



ASEM DIALOGUE FACILITY

ASEM CONFERENCE ON EUROPE-ASIA INTER-REGIONAL RELATIONS

BRUSSELS, 12-13th JULY 2010

PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 11TH JULY 2010

18.00-20.00hrs ***Welcome dinner (by invitation) for speakers and panellists***

Dinner hosted by European Commission to allow the speakers and panellists to get to know each other and to coordinate before the conference at the Hotel Silken Berlaymont, 11, Boulevard Charlemagne, 1000 Brussels.

MONDAY, 12TH JULY 2010

08.00-08.55hrs **Coffee and Registration**

Charlemagne Building, 170 rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels.

Entrance via security and identity control systems - please arrive early to allow the meeting to begin at 0900hrs. Meetings will occur in the Alcide de Gasperi conference room.

09.00-09.10hrs **Welcome remarks**

Mr. James Moran

Director for Asia, DG External Relations, European Commission & ASEM Senior Official

Ambassador Yong Kyu Park (Korea)

Asian ASEM Coordinator and Senior Official and Professor at Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS), Seoul

09.10-09.30hrs **Keynote Speech: Prospects for Europe-Asia Relations**

Baroness Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission *tbc*

09.30-11.00hrs Evolving regional institutional architectures in Asia and Europe

This session will review the proposals for closer Asian integration and assess the prospects. The European discussion will likewise assess prospects for European integration and consider to what extent the Treaty of Lisbon is likely to bring about a change in the external relations of Europe especially vis-à-vis Asia.

Chair: Dr. Fraser Cameron (UK)

Director, EU-Russia Centre, and Senior Advisor EU-Asia Centre

Professor Zhongqi Pan (China)

School of International Relations and Public Affairs,
Fudan University, Shanghai

Professor Philomena Murray (Australia)

School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne

Mrs. Connie Rahakundini Bakrie (Indonesia)

Director, Defence Economic Division, Institute of
Defence and Securities Studies (IODAS)

Professor Apirat Petchsiri (Thailand)

Director EU Centre, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok

Professor Douglas Webber (New Zealand)

Professor of Political Science
INSEAD, Fontainebleau

Dr. Rudiger Frank (Austria)

Chair of East Asian Economy and Society
University of Vienna

Debate, questions and answers including ASEM officials

11.00-11.30hrs Coffee

11.30-13.00hrs Security issues in Europe and Asia

This session will examine security issues in Asia against a perceived reduction in American influence and a rising Asia. The European presentation will review the main issues facing Europe. Speakers will consider the prospects for Asia and Europe to cooperate on global security.

Chair: Professor Brahma Chellaney (India)

Professor of Strategic Studies, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi

Dr. Markus Ederer (Germany)

Head of Policy Planning, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Ambassador Masafumi Ishii (Japan)
Deputy Director-General Foreign Policy Bureau, MFA, Tokyo

Professor Nadia Arbatova (Russia)
Head, Department on European Political Studies,
Institute for World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO),
Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow;

Dr. Frans-Paul van der Putten (the Netherlands)
Research Fellow, Clingendael Institute

Professor Hae-Won Jun (Korea)
Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS), Seoul

Professor Lucia Serena Rossi (Italy)
Professor of International Law and of European Law,
Law Faculty, University of Bologna

Debate, questions and answers including ASEM officials

12.45-14.00hrs ***Luncheon buffet for all participants***
Outside the Alcide de Gasperi conference room

14.00-15.00hrs **Keynote Debate: Prospects for Asia-Europe Relations**

Professor Simon Tay (Singapore)
Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)

Response: Professor Eberhard Sandschneider (Germany)
Otto Wolff-Director, Research Institute of the German Council on
Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin

15.00-15.30hrs ***Coffee***

15.30-17.00hrs **Global economic and financial policies**

This session will review the contributions that Europe and Asia are making to the global economy and policies. How to move away from fiscal stimulus packages? How to tackle budget deficits? Financial markets regulation. The different growth models and rates in Europe and Asia. Evolving economic cooperation within Asia and Europe. Prospects for currency realignment. Prospects for reform and rebalancing of the global economic institutions.

Chair: Professor Ijaz Nabi (Pakistan)
Dean of Social Sciences, Lahore University of Management Sciences.

Professor Heungchong Kim (Korea)

Director, Centre for Regional Economic Studies, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy, Seoul

Professor Charles Adams (Australia)

Visiting Professor of Economics, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

Dr. Nicolas Véron (France)

Senior Fellow, Bruegel (Brussels), Visiting Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics (Washington DC)

Mr Charles Santiago (Malaysia)

Member of Parliament (Malaysia), Co-coordinator for Asia of the Asia-Europe Peoples' Forum (AEPF)

Professor Stefan Collignon, (Italy)

Professor of Political Economy, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa & Chairman of the Scientific Committee - Centro Europa Ricerche (CER), Roma

19.30-21.30hrs

Dinner for all conference participants (hosted by the European Commission at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 107 rue de la Loi, Brussels, near the conference venue) with speeches on Mutual Perceptions of Europe and of Asia.

Introduction:

Mr. Thomas Roe

Asia Adviser / ASEM Counsellor, Asia Directorate, External Relations, European Commission

Perceptions of Europe in Asia:

Mr. Peter Qiu (China)

Journalist, TV commentator, Phoenix TV & Deutsche Welle

Perceptions of Asia in Europe:

Ms. Shada Islam (Belgium)

Director, EU-Asia Centre

Conference continues next day 13th July at 09.00hrs in the Alcide de Gasperi conference room at the European Commission's Charlemagne Building, 170 rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels

TUESDAY 13TH JULY 2010:

Alcide de Gasperi conference room at the European Commission's Charlemagne Building, 170 rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels (it will be necessary to pass through entrance security again).

09.00-10.30hrs Globalisation: Winners and Losers (Trade, Development, Environment and Social Cohesion Policies)

This session will consider the policies Europe and Asia have introduced to deal with the “losers” in the globalisation process. To what extent is social cohesion a problem in Europe and Asia? What is the future for sustainable development and the environment in Asia and Europe? Is there life left in the WTO (DDA) Round? Consideration of the policy challenges arising from ageing populations and radical social change in Europe and Asia?

Chair: Mr Pierre Defraigne (Belgium)

Executive Director, Madariaga - College of Europe Foundation

Mr Jorgen Orstrom Moeller (Denmark)

Visiting Senior Research Fellow,
Institute of Southeast Asia Studies (ISEAS), Singapore

Ms Cristine G. Ebro (Philippines)

Coordinator, Asia Europe People's Forum, Manila

Dr. Clara Portela (Spain)

Senior Fellow, National University of Singapore.

Professor Rehman Sobhan (Bangladesh)

Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka

Debate, questions and answers including ASEM officials

10.30-11.00hrs *Coffee*

11.00-12.30hrs People-to-people relations (educational and cultural links between Asia and Europe)

How do the peoples of Asia and Europe – the two greatest and oldest centres of civilisation and more than half the human race - relate to each other? Do their mutual educational, cultural and people-to-people links do justice to the two continents' importance and potentials? What measures could be envisaged to enhance people-to-people relations? What roles for tourism, the internet, the media and civil society in Asia-Europe people-to-people relations?

Chair: Ambassador Dominique Girard

Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation

Professor Alex Hughes (UK)
Pro-Vice-Chancellor External, University of Kent

Ms. Yeo Lay Hwee (Singapore)
Director, European Union Centre, Singapore

Professor Martin Holland (New Zealand)
Director, National Centre for Research on Europe,
University of Canterbury, New Zealand

Professor Jacek Purchla
Director, International Cultural Centre, Poland

Dr. Akiko Fukushima (Japan)
Senior Fellow, the Japan Foundation, Tokyo

Mr. D. Jargalsaikhan (Mongolia)
President Mongolians for Fair Taxes, Wise Spending, Ulan Bator

Mr. Benjamin Joffe (France)
Internet Consultant, Beijing

Debate, questions and answers including ASEM officials

12.30-12.50hrs Speech by the **Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belgium, Mr. Steven Vanackere** on the upcoming **ASEM 8 Summit** in Brussels, 4-5th October 2010.

12.50-13.00hrs Closing remarks by **Mr. James Moran**, Director for Asia, DG External Relations, European Commission & ASEM Senior Official, and,

Ambassador Yong Kyu Park (Korea) Asian ASEM Coordinator and Senior Official and Professor at Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS), Seoul
(on behalf of Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary of State and Asian ASEM Coordinator and Senior Official, Cambodia)

13.00hrs **Conference ends**

N.B. *Initial statements by panellists are foreseen to last maximum 5 minutes to allow for an interactive discussion and debate.*

WEBSITES with further background:

http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/asem/2010conference/index_en.htm

<http://www.asem8.be/>

<http://www.asem7.cn/>

<http://www.asef.org/>