



**KONRAD-
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Regional Programme
Political Dialogue
Asia and the Pacific

ACTIVITIES IN
2016



THE KONRAD-ADENAUER-STIFTUNG (FOUNDATION)

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is a political foundation of Germany. Its mission is to promote international dialogue, regional integration, sustainable development, good governance, democratic processes, social market economy and exchange of information. It is named after the first Chancellor (Prime Minister) of the Federal Republic of Germany, Konrad Adenauer (1876-1967).

Our nearly 100 offices around the world are in charge of over 200 projects, organising national and international conferences, conducting research, offering civic education and political training, and cultivating international understanding. Through its international activities and projects carried out in collaboration with local partners in over 120 countries, KAS makes a substantial contribution to international cooperation.

The KAS regional office in Singapore comprises three regional programmes that focus on political dialogue, media development and the rule of law respectively. The Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia and the Pacific aims to contribute to the strengthening of regional integration, global governance, democratic processes, and international dialogue among Asian countries as well as between Europe, Asia and Australia.

Our work is built on five pillars:

1. Strengthening Political Parties in the Region and Parliamentary Dialogue
2. Regional Cooperation and Integration
3. Foreign and Security Policy and Geopolitics
4. Europe-Asia/Pacific Cooperation and Global Governance
5. Analysis and Publications on Developments in Asia and Europe

The programme's activities include training programmes for members of political parties and civil society organisations, political dialogue between parliamentarians and politicians within Asia and between Asia and Europe, intellectual exchange between representatives from leading think tanks from Europe and Asia, political analysis of and consultancy for political institutions, and conferences on key issues for international understanding and global governance.

In Singapore, KAS cooperates closely with ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute in organising events that foster regional integration within ASEAN. Additionally, we also cooperate with the Consortium of South Asian Think Tanks (COSATT)/Centre for South Asian Studies in Kathmandu, Nepal to promote exchange among South Asian countries. Resulting from this broad range of activities, the foundation publishes books and papers as well as the biannual journal *Panorama: Insights into Asian and European Affairs*.



WELCOME TO OUR 2016 ACTIVITY REPORT



The year 2016 presented global challenges and opportunities that demonstrated the significance of international cooperation. It is more important than ever that regions work together to address regional and global issues.

Looking to Southeast Asia, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) launched the ASEAN Economic Community in December 2015, affirming the region's commitment to enhancing cooperation, mutual trust, peace, security and stability, not just within Southeast Asia but also beyond. The year 2017 will mark the 50th anniversary of the foundation of ASEAN—this offers an opportunity to analyse the great achievements of the regional body, and also to discuss the current challenges hindering the organisation from achieving its full potential.

In South Asia, while a shadow was cast across regional integration by the cancellation of the 19th South Asia Association of Regional Cooperation summit, this only heightened the call from South Asian nations underlining that the region as a whole needs to develop collectively and that this could not be possible without regional cooperation among the nations.

Europe, too, faced challenges to its regional integration process arising from the Brexit vote, the growing migration crisis, the rise of populism and a generally volatile security environment. These not only constituted new dangers but also challenged existing tools and institutions in Europe, which is why reflection on further cooperation and a renewed sense of integration in the European Union has become essential.

The Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia and the Pacific of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung aims at contributing towards the strengthening of regional integration, global governance and international dialogue among Asian countries as well as between Europe, Asia and the Pacific. Our office in Singapore conducts a range of activities and produces publications as well as policy briefs covering contemporary issues influencing and shaping political discourses.

The activities focus on the education and capacity-building of young political leaders in Asia through the Konrad Adenauer School for Young Politicians (KASYP) as well as strengthen dialogue among female Asian parliamentarians in the Asian Women Parliamentarian Caucus (AWPC). Our exchanges and discussions among think tanks, research centres and policy makers enable stakeholders from the track-1 and track-2 level diplomacy to enhance regional cooperation and integration. Given the changing security environment and increasing traditional as well as non-traditional threats, the programme builds confidence and provides different kinds of platforms to enable a continuous dialogue on topics related to foreign and security policies.

In order to enhance the cooperation between Europe and the Asia-Pacific region on matters of common interest, we organize and facilitate exchanges on topics related to global governance and current affairs.

With our biannual journal, *Panorama*, regular policy briefs and book publications, we also contribute to the distribution of knowledge, shape international debates and share key findings of our activities.

For more information, please continue to read on, as the rest of this brochure details our activities and publications of this year. With this, we look forward to 2017 as it brings forth new synergies for greater regional development and cooperation.

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1. STRENGTHENING POLITICAL PARTIES AND PARLIAMENTARY DIALOGUE

Konrad Adenauer School For Young Politicians (KASYP)

Political parties are the link between state and society. Ideally, political parties are responsible for selecting political candidates, forming government leadership, representing civic interests and developing the national agenda. Parties play a crucial role in sustaining and consolidating the democratic political order.

With the aim of strengthening political parties, we started the "Konrad Adenauer School for Young Politicians" (KASYP) as a regional project in Asia. KASYP is a two-year training programme for young members of political parties. The regional project seeks to groom young political leaders who will take the lead in advancing the responsiveness and accountability of political parties. The training programme is designed to enable participants to enhance their theoretical knowledge of political theories and concepts and their practical skills for political action and responsibilities, as well as to professionalize their respective political parties. With increased skills and competencies, KASYP participants shall make a difference within their political parties and ultimately in their respective countries.

In February 2016, KASYP inaugurated its 7th batch of participants, which includes young political leaders from nine different Asian countries who will attend training courses in 2016 and 2017. In addition to gaining new knowledge and experience on political parties, participants will have a unique opportunity to meet like-minded young people from other countries, foster friendships across borders and share a common vision on building Asia's democratic future. The training programme covers topics such as the functions and organisation of political parties, strategic political project planning, political communication, local development and electoral campaigning. The two-year training programme concludes with a study trip to Germany, where the young politicians from Asia can learn about political party organisation and local politics in this European country.



KASYP Inception Training (7th Batch)

POLITICAL PARTIES: FUNCTIONS AND ORGANISATION IN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES

Singapore, 22-26 February 2016



Group photo of the 7th Batch of the Konrad Adenauer School for Young Politicians in Singapore.

The 7th batch of the Konrad Adenauer School for Young Politicians met for the first time in Singapore, with participants from Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines and Timor Leste who took part in a week-long seminar with expert resource persons.

Dr. Bridget Welsh brought the participants through political science concepts of political ideology, typology of party systems and current developments on political leadership thought. To substantiate the discussion further, participants also underwent a public policy introduction workshop by Ms Joy Aceron, Director, Political and Democratic Reform Programme, Ateneo School of Government, the Philippines, and a project management training workshop, which was conducted by our in-house KASYP trainer, Dr. Segundo Romero, of Ateneo School of Government.

The training programme also included site visits to national state agencies and institutional partners to learn more about best practices in governance from Singapore as well as the region. Institutions visited included the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources's Envision Gallery, National Parliament of Singapore, Singapore City Gallery at the Urban Redevelopment Authority and our partner institution—the ASEAN Studies Centre at the ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute. Outcomes included conceptualisation of small-scale country projects by each participant and development of skillsets in policy analysis, along with constructive engagement on the role of youth in politics.





KASYP Third Training Session (6th Batch)

LEADERSHIP IN CAMPAIGNING

Taipei, Taiwan, 21-24 March 2016

The 6th KASYP batch met in Taipei, Taiwan from 21-24 March for a 3.5 day-long workshop on “Leadership in Campaigning” as part of their second year in the workshop series.



Group photo of the 6th Batch of the Konrad Adenauer School for Young Politicians in Taipei, Taiwan with Mark Hauptmann, MdB, and Dr. Mario Voigt, MdL.

Political science concepts such as types of electoral systems and relationship of elections with democratic development, especially in Asia, were discussed. Dr. Ching-Hsin Yu, Research Fellow at the Election Study Center of National Chengchi University, Taipei, introduced the topic at hand with much detail and analysis with data from his work in the region and the US. Another topic discussed was the importance of increasing participation by and engagement of the electorate/voters through public opinion polling. Ibrahim Suffian

of Merdeka Centre in Kuala Lumpur provided a comprehensive overview of the topic with the challenges and opportunities and recommendations for political parties to better manage data and engage with voters as a result. The role of the new media and the prospects for political engagement were also discussed. Professor Alice Y. H. Hong, Professor of Graduate Institute of Mass Communication, College of Communication, Fu Jen Catholic University, Taipei discussed relevant and key election case studies from the US, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Singapore. The participants presented updates on their country situations and case studies on how their political parties established voter contact. Dr. Mario Voigt, MdL, facilitated the presentation segment and also kick-started the practical workshop series with an introduction on the topic “Campaign Financing with the Experience of Germany”.

Dr. Mario Voigt, MdL, and Mark Hauptmann, MdB, both of whom are German MPs, effectively presented the German and American political campaigning contexts with best practice experiences. This was done in practical ways through personal electoral experience-sharing as well. Participants were once again required to be actively involved, with group brainstorming sessions, role play and strategy exercises. Outcomes included a substantive discussion on Get Out the Vote (GOTV) strategies in Asia as well as a comparative analysis of direct voter contact methods across Asia.



(Top Left): Dr. Mario Voigt, MdL, conducting a workshop on “Fundamentals in Election Campaigning”.

(Bottom Left): Mark Hauptmann, MdB, in conversation with Girish Kumar, from India, during a group exercise.

(Top Right and Bottom Right): Participants engaging in the workshop.

KASYP Second Training Session (7th Batch)

LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Penang, Malaysia, 13-16 August 2016

The 7th batch of Konrad Adenauer School for Young Politicians met in Penang, Malaysia from 14-16 August to discuss "Local Governance and Development" with political and community stakeholders. Overall, KASYP participants had the opportunity to meet with and interact personally with first-time invited German speakers, Hon. Carsten Körber, MdB, and Ms Eva Majewski (Secretary-General of CDU/CSU Junge Gruppe/Young Caucus), and learn about the German and European experiences, as well as with Hon. Dr. Afif Bahardin, State Minister of Penang for Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry, Health and Rural Development, and respected Members of Parliament from Malaysia, YB Mr Sim Tze Tzin and YB Mr Zairil Khir Johari (representatives of the incumbent State government in Penang), Hon. Mr Nghim Nheng of Cambodia, and YB Ms Chua Yee Ling, State Assemblywoman for Perak State, Malaysia. The role of political institutions at the local level and the importance of youth engagement in politics were analyzed in a seminar-style discussion with speakers from political backgrounds, who shared their experiences from

their respective countries and constituencies. Thematic issues relating to local governance and development, such as the state of institutional decentralisation and federalism in Asia, public policy and the need for poly-centric approaches and disaster risk management were also discussed. The participants also held meetings with local government officials, such as with Dato' Maimunah Mohd Sharif, president (mayor) of Municipal Council of Seberang Perai (MPSP) to discuss migrant integration approaches in Penang, followed by discussing provision of public services by the City Council of Penang Island. They also engaged in a political dialogue session at the Penang Women Development Corporation (PWDC) with State Minister of Penang (Women, Family and Community) YB Mdm Chong Eng. The training programme came to a fruitful end with a full-day workshop conducted by our in-house project management resource person, Dr. Segundo Romero. Outcomes included presentation of updates from political projects conceptualised in the first workshop.

Group photo of the 7th Batch of the Konrad Adenauer School for Young Politicians in Penang, Malaysia with Dato' Maimunah Mohd Sharif, president (mayor) of Municipal Council of Seberang Perai (MPSP), Hon. Carsten Körber, MdB, and Ms Eva Majewski.



(Top Left): Welcome reception with (from left) Eva Majewski, Hon. Carsten Körber, MdB, Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy and YB Sim Tze Tzin.

(Top Right): KASYP participants with Hon. Carsten Körber, MdB.

(Bottom left): Wefie shot for Twitter while awaiting the arrival of Minister of State Dr. Afif Bahardin.

(Bottom Right): Certificate presentation at the conclusion of the workshop with Dr. Segundo Romero.





KASYP Fourth Training Session (6th Batch)

POLITICAL PARTY ORGANISATION AND LOCAL POLITICS IN GERMANY

Berlin, Erfurt and Jena, Germany, 4-9 September 2016

The final training programme for the 6th batch of the Konrad Adenauer School for Young Politicians took place in German cities—Berlin, Erfurt and Jena—from 4-9 September with 18 young political leaders from 10 Asian countries, namely, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan (R.O.C.) and Timor Leste. Overall, there were many discussions on policy areas impacting Germany and the European Union (EU) as well as site visits to political and ministerial institutions.

The programme kicked off with a political dialogue session with Hon. Mr Carsten Körber, Member of Federal Parliament, on the eve of their official meetings for the week. The batch also visited KAS Headquarters for introductory lectures on the political system of Germany as well as a regional discussion on the organisation of and challenges faced by the EU. Thematic policy approaches such as political youth engagement, counter-terrorism and social market economy were discussed. KASYP fellows met with Junge Union representatives, Mr Conrad Clemens and Mr Younes Ouaqasse of the international team, to discuss the organisation and programmes of youth engagement in Germany. Another meeting focused on social market economy, with a briefing from KAS Head of Department Economic Policy, Mr Matthias Schäfer. The day ended with a visit to the election campaigning site of Hon. Mr Danny Freymark, MdL, who gave a briefing on his role as a state level parliamentarian and his constituency work. He also shared his strategies for the 18 September 2016 Berlin state elections.

The following days of the programme took place in Erfurt and Jena, where the group visited and met with state and local political stakeholders, such as public service providers in waste management and energy renewal, media representatives and business owners. The group was received by long-standing programme partner Hon. Dr. Mario Voigt, MdL, whom they had met in Taipei during their third training session. The political meetings continued as the group also met with President of Thuringia Parliament, Hon. Mr Christian Carius, MdL; CDU Councillor Mr Guntram Wothly and others. There was also an educational visit to the Memorial and Educational Centre Andreasstraße (European dictatorship research project) to learn more about the former GDR period and secret police proceedings. The group also met with and learnt what it was like being in the undemocratic regime through the experiences of Mrs Hildigund Neubert, former member of the GDR opposition movement and retired State commissioner for the Records of the State Security Service of the former German Democratic Republic (TLStU). Outcomes included extensive networking opportunities with German stakeholders as well as an enriched understanding of the German political and governance systems.



Group photo of the 6th Batch of the Konrad Adenauer School for Young Politicians in Berlin, Germany with Dr. Klaus Schüler, Federal Director of CDU and Chief Campaign Manager for Chancellor Angela Merkel.



Discussion at Junge Union HQ.



Visiting Hon. Danny Freymark's election site in East Berlin.



Photo opportunity at Federal Chancellery with Dr. Joachim Bertele, Head Foreign and Security Policy.



Asian Women Parliamentarian Caucus

Democratic development cannot take place without the equal participation of women in all spheres of life, especially politics. Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung acknowledges the need to promote female political leadership training and empowerment in Asia and is committed to pursuing programmes to narrow the political gender gap in the continent. With the support of KAS, a network of Asian women parliamentarians has been meeting regularly since 2011 to promote, strengthen and develop female political leadership in the region through policy discussions, capacity-building workshops and networking.

In 2011, KAS Berlin and the Multinational Development Policy Dialogue in Brussels, in conjunction with the Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia and the Pacific in Singapore, organized the inaugural dialogue programme “Strengthening the Role of Women in Politics in Asia”, kick-starting what was to become a series of annual conferences within this focus group. In 2013, KAS organized the International Women Parliamentarian Conference in Naypyidaw, Myanmar, which was inaugurated by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and attended by female politicians from both Asia and Europe. Similarly, in 2014, KAS partnered with the Singapore Committee for UN Women in organizing a regional conference in Singapore which was attended by delegates from 18 different Asian countries. This conference concluded with the formalization of a regional caucus for women parliamentarians in Asia called the Asian Women Parliamentarian Caucus (AWPC).

The caucus met twice in 2015. The first meeting was held in Taipei, Taiwan, where the delegation was hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (R.O.C.) and partner organisations—the leading think tank in Taipei; Taiwan Democracy Foundation; and well-established women’s rights organisation Awakening Foundation. This was in lieu of global discussions on the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda. The caucus met subsequently in Brussels via a dialogue programme organised by the Multinational Development Policy Dialogue and the Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia and the Pacific, in cooperation with Ms Teresa Jiménez-Becerril Barrio, MEP. The dialogue programme allowed exchanges of experiences and best practices between caucus members and European interlocutors. Caucus members were invited to speak and participate in a hearing at the Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality of the European Parliament, where members of the European Parliament and the AWP Caucus exchanged ideas on policies for the promotion of gender equality.



4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE— WOMEN DELIVER

Asian Women Parliamentarian Caucus (AWPC)
Copenhagen, Denmark, 16-19 May 2016

The Asian Women Parliamentarian Caucus met in Copenhagen, Denmark from 16-19 May to attend the largest global conference to discuss solutions for girls and women in health, rights, gender equality, education and economic empowerment. The AWPC network, formally established in 2014, was also invited by the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development to attend daily plenaries and meetings organised for parliamentarians at the conference, including meetings at the Danish Parliament and daily forum sessions with legislators from all over the world. The conference proceedings were interspersed with KAS-organised internal country reporting sessions with AWPC members across the four days. These sessions included country presentations from network MPs on socio-political developments in regards to elections/post-elections, human rights situations, especially with respect to gender issues, as well as sharing of country legislative best practices. There was also a workshop session to brainstorm and develop follow-up activities for the caucus, in pursuance of continuing the policy discussions around the Sustainable Development Goals and the related topics.



AWPC members with parliamentarians from around the world.

Top Left: Hon. Eva Sundari (Indonesia) and Hon. Asiya Nasir (Pakistan) in conversation with Women Deliver CEO – Jill Sheffield, Founder of Women Deliver.

Top Right: Hon. Dr. Dipu Moni (Belgium) and Hon. Waseqa Khan (Bangladesh) with other international parliamentarians at the Danish Parliament.

Middle Left: Photo opportunity with Barka Dutt, News Anchor and Consulting Editor, NDTV, India.

Middle Right: Hon. Eva Sundari (Indonesia) posing a question at closed-door parliamentary dialogue, participated by MPs from all over the world.

Bottom Left: Hon. Fuziah Salleh (Malaysia) and Hon. Lurdes Bessa (Timor Leste) looking at exhibits.

Bottom Right: Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy facilitating discussions with AWPC representatives on the road forward.



2. REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION

Cooperation with ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute

ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute (ISEAS) is a regional research centre dedicated to the study of socio-political, security and economic trends and developments in Southeast Asia and its wider geostrategic and economic environment. The aim of the institute is to nurture a community of scholars interested in the region and to engage in research on the multi-faceted dimensions and issues of stability and security, economic development, and political, social and cultural change. The intention is

not only to stimulate research and debate within scholarly circles but also to enhance public awareness of the region and facilitate the search for viable solutions to the varied problems confronting it. Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung has been collaborating with ISEAS for over twenty years by annually supporting a series of ISEAS activities that promote Southeast Asia's regional integration. We are pleased to highlight a few of these events below.

THE MALAYSIAN ECONOMY TOWARDS 2020: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

Singapore, 22-23 March 2016

This two-day conference brought together prominent experts working on various aspects of the Malaysian economy with the goal of examining and assessing the extent to which the government's

current economic policies are able to address the challenges of achieving developed country status by the year 2020.



*Malaysian Forum – speakers presenting their papers during the two-day conference.
(Source: ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute)*



Vietnam Forum – speakers presenting their papers during the first day of the forum. (Source: ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute)

Vietnam Forum 2016

VIETNAM: THIRTY YEARS OF DOI MOI AND BEYOND

Singapore, 7-8 April 2016

This year, as Vietnam celebrates thirty years of reform, the Forum became a timely and suitable venue for participants to review the country's past achievements as well as shortcomings, and to discuss its future challenges and outlooks. The Forum featured 29 Vietnam experts from around the world who presented papers covering various aspects of Doi Moi and its implications.

ASEAN ROUNDTABLE 2016: THE ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY—TOWARDS 2025

Singapore, 30 August 2016

As ASEAN begins its work to implement the new ASEAN 2025 blueprint, its member countries, either collectively or individually, are participating in wider regional and inter-regional initiatives. The 31st ASEAN Roundtable, on "The ASEAN Economic Community—Towards 2025", saw eminent policymakers, economists and private sec-

tor speakers reviewing the state of key ASEAN economic cooperation measures, providing an update on the latest developments regarding the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, and discussing the Trans-Pacific Partnership and One Belt One Road initiative.



ASEAN Roundtable – His Excellency Mr Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), with Dr. Tang Siew Mun and Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy. (Source: ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute)



Cooperation with the Centre for South Asian Studies and the Consortium of South Asian Think Tanks

The Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) is a fully independent, non-political, secular, research think tank based in Kathmandu, Nepal. It organizes conferences and conducts research in the areas of South Asian regional cooperation, peace and conflict in South Asia, small arms proliferation, trade and connectivity, strategic issues concerning South Asian countries as well as Nepal's conduct of international relations. CSAS is a

member of the Consortium of South Asian Think Tanks (COSATT), which brings together leading think tanks in South Asia to foster cooperation in the region.

In 2016, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung cooperated with CSAS and COSATT to organise regional events to promote regional cooperation between South Asian nations.

REFUGEES IN SOUTH ASIA

Kathmandu, Nepal, 2-3 May 2016

The refugee crisis in South Asia has been a foremost concern for most South Asian countries for decades. In this two-day conference, experts from the region came together to discuss the issue and find ways of making concerted efforts to address

the problem. The experts deliberated on the history, sustainable livelihood, integration in societies and key challenges faced by refugees and asylum seekers in South Asia.



Dr. Nischal N Pandey, Director, CSAS, Nepal, delivering the opening remarks, with Professor Imtiaz Ahmed, Executive Director, RCSS, Sri Lanka, Maj. Gen. (retd.) ANM Muniruzzaman, President, BIPSS, Bangladesh, Chief Guest Honourable Anup Raj Sharma, Chairman, National Human Rights Commission of Nepal and former chief justice, and Lt. Gen. (retd.) PK Singh, PVSM, AVSM, Director, USI, India.



MIGRATION AND IDPS IN SOUTH ASIA

Colombo, Sri Lanka, 25-26 August 2016

The second COSATT conference on “Migration and IDPs in South Asia” was jointly organized by the Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), Colombo in cooperation with the Centre for South Asian Studies, Nepal and the Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia and the Pacific. The inaugural ceremony was graced by the Honourable Minister DM Swaminathan, Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement of the Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka, who gave the inaugural keynote

address. We had the honour of having the evening keynote speech given by Dr. Klaus Schüler, Federal Director of Christian Democratic Union Party (CDU), on “Migration in Times of Globalisation: Opportunities and Challenges”. The delegates discussed possible regional mechanisms and instruments, including the role of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, which can be utilised or developed to cooperatively address the issue of migration and IDPs in the region.



The opening ceremony with Honourable Minister DM Swaminathan, Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement of the Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka, Dr. Dohmen, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy, Professor Imtiaz Ahmed, Dr. Nishchal N Pandey and Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy.



Keynote Address by Honourable Minister DM Swaminathan, Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement of the Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka.



Group photo of the delegates of the COSATT Regional Conference on Migration and IDPs in South Asia with Honourable Minister DM Swaminathan, Minister of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement of the Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka and Dr. Klaus Schüler, Federal Director of CDU.



Keynote address by Dr. Klaus Schüler, Federal Director, CDU on “Migration in Times of Globalisation: Opportunities and Challenges”.

3. FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY / GEOPOLITICS

International Conference

30TH ASIA-PACIFIC ROUNDTABLE

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 30 May-1 June 2016

2016 marked the 30th anniversary of the Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR) and the title of this conference was "Cooperation and Contestation in a Changing Regional Landscape". The APR brings together senior government officials and representatives from think tanks, universities, and the media to discuss the major security challenges confronting the Asian region. The Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia and the Pacific has been supporting this flagship event of our partners, the Institute of Strategic & International Studies Malaysia and the ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies, for many years.

The Honourable Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, gave the keynote address at the official opening of the 30th APR. Further special addresses were delivered by The Honourable Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein, Minister of Defence, Malaysia, and HE Mr. Saleumxay Kommasith, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Over the three days, more than 300 experts from the Asia Pacific region and Europe discussed current security matters in the region. Questions on regional security in the Asia Pacific region, ASEAN community, extremism, the nexus between energy and geopolitics, trafficking in human beings, South China Sea as well as strategic updates on the Asian sub-regions, Europe and America were addressed.



The Honourable Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, delivered the keynote address at the official opening of the 30th APR. (Source: Institute of Strategic & International Studies Malaysia)



Dr. May-Britt Stumbaum, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, presented a strategic outlook on the security situation in Europe.



Dr. Frank Umbach, Research Director of the European Centre for Energy and Resource Security at King's College, London, highlighted key challenges in relation to energy security and climate change.



International Conference

6TH NATO-ASIA/PACIFIC DIALOGUE

Tokyo, Japan, 15-16 September 2016

The 6th NATO-Asia/Pacific Dialogue, organized in collaboration with the NATO Public Diplomacy Division, took place on 15-16 September in Tokyo, Japan. This year's Dialogue facilitated intense discussions among NATO representatives, senior researchers, and government advisors from Germany, China, India, Australia, Japan, Mongolia, New Zealand, Republic of Korea and Pakistan. It provided a unique opportunity for an intensive exchange of views on NATO-Asia relations on areas of common interest, built confidence and enabled the sharing of expertise in order to form efficient and stable security protocols. In the sixth year of its existence, the NATO-Asia/Pacific Dialogue started with a semi-public panel discussion about "Asian Security Dynamics and NATO Partnerships". The full-day closed-door dialogue with the topic "Interconnected Security—the Asia Pacific and NATO" analyzed themes like "Lessons learned from Multinational Crisis Management Operations", "Projecting Stability", "Communication Challenges in the Time of Hybrid Conflicts" and "NATO-Asia/Pacific Security Cooperation—Security Interests, Political Will, Cost/Benefit". All participants, experts and delegates of NATO and Asian countries agreed on the necessity of building robust partnerships to face the upcoming security challenges of an interdependent world.



Esteemed speakers James Mackey, Head, Euro-Atlantic and Global Partnership Office, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, NATO; Prof. Dr. Carlo Masala, University of the Federal Armed Forces Munich, Germany; Keynote speaker Nobushige Takamizawa, former Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary, Director General of National Information Security Center and Deputy Secretary General of National Security Secretariat, Japan; Dr. Beatrice Gorwawantschy; Brigadier General Rainer Meyer zum Felde, Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to NATO; and Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, Republic of India.



Panel Discussion with Prof. Dr. Carlo Masala, Nobushige Takamizawa, Ambassador Shyam Saran, Brigadier General Rainer Meyer zum Felde and James Mackey.



The participants of the 6th NATO-Asia/Pacific Dialogue.



Experts Workshop

REVISING THE SECURITY ARCHITECTURE IN THE GREATER EAST ASIA

Singapore, 7 October 2016

The Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia and the Pacific and the East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, held an experts workshop on "Revising the Security Architecture in The Greater East Asia" on 7 October. In recent years, the general security environment in Asia has become much more volatile. The concerns include not only the South China Sea disputes, but also increasing armament and growing tensions on the Korean peninsula, terrorism, intrastate conflicts and their transnational implications as well as non-traditional threats. Despite these manifold challenges and attempts to establish regional cooperation, success in containing these

insecurities and building trust has been limited. This workshop addressed the challenges and the reasons for the failure of states to contain the threats. Experts from China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and South Korea discussed possible reforms of the current security architecture. The discussions reflected the strong interest of all parties to resolve tensions in a peaceful manner and emphasised the necessity to engage in regular dialogue. KAS will continue to organise such experts workshops as they offer a unique opportunity for frank exchanges of views and prevention of mistrust.





International Conference

ASIA-EUROPE COUNTER-TERRORISM DIALOGUE

Singapore, 31 October-1 November 2016

The Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia and the Pacific and the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), organized the first joint Asia-Europe Counter-Terrorism Dialogue “Countering Daesh Extremism” in Singapore. The special highlight of the conference was the keynote session “New Threat Landscape in Asia and Europe”. The two distinguished speakers were Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior of Germany

Dr. Günter Krings, MdB, and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs of Malaysia YAB Dato’ Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi. This Dialogue offered a unique opportunity for policymakers, representatives of ministries as well as law enforcement units and experts from the academia to have an exchange on current developments and collaborative activities concerning extremism and the implications of terrorism on societies in Asia and Europe.



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs of Malaysia YAB Dato’ Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi presenting the keynote speech.



Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior of Germany Dr. Günter Krings MP speaking at the keynote session.



The keynote speakers, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior of Germany Dr. Günter Krings MP and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs of Malaysia YAB Dato’ Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, with the moderator, Professor Rohan Gunaratna, Head of ICPVTR.



Our distinguished keynote speakers Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Home Affairs of Malaysia YAB Dato’ Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior of Germany Dr. Günter Krings MP, with Ambassador Dr. Michael Witter, German Embassy to Singapore, and the organizers of the event, Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy, Ambassador Ong Keng Yong, Professor Rohan Gunaratna and Patrick Rueppel.

4. EUROPE-ASIA COOPERATION AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

International Conference

REFUGEES AND MIGRATION IN EUROPE AND ASIA

Manila, the Philippines, 4-5 April 2016

An international policy conference on “Refugees and Migration in Europe and Asia” was held on 4-5 April in Manila, in collaboration with the Scalabrini Migration Center. Ambassadors, government officials, members of international organisations, national agencies as well as academics were among the invited guest speakers. In their presentations, each of these experts examined different aspects of current migration trends. The expert conference analysed recent developments in refugee movements and impacts on societies in Asia

and Europe, with special focus on joint inter-regional policy responses, specifically towards countering the causes for people to flee. In terms of how Europe and Asia may support each other in dealing with migratory flows, the experts recommended the standardisation of law enforcement policies to combat human trafficking and noted that there was a need for more data gathering and better sharing of information between the two regions so that migrants could be better identified and legal migration could be facilitated.



Far left: Intense and passionate discussions took place over the course of the two days.

Left: Ambassador Thomas Ossowski of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Philippines delivered the opening remarks.

International Conference

18TH ASIA-EUROPE THINK TANK DIALOGUE ON “THE AGE OF CONNECTIVITY—ASEM AND BEYOND”

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 11-12 May 2016

This year’s 18th Asia-Europe Think Tank Dialogue took place on 11-12 May in conjunction with the ASEM Senior Officials Meeting in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. A central question raised during discussions was how ASEM could remain relevant in times of rapid change and ambiguity. Experts analysed the role of ASEM in facilitating global governance in the fields of disaster management as well as conflict prevention and mediation and how the forum could function as a connector of ideas. New economic approaches and the role of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) for bi-regional relations were also of interest. In an additional public panel, ASEM Senior Officials and senior experts debated how Asia-Europe connectivity could be strengthened.



Experts from 15 countries discussed ASEM’s future role and possible outcomes of the ASEM Summit in Mongolia.



The panelists, from left to right, were U Myint Thu, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar; Michael Matthiessen, Alternating ASEM Senior Official of the European Union; Dr. Yeo Lay Hwee, EU Centre in Singapore; Ambassador Orgil Luvasanteseren, ASEM Senior Official of Mongolia; Peter Potman, ASEM Senior Official of the Netherlands; and Shada Islam, Friends of Europe.



Public Policy Panel

CITIES AS AGENTS OF MIGRANTS' INTEGRATION

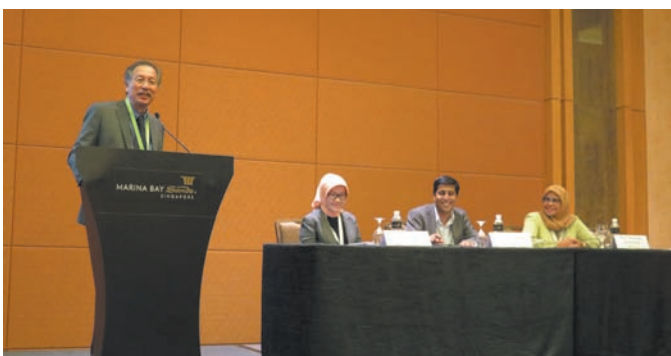
Singapore, 12 July 2016



Our distinguished speaker, Thomas Kufen, Lord Mayor of the City of Essen, Germany, delivering his presentation.

A public policy panel on “Cities as Agents of Migrants’ Integration” was organised together with the East Asian Institute in Singapore. This discussion was held in co-operation with UN-Habitat and as a co-located event in conjunction with the renowned World City Summit, allowing for an exchange with urban practitioners and experts from all over the world. The distinguished speakers included Thomas Kufen, Lord Mayor of the City of Essen, Germany; Dato’ Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Municipal President, Seberang Perai Municipal Council,

Malaysia; Professor Michael Keith, Director of the Centre on Migration, Policy, and Society (COMPAS), University of Oxford, United Kingdom and former member of the National Commission on Integration and Cohesion (set up as a response to the London bombings); Ibu Tuty Kusumawati, Head of Regional Development Planning Agency (Bappeda) of Special Capital Region of Jakarta, Indonesia; Mariko Sato, Chief, UN Habitat, Thailand; and Associate Professor Tan Ern Ser, National University of Singapore. In the context of today’s mass migration and refugee movements, cities and local municipalities play an essential role in integrating these people and maintaining a cohesive urban society. National ministries have to set up the appropriate policy framework and ensure policy coherence in order to enable local government units to implement the necessary integration measures. At the same time, cities have to carry both the financial and governance burdens. While cities in Europe and Asia are confronted with this common challenge, exchanges on experiences and solutions have been limited. Within this framework, the panel addressed the urban governance aspect as well as the urban planning dimension on how to ensure both spatial and socio-economic integration.



Assoc. Prof. Tan Ern Ser of the National University of Singapore, Ibu Tuty Kusumawati, Head of Regional Development Planning Agency (Bappeda) of Special Capital Region of Jakarta, Indonesia, Dr. Mathew Mathews, Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore and YBhg. Dato’ Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Municipal President, Seberang Perai Municipal Council, Malaysia, speaking about ensuring cohesive urban societies in Asia.



Professor Michael Keith, Director of the Centre on Migration, Policy, and Society (COMPAS), University of Oxford, United Kingdom, Dr. Lye Liang Fook, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, Thomas Kufen, Lord Mayor of the City of Essen, Germany and Mariko Sato, Chief, UN Habitat, Thailand addressing the issue of migrants’ integration in Europe.



5. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

Various international developments demonstrate the common interests of Europe and Australia in different fields. The global security situation and the fight against terrorism, cooperation in the framework of the G20 and other supranational fora to enhance global trade rules and the financial system, climate change and other issues require closer coordination and cooperation between the policymakers of our countries. Konrad Adenauer Foundation aims to foster this dialogue in a broad range of topics with Australia, especially since for

the EU in general and for Germany in particular, dialogue with Australia is of special relevance due to our history of strong bilateral and regional relations. In the light of common values, beliefs and interests, various opportunities for collaboration could be found during this political programme. This includes dialogue with the political parties partnering with the CDU in New Zealand and Australia. Therefore, Konrad Adenauer Foundation will open a new office in Canberra, Australia in 2017.

International Dialogue

POLITICAL DIALOGUE PROGRAMME NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA

Part 1, Wellington, 4-7 February 2016

From 4-7 February, a high-level delegation of the Christian Democratic Union Party (CDU) from Germany and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung led by Dr. Klaus Schüler, Federal Director of the Christian Democratic Union Party, together with Dr. Gerhard Wahlers, Deputy Secretary General and Department Head, Department European and International Cooperation, KAS, and Frank Priess, Deputy Department Head, Department European and International Cooperation, KAS, visited New Zealand to foster the dialogue with policymakers and think tanks and to develop existing ties with the political parties partnering with the CDU. The programme was organized and accompanied by Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy, Director, Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia and the Pacific.

In Wellington, the delegation met with, among others, Minister The Hon. Christopher Finlayson (Cabinet Minister and Attorney General of New Zealand, Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations and Responsible for the Government Communications Security Bureau and the Minister in Charge of the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service) in the residence of German Ambassador

Dr. Anne-Marie Schleich. With the National Party being the partner of the CDU in the International Democratic Union (IDU), bilateral relations as well as the current challenges of both parliaments were discussed with MP Lindsay Tisch, Deputy Speaker of Parliament and Chairperson of the New Zealand–Germany Friendship Group in Parliament. Political campaigning, communication strategies and organizing political parties in New Zealand and Germany were the focus of the meetings with the National Party's President, Peter Goodfellow, and the National Party's Secretary, Greg Hamilton. The exchange with Wayne Eagleson, Chief of Staff of PM John Key, was intended to tighten international party relations within the IDU. Furthermore, Dr. Klaus Schüler gave a keynote speech on strategic challenges in Germany and Europe during a luncheon discussion—KAS's first joint event with the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs. Meeting with representatives of the Pacific Development Division and the International Development Group of the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the delegation put additional focus on New Zealand's activities in the South Pacific area.



Lindsay Tisch, Deputy Speaker of Parliament and Chairperson of the New Zealand–Germany Friendship Group, welcomes the delegation to the New Zealand Parliament.



Luncheon discussion with keynote speech by Dr. Klaus Schüler at the New Zealand Institute for International Affairs.



The delegation with Minister The Hon. Christopher Finlayson, MP Lindsay Tisch, Paul Foster-Bell, Peter Goodfellow and Wayne Eagleson at the residence of German Ambassador Dr. Anne-Marie Schleich.



POLITICAL DIALOGUE PROGRAMME NEW ZEALAND / AUSTRALIA

Part 2, Australia, 7-12 February 2016

A high-level delegation of the Christian Democratic Union Party (CDU) from Germany and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung led by Dr. Klaus Schüler, Federal Director of the Christian Democratic Union Party, together with Dr. Gerhard Wahlers, Deputy Secretary General and Department Head, Department European and International Cooperation, KAS, and Frank Priess, Deputy Department Head, Department European and International Cooperation, KAS, continued their political dialogue programme in Australia in order to develop existing ties with political parties and exchange views on common global challenges. The programme was organized and accompanied by Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy, Director, Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia and the Pacific.

Conversational partners in Australia included, among others, Minister of Finance Mathias Cormann, who is also Co-Chair of the Australia-Germany Advisory Group. He gave a much-noticed speech about German-Australian relations in Berlin in 2015 with the motto "There is no limit to the potential of Australia-Germany relations". This potential became apparent in the discussion with the Australian Minister for Justice and Minister on Counter-terrorism, The Hon. Michael Keenan, the meeting with Senator Linda Reynolds, who is also a member of the Asian Women Parliamentary Caucus of KAS, and the exchange of views with MP Dan Tehan, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on "Intelligence and Security".

Furthermore, Dr. Klaus Schüler was keynote speaker at several luncheon discussions regarding current political and strategic challenges in Germany and Europe, attended by representatives of German and Australian companies and think tanks.

The bottom line of these numerous talks and consultations is that Germany, Australia and New Zealand are facing similar global challenges, especially in the field of foreign policy and security policy, such as combating international terrorism and dealing with refugees and the causes of migration. There was also a great concordance of opinions throughout a range of talks on domestic political challenges. Sharing the same values and political principles, Germany, New Zealand and Australia have a great interest in fostering cooperation.



The delegation with Australian Senator Linda Reynolds.



The delegation with Matthias Cormann, Australian Minister for Finance and Australia-Germany Advisory Group Co-Chair.



The delegation with Michael Keenan, Australian Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Counter-Terrorism.



International Conference

NEW MIGRATIONS AND THE CHALLENGES OF INTEGRATION IN EUROPE, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Canberra, Australia, 7-8 April 2016

Europe and Australasia are traditional receiving regions of migration and refugees. The countries in both continents have developed diverse and innovative policy measures to meet the challenges arising from this and integrate arriving people into their respective societies. The speed of movement and acceleration characterize new migrations and force national governments to act swiftly. Thus, an exchange between the two regions to learn from each other's experiences can bring about new approaches to manage this phenomenon.

The Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia and the Pacific and the Centre for European Studies, Australian National University, gathered researchers, government officials and representatives from civil society on 7-8 April in Canberra to address new migrations, multi-level approaches to refugee integration, challenges for integration and social cohesion as well as long-term strategies for migrant integration.

The two-day symposium analyzed recent developments regarding refugees and temporary migrants in the two regions from a historical and global perspective and explained the differing reactions towards increasing migration. Special attention was given to immediate, multi-level actions to foster integration in Europe, Australia and New Zealand and to the problems that occur when implementing them. Finally, success factors and long-term strategies for effective integration were discussed.

Education, the organization of the labour market, support in learning the host language, housing, childcare, healthcare services, settlement services, electoral participation and awarding citizenship were identified as key aspects that help to meet the challenges arising in the integration processes.



Professor Jacqueline Lo, Executive Director of the ANU Centre for European Studies.



Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy addressing the audience.



Panel with Italian, Australian, Greek and Sudanese experts.

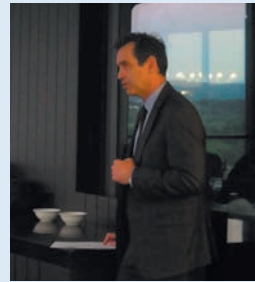


AUSTRALIA-EUROPE COUNTER TERRORISM DIALOGUE

Canberra, Australia, 3-4 November 2016



Experts and government representatives participating in the Australia-Europe Counter Terrorism Dialogue.



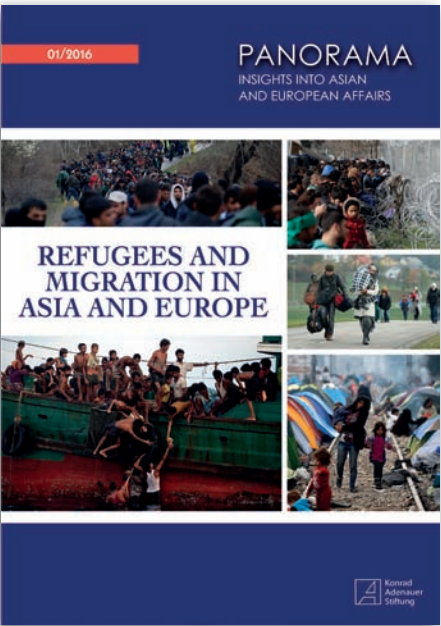
Tony Sheehan delivering his keynote speech.

The Australia-Europe Counter Terrorism Dialogue was jointly organised with the Australian Strategic Policy Institute in Australia's capital, Canberra. In its second year, the two-day conference focused on countering violent extremism, counter terrorism strategy and architecture and

future Australian-European counter terrorism co-operation. The keynote addresses were delivered by H.E. Sem Fabrizi, Ambassador of the European Union to Australia, and Tony Sheehan, Counter-Terrorism Coordinator at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

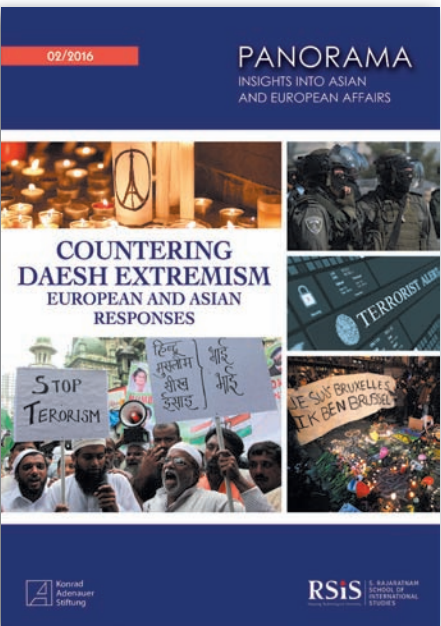
6. PUBLICATIONS

We regularly release a diverse range of publications dealing with a broad range of topics. These mainly include (1) **Panorama**, our biannual journal, (2) **Policy Briefings** written by our Programme Managers, (3) Publications in the context of our **EU-Asia Dialogue** as well as (4) **further books and papers**, emerging from the close cooperation with our partners. Our publications are available at the following link: <http://www.kas.de/politikdialog-asien/en/pages/14237/>



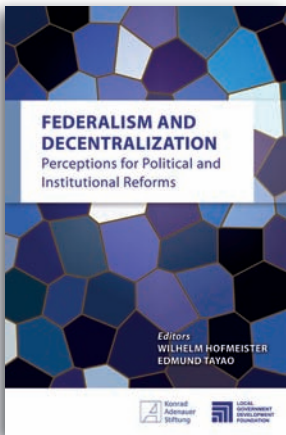
Panorama: Insights into Asian and European Affairs 01/2016
REFUGEES AND MIGRATION IN ASIA AND EUROPE

In this issue of our journal, *Panorama: Insights into Asian and European Affairs*, we present an analysis on the refugee crisis being faced in Asia and Europe. In 2015, the biggest refugee movements to Europe since the Second World War and the cases of the boat refugees from Myanmar and Bangladesh led to the biggest humanitarian crisis of recent times. A large number of refugees to Europe also originate from Asia or transit through the region. Thus, with this publication, we hope to contribute to the exchange between the two regions on how to address this crisis jointly.



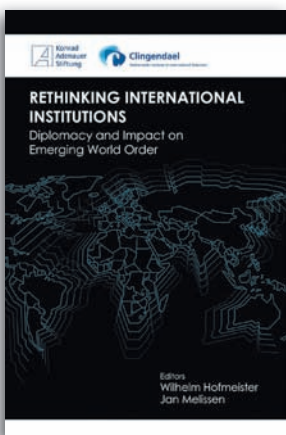
Panorama: Insights into Asian and European Affairs 02/2016
COUNTERING DAESH EXTREMISM: EUROPEAN AND ASIAN RESPONSES

This issue of *Panorama: Insights into Asian and European Affairs* analyses recent developments concerning Daesh extremism and their implications on societies in Asia and Europe. The papers share and analyse current and possible future threats, identify the target groups vulnerable to extreme militant ideology and examine the various recruitment channels. The counter-measures and de-radicalization and rehabilitation efforts adopted by various governments have also been highlighted. Special attention is given to Daesh-linked activities in the respective countries, reactions by the local Muslim communities, and possible future developments as well as responses.



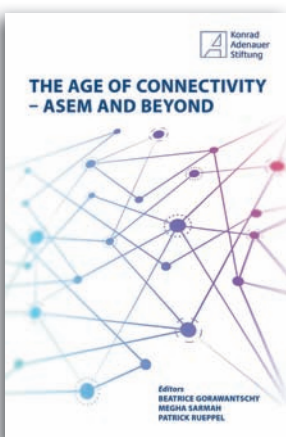
FEDERALISM AND DECENTRALIZATION: PERCEPTIONS FOR POLITICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

This book analyses various federal systems across Asia and Europe. By elaborating on the strengths and challenges of federalism and decentralization in various countries, it underlines the important role played by decentralized governance structures in promoting good governance, particularly with regard to enhancing and supporting democratic rule.



RETHINKING INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS: DIPLOMACY AND IMPACT ON EMERGING WORLD ORDER

This book analyses the emerging trends and patterns in 21st-century world politics, and re-examines international institutions and the various forms and practices of diplomacy. The papers collated in this book address changes arising from the use of digital governance, the setting up of new cooperation architectures, such as the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), and the role of emerging powers in existing institutions like the G20. The articles also reflect on whether the existing institutions can be reformed or if the way forward will see the establishment of new structures given the recent shift in world power.



THE AGE OF CONNECTIVITY – ASEM AND BEYOND

This book analyses ASEM's future role in facilitating the connectivity of ideas and in enhancing cooperation in the non-traditional security and economic spheres as well as its potential impact on global governance. Related questions on existing institutional structures and the new world order are also analysed from both Asian and European perspectives. The articles also explore how Asia and Europe can strengthen their connections in times of rapid changes and seeming ambiguity.

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In addition to the activities of the local KAS offices in many Asian countries, the Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia and the Pacific organises and supports international conferences and seminars. Its numerous events and diverse projects focus on political and social development, political parties and civil society, social market economy, regional security, international cooperation and Asia-Europe relations.

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