has established a recognised track record. Other key areas where ASEF has established a notable track record, such as education, arts and culture, will continue to feature prominently on the ASEF agenda.

In addition, we will work to maximise public awareness on key issues impacting Asia-Europe relations through ASEF projects. A large part of this communications strategy involves drawing on the relationships we enjoy with the media, key partners and alumni in both regions.

In my optimism about the future of ASEF, I am also aware of the many challenges that we face. While charting ASEF's future direction, it is of paramount importance that we remain focused, adaptable and prudent in managing our cost structure.

Of course, this is not something that I can achieve on my own. I have started working with ASEF's dedicated staff and partner organisations towards new and creative ways of extending the reach of what we can do. We will step up efforts to engage ASEF's alumni, who act as important multipliers, reinforcing the impact of our work.

We count on the continued support of our stakeholders, the ASEM governments, as well as the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat. I also look forward to working with ASEF's distinguished Board of Governors, led by the newly elected Chairman, Amb. Dr András Balogh (Hungary) and Vice-Chairman, Amb. Kim Sam-hoon (Korea), to steer the organisation forward.

**Ambassador Dominique Girard**  
ASEF Executive Director

## Executive Office

The Executive Office enhances ASEF's performance through management decisions based on the directions and policy guidelines set out by the ASEM Governments and the ASEF Board of Governors.

It is responsible for ASEF's overall capability and readiness to develop and meet both strategic objectives, as well as operational requirements. At the same time, the Executive Office ensures efficient co-ordination within the Foundation and with its stakeholders.



Standing from left to right:  
Leonie Schneider (**Germany**) Chief of Staff to Executive Director  
Lorivic Fragata (**The Philippines**) Personal Assistant to Executive Director  
Amb Dominique Girard (**France**) Executive Director  
Amb Nguyen Quoc Khanh (**Vietnam**) Deputy Executive Director  
Amelia Indradjaja (**Indonesia**) Executive Assistant to Deputy Executive Director  
Helena Lim (**France**) Intern

Not in this picture:  
Flaminia Lilli (**Italy**) Executive Assistant to Executive Director until May 2008  
Bertrand Fort (**France**) Deputy Executive Director until August 2008  
Amb. Wonil Cho (**Korea**) Executive Director until October 2008  
Cesar Hernández Morales (**Spain**) 2009 Executive Assistant to Executive Director until February 2009

Past interns:  
Andra Matei (**Romania**) until August 2008

### The Cultural Exchange department (CE) seeks to provide young artists and cultural professionals a unique environment

for dialogue leading to exchanges of artistic practices, dynamic cultural networks and cultural policy development in and between Asia and Europe.

CE's areas of co-operation:

#### Young Artists' Exchange

ASEF facilitates Asia-Europe encounters among young artists to exchange ideas, information, contacts and best practices through face-to-face and online meetings. This area of co-operation aims to nurture creativity through collaboration in various art forms leading to future synergies and the opening up of career opportunities.

- **Comics and Graphic Novels:** The *LINGUA COMICA* programme series is organised for creators, artists, writers and commentators who work in the field of comics and graphic novels.
- **Contemporary Dance:** *Pointe to Point: Asia-Europe Dance Forum* is a series where young choreographers and dance/movement artists come together and receive support through peer-to-peer exchanges under the guidance of experienced dancers, choreographers or dance critics as facilitators.
- **Film:** The *Asia-Europe Film Meeting* programme series engages young and established film-making professionals from Asia and Europe on topics such as fundraising, as well as the development of independent film-making.
- **Music:** Young musicians from Asia and Europe convene through the *I'mPULSE: Asia-Europe Music Camp* series which provides support through peer-to-peer exchanges under the guidance of experienced musicians, conductors and other music professionals as facilitators.

- **Photography:** With the *Asia-Europe Emerging Photographers' Forum* series, emerging photographers, photography editors and curators from Asia and Europe come together to discuss pertinent issues in professional practice as well as the role of photography today.
- **Visual Arts and New Media:** The *Asia-Europe Art Camp* series brings together Master's degree-level students, young artists and ASEF's experienced resource panel members who practice visual arts and new media arts in the 2 continents.

#### Process Oriented Platforms for Exchange

Initiating and promoting cultural networks for the development of sustainable links and innovative co-operation projects through physical meetings and online platforms in different disciplines and thematic areas.

- **Asia-Europe Museum Network (ASEMUS)** promotes exchange of heritage through sharing of museum collections, best practices in museum management and creating online and offline projects together (<http://www.aseumus.museum>)
- **Artists' Networks and Autonomous Cultural Centres** facilitate discussions on management strategies for arts and culture, contemporary art practice and promotes artist mobility as well as exchanges of arts and culture professionals
- **Connect2Culture** is a programme which reinforces connections between policy makers through platforms of online and offline exchanges which are multidisciplinary in nature, and designed to address pertinent issues in art and society.

- **Culture 360** is an Asia-Europe cultural portal initiated by ASEF and facilitated by ASEF which uniquely connects cultural practitioners of the two regions together and facilitates multilateral cooperation in the arts. It also helps promote exchange of ideas, information and contacts in the cultural scene within the ASEM countries. (<http://www.culture360.org>)
- **SEA-Images** website (referring to Synergy Europe-Asia in the field of cinema) gives regular updates on film events, projects and insights to Asian and European cinema (<http://sea-images.asef.org>)
- **www.culture-asef.org** was created in co-operation with Universes-in-Universe and Worlds of Art, to promote Asia-Europe exchanges in the visual arts field. It contains a directory of cultural institutions, organisations, festivals, research studies, exchange programmes, exhibitions and private initiatives of arts professionals in the ASEM countries.

#### Dialogue on Policy and Culture

ASEF's Cultural Exchange department is an interface for policy makers and practitioners. It advocates policies to promote creativity, artistic development and cultural diversity at the government level in ASEM countries.



Standing from left to right:  
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Sasiwimon Wongjarin (**Thailand**) Project Officer  
Jean Anes (**Indonesia**) Director  
Katelijn Verstraete (**Belgium**) Assistant Director  
Valentina Riccardi (**Italy**) Project Executive  
Anupama Sekhar (**India**) Project Executive  
Firdaus Arman (**Singapore**) Admin/Project Officer

Not in this picture:  
Azizah Fauziah (**Indonesia**) Project Officer until August 2008  
Kay Green Lee (**Korea**) Admin/Project Officer until February 2009

Past interns:  
Fanny Wong (**China**) until March 2008  
Nunnaree Panichkul (**Thailand**) until October 2008

## The Intellectual Exchange department (IE) contributes to policy debates in the ASEM framework by providing a common platform

for civil society actors and officials from government and multilateral institutions through a variety of formats (conferences, roundtables, public panels, lecture tours, retreat-style workshops), depending on the nature of the policy issue. Participants of IE projects are drawn from the academe, the media, governments, private institutions, research centres, think-tanks, non-government organisations (NGOs), trade unions, foundations, Asian 'cultural houses' in Europe and European 'cultural houses' in Asia, with the strategic aim of reinforcing specialised networks throughout Asia and Europe and creating new ones. IE contributes policy recommendations from civil society to ASEM and other international dialogue processes.

IE's areas of coverage are:

### Governance

Reinforcing the role of civil society in good governance with Asia-Europe exchanges that benefit the peoples of both regions.

- The **Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights** engenders groundbreaking government-civil society dialogue on various dimensions of human rights, bringing together government officials and civil society participants of the 45 ASEM partners.
- The **Asia-Europe Democratisation and Justice Series** is a platform to explore differences, similarities and challenges of democratisation processes, particularly in countries undergoing political transition in Asia and Europe.

### Academic Co-operation

Promoting cross-regional partnership in Asian and European studies.

- The **Asia-Europe Workshop Series (AEWS)** supports academic institutions in the organisation of workshops on themes of common interest to Asia and Europe. ([www.aews.asef.org](http://www.aews.asef.org))
- The **European Studies in Asia (ESIA)** network was launched to stimulate European studies in the Asian region by creating synergies between European studies centres in both Asia and Europe as well as strengthening interaction between existing networks in Asia. ([www.esia.asef.org](http://www.esia.asef.org))

### Dialogue of Cultures and Civilisations

Forum to facilitate mutual understanding and dialogue on fundamental issues related to relations among cultural, religious or ethnic communities. ([www.civdialogue.asef.org](http://www.civdialogue.asef.org))

- **Talks on the Hill** brings together small groups of high-level personalities from the two regions in think-tank style closed-door meetings on current issues.
- The **Conference Series** brings together academics and professionals in an open public meeting to transform the fruit of dialogue into action..

### International Relations

Debate and discourse on issues concomitant to regional integration.

- **Asia-Europe Roundtable (AER)** is a series that promotes discourse on conflict management and peace-building in ASEM countries, with a special focus on the role of Civil Society and regional-level action.

- The **Regional Integration Series** analyses issues related to the ASEM process, enlargement and reform of regional institutions, security and 'soft security' co-operation.
- **Connecting Civil Societies of Asia and Europe** is a series of multi-stakeholder consultations held on the sidelines of the ASEM Summit in co-operation with the Asia-Europe Peoples' Forum and the Asia-Europe Business Forum.
- **Asia-Europe Dialogue on Economy and Society** is a new series on integration in Asia and Europe that focuses on the impact of the economic crisis on Asian and European society.

### Environment and Sustainable Development

Providing a unique platform for policy discourse on environment and sustainable development through the **Asia-Europe Environment Forum** ([www.env.asef.org](http://www.env.asef.org))

- **Roundtables** centre on key environmental and sustainable development themes, generating policy recommendations for today based on scenarios of the future.
- **Track II Series** panels are organised to provide an informal conduit for discussion alongside international meetings and negotiations of multilateral environment agreements.

Each of the IE areas of work mentioned above includes **Asia-Europe Lecture Tours** that bring opinion leaders from one region to the other region to speak on timely and relevant topics.

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 Peter Ryan (**Ireland**) Director  
 Sol Iglesias (**The Philippines**) Assistant Director  
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 Susanne Wallenoetter (**Germany**) Project Executive  
 Grace Foo (**Singapore**) Admin/Project Officer  
 Tan Qiyui (**Singapore**) Project Executive  
 Mathilde Forslund (**Sweden**) Intern  
 Not in this picture:  
 Rahiman Abdullah (**Singapore**) Project Executive until June 2008  
 Ira Martina Drupady (**Indonesia**) Project Executive until July 2008  
 Past interns:  
 Flaureen Dacanay (**The Philippines**) until January 2009



## The People-to-People Exchange department (P2P) promotes greater mutual understanding among the next generation of leaders in Asia and Europe

and conducts activities that build strong partnerships and support greater mobility for the youth of Asia and Europe. Projects enable academics, researchers, teachers and students as well as young volunteers, activists, trainers and leaders to gain an acute awareness and intercultural appreciation of the other region, and to work together for a common future based on cross-cultural ties. The results are networks for education and youth co-operation that are sustainable and dynamic.

P2P's main areas of action are:

### Education Co-operation

Reinforcing partnerships and fostering exchanges in the field of education.

- The **ASEF University Programme (AU)**, formerly known as the ASEM Summer School, is a flagship project of ASEM that is aimed at promoting intercultural exchanges among university students from Asia and Europe. (The ASEM University is a two-week intensive enrichment programme that is held once a year at venues alternating between Asia and Europe).

- The **Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET)** is a unique programme that connects secondary schools, teachers and students in Asia and Europe. It is a cyber-classroom shared by students and teachers to build stronger bi-regional networks and partnerships through the use of ICT for better understanding and intercultural dialogues. Through its activities, the AEC provides opportunities for collaborative learning and intercultural exchanges among teachers and students in Asia and Europe. (<http://aec.asef.org>).

- The **ASEM Education Hub (AEH)** works as a bi-regional and multi-dimensional framework to support higher education initiatives and facilitate dialogue among institutions of higher learning and other stakeholders in education.

- Asia-Europe Colloquy on University Co-operation Series
- ASEM Rectors' Conference
- Database on Education Exchange Programmes (DEEP): <http://deep.asef.org>
- Asia-Europe Thematic Networks
- Advisory Committee

### Youth Co-operation

Strengthening and sustaining contacts, dialogue and co-operation among youth and youth organisations in ASEM countries.

- **ASEM Youth Dialogues on Cultures and Civilisations** serves the need to promote 'unity in diversity' based on intercultural understanding through dialogue that overcomes and prevents preconceived opinions, stereotypes, and prejudices among present and future ASEM generations.
  - ASEM Youth Dialogues (AYD)
  - Asia-Europe Partnership in the field of Youth Trainings
- The **ASEF Youth Partnerships** is a fund available to youth organisations in ASEM countries to promote partnerships and encourage initiatives to strengthen relations between Asian and European Youth.
- The **Asia-Europe Young Leaders Symposia (AEYLS)** provide opportunities for closer and more regular contacts and dialogue among the next generation of leaders on a wide range of issues that affect political, social and economic developments in the ASEM countries.
  - Asia-Europe Political Leaders Symposia (AEYPLS)
  - Asia-Europe Young Parliamentarians Meetings (AEYPM)
  - Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders Dialogue (AEYULD)
- **Asia-Europe Youth Co-operation in Voluntary Service (VolunAET)** provides support to projects promoting youth voluntary work and active participation of young people in societies in Europe and Asia. VolunAET is envisaged to enable ASEM to contribute to the development of the volunteer policy on the Asia-Europe level.



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 Past interns:  
 Pilar Domingo Vargas (**Spain**) until July 2008  
 Michal Skrzek (**Poland**) until December 2008

## The Public Affairs department (PA) multiplies knowledge about Asia-Europe co-operation by furthering awareness and understanding about ASEF, ASEM and key issues in Asia-Europe relations.

Aimed at a diverse range of constituencies including the media and the general public, PA's activities foster greater mutual understanding between Asia and Europe.

PA's core areas of action are:

### Media activities

Promoting Asia-Europe networks and co-operation among mass media, and communicating initiatives by ASEF and ASEM, through:

- Programmes dedicated exclusively to media practitioners, aimed at developing the information flow and exchange of perspectives on key issues between policy-makers and journalists. This series of programmes includes:
  - the Asia-Europe Editors' Roundtable
  - the Asia-Europe Journalists' Seminar
  - the ASEF Journalists' Colloquium

Organised alongside major ASEM meetings, they also contribute to enhancing the visibility of the ASEM process.

- Working with broadcasters, documentary filmmakers and producers to develop audiovisual content, for effective knowledge dissemination and outreach.
- Communication strategies for ASEF projects and events including the development of various types of media co-operation and the selection of international journalists for ASEF projects.

### Management and dissemination of information

Enhancing awareness about Asia-Europe relations by facilitating access to information, through:

- The Asia Europe Journal which is devoted to interdisciplinary research on Asia and Europe in the social sciences and humanities.
- The ASEM InfoBoard, the official one-stop online platform for the ASEM process and other matters on Asia-Europe relations. ([www.aseminfoboard.org](http://www.aseminfoboard.org))

- Public outreach through various events such as public lectures on pertinent topics on Asia-Europe relations by eminent speakers.

### External communications

Promoting ASEF and developing a coherent external image through:

- Official events to present ASEF activities to external parties as well as co-ordination of official visits by dignitaries from the ASEM partners.
- The ASEF corporate website ([www.asef.org](http://www.asef.org)): a comprehensive portal on ASEF activities.
- Corporate publications to disseminate information about ASEF activities:
  - ASEFNews, ASEF's newsletter published every trimester.
  - ASEF Annual Report
- Innovative and customised publicity collaterals to promote ASEF and its activities.

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 Sudesh Maniar (Singapore) Director  
 Kristine Joy Lucero (The Philippines) Project Officer  
 Malini Mohamed (Singapore) Admin/Project Officer  
 Cahyadi Indrananto (Indonesia) Project Executive  
 Soh Lai Yee (Singapore) Assistant Director

Not in this picture:  
 Leda Bontosogliou (Greece) Project Executive until September 2008

Past interns:  
 Lu Shuwen (China) until January 2009



## The Finance and Administration department ensures that the day-to-day operations and activities of ASEF are undertaken in an efficient, cost-effective and transparent manner by providing centralised support through:

- Financial planning, budget management, and accounting for ASEF projects and its overall operations
- Office administration, building maintenance and IT
- Human resource management for its multinational staff
- Organising Board of Governors (BoG) and Executive Committee (ExCo) meetings, as well as addressing other corporate, secretarial and administrative matters.

Standing from left to right:  
 Michael Laserna (The Philippines) Administrative Officer  
 Zhuo Yu Zhen (Singapore) Admin/Accounts Assistant  
 M. Basri Borhan (Singapore) Driver  
 Alan Tan (Singapore) Accounts & Admin Manager  
 Sandie Fun (Singapore) Director  
 Irene Yap (Singapore) Accounts Officer  
 Jimmy Singal (Indonesia) IT Systems Administrator  
 S. Vetrivelu (Singapore) Driver  
 Wendy Lee (Singapore) Administrator

Not in this picture:  
 Tang Tuan Huat (Singapore) Administrator until June 2008  
 Anthony Verghese (Singapore) Director until December 2008



# ASEM 7 SUMMIT: ASEF AS AN INTERFACE

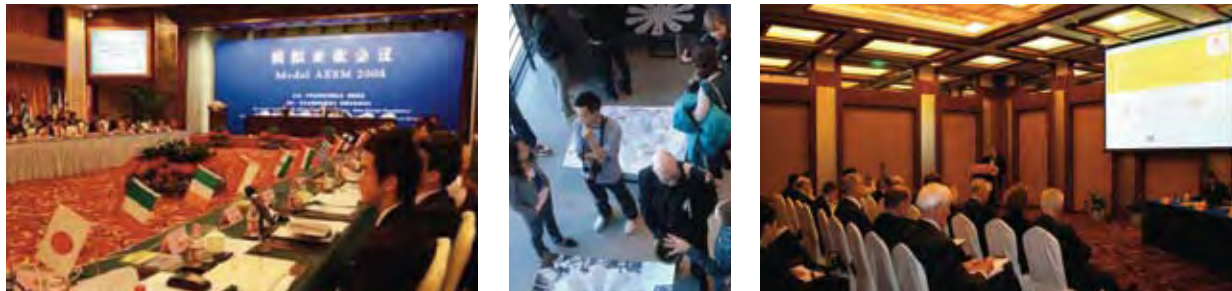
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The 7th ASEM Summit was held in Beijing, China in October 2008 with the theme 'Vision and Action: Towards a Win-win Solution'. Discussions at the Summit touched on several pressing global issues. The resulting Beijing Declaration on Sustainable Development and the ASEM 7 Statement on the International Financial Situation reaffirmed each country's commitment to the Millennium Development Goals, climate change, energy security, social cohesion and the economy.

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## ASEM 7

ASEF complemented the deliberations at the Beijing ASEM 7 Summit by organising a host of events along its sidelines. These projects demonstrated ASEF's role as an interface between Asia and Europe, injecting civil society input into the highest level of the ASEM process. These projects provided timely assessments and fresh perspectives on issues of global concern, including climate change, the economy, food & energy security and the media landscape.



ASEF events included (clockwise) Model ASEM, Dialogue on Art and Climate Change, Connecting Civil Society III: An Asia-Europe Dialogue on Economy and Society, European Studies in Asia Book Launch and Panel Discussion, and the 4th Asia-Europe Editors Roundtable. For further information on these projects, please refer to the 'Projects and Events' section.

Through its various sideline events, ASEF also provided visibility and publicity for ASEM through extensive television and print coverage.



Amb. Dominique Girard speaking on ASEM 7 in an interview with Al Jazeera News, just prior to taking office as Executive Director of ASEF.



ASEF Governor for Ireland, Dr. Thomas Hardiman (left) giving his views on Asia-Europe relations in an interview with Executive Director of ASEF.



ASEF Deputy Executive Director, Amb. Nguyen Quoc Khanh (left) speaking about the Model ASEM project in a specially commissioned video by the All-China Youth Federation.

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Article in The Business Magazine for Southeastern Europe, Slovenia, 1 December 2008



News article in The Straits Times, Singapore, 1 November 2008



Public Affairs Director, Sudesh Maniar at a CCTV panel discussion telecast live during the opening ceremony of ASEM 7.



Article in Ugebrevet Europa, Denmark, 23 October 2008

# PROJECTS AND EVENTS

1 January – 31 December 2008

Arts and Culture

Education and Academic Co-Operation

Environment and Sustainable Development

Human Rights and Governance

Intercultural Dialogue

International Relations

Media & Society

Youth

## Arts and Culture

### 6th Asia-Europe Film Meeting

24 - 25 & 26 - 31 January 2008  
Brussels, Belgium; Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Partners: CineMart of the International Film Festival Rotterdam, RITS Film School, Erasmus Hogeschool Brussels, Vlaamse Gemeenschapscommissie, Vlaamse Overheid.

The meeting engaged participants from Europe and Asia in a dialogue on film issues and encouraged independent

film producers to collaborate on the creation of common cross-cultural work in this field. It gave emerging producers the opportunity to create a solid international network and to gain international expertise on how to present their projects in the international marketplace. The first phase of the meeting explored current Asia-Europe exchanges on independent film and the initiatives that help emerging independent film producers to collaborate between Asia and Europe. The second phase included a workshop on Asia-Europe film issues.



### A Reading by Paul Durcan

10 March 2008  
Singapore

Partner: Nanyang Technological University

Mr Durcan, who received numerous accolades for his literary works (including the Irish American Cultural Institute Poetry Award in 1989 and the Whitbread Poetry Award in 1990) read excerpts of his works from his books 'O Westport in the Light of Asia Minor', 'R. M. S. Titanic', 'A Snail in My Prime' and 'The Laughter of Mothers'. At the end of his readings, Mr Durcan took questions from the audience on various aspects of his works. During the reception held, the audience had an opportunity to get their copies of his published works signed.

### 5th Asia-Europe Art Camp 're-Vision Bangkok New Media Art and Interactivity'

21 - 30 March 2008  
Bangkok, Thailand

Partners: The Art Centre Silpakorn University, School of Fine and Applied Arts of Bangkok University

This edition of the Camp gathered emerging artists to explore the possibility of connecting new media art practices to the relational aesthetic concept. Through lectures, workshops, field and cultural visits, the Camp also developed a platform to promote dialogue for young art students to learn more about each other's contexts and cultures. Participants were exposed to other ways of approaching their art while being provided with new technical tools shared during the workshop. The Camp culminated in a public presentation where each group shared their concept, thoughts, experience and artistic creations.



### Culture360 Public Presentation, Soft Launches and Official Launch

21 April 2008 (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)  
16 May 2008 (Ljubljana, Slovenia)  
19 May 2008 (Seoul, Korea)  
30 June 2008 (Beijing, China)

Partner: Korean Arts Management Service

The Culture360 portal was first presented alongside the Culture Ministers' Meeting in Kuala Lumpur

in April 2008. It was followed by a series of soft-launches to introduce the public to Culture360. It began in Ljubljana within the framework of the International Network for Contemporary Performing Arts (IETM) Annual Plenary Meeting, where ASEF facilitated a discussion entitled 'Think freely on contemporary'. In Seoul, the soft-launch was in the framework of the Asian Performing Arts Forum. Likewise, ASEF facilitated a discussion on 'Cultural Mapping issues of Asian Performing Arts'. Culture360 was then officially launched in Beijing, alongside the ASEM Senior Officials' Meeting.

### 6th Asia-Europe Art Camp 'Ludic Times – The Art of Gaming'

22 - 29 July 2008  
Singapore

Partners: School of Technology for the Arts (Republic Polytechnic), The Communication and New Media Programme & National Museum (National University of Singapore), Nanyang Technological University

Organised on the sidelines of the International Symposium for Electronic Arts (ISEA) 2008, the Camp was conceptualised around the theme of psychology of gaming, theories of gaming and the nature of our contemporary ludic culture. The workshops had a number of interesting presentations and was followed by a lecture entitled 'Serious Games and Pervasive Games' which exposed the latest research in games beyond the conventional form. A roundtable panel discussed the social impact of games in real life. The Camp participants also attended several activities of the Mini-Summit on New Media Art Policy and Practice and ISEA2008.



## Education and Academic Co-operation

### I'mPULSE 2008: Cracking Bamboo

15 - 22 September 2008  
Hanoi-Ha Long Bay, Vietnam  
22 - 28 September 2008  
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Jakarta,  
Indonesia; Phnom Penh, Cambodia;  
Vientiane, Laos

Partners: Goethe-Institut Vietnam,  
Vietnam National Academy of Music,  
L'Espace Centre Culturel Français de  
Hanoi, ULTIMA Contemporary Music  
Festival, Goethe-Institut Jakarta, Centre  
de Langue Française Laos, Meta House  
Arts Center, Art+Foundation

With the Cracking Bamboo International  
Percussion Festival, this project mixed  
sounds and cultures through traditional

Asian percussion instruments and  
contemporary music from Europe.  
Musicians, composers, students and  
musicologists collaborated through  
comprehensive music experimentation  
and performance, with percussion as  
the connecting link. The participants  
shared their passion for creating  
music through workshops, master  
classes and public performances in  
the 6 cities which benefited local  
musicians from the host countries and  
attracted large audiences. Together  
with I'mPULSE, CRACKING BAMBOO  
offered a platform for mutual exchanges  
between percussionists with 'modern'  
instruments from Europe and their  
counterparts with traditional Southeast  
Asian musical instruments.



### Asia-Europe Museum Network (ASEMUS) General Conference

3 - 6 November 2008  
Manila, the Philippines

Partner: National Museum of Philippines

Now in its eighth year, ASEMUS  
General Conference 2008 explored  
the possibilities and challenges of the  
use of Information and Communication  
Technology (ICT) in museum activities.  
The conference mainly focused on  
the democratisation of knowledge

and information, an attempt to make  
available exchange that is not limited  
to the confines of a classroom. In  
line with the theme 'Information  
and Communication Technology (ICT)  
and Museums in Asia and Europe:  
Possibilities and Challenges,' the main  
goal of enlarging its membership will  
be emphasised to make a real exhibit  
put up by all ASEMUS members,  
complementing the existing Virtual  
Collection of Masterpieces.

### Asia-Europe Comics Project Lingua Comica 3

8 - 16 November 2008  
Kyoto, Japan

Partners: Kyoto International Manga  
Museum

Themed 'Asia-Europe Dialogue through  
Comics,' this project enhanced interest  
in comic artists to develop projects

with an Asia-Europe dimension and  
promoted the creation of new relevant  
collaborative works. Participants were  
first paired into teams representing Asia  
and Europe to complete a two-month  
online collaboration with comics as the  
working medium. They then underwent  
an intensive residency exchange in  
Kyoto where team members met and  
participated in various workshops,  
master classes and panel discussions.  
To conclude the project, an exhibition of  
the new collaborative works was held at  
the Kyoto International Manga Museum.



### 22nd Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'The EU through the Eyes of Asia: The Case of China and Hong Kong'

4 - 15 February 2008  
Warsaw, Poland; Prague, Czech  
Republic; Vienna, Austria;  
Budapest, Hungary; Ljubljana,  
Slovenia; Cork, Ireland

Partners: University of Warsaw,  
Charles University Prague, Austrian  
Institute for International Affairs,  
Cornivus University Budapest,  
University College Cork

The lectures were delivered by Dr.  
Kenneth Chan of Hong Kong Baptist  
University, China. They examined the  
significance of Europe and the EU to  
the citizens in China and Hong Kong,  
comparing perceptions regarding the  
EU among the media, general public  
and elites in the two locations. The  
findings were part of a wider study  
initiated by ASEF and the National  
Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE).  
At the lecture in Ljubljana, ASEF was  
represented by Ambassador Helena  
Zorko, ASEF Governor to Slovenia. At  
the lecture in Cork, ASEF was  
represented by Dr. Tom Hardiman,  
ASEF Governor to Ireland.



### European Studies in Asia (ESiA) Book Launch 'The EU through the Eyes of Asia: Media, Public and Elite Perceptions in China, Japan, Korea, Singapore and Thailand'

18 April (Singapore)  
7 May 2008 (Hanoi, Vietnam)  
26 May 2008 (Seoul, Korea)  
5 August 2008 (Bangkok, Thailand)  
22 October 2008 (Beijing China)  
25 September 2008 (Tokyo, Japan)  
15 October 2008, (Hong Kong  
SAR, China)

Partners: National Centre for Research  
on Europe, National University of  
Singapore, National Centre for Research  
on Europe (School of Social Sciences  
and Humanities, Vietnam National  
University), The Delegation of the

European Commission in Vietnam, EU  
Research Center (Korea University),  
the SNU-KIEP Centre for EU Studies,  
Interdisciplinary Department of  
European Studies (Chulalongkorn  
University), Centre for European Studies  
(Renmin University), Keio University, the  
Delegation of the European Commission  
in Japan, European Studies Centre  
(Hong Kong Baptist University), the  
Delegation of the European Commission  
in Hong Kong

This publication presents the findings  
of the first two phases of ASEF's 'EU  
through the Eyes of Asia' project, a  
major academic collaboration initiated  
in partnership with the National Centre  
for Research on Europe - University of  
Canterbury, to measure media, public  
and elite perceptions of the European  
Union (EU) in the Asian countries of the  
ASEM process. The analysis provides  
feedback that can assist in policy-  
making, suggesting recommendations  
to the EU, third countries and the media.  
It will hopefully help to develop a wider  
knowledge about the international  
perceptions of the EU, specifically  
in China, Japan, Korea, Singapore  
and Thailand.

## European Studies in Asia (ESiA) Phase III Interim Workshop & Methodology Workshop

7 - 9 May 2008 (Hanoi, Vietnam)  
1 - 2 August 2008 (Singapore)

Partners: School of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Vietnam National University

At the Hanoi workshop, the researchers discussed the challenges in producing

the previous phases of the study and planned the next phase. It also offered further training on data collection and compilation. The Singapore workshop tracked the progress of the teams and addressed issues that had arisen following the Hanoi workshop. The teams from the three countries presented their findings from the media analyses collected from their respective countries and examined comparative cases of images of the EU in terms of economic and political framing, social, environmental and developmental framing, and the framing of the visibility of ASEM.



## ASEF University Alumni Network (ASEFUAN) 7th Annual General Meeting

31 July - 4 August 2008  
Hanoi, Vietnam

Partners: Embassy of the United Kingdom in Vietnam, Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain in Vietnam, CSR Vietnam Forum

The meeting was attended by participants from ten batches of ASEF University, ASEF's summer school programme. The meeting began with a conference on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) which presented

a framework for understanding CSR, especially its implementation in Asia, and good corporate strategies that have effectively manifested social responsibility. The planning session presented the report on the alumni's past and ongoing projects. Participants also agreed to pursue the registration of the Network as a non-profit international organisation (AISBL) under Belgian law, which will elevate the Network to an institutional status. Furthermore, the session on the 'Future of ASEFUAN' resulted in a common agreement to activate a larger group of network members in the Network's activities. Finally, the Executive Committee for the term 2008-2009 was elected.

## 1st ASEM Rectors' Conference

27 - 29 October 2008  
Berlin, Germany

Partners: Free University of Berlin, German Rectors' Conference, ASEAN University Network, European University Association, German Federal Ministry of Education and Research

This inaugural conference, entitled 'Between Tradition and Reform: Universities in Asia and Europe at the Crossroads', saw higher education institution leaders from both regions

discussing higher education policy issues like the management of universities, quality assurance in higher education, and trends on education and research cooperation between Asia and Europe. Participants agreed upon a set of recommendations to Ministers of Education of ASEM countries, encompassing key elements of the ASEM higher education cooperation efforts. The ASEM Education Hub (AEH) highlighted ASEF's higher education cooperation efforts through an exhibition of projects from all four ASEF departments geared towards Asia-Europe dialogue.



## ASEM Education Hub (AEH) for Lifelong Learning 4th ASEM Lifelong Learning Conference and Annual Meeting Exploring Frameworks for Supporting Lifelong Learning

25 November 2008  
Beijing, China

Partners: School of Education at Peking University, Danish School of Education at Aarhus University

Researchers, managers and policymakers discussed and presented new research results in lifelong learning and education reforms on institutional financing, organisational innovations, legislative support and conceptual frameworks for lifelong learning. Subsequently, the annual meeting of the ASEM Education and

Research Hub for Lifelong Learning and the Research Networks was held in Beijing on the 26-27 November 2008. The meeting gathered vicerectors, deans and heads of departments of the Hub member universities, Advisory Board members, the Hub's research coordinators and ASEF representatives, creating a dialogue between policy makers and researchers and enhancing the relationship between research and policies on lifelong learning.



## Asia-Europe Classroom Network (AEC-NET) 7th AEC-NET Conference

12 - 16 December 2008  
Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

Partners: Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of Education, Sabah State Education Department, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment of Sabah, Sabah Science Secondary School, Sabah College, Sanzac Secondary School.

This conference, 'Achievements, Visibility and Sustainability of the Asia-Europe Classroom Network', allowed participants to join a network of dynamic Asian and European teachers and educators who share similar interests in promoting intercultural learning and maximising the use of information and communications technology in education. More than 30 AEC Projects were conceptualised for 2008/2009. On the sideline of the conference, AEC Awards were conferred to the Project Groups that have developed the most outstanding online learning platforms or applications in 2007/2008 and the Excellence Awards Certificates were conferred to groups that advanced the principal objectives of the AEC-NET initiative.



## Environment and Sustainable Development

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### 25th Asia-Europe Lecture Tour: 'Pursuing Sustainability in Asia: Challenges, Approaches and Good Practices'

21 - 30 May 2008  
Kaunas, Lithuania; Tallinn, Estonia; Riga, Latvia; Dublin, Ireland; Brussels, Belgium

Partners: Vytautas Magnus University, Stockholm Environment Institute, Stockholm School of Economics, Institute of International and European Affairs, AidCo (European Commission)

Ms. Ella Antonio (President of Earth Council Asia-Pacific) focused on the experiences of selected Asian countries in mainstreaming sustainable development issues into overall development policies. Ms. Antonio also highlighted the role of governance and capacity building in ensuring that the policies are not only well conceived but well implemented and monitored as well. The lecture in Brussels was organised twice: one open to the public and another held specifically for EC officials. This session was arranged to ensure that EC officials and the lecturer would be able to have deeper and more meaningful discussions.

### Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVForum) 6th Roundtable

18 - 19 September 2008  
Dublin, Ireland

Themed 'The Energy Sustainability Challenge: Fuelling Cooperation between Asia and Europe', the roundtable focused on how to build a sustainable energy society, the role

of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) for sustainable energy and prospects for Asia-Europe energy co-operation. The outcomes were submitted to the ASEM governments before the 7th ASEM Summit in Beijing and have been acknowledged by ASEM Leaders in the Chair's Statement of the 7th Asia-Europe Meeting. In the Statement on Sustainable Development, the leaders also emphasised their commitment to take further actions to strengthen cooperation in the area of energy efficiency and energy security.



### Dialogue on Arts, Culture and Climate Change

9 - 13 October 2008  
Beijing, China

Partners: Chinese Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA), Danish Cultural Institute, Cultura 21 Network, Research Centre for Sustainable Development at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, National Climate Change Centre, Austrian Cultural Forum in Beijing

Artists, scientists, cultural practitioners and climate change thinkers exchanged views on the environment and climate change. They explored approaches to these issues, strengthened links between traditional and new artistic practices and scientific findings, along with intercultural approaches. The public forum examined how both regions perceive climate, how it is reflected in art and best practices on tackling it. Interactive workshops explored concrete projects to deal with the evolving environment. In addition to an exhibition of the works of some of the artists, a vocabulary booklet on climate change was produced to create cross disciplinary cultural awareness on climate change.

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### ASEM Education Hub (AEH) Thematic Network on Human Security Global Warming and Climate Change: Implications for Human Security (Visions from Asia and Europe)

15 - 17 October 2008  
Madrid, Spain

Partners: Research Unit on International Security and Co-operation of the Complutense University Madrid, Spanish Ministry of Defence, Red Electrica, Casa-Asia, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation

This conference examined the implications that global warming and climate change have for human security, as well as the different perspectives from Asia and Europe about this issue. A consensus shared among the participants was the urgent need to respond to climate change combining adaptation measures (adapting to its impacts and coping with its effects) and mitigation ones (reducing the emissions and, therefore, reducing the rate and magnitude of the change). Attempts must also be made towards the implementation of co-operation at international, regional and local levels into a more institutionalised framework.

### Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVForum) Track II Series: A side event of the UN Climate Change Conference 2008 (COP 14)

4 December 2008  
Poznan, Poland

The event, entitled 'Towards integrated mitigation and adaptation measures in agriculture,' focused on the impact of adaptation and mitigation measures on agricultural production and identified potential synergies of an integrated approach. Experts from Asia and Europe exchanged a number of measures that can have a mutual beneficial impact, helping both regions to adapt to climate change and at the same time cut emissions from the agricultural sector, which amounts to almost 15 % globally. The presentations were followed by a panel that addressed a number of questions about the challenges and possibilities of implementing such an integrated approach.



# Human Rights and Governance

## 23rd Asia-Europe Lecture Tour: 'Asia-Europe Democratisation and Justice Series Transitional Justice and Human Rights'

5 - 17 March 2008

Strasbourg, France; Brussels, Belgium; Budapest, Hungary; Bucharest, Trnava, Slovakia

Partners: Robert-Schumann University, Human Rights Without Frontiers, European Institute for Asian Studies Brussels, the Human Rights Students' Initiative of the Central European University, the Media Monitoring Agency, VIA URIS-Center for Public Advocacy

This series of lectures was delivered by Neou Kassie (President of the Peace and Development Institute, Cambodia) and focused on approaches of transitional justice in Cambodia and the present status of such a process. Mr. Kassie addressed issues such as Cambodia's unstable past, the genocide under the Khmer Rouge, the UN brokered peace treaty and processes since 1985 as well as the general elections in 1993. He also discussed the impact of setting-up the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) and other means or mechanisms available to address human rights abuses.



## Governance Public Lecture An ASEAN Human Rights body: 'A Milestone in the 60 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights?'

11 June 2008  
Singapore

Partner: Maruah Singapore

Prof. Dr. Vitit Muntarbhorn (Co-chair, Civil Society Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism) provided a picture of the Human Rights discourse in the region and ASEAN's evolution. He also prescribed a formula for the role of a future ASEAN Human Rights body, saying it should be participatory, thus open to civil society. A panel discussion closed the event, posing critical questions regarding the political and practical challenges of creating such a body in ASEAN. The lecture took place on the sidelines of the Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism meeting in June 2008 in Singapore.



## Asia-Europe Democratisation and Justice Series: 'Workshop on Protecting the Whistleblowers – Asian and European Perspectives'

30 October - 2 November 2008  
Athens, Greece

This conference was held in conjunction with the 13th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC). The workshop presented perspectives from civil society and governments of both regions, as well as international organisations. The participants shared their experiences of the difficulties of implementing legal frameworks of protection and debated the existing obstacles that need to be overcome. ASEF also sponsored ten participants from Asia and Europe, mainly from Central Eastern European countries and the newer Asian ASEM member countries, to participate at IACC.

## Asia-Europe Democratisation and Justice Series: '6th Regional Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia and the Pacific'

26 - 28 November 2008  
Singapore

This conference brought together experts from the members of the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-

Pacific and observer countries from the region, OECD member countries, leading enterprises and businesses associations from Asia-Pacific, civil society, and multi-lateral and donor organisations. ASEF supported this important initiative to formulate strategies to help fight corruption in the business, government and civil society sectors across the region by facilitating the participation of expert civil society participants. This was a good follow-up on the workshop 'Protecting the Whistleblowers – Asian and European Perspectives' held in conjunction with the 13th International Anti-Corruption Conference in Greece.



## Asia-Europe Democratisation and Justice Series: 'Workshop on Improving the Role of the Police in Asia and Europe'

3 - 4 December 2008  
Delhi, India

Partners: Hanns-Seidel Foundation Indonesia, Developing Countries Research Centre at the University of Delhi

The workshop examined existing safeguard and oversight bodies, the relationship between the police and the community, oversight mechanisms in both regions and their role as a mediator between the constabulary and local communities. Present at the workshop were participants from oversight institutions such as Ombudsman Offices in Asia and Europe, representatives from police forces and national police commissions, international and regional institutions (such as relevant bodies in the Council of Europe, the OSCE, INTERPOL etc.), international and national NGOs, field practitioners in the area of policing, representatives from police academies, the academe and the media.

# Intercultural Dialogue

## ASEM Youth Dialogue: 2nd Asia-Europe Interfaith Dialogue

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23 - 27 June 2008  
Bandung, Indonesia

Partners: Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Religious Affairs, Central Board of Nahdlatul Ulama in Indonesia

This event gathered youth representatives of churches, faith and youth religious organisations and networks from 23 ASEM countries, with various profiles and experiences in interfaith dialogue. The aim of the Dialogue was to encourage participants to deepen their knowledge on interfaith challenges and get encouraged to take action in the process of reaching a better interfaith understanding on local and international levels. By the end of the project, the 'Bandung Statement,' which was the outcome of the work and discussions that had taken place during the event, was read out at the closing ceremony of the event.



## 12th Talks on the Hill: 'Dialogue, Sanction, Incentive? Coordinating an International Response to Troubled States'

4 - 5 September 2008  
Singapore

Participants critically examined the topic, acknowledging that the term 'troubled state' is problematic as it is usually imposed on a state by external parties and therefore highly subjective. They later arrived at agreed criteria to define a troubled state and used it to address the consequences of such states. Participants noted that both ASEAN and the EU have a distinctive approach towards troubled states: the 'ASEAN Way' of constructive engagement, and the EU's policy of humanitarian aid and targeted sanctions. Participants suggested alternatives to existing approaches, stressing that regional organisations need to play a leading role in the resolution.

## 26th Asia-Europe Lecture Tour Stories from Borders and Stories of Borders

3 - 13 November 2008

Athens, Greece; Sofia, Bulgaria; Bucharest, Romania; Nicosia, Cyprus; London, The United Kingdom; Belfast, Northern Ireland

Partners: Institute for International Economic Relations, Diplomatic Institute to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bulgaria, Romania Institute for European-Asian Studies, The International Association for Human Rights for Cyprus, School of Oriental and African Studies, The Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission

The Lecture Tour by Dr. Sriprapha Petchamesree (Office of Human Rights Studies and Social Development of Mahidol University, Thailand) shared true life stories from different countries both in Asia and Europe, critically reflecting on the concepts of borders and frontiers both from legal and political perspectives. Borders can easily be created from within oneself and one's own society. Hence, gender and ethnic discrimination have little to do with sex or nationality. At the end of each Lecture, Dr. Petchamesree and the audience discussed similarities and differences of approaches and perspectives on the topic borders and frontiers between the two regions.



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## Asia-Europe Young Leaders' Symposia: 1st Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders Dialogue

10 - 15 November 2008  
Madrid, Spain

Partner: Madrid Global (International Strategy and Action Office of Madrid's City Council)

Three objectives were pursued during the dialogue: to strengthen cultural links and mutual understanding by providing participants a platform for informal dialogues on key issues in Asia-Europe relations; to create human networks among young leaders in the two regions; and to encourage participants to foster a common vision of Asia-Europe cooperation for the development of future ASEM initiatives. The Dialogue culminated with the adoption of the Madrid Declaration that encompasses the conclusions of the Dialogue along with the participants' interest in creating an informal network of young urban leaders that would address urban issues in the Asia-Europe context.

## 13th Talks on the Hill: 'Ethnicity, Race & Politics'

11 - 12 December 2008  
Singapore

This meeting was organised against the backdrop of resurgent ethnic tensions in Belgium and Malaysia, two ASEM countries with comparable experiences of historical co-existence of ethno-linguistic communities. The retreat brought together experts in ethnic politics from the Asia-Europe community, facilitating an informative exchange on the interaction of ethnicity and politics in Malaysia and Belgium, and deriving lessons from the diverse experiences of various countries that participants brought to the discussion. The meeting urged stakeholders in society to see ethnic and cultural diversity as positive and enriching, with a concerted effort to focus on issues of common significance.



# International Relations

## Book Launch: 'The Impact of Ageing – A Common Challenge for Europe and Asia'

25 January 2008  
Singapore

Experts Dr. Gabriele Sinigoj and Professor Gavin Jones of the Asia Research Institute presented their findings on the 'Impact of Ageing' and

their data on demography, economy and society, law, social welfare, and biomedicine. The book describes both mutuality and divergence in the progress of ageing in both regions that will transform the world by 2050. The editors were joined by panelist Professor Kalyani Mehta, (Nominated Member of Parliament, Singapore) and His Excellency Klaus Wölfer, (Ambassador of Austria to Indonesia and Singapore) to discuss on the book and also to address issues pertaining to the impact of ageing.



## Public Lecture A Central European Perspective on Asia

28 February 2008  
Singapore

Partner: Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

Mr Ryszard Schnepf, the Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland, spoke about Central Europe's strategic and economic

interests in engaging Asia. In doing so, he traced how these interests have evolved in the last few years in light of the accession of Poland and other Central European countries into the European Union. He also discussed what is and will be the Central European contribution to the European foreign and trade policy towards Asia in general and Southeast Asia in particular. Mr Schnepf also highlighted the growing potential for Asian engagement in the rapidly-growing Central European region.



## 24th Asia-Europe Lecture Tour: 'An assessment of EU Policy Towards Asia'

24 March - 3 April 2008

Bangkok, Thailand; Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR, China; Singapore

Partners: Interdisciplinary Department of European Studies, Chulalongkorn University; the European Studies Programme, Hong Kong University; the International Institute of Macau; the University of Macau; East Asia Institute, National University of Singapore

Dr. Fraser Cameron, Senior Advisor of the European Policy Centre and European Institute of Asian Studies, Brussels, examined the evolution of the EU's policy towards Asia since 2001 and its objective of "strengthening its political and economic presence in the region commensurate with its global weight following enlargement". The lecture evaluated the increased dialogue between the two regions in specific fields as well as the level of awareness that Asia has of the EU and what can be done to boost this.

## Workshop The future of ASEM

4 April 2008  
Singapore

Partners: European Institute of Asian Studies, the China Institute of International Studies

The workshop was designed to provide ASEM leaders and the Summit organisers with some reflections

and recommendations regarding the future of ASEM. In pursuit of this aim, the organisers brought together 15 distinguished diplomats, scholars and NGO participants, all seasoned 'ASEM watchers' and practitioners, as well as experts in other forms of inter-regional relations. Workshop participants centred their discussions on methods to improve the ASEM process, and came out with a set of recommendations (please see ASEM website).



## Asia-Europe Workshop Series 2007/08 'Value of Children and Intergenerational Relations: European and Asian Perspectives'

30 May - 1 June 2008  
Konstanz, Germany

Partners: European Alliance for Asian Studies, University of Konstanz

The workshop was one of the six selected workshops under the Asia-Europe Workshop Series which offers grants to academic institutions to organise workshops on themes of common interest. This particular workshop was linked to the international research project 'Value of Children (VOC) and Intergenerational Relations' funded by the German Foundation (DFG).



## Symposium on the book by Kishore Mahbubani The New Asian Hemisphere

3 July 2008  
Singapore

With ASEM alumnus Mr. Asad Latif (Institute of South East Asian Studies), ASEF organised a Symposium on the controversial and extensively-reviewed book 'The New Asian Hemisphere' by senior diplomat and writer Prof. Kishore Mahbubani. The book deals with the rising political and economic influence of the East, and the response of the West to this phenomenon. ASEF invited three scholars, Asst. Prof. Alan Chong (National University of Singapore), Mr. Shafiqat Munir (S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies) and Amb. Jørgen Ørstrøm Møller (ASEF Governor for Denmark) to comment on the book, with Prof. Mahbubani responding to their presentations.

## Connecting Civil Societies (CCS) III: An Asia-Europe Dialogue on Economy and Society

17 - 18 October 2008

Beijing, China

Partners: Research Centre for Sustainable Development – Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Irish Institute for Chinese Studies – University College Cork, Centre for Comparative Regional Integration Studies – United Nations University

Connecting Civil Societies III – A side event of the ASEM 7 Summit, the conference generated focused policy discussions on key socio-economic issues facing the regions. The conference brought together international participants from the government, NGOs, academe, media and research sectors, including the Asia-Europe Business Forum and the Asia-Europe Peoples' Forum. Workshop discussions on the financial crisis, food security and energy security as well as discussions among NGOs, the media, the business sector and the government/multilateral sector, resulted in a comprehensive report being submitted to the ASEM governments in advance of the ASEM 7 Summit.



## Thematic Network on Peace and Conflict Studies: Advisory Board Meeting and Annual Conference

18 - 19 November 2008

Banda Aceh, Indonesia

Partners: Indonesian Peace Institute – Interpeace Aceh Programme

At the board meeting, members presented the different projects and activities, as well as developments of the Network during the year. The meeting ended with exchanges of ideas on potential new initiatives for 2009. Encompassing the theme of 'Locals, Outsiders and Conflict,' the conference focused on migration conflicts and aimed to exchange experiences and expertise in a view to bolstering harmonious relations between Local Communities and Migrants in Asia. The keynote speech addressed the resolution of conflicts between 'Locals' and 'Outsiders'.

## Thematic Network on the Studies of Regionalism in the ASEM Context Research Workshop and Annual Meeting

28 - 29 November 2008

Venice, Italy

Participants were divided into five Working Groups: Education; Socio-cultural concerns; Global multi-lateral governance; Development, Risk and

environment; and, Law and legal institutions. They debated the research agenda and came up with a number of policy proposals. Besides this, the members of the Network agreed to reinforce the Asian regional studies component among Asian partners, in addition to the European Studies component among Asian partners, and correspondingly, to reinforce the European Studies component among the European partners. They also acknowledged the need to recruit new Asian and European partners, and strengthen expertise on ASEAN and South Asian aspects of regionalism.



## 6th ASEF Journalists' Colloquium

1 - 2 June 2008

Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Partner: European Journalists Centre

Focusing on the topic 'Interfaith Reporting in the Advent of New Media – Exercising Rights with Responsibilities,' the Colloquium was organised in conjunction with the 4th ASEM Interfaith Dialogue. Participants worked through

various concepts, aiming to convert ideas into functional suggestions that can be used by the media and organisations interested in the issues of interfaith dialogue. The Colloquium's Moderator presented the findings at one of the ASEM Interfaith Dialogue's working groups. These recommendations were accepted in full by the Interfaith Dialogue's delegates who subsequently encouraged its implementations for promoting mutual understanding and respects in the 'Amsterdam Statement of Interfaith Dialogue.'



## Policy and Dialogue on New Media Art: Mini-Summit on New Media Arts Policy and Practice

24 - 26 July 2008

Singapore

Partners: International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA), European Union, ArtsNetworkAsia, TheatreWorks

This summit developed an overview of the key issues impacting new media arts practice and created a policy framework and action points. In close cooperation with the International Symposium on Electronic Art (ISEA 2008), the Mini summit encompassed crucial topics such as: ambient intelligence, location-based media, iterative design cycles, academic research and creative communities, open source and open networks, the role of small independent new media labs, media education, and the relationship between media and civil society. An artist presentation evening and the final recommendations and conclusions presented at ISEA 2008 were both open to the public.



### 4th Asia-Europe Editors' Roundtable

22 - 23 October 2008  
Beijing, China

Partner: All-China Journalists' Association

The roundtable, on the sidelines of ASEM 7, addressed the impact on, and the role of, Asian and European media organisations within the context of enhanced global inter-connectedness. The 'Globalised Media: Between Unification and Fragmentation' session

highlighted the changing role of journalists as a major impact resulting from the globalisation of media. 'The Media's Role in Promoting Environmental Awareness: A Global Role for the Media?' session saw participants agreeing that 'green media' in particular are in a political and influential position and hence need to be strengthened.

### Lecture Tour: 'Perspectives on Freedom of Expression in Asia and Europe'

6 - 13 November 2008

Nakhon Pathom, Thailand; Vientiane, Laos; Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Jakarta, Indonesia

Partners: Office of Human Rights Studies and Social Development of Mahidol University, Thammasart University, Faculty of Law and Political Science of the National University of Laos, Suaram Malaysia, Cambodia Centre for Human Rights, Indonesia Popular Governance Institute, Indonesain Institue of Sciences

This lecture Tour focused on the recommendations from the 8th Informal Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Seminar on Human Rights, for which Prof. Kevin Boyle (Human Rights Centre University of Essex, United Kingdom) and Prof. Cherian George (School of Communication & Information, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) acted as Main Rapporteurs. They discussed the norms relating to freedom of expression and its permissible limitations, its relations to other rights, as well as democracy and rule of law, with special focus on challenges to freedom of expression particularly with regard to the media, including the internet and emerging actors (such as bloggers and 'netizens').



### ASEF Youth Partnerships 2008: 2nd Networking Asia-Europe Young Volunteers Conference

27- 31 January 2008  
Seoul, South Korea

Partners: Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service, International Workcamp Organization

The 2nd Networking Asia-Europe Young Volunteers conference (NAEYV) was a follow-up of the first NAEYV Conference that took place in June 2006 in Vietnam. The participants exchanged information and expertise regarding voluntary activities and followed up on projects between and within the two regions. Following a general introduction of the topic, the different networks that were attending the Conference – namely the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service-CCIVS, the Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations, the Network for Voluntary Development in Asia-NVDA, the International Cultural Youth Exchange-ICYE and ASEF – gave presentations on their work.

### Asia-Europe Partnership in the Field of Training: Asia-Europe Training for Trainers

2 - 9 July 2008

Predeal, Romania

Partners: Romanian National Agency for Supporting Youth Initiatives (ANSIT), Romanian Youth Council (CTR)

The training gathered participants and trainers aged between 18 and 30 years old, selected for their solid track records in the area of youth training, capacity building and non-formal education that gained them recognition from national and international organisations in their countries. The framework of the training course gave participants an opportunity to explore the concepts of intercultural learning and cultural diversity and to exchange best practices, as well as to build training expertise. These allowed them to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes that will help them implement international training projects involving young people from Asia and Europe.



### European Studies in Asia (ESiA) 1st Young Academics' Workshop

1 - 5 September 2008

Bruges, Belgium

Partners: National Centre for Research on Europe, College of Europe

Entitled 'How is the EU Perceived in Asia: Media, Public and Elite Perceptions,' this workshop trained European studies academics on how to utilise the unique dataset generated from the 'EU through the Eyes of Asia' project in their own research work. The proceedings involved intensive training from ESiA coordinators, a session on public opinion surveys, presentations, a trip to the European Parliament and a European Commission News Briefing. Each participant will produce an 8000-word paper, the best of which will be published in the Asia Europe Journal. The participant will also receive a fellowship at the University of Canterbury.



## Model ASEM 2008

24 - 27 September 2008  
Beijing, China

Partner: All-China Youth Federation

With support from the ASEF University Alumni Network (ASEFUAN) and in consonance with the ASEM 7 Summit, the theme of this year's simulation was 'Vision and Action: Towards a Win-Win Solution,' covering the three pillars

of ASEM, namely: political, economic and socio-cultural. Besides succinctly summarising the discussions that took place during the conference, the Chairman's Statement created by the participants also proposed initiatives to ASEM leaders, including the need for intensified co-operation between ASEM partners to counteract global security threats. The participants utilised their diplomacy and intercultural negotiation skills, while examining the operation of the ASEM Process.

## Asia-Europe Training for Young Volunteers

9 - 15 October 2008  
Ha Long, Vietnam

Partner: Volunteers for Peace Vietnam

With the theme 'Learning the Unimaginable - Volunteering as a Tool for Mutual Understanding,' this training emphasised the need for a dialogue between volunteers in Asia and Europe.

The experimental phase simulated an encounter with a completely new culture. The practical phase saw participants applying their own knowledge in volunteering and intercultural learning, while using the results achieved in the first part of the training in a constructive manner. Participants presented their respective organisations to each other and built the foundation for future projects and partnerships. This resulted in the creation of several follow-up projects.



## Asia-Europe Young Volunteers Exchange

4 - 17 November 2008  
Singburi, Thailand

Partners: Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service, Greenway Thailand, SJ Vietnam, Dejavato, IWC Indonesia, Greenway Cambodia

This exchange, entitled 'Volunteering today for tomorrow: How to foster sustainable choices among volunteers and local communities,' focused on enhancing networking between

organisations in order to allow knowledge-transfer between the two regions and to achieve common quality standards for how sustainable development is introduced. The project combined a reflection process, an exchange of good practices, field experience and a final evaluation. The main issues discussed focused on the value of education, the importance of sustainable choices for the future and the intercultural aspects playing a role at a local and global level.



## Asia Europe Journal

Vol. 5, Number 4  
Vol. 6, Number 1, 2, 3/4  
Editor-in-Chief: Albrecht Rothacher

The Journal is devoted to publishing interdisciplinary and intercultural studies and research between Asia and Europe in the social sciences and humanities. Fields of interest include various aspects of bilateral relationships, comparative studies, as well as Asian area studies from a European perspective and vice versa. Each volume is intended to focus on one major subject such as security, historical experiences, cultural perceptions, civic rights, gender issues, regional integration, development, media or other areas of bi-regional interest.



## ASEF Newsletter

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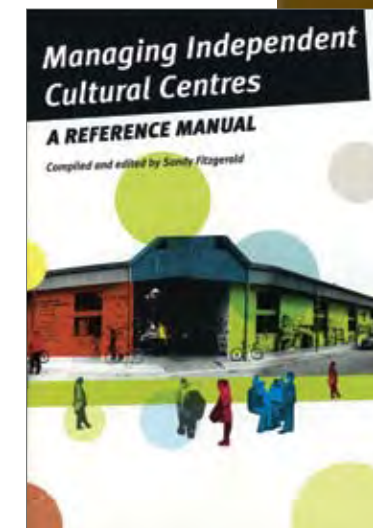
Issued three times a year, ASEFNews covers ASEF projects and activities of the preceding trimester. Each issue focuses on ASEF departments' joint effort in a particular thematic area. The 2008 newsletters focused respectively on: international relations, intercultural dialogue and the ASEM 7 Summit in China. The newsletter also features new ASEF publications, news coverage that indicates public interest in ASEF activities, as well as recent and upcoming happenings in ASEF and ASEM.



## Energy Security: Visions from Asia and Europe

Editor: Antonio Marquina

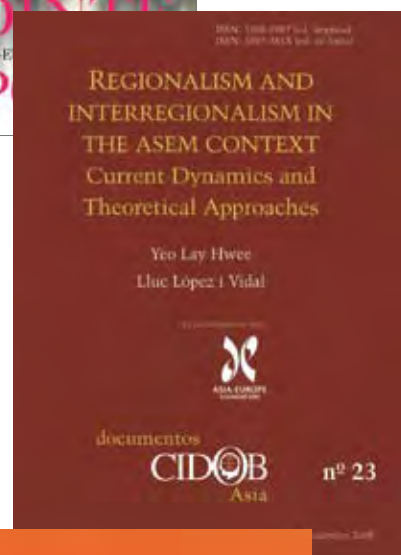
This book presents the different perspectives on energy security of European and Asian countries, as well as the regional perspectives. Within this context, it analyses Russian energy nationalism, EU common energy policies, pipeline strategies, and the deficiencies in policies towards central Asia. In the case of Asia, the book explains energy diplomacy, dependencies and objectives, the possibility of energy competition and co-operation in Northeast Asia and ASEAN's new strategies for energy security. Finally, the book presents different approaches to human security in Asia and Europe.



## Managing Independent Cultural Centres

Editor: Sandy Fitzgerald

The Independent Cultural Centres Leadership Training Handbook is the fruit of the Independent Creative Art Spaces Leadership Training programme organised in December 2007 by the Asia-Europe Foundation, Artfactories and Trans Europe Halles. It highlights tools for better management and links theory with practice through specific cases and experiences discussed during this training for 21 cultural managers from Asia and Europe.



## Pointe to Point, 5th Asia-Europe Dance Forum

Editors: Katelijn Verstraete and Neelima Reddy

The 5th edition of Pointe to Point, the Asia-Europe Dance Forum explored the relationships between tradition and contemporary in urban and rural contexts, as well as the interaction between dance and music. Twelve choreographer-dancers and six composer-improvisers from Asia and Europe participated in this challenging twelve-day project which was held in Beijing and Guizhou, China. The project aimed to provide an avenue for new inspirations and to instigate questions. The film *Amazing Grace* by Dutch film documenters attempted to capture the impression and density of moments through observation.

## Regionalism and Interregionalism in the ASEM Context: Current Dynamics and Theoretical Approaches

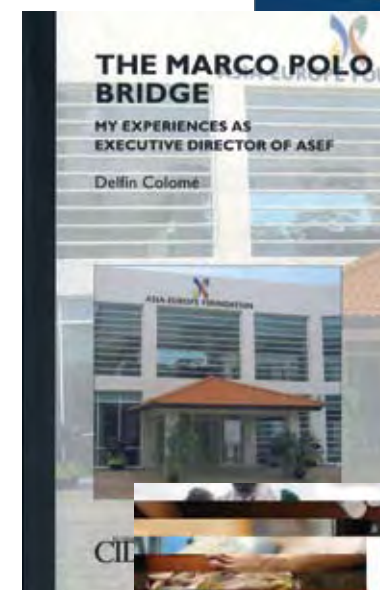
By Yeo Lay Hwee and Lluc López i Vidal

The 1990s saw the proliferation of regional, inter-regional and trans-regional institutions and networks. The genesis and development of ASEM (and also APEC in the early 1990s) brought forth intense debates in both academic and policy circles about the state of regionalism in East Asia and the nexus between inter-regionalism and global order. The numerous theoretical debates in the 1990s focus on how regionalism and inter-regionalism could be seen as responses to globalisation and on a policy level, debates were on how informal institutions, frameworks and processes such as ASEM could contribute to multi-level global governance. This book captures the essence of these debates and looks at how regionalism and inter-regionalism can be advanced within the ASEM framework.

## Re-Vision Bangkok: New Media Art and Interactivity

Editor: Jerneja Rebernak

The fifth edition of the Asia-Europe Art Camp explored new media art practices through the Relational Aesthetic concept where twenty-two emerging artists from Asia and Europe merged interactivity and localities with new media art through public performances in Bangkok. This publication captures the process of the Art Camp's fieldworks where the participants worked through social and cultural urban spaces, seeing the artwork as an encounter between the viewer and the object. The publication also includes a DVD of the Art Camp activity and artists' fieldwork interventions.



## Self and Other: Portraits from Asia and Europe

Editors: Kenji Yoshida and Brian Durrans

This book is the result of a traveling exhibition 'Portraits from Asia and Europe,' organised by ASEF and the Asahi Shimbun Museum and supported by over 100 institutions. The exhibition was created through collaboration between cultural museums and art museums in 18 countries in Asia and Europe, who are members of the Asia-Europe Museum Network (ASEMUS).

## The Future of European Studies in Asia

Editors: Peter Ryan, Martin Holland, Silviu Jora

This volume brings together eminent European Union scholars from both Europe and Asia in a timely initiative to reflect on the record of European Studies in Asia, evaluate the current state of affairs, as well as to look for best practices to guide future developments. The publication is a partnership between: the Asia Europe Foundation, EU Institute in Japan, Kansai, and the National Centre for Research on Europe, with the support of the European Commission and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## The Marco Polo Bridge

By Delfin Colomé

Written by ASEF's 2nd Executive Director, Delfin Colomé, a Spanish diplomat who was also a renowned musician and essayist, this book is a personal account of the diplomatic and organisational complexity that an initiative bridging Asia and Europe entails. Managing ASEM has not only required an enormous capacity to harmonise the interests of a great number of states, but it also demanded large doses of creativity in its attempt to give a voice to civil society. The book also represents a homage to some of the people who have dedicated their lives to building bridges in which the main elements are the values of respect, dialogue and peace.

## Urban Youth: Forum for Young Photographers

This publication reflects the works of 20 young photojournalists from Asia and Europe who participated in the Asia-Europe Forum for Young Photographers in Manila, the Philippines on 21-27 August 2006. The photographs highlight Urban Youth, which was the focus of the fieldwork photo assignment in Manila. This Forum was organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation, World Press Photo Foundation (WPPF) and the Philippine Center for Photojournalism (PCP).





## Culture360

[www.culture360.org](http://www.culture360.org)

The only multi-disciplinary arts and cultural online tool focused specifically on Asia and Europe, Culture360 is designed to stimulate cultural engagement and enhance greater understanding between the two regions. It is a platform to inform, collaborate, interact and exchange ideas amongst the arts and cultural communities across Asia and Europe. Fuelled by the artistic communities of the two regions, it is the culmination of efforts from the governmental level as well as from civil society.

## CulturE-ASEF

[www.culture-asef.org](http://www.culture-asef.org)

CulturE-ASEF aims to support cultural exchange between Asia and Europe by guiding interested parties to systematic directories of annotated links of websites with information in the field of visual arts in Asia and Europe. The concept of the CulturE-ASEF website was developed by the editors of Universes in Universe and brought to ASEF Cultural Exchange.

## Database on Education Exchange Programmes (DEEP)

<http://deep.asef.org>

The Database on Education Exchange Programme (DEEP) is ASEF's comprehensive online portal on universities, student exchanges and scholarships in Asia and Europe.

DEEP allows users to:

- select from an ever-expanding list of universities from the ASEM countries, organised by country and by field of study;
- locate scholarships and exchange programmes available from the user's country of origin and the preferred country of destination;
- identify official agencies assisting foreign students;
- obtain a snapshot of Asian and European education systems, entry requirements and credit recognition procedures; and
- exchange experiences of studying in Asia and Europe.



## Dialogue of Cultures and Civilisations

[www.civdialogue.asef.org](http://www.civdialogue.asef.org)

This website is dedicated to the Asia-Europe Foundation's Dialogue of Cultures and Civilisations programme which was established to address contentious and sensitive cultural and inter-civilisational issues. This website serves as a platform for information-sharing on the various projects within this programme.



## European Studies in Asia (ESIA)

<http://esia.asef.org>

The ESIA website is a fully interactive website for European studies academics, institutions and network to share and collaborate. This unique online platform is a resource of information, debate and research on European studies in Asia and Europe. It contains papers, articles, conference and publication announcements, vacancies and an extensive database of leading European studies institutions and networks in the two regions.

The eMonitor is the quarterly electronic newsletter of the ESIA network with a readership of 8,000 in Asia, Europe and internationally.



## Synergy Europe-Asia Images

<http://sea-images.asef.org>

The Synergy Europe-Asia website (SEA-Images) is for the promotion of film exchange between Asia and Europe. Since its launch in January 2004, SEA-Images aims to provide a unique pool of information on Asian film industry and its independent sector, classified data on the diverse European film industry and useful information for independent film makers from Asia and Europe. The Sea-Images eNewsletter includes news, call for entries and relevant articles.



# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

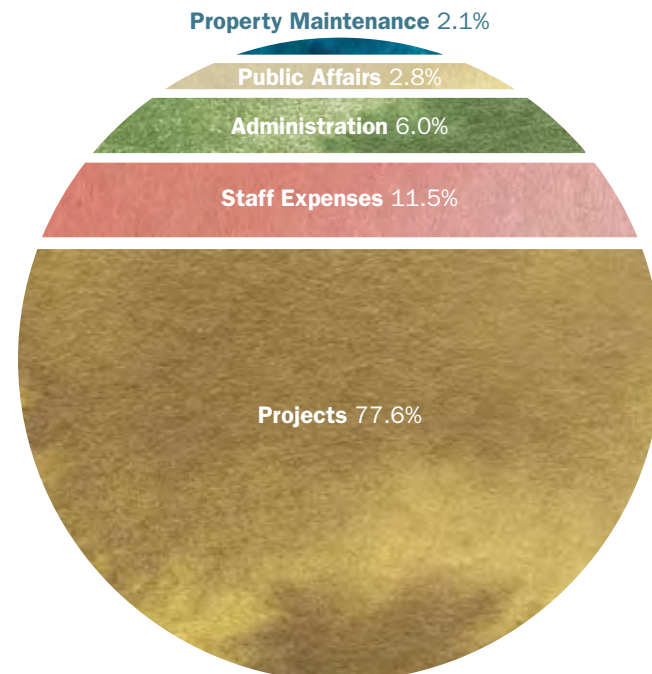
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## Summary of Expenditure

1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2008

	SGD	EURO	USD
Projects	6,430,583	3,161,934	4,457,511
Staff Expenses	957,030	470,574	663,388
Administration	494,863	243,325	343,026
Public Affairs	228,526	112,367	158,408
Property Maintenance	177,458	87,257	123,009
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,288,460</b>	<b>4,075,457</b>	<b>5,745,342</b>

Exchange rate as at 31 DEC 2008  
1 USD - SGD1.44  
1 EURO - SGD2.03



\*Unaudited figures

## Sources of Funding for Projects

1 JANUARY – 31 DECEMBER 2008

	SGD	EURO	USD
ASEF	6,430,583	3,161,934	4,457,511
Partner Organisations & Private Sector Sponsorship	5,144,466	2,529,547	3,566,008
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,575,049</b>	<b>5,691,481</b>	<b>8,023,519</b>

Exchange rate as at 31 DEC 2008  
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MEMBERS	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED			AMOUNT RECEIVED CONVERTED TO SGD AT TRANSACTION DATE RATES		
	USD	EURO	SGD	Operating Fund	Endowment Fund	Trust Fund
				SGD	SGD	SGD
Austria	880,000	624,228	1,408,570	1,408,570		
Belgium	1,361,869	966,042	1,964,687	558,009	1,406,678	
Brunei	1,174,980	833,472	1,736,358	1,736,358		
Bulgaria	50,751	36,000	76,170	76,170		
Cambodia	40,000	28,374	61,095	61,095		
China	2,480,000	1,759,187	4,051,704	4,051,704		
Czech Republic	260,699	184,927	407,795	407,795		
Denmark	1,584,062	1,123,654	2,285,232	2,285,232		
Estonia	35,244	25,000	51,952	51,952		
Finland	2,037,601	1,445,372	2,939,525	2,939,525		
France	3,168,457	2,247,544	4,570,943	1,039,332	1,014,400	2,517,211
Germany	3,543,567	2,513,629	5,112,092	5,112,092		
Greece	273,451	193,972	394,491	368,961	25,530	
Hungary	85,539	60,677	123,402	123,402		
Indonesia	601,090	426,383	966,914	966,914		
India	199,980	141,856	287,945	287,945		
Ireland	960,793	681,538	1,386,078	1,386,078		
Italy	1,147,848	814,226	2,037,431	2,037,431		
Japan	4,212,921	2,988,434	6,666,350	3,288,636		3,377,714
Korea	2,393,598	1,697,898	4,014,682	2,326,744	1,342,038	345,900
Laos	20,000	14,187	31,060	31,060		
Latvia	46,260	32,815	84,235	84,235		
Lithuania	55,241	39,185	80,352	80,352		
Luxembourg	3,129,452	2,219,876	4,514,672	3,460,818	1,053,854	
Malaysia	597,000	423,482	908,740	342,829	565,911	
Myanmar	66,118	46,901	95,385	95,385		
The Netherlands	1,647,001	1,168,299	2,376,029	2,376,029		
Pakistan	80,000	56,748	116,323	116,323		
The Philippines	333,664	236,684	527,966	527,966		
Poland	281,948	200,000	409,372	409,372		
Portugal	911,191	646,353	1,314,521	437,208	877,313	
Romania	30,000	21,280	45,300	45,300		
Singapore	3,600,000	2,553,659	5,759,830	2,330,530	3,429,300	
Slovenia	68,640	48,690	101,950	101,950		
Spain	1,572,537	1,115,479	2,547,613	2,547,613		
Sweden	987,345	700,373	1,424,383	1,424,383		
Thailand	903,082	640,601	1,505,794	107,680	1,398,114	
United Kingdom	1,234,736	875,859	1,781,279	729,784		1,051,495
Vietnam	248,000	175,919	410,845	410,845		
European Commission	10,624,838	7,536,726	14,431,891	1,840,266	1,853,400	10,738,225
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>52,929,503</b>	<b>37,545,528</b>	<b>79,010,956</b>	<b>48,013,872</b>	<b>12,966,538</b>	<b>18,030,545</b>

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Adam Mickiewicz University	Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVForum) Track Series Track II – Panel 1 'Climate Change'
All-China Youth Federation	Model ASEM
ASEAN University Network	ASEM Education Hub: 1st ASEM Rectors' Conference
ASEF University Alumni Network	7th Annual Conference and General Meeting of ASEFUAN Model ASEM
ASEM Education Hub Secretariat	Launch of the ASEM Education Hub Portal
Asia Research Institute	Book Launch 'Impact of Ageing: A Common Challenge for Europe and Asia'
Asian Development Bank	6th Regional Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia and the Pacific
Austrian Institute for International Affairs	Asia Europe Lecture Tour 'The EU through the Eyes of Asia: The Case of China and Hong Kong' by Kenneth Chan
British Museum	ASEMUS 2008
Cambodia Center for Human Rights	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Freedom of Expression' by Kevin Boyle and Cherian George
Central Academy of Fine Arts (China)	Connect2Culture & The Asia-Europe Dialogue on Arts, Culture and Climate Change
Central Board of Nahdlatul Ulama	ASEM Youth Dialogue: 2nd Asia-Europe Youth Interfaith Dialogue
Charles University	Asia Europe Lecture Tour 'The EU through the Eyes of Asia: The Case of China and Hong Kong' by Kenneth Chan
China Institute International Studies	Workshop: The Future of ASEM
Chinese Academy of Sciences	Asia-Europe Workshop Series: Value of Children and Intergenerational Relations – European and Asian Perspectives
Chulalongkorn University	Book Launch 'The EU Through the Eyes of Asia: Media, Public, and Elite Perceptions' in Bangkok
CIDOB Foundation	ASEM Education Hub: Thematic Network Meeting: Regionalism (RASEM) Annual Conference
Center for International Security and Strategic Studies at the Institute of World Economics and Politics	7th Annual Conference and General Meeting of ASEFUAN
College of Europe	European Studies in Asia 'Young Academics Workshop'
Co-ordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service	ASEF Youth Partnerships: Networking Asian and European Young Volunteers 2008 – 2nd Conference Asia Europe Youth Voluntary Service: Asia-Europe Young Volunteers Exchange (AEYVE)
Corvinus University Budapest	Asia Europe Lecture Tour 'The EU through the Eyes of Asia: The Case of China and Hong Kong' by Kenneth Chan
Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Stories from Borders and Stories of Borders' by Sriprapha Petcharamee
Danish Cultural Institute (China)	Connect2Culture & The Asia-Europe Dialogue on Arts, Culture and Climate Change
Danish School of Education, Aarhus University	ASEM Education Hub: ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning
Delegation of the European Commission in Hong Kong and Macao	Book Launch 'The EU Through the Eyes of Asia: Media, Public, and Elite Perceptions' in Hong Kong

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<b>Delegation of the European Commission in Vietnam</b>	Book Launch 'The EU Through the Eyes of Asia: Media, Public, and Elite Perceptions' in Hanoi Europe Studies in Asia 'EU through the Eyes of Asia' Phase III Interim Meeting
<b>Department of Foreign Affairs (Indonesia)</b>	ASEM Youth Dialogue: 2nd Asia-Europe Youth Interfaith Dialogue
<b>Department of Religious Affairs (Indonesia)</b>	ASEM Youth Dialogue: 2nd Asia-Europe Youth Interfaith Dialogue
<b>Developing Countries Research Center, University of Delhi</b>	Workshop on Improving the Role of the Police in Asia and Europe Democratisation & Justice Series 2nd Advisory Group Meeting
<b>Diplomatic Institute to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Stories from Borders and Stories of Borders' by Sriprapha Petcharamesree
<b>East Asia Institute, National University of Singapore</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'An Assessment of EU Policy Towards Asia' by Fraser Cameron
<b>European Alliance for Asian Studies</b>	Asia-Europe Workshop Series-Selection Committee Meeting
<b>European Commission</b>	9th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights - Rapporteur Meeting
<b>European Institute for Asian Studies</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Transitional Justice and Human Rights' by Kassie Neou Workshop: The Future of ASEM
<b>European Studies Programme, Hong Kong University</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'An Assessment of EU Policy Towards Asia' by Fraser Cameron
<b>European University Association</b>	ASEM Education Hub: 1st ASEM Rectors' Conference
<b>European Youth Forum</b>	ASEF Youth Partnerships: 19th International Youth Forum
<b>Federation of Malaysian Consumers Associations</b>	ASEF Youth Partnerships: Asia-Europe Youth Network for Sustainable Development (AEYNSD) – 1st Steering Committee Meeting – Making Commitments Work
<b>Free University of Berlin</b>	ASEM Education Hub: 1st ASEM Rectors' Conference
<b>French Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b>	9th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights – 2nd Steering Committee Meeting 9th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights – Rapporteur Meeting
<b>Friedrich Ebert Foundation</b>	Asia-Europe Roundtable – Evaluation Meeting
<b>Fukuoka Asian Art Museum</b>	ASEMUS 2008
<b>Georg Eckert Institute for International Textbook Research</b>	Asia-Europe Workshop Series: 'Textbook Revision and Peace Education Revisited: Past Experiences – Present Expectations – Future Concepts'
<b>German Institute for Adult Education – Leibniz Centre for Lifelong Learning (DIE), University of Duisburg/Essen</b>	ASEM Education Hub: ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning
<b>German Rectors' Conference</b>	ASEM Education Hub: 1st ASEM Rectors' Conference
<b>Government of Slovenia</b>	Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVForum) Track Series Track II – Panel 1 'Climate Change'
<b>Hanns Seidel Foundation</b>	Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) – Steering Committee Meeting Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) – 6th Roundtable 'Energy Sustainability' and Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) – Steering Committee Meeting
<b>Hanns Seidel Foundation Indonesia</b>	Workshop on 'Improving the Role of the Police in Asia and Europe Democratisation & Justice Series 2nd Advisory Group Meeting

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<b>Hong Kong Baptist University</b>	Book Launch 'The EU Through the Eyes of Asia: Media, Public, and Elite Perceptions' in Hong Kong
<b>Human Rights Student's Initiative of the Central European University</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Transitional Justice and Human Rights' by Kassie Neou
<b>Human Rights Without Frontiers</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Transitional Justice and Human Rights' by Kassie Neou
<b>International Network for Performing Arts (IETM)</b>	Culture360 Phase 1
<b>Indonesian Interpeace / Indonesian Peace Institute</b>	ASEM Education Hub: Thematic Network Meeting: Peace & Conflict Studies
<b>Indonesian Popular Governance Institute</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Freedom of Expression' by Kevin Boyle and Cherian George
<b>Institute for Global Environmental Strategies</b>	Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) – Steering Committee Meeting Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) – 6th Roundtable 'Energy Sustainability' and Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) – Steering Committee Meeting
<b>Institute for International and European Affairs</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Sustainable Development' by Ella Antonio Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) – 6th Roundtable 'Energy Sustainability'
<b>Institute for International Economic Relations</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Stories from Borders and Stories of Borders' by Sriprapha Petcharamesree
<b>International Anti-Corruption Council</b>	Workshop on 'Protecting the Whistleblowers – Asian and European Perspectives'
<b>International Association for the Protection of Human Rights in Cyprus</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Stories from Borders and Stories of Borders' by Sriprapha Petcharamesree
<b>International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies</b>	Mini Summit on New Media Art Policy and Practice
<b>International Film Festival Rotterdam</b>	6th Asia-Europe Film Meeting
<b>International Institute of Macau</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'An Assessment of EU Policy Towards Asia' by Fraser Cameron
<b>International Symposium for Electronic Arts 2008 (Singapore)</b>	Ludic Times – The Art of Gaming: 6th Asia-Europe Art Camp Mini Summit on New Media Art Policy and Practice
<b>International Work-Camp Organisation</b>	ASEF Youth Partnerships: Networking Asian and European Young Volunteers 2008 – 2nd Conference
<b>Irish Institute of Chinese Studies, University College Cork</b>	Connecting Civil Societies III: An Asia-Europe Dialogue on Economy & Society
<b>Kanagawa Prefectural Museum of Cultural History</b>	ASEMUS 2008
<b>Keio University</b>	Book Launch 'The EU Through the Eyes of Asia: Media, Public, and Elite Perceptions' in Tokyo
<b>Korea Environment Institute</b>	Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) – Steering Committee Meeting Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) – 6th Roundtable 'Energy Sustainability' and Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) – Steering Committee Meeting
<b>Korea Institute for International Economic Policy</b>	Book Launch 'The EU Through the Eyes of Asia: Media, Public, and Elite Perceptions' in Seoul
<b>Korea National Open University</b>	ASEM Education Hub: ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning
<b>Korean Arts Management Service</b>	Culture360 Phase 1

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<b>Korean National Youth Commission</b>	ASEF Youth Partnerships: 19th International Youth Forum
<b>Kulturwissenschaftliches Institute</b>	Asia-Europe Workshop Series: 'Social Memory and its Impact on Global Political Communication'
<b>Kyoto International Manga Museum</b>	Lingua Comica 3: Asia-Europe Dialogue through Comics
<b>Madrid Global (International Strategy and Action Office of Madrid's City Council)</b>	Asia-Europe Young Leaders Symposia: First Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders Dialogue
<b>Mahidol University</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Freedom of Expression' by Kevin Boyle and Cherian George
<b>Malaysian Ministry of Education</b>	7th Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference
<b>Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO</b>	7th Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference
<b>Maruah, Singapore</b>	Public Lecture – An ASEAN Human Rights body: A Milestone in the 60 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights? By Dr. Vitit Muntarbhorn
<b>Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage (Malaysia)</b>	Culture360 Phase 1
<b>Ministry of Education and Culture (Hungary)</b>	ASEM Education Hub: Advisory Board of the ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning
<b>Multidisciplinary Department of European Studies, Chulalongkorn University</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'An Assessment of EU Policy Towards Asia' by Fraser Cameron
<b>Nanyang Technological University</b>	Ludic Times – The Art of Gaming: 6th Asia-Europe Art Camp Mini Summit on New Media Art Policy and Practice Culture360 Phase 1
<b>National Centre for Educational Development Research, China</b>	ASEM Education Hub: ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning
<b>National Centre for Research on Europe</b>	Book Launch 'The EU Through the Eyes of Asia: Media, Public, and Elite Perceptions' in Hanoi and Europe Studies in Asia 'EU through the Eyes of Asia' Phase III Interim Meeting European Studies in Asia 'Young Academics Workshop'
<b>National Council of Youth Organisations in Korea</b>	ASEF Youth Partnerships: 19th International Youth Forum
<b>National Museum of Ethnology Osaka</b>	ASEMUS 2008
<b>National University of Laos</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Freedom of Expression' by Kevin Boyle and Cherian George
<b>National University of Singapore</b>	Book Launch 'The EU Through the Eyes of Asia: Media, Public, and Elite Perceptions' in Singapore Ludic Times – The Art of Gaming: 6th Asia-Europe Art Camp
<b>National Youth Council of Romania</b>	Asia-Europe Partnership in the Field of Training: Asia-Europe Training for Trainers: Intercultural Learning, Methods and Techniques used in Asia-Europe Youth Projects
<b>Nordic Institute of Asian Studies</b>	ASEM Education Hub: Thematic Network Meeting: Peace & Conflict Studies
<b>Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Stories from Borders and Stories of Borders' by Sriprapha Petcharamesree
<b>NUS Museum</b>	Ludic Times - The Art of Gaming: 6th Asia-Europe Art Camp
<b>Office for Regional Co-operation in Southeast Asia</b>	Asia-Europe Roundtable - Evaluation Meeting
<b>Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development</b>	6th Regional Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia and the Pacific

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<b>Peace Boat, Tokyo, Japan</b>	Asia-Europe Workshop Series: 'Textbook Revision and Peace Education Revisited: Past Experiences – Present Expectations – Future Concepts'
<b>Peking University</b>	ASEM Education Hub: ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning
<b>Peniche Municipality</b>	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 'From Ming Dynasty Chinese Naval Gigantism to Universal Physics in a Seaway. Structural analysis of ancient wooden ships in Asia and Europe'
<b>Portuguese Institute of Archaeology</b>	Asia-Europe Workshop Series: 'From Ming Dynasty Chinese Naval Gigantism to Universal Physics in a Seaway. Structural analysis of ancient wooden ships in Asia and Europe'
<b>Raoul Wallenberg Institute</b>	9th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights – 2nd Steering Committee Meeting 9th Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights – Rapporteur Meeting
<b>Regional Centre for Sustainable Development, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences</b>	Connecting Civil Societies III: An A-E Dialogue on Economy & Society In conjunction with the 7th ASEM Summit
<b>Renmin University of China</b>	Book Launch 'The EU Through the Eyes of Asia: Media, Public, and Elite Perceptions' in Beijing
<b>Republic Polytechnic</b>	Ludic Times – The Art of Gaming: 6th Asia-Europe Art Camp
<b>RITS Brussel</b>	6th Asia-Europe Film Meeting
<b>Romanian Institute for European-Asian Studies</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Stories from Borders and Stories of Borders' by Sriprapha Petcharamesree
<b>Ljubljana Centre for Contemporary Arts</b>	Culture360 Phase 1
<b>School of African and Oriental Studies</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Stories from Borders and Stories of Borders' by Sriprapha Petcharamesree
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<b>Stockholm Environment Institute Tallinn Centre</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Sustainable Development' by Ella Antonio
<b>Stockholm School of Economics</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Sustainable Development' by Ella Antonio
<b>Strategic Foresight Group</b>	Responsibility to the Future
<b>Suaram</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Freedom of Expression' by Kevin Boyle and Cherian George
<b>Swedish Environment Secretariat in Asia</b>	Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) - 6th Roundtable 'Energy Sustainability' Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) - Steering Committee Meeting
<b>Thammasart University</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Freedom of Expression' by Kevin Boyle and Cherian George
<b>The Environment Helpdesk in the European Commission</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Sustainable Development' by Ella Antonio
<b>The Indonesian Sciences Institute</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Freedom of Expression' by Kevin Boyle and Cherian George
<b>The Media Monitoring Agency</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Transitional Justice and Human Rights' by Kassie Neou
<b>The Museum of Modern Art Hayama</b>	ASEMUS 2008
<b>The Robert Schuman University</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Transitional Justice and Human Rights' by Kassie Neou
<b>Transparency International</b>	Workshop on 'Protecting the Whistleblowers – Asian and European Perspectives'
<b>Universidad Complutense de Madrid</b>	ASEM Education Hub: Thematic Network Meeting: Human Security Conference

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<b>United Nations Environment Programme</b>	Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) – 6th Roundtable 'Energy Sustainability' Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) – Steering Committee Meeting
<b>United Nations University – Centre for Comparative Regional Integration Studies</b>	Connecting Civil Societies III: An A-E Dialogue on Economy & Society In conjunction with the 7th ASEM Summit
<b>Universiti Sains Malaysia</b>	ASEM Education Hub Advisory Board Meeting
<b>University College Cork</b>	Asia Europe Lecture Tour 'The EU through the Eyes of Asia: The Case of China and Hong Kong' by Kenneth Chan
<b>University Kebangsaan Malaysia</b>	Asia-Europe Workshop Series: 'Now you see them, now you don't. Defining irregular migrants in Europe and Asia and the immigration measures applied to them'
<b>University of Amsterdam</b>	Asia-Europe Workshop Series: 'Now you see them, now you don't. Defining irregular migrants in Europe and Asia and the immigration measures applied to them'
<b>University of Bucharest</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Transitional Justice and Human Rights' by Kassie Neou
<b>University of Konstanz</b>	Asia-Europe Workshop Series: 'Value of Children and Intergenerational Relations: European and Asian Perspectives'
<b>University of Leipzig</b>	Asia-Europe Workshop Series: 'Gatekeepers in a Digital Asian-European Media Landscape: The rising structural power of internet search engines'
<b>University of Macau</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'An Assessment of EU Policy Towards Asia' by Fraser Cameron
<b>University of Ljubljana</b>	Asia Europe Lecture Tour 'The EU through the Eyes of Asia: The Case of China and Hong Kong' by Kenneth Chan
<b>University of the Philippines</b>	Asia-Europe Workshop Series: 'Towards the Development of Teaching Program for Higher Education in Environmental Governance'
<b>University of the West of England</b>	Asia-Europe Workshop Series: 'Towards the Development of Teaching Program for Higher Education in Environmental Governance'
<b>University of Trnava</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Transitional Justice and Human Rights' by Kassie Neou
<b>University of Warsaw</b>	Asia Europe Lecture Tour 'The EU through the Eyes of Asia: The Case of China and Hong Kong' by Kenneth Chan
<b>VIA URIS (Center for Public Advocacy)</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Transitional Justice and Human Rights' by Kassie Neou
<b>Vietnam National University</b>	Book Launch 'The EU Through the Eyes of Asia: Media, Public, and Elite Perceptions' in Hanoi Europe Studies in Asia 'EU through the Eyes of Asia' Phase III Interim Meeting"
<b>Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences</b>	7th Annual Conference and General Meeting of ASEFUAN
<b>Volunteers for Peace Vietnam</b>	Asia-Europe Partnership in the Field of Training: Asia-Europe Training Course for Young Volunteers
<b>Vytautas Magnus University</b>	Asia-Europe Lecture Tour 'Sustainable Development' by Ella Antonio
<b>Wuhan University of Technology</b>	Asia-Europe Workshop Series 'From Ming Dynasty Chinese Naval Gigantism to Universal Physics in a Seaway. Structural analysis of ancient wooden ships in Asia and Europe'
<b>Zhejiang University</b>	Asia-Europe Workshop Series: 'Social Memory and its Impact on Global Political Communication'

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<b>ArtsNetworkAsia</b>	Mini Summit on New Media Art Policy and Practice
<b>Austrian Cultural Forum</b>	Connect2Culture & The Asia-Europe Dialogue on Arts, Culture and Climate Change
<b>British Embassy in Hanoi</b>	7th Annual Conference and General Meeting of ASEFUAN
<b>Casa Asia</b>	Asia-Europe Young Leaders Symposia: First Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders Dialogue ASEM Education Hub: Thematic Network Meeting: Human Security Conference
<b>China Meteorological Administration</b>	Connect2Culture & The Asia-Europe Dialogue on Arts, Culture and Climate Change
<b>Cultura21 Network</b>	Connect2Culture & The Asia-Europe Dialogue on Arts, Culture and Climate Change
<b>Danish Ministry of Education</b>	ASEM Education Hub: ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning
<b>Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b>	ASEM Education Hub: ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning Thematic Network Meeting: Peace & Conflict Studies
<b>Embassy of Spain in Vietnam</b>	7th Annual Conference and General Meeting of ASEFUAN
<b>Erasmus Hogeschool Brussel</b>	6th Asia-Europe Film Meeting
<b>European Commission</b>	Culture360 Phase 1 Ludic Times – The Art of Gaming: 6th Asia-Europe Art Camp Mini Summit on New Media Art Policy and Practice
<b>Gallery Hotel</b>	Ludic Times – The Art of Gaming: 6th Asia-Europe Art Camp
<b>German Federal Ministry of Education and Research</b>	ASEM Education Hub: 1st ASEM Rectors' Conference
<b>Greenway Thailand</b>	Asia Europe Youth Voluntary Service Asia-Europe Young Volunteers Exchange (AEYVE)
<b>GTZ Vietnam</b>	7th Annual Conference and General Meeting of ASEFUAN
<b>IE Business School</b>	Asia-Europe Young Leaders Symposia: First Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders Dialogue
<b>International and Ibero-American Foundation of Public Administration and Policies</b>	Asia-Europe Young Leaders Symposia: First Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders Dialogue
<b>Madrid City Council</b>	Asia-Europe Young Leaders Symposia: First Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders Dialogue
<b>Ministry for Health, Welfare and Family Affaires</b>	ASEF Youth Partnerships: 19th International Youth Forum
<b>Ministry of Education (China)</b>	ASEM Education Hub: ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning
<b>Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment, Sabah</b>	7th Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference
<b>National Agency for Supporting Youth Initiatives</b>	Asia-Europe Partnership in the Field of Training: Asia-Europe Training for Trainers: Intercultural Learning, Methods and Techniques used in Asia-Europe Youth Projects
<b>NH Hotels</b>	Asia-Europe Young Leaders Symposia: First Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders Dialogue
<b>Red Electrica</b>	ASEM Education Hub: Thematic Network Meeting: Human Security Conference
<b>Research Centre for Sustainable Development, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences</b>	Connect2Culture & The Asia-Europe Dialogue on Arts, Culture and Climate Change
<b>Sabah College</b>	7th Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference

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<b>Sabah State Education Department</b>	7th Asia-Europe Classroom Network Conference
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<b>SENKO Group</b>	7th Annual Conference and General Meeting of ASEFUAN
<b>Spanish Agency for International Co-operation for Development of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation</b>	Asia-Europe Young Leaders Symposia: First Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders Dialogue
<b>Spanish Ministry of Defence</b>	ASEM Education Hub: Thematic Network Meeting: Human Security Conference
<b>Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation</b>	ASEM Education Hub: Thematic Network Meeting: Human Security Conference
<b>TheatreWorks</b>	Mini Summit on New Media Art Policy and Practice
<b>Training and Education Institute of the Madrid Local Government</b>	Asia-Europe Young Leaders Symposia: First Asia-Europe Young Urban Leaders Dialogue
<b>Vietsoftware International</b>	7th Annual Conference and General Meeting of ASEFUAN
<b>Vinatra</b>	7th Annual Conference and General Meeting of ASEFUAN
<b>Vlaamse Gemeenschapscommissie</b>	6th Asia-Europe Film Meeting
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