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### A new research world

China gives high priority to enhancing its scientific competence. It invests large resources in scientific institutions and laboratories to foster a new, competitive generation of scientists. The aim is to make China a world-leading country in research and higher education. To achieve this, international co-operation is necessary, a fact increasingly recognised by leading research centres around the world.

Sweden is a small country with a long scientific tradition. It has recognised institutions and academies which for more than a century have been awarding the Nobel Prizes in physics, chemistry, medicine, and literature, and for more than three decades, in economics. Sweden needs new partners to maintain cutting-edge competence in strategic fields.

A plan will be launched in 2005-2006 to increase China-Sweden co-operation over the whole scientific field, including

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science, applied science, medicine and social and cultural research. A joint SSAAPS-Chinese Academy of Social Sciences workshop involving key social scientists on 'Economic development and its social costs' is projected for October 2005.

The Swedish School of Advanced Asia-Pacific Studies is a driving force behind the China-Sweden initiative. SSAAPS was established in 2001 to foster the strategic development of research related to Pacific Asia – the ASEAN countries, China, Japan and Korea. It emanates from Sweden's new Asia policy adopted by government and Parliament in 1999.

SSAAPS was set up by two of Sweden's major research foundations – the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation and the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education – and is linked to all major universities and research institutions in the country. The objective is to further develop Pacific Asian studies, support the best among the coming generation of scholars and promote research at the international frontline.

### Research at SSAAPS

SSAAPS's PhD-fellowships are granted for four years, with a matched funding agreement with university partners. Competition is stiff – one out of ten applications are awarded. The School provides travel funds, supplementary supervision by internationally recognised scholars, intensive courses, dissertation workshops and support to publish reworked dissertations.

The School rides on a wave of a growing number of PhD degrees on Asian topics at Swedish universities. During 2001-2003, the number tripled to 80 from the previous three years. The range of disciplines has broadened and includes fields such as technology, medicine, biology, architecture and environmental research. There is also a growing Asia-interest in economics and political science.

SSAAPS's Post-doc Academy supports outstanding young researchers who have successfully completed their PhD degrees, and facilitates their placement in leading research institutes. The fellowships include resources for a compulsory one-year stay abroad at an international centre of excellence. Three to five new post-doc fellowships, granted through open, international competition, are planned for 2005-2007. Above the post-doc level, the long-term goal is to develop new research agendas at the international front-line in co-operation with leading senior scholars.

### Internationalisation

SSAAPS is not a national Swedish endeavour. Asia-Pacific studies belong to the most internationalised parts of academia, where the key to academic success is internationally published and recognised research. Academic globali-

sation cannot be met by protectionism. Scholars must systematically relate to the demands, norms and examples of the international scholarly community.

This is the rationale behind SSAAPS's visiting fellows programme, research development ambitions and international publication support. It is also the reason why SSAAPS supports continued Nordic co-operation, has joined the European Alliance for Asian Studies and contributes financially to the Alliance's Asia-Europe Workshop Series in collaboration with the Asia-Europe Foundation.

It is SSAAPS's belief that the key to rejuvenate Asia-Pacific studies is to build strong relations with the new research environments growing in Asia. Like China, Singapore has the ambition to become a world-leading player in research and higher education. In addition to well-established centres such as the East Asia Institute of NUS, the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies at Nanyang and the Institute of Southeast Asian studies, NUS has recently set up its Asia Research Institute and is building a new Institute of South Asian Studies. Together, these centres have the capacity to make Singapore in the coming years a world hub of Asian studies. For SSAAPS, scholarly exchange with this environment and development of joint research has high priority, as does linking-up with other fast-developing intellectual centres in the region. <

- For detailed information about SSAAPS, its programmes and Sweden's Asia policy, please see [www.ssaaps.stint.se](http://www.ssaaps.stint.se)

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# ASIA CHAIR

## Visiting Professorships

Since its foundation in 1872 the *Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris* (Sciences Po) has established itself as one of the foremost universities in the social sciences in Europe. As part of its ongoing commitment to advancing scholarship concerning the study of Asia, Sciences Po inaugurated a Visiting Professorship programme in Asian Studies in 2003. This Chair is for specialists on Asia within the disciplines of political science, economics, international relations, sociology, political anthropology or contemporary history.

Applicants must either be of non-French nationality, or French nationals resident overseas. The visiting professorship is for a period of between two and six months with teaching of up to 20 hours in either English or French. The salary range is between €3,100 and €4,300 per month.

A Selection Committee will meet at the end of April 2005. Those applicants selected can teach within the next academic year, ie. from mid-October 2005 up until end May 2006.

1<sup>st</sup> March 2005, is the deadline for receiving applications to be sent to Prof. Jean-Marie Bouissou and Prof. Christophe Jaffrelot (directors of the Asia programme) CERI, 56, rue Jacob, 75006 Paris. Applications must include a complete curriculum vitae and a teaching proposal. These application files should be sent by email to: [bouissou@ceri-sciences-po.org](mailto:bouissou@ceri-sciences-po.org) and [jaffrelot@ceri-sciences-po.org](mailto:jaffrelot@ceri-sciences-po.org)

The administration of the Sciences Po Asia Chair is in the hands of the Asia-Europe Centre. Those applicants selected by the Academic Board should contact its director, Dr David Camroux, Asia-Europe Centre/CERI, 56, rue Jacob 75006 Paris ([david.camroux@sciences-po.fr](mailto:david.camroux@sciences-po.fr))



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