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# The Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies

The Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies is a cooperative framework of European institutes specializing in Asian Studies. The Asia Alliance, established in 1997, aims to bring together fragmented forces in Asian Studies in Europe to facilitate scholarly excellence to the benefit of the respective national research environments and those of the European scholarly environment at large, by:

- building up high-quality, border-transcending research with a stronger focus on contemporary issues;
- creating sustainable networks with Asian and other overseas research institutions and scholars;
- strengthening the links and communication between academic research on Asia and non-academic institutions and actors.

## The Alliance Partners

For information about the Asia Alliance, please contact its secretariat at the IIAS:

**IIAS** - The International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) is a post-doctoral institute established in 1993 by Dutch universities and the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, to encourage Asian Studies in the humanities and social sciences and to promote national and international scientific co-operation in these fields. The IIAS is mainly financed by the Netherlands Ministry of Education, Culture and Sciences.

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**NIAS** - The Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS) is an independent research institute funded by the governments of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden through the Nordic Council of Ministers. The NIAS, founded in 1967, serves as a focal point for research on contemporary Asia and for promoting Asian Studies in the Nordic academic community.

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**IFA** - The Institute of Asian Affairs (Institut für Asienkunde, IfA) was founded in 1956 on the initiative of the German Parliament and the German Foreign Ministry. The Institute has been assigned the task to study the political, economic, and social developments in Asian countries. Its field of activity concentrates on contemporary affairs, while aiming to procure and broaden scientifically based knowledge of the region and its countries.

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**EIAS** - The European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS) is a Brussels-based policy and research think-tank supported by the European Union (EU) institutions, which aims to promote understanding and cooperation between the EU and Asia. EIAS seeks to provide information and expertise to the European Union institutions, the academic world and business by disseminating concise, thoroughly researched and up-to-date material on EU-Asia relations and important developments in Asia.

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**AEC** - In Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (Sciences-Po), the Asia-Europe Centre is the third pillar with the American Centre and the European Centre in a resource framework at the service of the whole institution. The Asia-Europe Centre acts as the interface between Sciences-Po components and their Asian counterparts. As a resource centre, it provides information and expertise to public and European institutions, to Sciences-Po's academic network and to the business community.

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## Asia Alliance Short Update ASEF-Alliance Annual Asia-Europe Workshop Series

The partners of the Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies met to discuss their joint agenda for the coming year at a gathering at the Asia-Europe Centre in Paris, on 10 December 2001. Besides the planned ASEF-Alliance Annual Asia Europe Workshop series, as announced in this Newsletter, the following list of activities was drafted.

### (Preliminary) Agenda 2002

**4-7 April 2002, Washington:** The Asia Alliance will be present during the annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, USA. During the AAS a "meeting in conjunction on ASEM progress" will be organized (on Saturday morning 6 April, main organizer IIAS).

**May 2002, Taipei:** Alliance conference on the relation Taiwan - Mainland China (organized through IFA).

**6-7 May, Stockholm:** "Mobility and Mobiles in China" (organized by the Stockholm School of Economics, the CASS, and the IIAS).

**18,19, or 20 June 2002, Brussels:** one-day Alliance Asia Update at the European Parliament on EU-Asia relations after September 11 (main organizers: EIAS and AEC).

**October 2002, Berlin:** one-day Asia Update in Berlin (organized by IFA).

**October 2002, Shanghai:** a conference on "women and gender" at Fudan University, Shanghai, China (organized through NIAS).

**November 2002, Paris:** Colloquium on Environmental issues in Paris (organized through ASEF and AEC).

Date t.b.a., European Workshop for PhD students in Asian Studies (EWAS) (organized by IIAS, NIAS, and AEC).

*In the course of the year these activities will be worked out and updated information may be found on our website.*

### NIAS

On 1 January 2002 the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS) welcomed its new Director: Prof. Jørgen Delman. <

# The Annual ASIA-EUROPE Workshop Series 2002/2003



ASIA-EUROPE FOUNDATION

**PROCEDURE**  
Workshop proposals should be sent to the secretariat of the Asia-Europe Workshop Series before 15 May 2002. Approximately 6 workshop proposals will be selected for realization between September 2002 and September 2003. The received proposals will be refereed by a joint Europe-Asia Selection Committee and, when necessary, by external reviewers. Workshop initiators will be informed of the Committee's decision in July 2002. Financial support consists of a contribution to travel costs and accommodation costs up to a maximum of US \$ 15,000 per workshop.

**WORKSHOP FORMAT**

- A two to three day meeting bringing together a group of about 20 participants (with male/female parity), balancing senior experts and promising junior researchers;
- The workshop should be jointly organized by a European and an Asian institute from ASEM member countries, and be held in one of the ASEM countries\*;
- The workshop should not be part of a larger conference;
- Participation should be from both Asian and European countries (altogether from at least 8 different ASEM countries; 4 from Europe and 4 from Asia);
- Participants are invited predominantly from the scientific domain but not exclusively. Contributions from other domains (politicians, journalists, corporate staff) are encouraged;
- Workshops that aim for a publication are favoured.

**SCIENTIFIC CONTENT**  
The proposal must demonstrate that the multinational participation in the workshop will generate added value;  
The workshop should focus on a contemporary topic:  
- concerning both Asia and Europe in a comparative perspective  
- concerning shared interests between Asia and Europe  
- of interregional / multilateral importance  
- that will stimulate a dialogue between the two regions  
(Examples might be: 1. Welfare systems and models of social security; 2. Demographic change; 3. Nationalization, regionalization, and localization; 4. Value systems and cultural heritage; 5. Changing labour relations in Asia; 6. Knowledge systems, environment, international business operations, and transmission of technology; 7. Institutional frameworks for company/industrial development and for internationalization of business in Asia; 8. Politics, democracy, and human rights; 9. Security issues (soft and hard); 10. Gender issues)

The Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies and The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) welcome proposals for workshops to take place in 2002/2003 on themes of common interest to both Asia and Europe.

**THE PROPOSAL**  
The workshop proposal (of no more than five pages) should be written in the English language. A proposal should contain the following information, and be presented in the order given hereunder:

- Title of the workshop
- Proposed date and venue
- Names of initiators and organizing institutions (both European and Asian), and one contact address
- Main topic (see above under h)
- Introduction to the topic to be addressed
- Scientific objectives
- Publication(s) envisaged, if applicable
- A list of expected participants, indicating for each participant his/her affiliation and disciplinary competence in relation to the workshop's topic. These participants may be contacted by the Selection Committee.
- An itemized, detailed budget indicating expenses as well as all expected incomes (including other sponsors).

Please note that the text of your proposal, if selected, may be published on the web pages of ASEF ([www.asef.org](http://www.asef.org)) and the Asia Alliance ([www.asia-alliance.org](http://www.asia-alliance.org)); and in the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) Newsletter.

**ADDRESS AND DEADLINE**  
The workshop proposals should be received by the Asia Europe Workshop Series Secretariat no later than 15 May 2002. Proposals may be sent through regular mail only. Applications by fax or e-mail will not be considered. Please be aware that the secretariat makes use of university postal services; therefore please allow an extra three days for delivery.

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**The ASIA-EUROPE FOUNDATION (ASEF)**, Singapore was established by members of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) on 15 February 1997 with the aim of promoting engagement between the civil societies of Asia and Europe and forging mutual understanding between the two regions. For more information: [www.asef.org](http://www.asef.org)

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