The Cultural Heritages of Asia and Europe: Global Challenges and Local Initiatives
2-3 September 2010, VOC Room, East Indisch House, Amsterdam

Roundtable in preparation for the Fourth ASEM Culture Ministers' Meeting
(8-11 September 2010, Poznan, Poland)

PROGRAMME

1 September, Wednesday

All-day Arrivals
7.00 pm Welcome dinner

2 September, Thursday

9.00-9.30 am Registration
Opening
Welcome address by representatives of partner organisations

9.30-10.00 am Introductory session
- Introduction of experts
- Overview of the Roundtable process and the formulation of recommendations for ASEM Culture Ministers’ Meeting and IIAS
- Introducing the Background Document and its authors

10.00-10.30 am Coffee break

10.30am-1.00 pm Session 1: What is “heritage”?
Issues for discussion include:
- The evolving scope and notions of the term “heritage” in different contexts (Europe/Asia) and for different stakeholders (e.g. institutional and governmental organisations, civil society and youth)
- Broadening the view of heritage, conceived as “the collective memory and identity of a social group”?
- Emerging issues in the field of heritage

1.00-2.30 pm Lunch

2.30-4.00 pm Session 2: Heritage: For whom?
Issues for discussion include:
- Heritage ownership in relation to different stakeholders (e.g. policy-makers, communities, young people, educators, businessmen and other civil society actors).
- Building multiple stakeholder and community-centred partnerships

4.00-4.15 pm Coffee break
4.15-5.45 pm  **Session 3: Institutional players/framework & role of civil society**  
Issues for discussion include:  
- The ability of institutional frameworks at various levels (international, national and local) to respond to heritage-related activities and aspirations originating from civil society.  
- Responding to international norms (including key UNESCO Conventions)

5.45-6.15 pm  Summing up of the day’s proceedings

6.30-8.00 pm  Dinner and heritage walk

**3 September, Friday**

9.00-9.15 am  **Introductory comments**

9.15-10.45 am  **Session 4: Cultural heritage and economic constraints**  
Issues for discussion include:  
- Possibilities of reconciling market economies and heritage-related activities  
- Heritage and tourism

10.45-11.00 am  Coffee break

11.00 am-12.30 pm  **Session 5: Cities and heritage**  
Issues for discussion include:  
- Relationship between cities and heritage: maintaining the balance between preservation and modernisation in urban contexts  
- Interventions of urban regeneration and revitalisation

12.30-1.30 pm  Lunch

1.30-4.00 pm  **Session 6: Discussion on Recommendations**  
- Brief presentations by session chairs on the key points raised in Sessions 1-5  
- Followed by group discussion on the finalisation of recommendations for the ASEM CMM and IIAS

4.00-4.15 pm  Coffee break

4.15-5.30 pm  **Closing remarks and next steps**  
- On the presentation of the recommendations at the Fourth ASEM CMM (8-11 September, Poznan) and future programmes on heritage at IIAS

6.30-8.00 pm  Dinner

Late evening  Departures

**4 September, Saturday**

Forenoon  Departures

**Venue:** The venue of the meeting on 2 & 3 September 2010 is:  
VOC Room, East Indisch House, Kloveniersburgwal 48, 1012 CX Amsterdam.