



Global Asia Newsletter

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Dear members of the Working Group,

We are happy to publish the first 2018 issue of our newsletter. Among other items, you will find a Call for Papers to the WG workshop in Rome in September and another Call for Papers for a Special Issue proposal on Development Challenges in Myanmar. We also ask you to help us identify new member and we include some recent publications authored by the group's present members.

All the best,
Elisabetta, Elin, Christine and Diego

[Call for new members](#)

We are constantly looking to identify new members of the EADI Global Asia community. Please, help us spread the word about the Global Asia Working Group in your networks. We are particularly looking to increase the number of members who do research on China. In order to become a member, you just need to send us an e-mail: globalasia.eadi@gmail.com

[CfP for the 2018 Global Asia Workshop: 'Challenges to Democratic Processes in Asia'](#)

The WG aims to organize workshops all years when there is not a general conference. This year's topic will be "Challenges to Democratic Processes in Asia". The workshop will take place at the University of Rome La Sapienza on September 3.

We hope that many new and old Working Group Members will consider attending the workshop. Please, submit your abstract (300-400 words) to globalasia.eadi@gmail.com no later than 15 June. Following the workshop, our aim is to submit a proposal for a special issue of an international peer-reviewed journal based on a selection of the papers presented at the workshop. The complete Call for Papers can be found [here](#).

[CfP for Special Issue Proposal: 'Development Challenges in Myanmar'](#)

Myanmar faces multifaceted, complex and intertwined development challenges that cannot be tackled one by one. We will propose a special issue on 'Development Challenges in Myanmar' to be submitted to the European Journal of Development Research. The proposed special issue will bring together international scholars and experts on political and economic development, ethnic conflict, gender inequalities and the impact of aid, all focusing on development challenges in contemporary Myanmar, but from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. We now open a competitive Call for Papers to put together a proposal for a special issue. If you are interested, we ask you to submit your abstracts (maximum 300 words) and a biographical note (maximum 200 words) to [Elin Bjarnegård](mailto:Elin.Bjarnegård) no later than 1 June. The complete Call for Papers including a preliminary timeline can be found [here](#).

[ASEAS Conference: Southeast Asia Meets Global Challenges, University of Leeds \(UK\) 5-7 September 2018](#)

The Association of Southeast Asian Studies in the United Kingdom organizes a Conference on the topic 'Southeast Asia Meets Global Challenges' There will be several panels under the themes of Politics and Good Governance, Sustainable and Equitable Development and Cultural Heritage and Cultural Production as well as early career mentoring workshops. The deadline for submitting a paper abstract is May 31. Information about the conference can be found [here](#).

Allocation of Special Strategic Funds from the Forum for Asian Studies at Stockholm University

The Forum for Asian Studies at Stockholm University will during the 2018-2019 academic year offer funding for postdoctoral researchers to write grant proposals focusing on Asia, aimed primarily at calls from major funders such as Formas, Riksbanken Jubileumsfond, and the Swedish Research Council during the spring of 2019. The goal is to strengthen research on Asia at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Stockholm University. Up to six people may be awarded up to two month's salary to write applications supported by a department at the Faculty of Social Sciences. Groups may also apply for funds together.

Interested researchers should send a one-page summary of a project proposal and a two-page CV to asianstudies@su.se by 1 June. Write "strategic funds" in the subject line. A notification of the allocation of funds will be submitted within two weeks. Researchers allocated funds will be invited to take part in a proposal writing workshop beginning in the fall led by the Forum director, Professor Johan Lindquist. For further information please contact [Eva Hansson](#), Coordinator, [Forum for Asian Studies](#)

Development Research Conference, "Rethinking Development", Gothenburg (Sweden), 22-23 August 2018

What kind of 'development' is wanted for today's world? The idea, study, and policy field of 'development' emerged in the 1940s, in a time of decolonization, the Cold War, and Euro-centric high modernism. Seventy years later the scene is one of new emerging economies, migration crises, multiculturalism, climate change, and new patterns of infectious and chronic diseases. Given such profound transformations, do we need, again, to rethink 'development'?

The conference is organized by the School of Global Studies (SGS) and the Centre on Global Migration (CGM) at the University of Gothenburg in co-operation with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), the Swedish Research Council (VR), and the Gothenburg Centre of Globalization and Development (GCGD) at the University of Gothenburg. Panels have now been put together and the information about the conference is available [here](#).

Publications

Arora-Jonsson, S. (2018) Across the Development Divide: A North-South Perspective on Environmental Democracy in [Sage Handbook of Nature](#).

Arora-Jonsson, S. (2017) [Blind spots in environmental policy-making: How beliefs about science and development may jeopardize environmental solutions](#). *World Development Perspectives*.

Bjarnegård, E., Melander, E. (2018) Gender and Conflict in East Asia in [Routledge Handbook of Asia in World Politics](#). Abingdon: Routledge.

Bjarnegård, E. (2018). The role of masculinities and male dominated networks in corruption in [Gender and Corruption](#). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

D'Costa, A. P. (2018). Capitalist maturity and South Korea's post-development conundrum. *Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies*.

D'Costa, A. P. (2018). [Labor Migration in Asia. Increasing the Development Impact of Migration through Finance and Technology](#). Asian Development Bank Institute, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, International Labour Organization. Diego

Maiorano, D., Das, U. & Masiero, S. (2018) [Decentralisation, clientelism and social protection programmes: a study of India's MGNREGA](#), Oxford Development Studies

Let us know about your publications, workshops and events! And remember to encourage colleagues in your network to join the EADI Working Group on Global Asia!

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