

EADI WORKING GROUP EUROPE-ASIA : BRIEF REPORT

1/ Since its formal creation in May 2007, and its informal meeting in October 2007, the working group held its first formal session during the Geneva General Conference last June 2008. About 18 papers were presented, two in absentia of their respective authors.

2/ Four to six best papers have been invited for revisions, including two by young scholars from Austria and Netherlands, and are now considered for publication under Issue 8.1/2009 by the European Journal of East Asian Studies (Brill), with Prof. Philippe Régner as guest editor.

Further linkages between the working group and this journal, among others, are under consideration.

3/ The working group is considering to start up the drafting and construction of research activities in the field of small entrepreneurship and human/social capital in Europe and in Asia. This initiative could be given a push by early 2009 by Prof. Terence Gomez, who left UNRISD in July 2008 and reintegrated the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, in the frame of a research funding submission he is currently working on with his colleagues in KL. In case of success, some other Asian and European colleagues belonging to the working group may join in. It could be also a vehicle to focus the activities of the working group on a first specific theme under its research objectives explained on the EADI website.