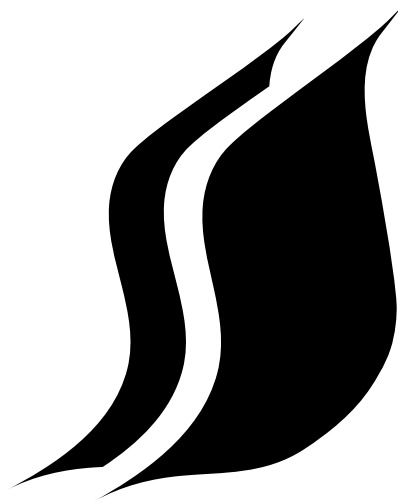




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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



In the 2016/17 academic year, the Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre (SEAC) took a number of steps to further establish itself as one of the key academic centres focusing on Southeast Asia.

In terms of public and student engagement, we significantly expanded our programme of public lectures and covered a range of topical issues (eg, the South China Sea arbitral ruling; the Duterte presidency; the implications of Trump's victory in the US presidential elections for Washington's Southeast Asia policy; the politicisation of religion in Indonesia). We also organised the second LSE Southeast Asia Forum in May 2017, a full-day international conference that this year focused on ASEAN's 50th anniversary and several aspects of the politics and international relations of Southeast Asia.

With the goal of developing SEAC's budding research identity, changes were made to its visiting appointments scheme. We also introduced research workshops for doctoral students and staff, and started to develop research projects that are run out of the Centre. In the context of Brexit, some of this work will centre around UK-Southeast Asia relations. However, the

primary focus of our analysis will continue to involve social scientific inquiry into developments in Southeast Asia. In this regard, SEAC has also sponsored such research by making grants available to a number of colleagues at LSE. The first round of SEAC-funded research was successfully concluded in July 2017.

Moreover, SEAC has re-assessed and updated its communications strategy. The website has been revamped in line with the new LSE "look", with the objective of better highlighting our wide portfolio of activities in mind. Beyond the podcasts that SEAC has regularly made available for many of its events, the Centre has also started to publish occasional blog-style contributions from guest speakers. These can already be accessed through our website.

SEAC can thus look back at a strong year, but we do have plans for new initiatives in 2017/18 to strengthen our existing profile. These include the organisation of at least one international academic workshop per annum in addition to the LSE Southeast Asia Forum to expand our research related outputs. Secondly, to increase our knowledge exchange, we will aim to further promote and reinforce dialogue among the practitioners, academics and stakeholders that make up the Southeast Asia policy community in London. These additions will complement SEAC's existing programme and build on the success we have achieved during our first two full years of operation.

As SEAC Director I am grateful for the hard work of my staff as well as for your interest in our increasing range of activities. I look forward to sharing another eventful year with you.

Dr Jürgen Haacke
Director, LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre



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KEY FOCUSES

The Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre (SEAC) is a cross-disciplinary, regionally-focused academic centre within the Institute of Global Affairs at LSE.

Building on the School's deep academic and historical connections with Southeast Asia, SEAC seeks to foster world-leading academic and policy research with a focus on the Southeast Asian social and political landscape.

SEAC is LSE's gateway to understanding Southeast Asia.

Pushing the boundaries of Southeast Asia research

The Centre promotes and draws from a rich pool of research undertaken by Southeast Asia experts at LSE who work alongside colleagues from across disciplines and from around the world on research relevant to the region. We host visiting appointments that will foster further synergies with research on Southeast Asia conducted at LSE.

Building a network of exceptional Southeast Asian scholars

The Centre aims to nurture a new generation of Southeast Asian scholars. We run interdisciplinary postgraduate research workshops for students from LSE and beyond working on Southeast Asia, and host joint research workshops with academic partners at LSE and in the region.

Promoting dialogue and engagement

The Centre serves as a hub for academic activities on Southeast Asia for London and beyond. SEAC is keen to engage policymakers, specialists and the large number of students interested in issues affecting the ASEAN region. We ensure that the reach of our work extends as widely as possible through public lectures, workshops and other organised events in the UK, Europe and in Southeast Asia that draw on well-established links with government representatives, universities and think tanks, especially in Southeast Asia.

Staff



Dr Jürgen Haacke
Centre Director

Dr Haacke is an Associate Professor in International Relations at LSE. Having been an Associate of SEAC since the Centre's establishment, he was appointed as SEAC Director in August 2016.

He has multiple research interests in relation to Southeast Asia, including the study of ASEAN, the factors shaping foreign and security policies of Southeast Asian states, as well as the role and policies of major powers in relation to the ASEAN region. Dr Haacke has published in particular on the development of regional norms and practices, and their impact on regional cooperation. Over the last few years, he has also written extensively on multiple aspects of Myanmar's politics and foreign relations.



Quynh Le Vo
Centre Manager

Le holds a BSc in International Relations from LSE. She oversees SEAC's financial arrangements as well as execution of events, research activities and communications. In addition, she supports the SEAC Director in the Centre's strategic planning and fundraising.



Ziyuan (William) Wang
Research Assistant

William has a Master's degree in history from Temple University and an MPhil in International Relations from LSE, and is working towards a PhD in International Relations at LSE. He supported the SEAC Director in the academic planning for the research workshop on "hedging" in contemporary international politics, to be organised in September 2017.



Lucinda Norman-Walker
Centre Assistant

Lucinda has a BA in Theology and Religion from the University of Durham, and an MA in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Exeter. She coordinates SEAC's events programme and student engagement activities, whilst supporting the day-to-day running of the Centre.



John Harley Breen
Research Assistant

John has an MA in International Relations from Queen Mary, University of London and has previously worked as a researcher for Independent Diplomat and as an advocacy consultant for a Cambodian NGO. He supports research undertaken at SEAC.

PEOPLE

Steering Committee

The SEAC Steering Committee is made up of select LSE faculty members and staff. It serves as a locus for consultation and deliberation, with the main responsibility to advise the SEAC Director on issues relevant to the Centre in line with its strategic objectives.

Members in 2016/17

Jürgen Haacke, Associate Professor in International Relations and Centre Director, LSE SEAC (chair)

Tim Forsyth, Professor of Environment and Development

Nicholas Long, Assistant Professor in Anthropology

Kirsten Schulze, Associate Professor in International History

Hyun Bang Shin, Associate Professor in Geography and Urban Studies

Quynh Le Vo, Centre Manager, LSE SEAC

Centre Associates

Catherine Allerton Associate Professor in Anthropology at LSE

Dr Catherine Allerton is a specialist in the anthropology of island Southeast Asia. She has conducted ethnographic research in the Malaysian city of Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, with the children of Filipino and Indonesian migrants, and in rural Flores, Indonesia, with highland coffee farmers. Her work is broadly concerned with kinship, childhood, migration, place and landscape.

Sylvia Chant Professor of Development Geography at LSE

Professor Sylvia Chant has conducted fieldwork relating to gender and development in Mexico, Costa Rica, the Philippines and The Gambia, and has published widely on issues such as poverty, rural-urban migration, female employment and female-headed households.

Greg Fischer Lecturer in Economics at LSE

Dr Greg Fischer's work includes evaluations of scalable business training programs in the Philippines, the adoption and usage of mobile money technology in various settings, and approaches to aggregating evidence from multiple sources.

Tim Forsyth Professor of Environment and Development at LSE

Professor Tim Forsyth works on watershed and forest policies in Thailand and Indonesia, climate change policy and technology transfer in Southeast Asia, social movements and environmental governance, and the development of new and inclusive public-private partnerships as a basis for implementing global policy.

Nicholas Long Assistant Professor in Anthropology at LSE

Dr Nicholas Long is a specialist in the anthropology of Indonesia and the Malay world, with a particular focus on the ways political change influences the experience of self, agency and relations. He is currently working on two research projects, one investigating emergent forms of popular psychology in Indonesia and their relationship to subjectivity, and the other examining changing public perceptions of democracy.

Fenella Cannell Associate Professor in Social Anthropology at LSE

Dr Fenella Cannell is a specialist in Southeast Asian anthropology. She worked in the Philippines in 1988-89, 1992 and 1997 where her fieldwork was with Catholic rice-farming people in a rural area. Dr Cannell has since conducted historically-focused research on the Philippines, especially on education, kinship and gender in the American colonial period.



Tan Sri Munir Majid Chairman of Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad

Dr Munir Majid's main interest is in the evolution of the region's contemporary international affairs under ASEAN as well as the organisation's economic integration process and extra-ASEAN economic engagements. Dr Majid holds numerous positions, including chairmanships of the CIMB ASEAN Research Institute and of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council, Malaysia. He is also the President of the ASEAN Business Club and a Visiting Senior Fellow at LSE IDEAS.

James Putzel Professor of Development Studies at LSE

Professor James Putzel is well-known for his work on the Philippines where he has maintained active research since 1984. He is recognised for his expertise on the politics of agrarian reform in the Philippines and remains influential in current policy actions and debates in the country. His current research focuses on politics and governance in crisis states, including work on understanding "failed states", political Islam in Southeast Asia and the politics of the HIV/AIDS crisis.

Kirsten Schulze Associate Professor in International History at LSE

Dr Kirsten Schulze works on communal and separatist conflicts as well as Islamism in Indonesia and the Middle East. She is currently writing a book on the Ambon conflict. Previously she was the Deputy Director of LSE SEAC, Head of the LSE IDEAS Southeast Asia Programme and ran the Indonesia seminar series at Chatham House.

Hyun Bang Shin Associate Professor in Geography and Urban Studies at LSE

Dr Hyun Bang Shin's main research interests lie in the critical analysis of the political economic dynamics of urban (re-)development. He has written widely on Asian urbanisation, speculative urbanism, the politics of displacement and urban spectacles. His recent projects include the circulations of real estate capital and urbanisms in Southeast Asia, looking in particular at Singapore and Vietnam.

Felicia Yap Affiliate of the Centre of South Asian Studies at the University of Cambridge

Dr Felicia Yap's research has centred on the effects of the Japanese occupation of Southeast and East Asia. Her interests include memories of conflict and captivity, the experiences of prisoners of the Japanese, the impact of the war on European and Asian women, as well as the evolution of Eurasian, Jewish and Portuguese communities in colonial Asia.



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Visiting Appointments

SEAC's Visiting Appointments Scheme offers academics, advanced research students and professionals with relevant experience on Southeast Asia the chance to conduct their research in London while drawing from LSE facilities and SEAC's expertise. Visiting Fellows are encouraged to engage with SEAC activities and supported in promoting their work through public events and seminars at LSE. They also have the opportunity to connect with our Southeast Asia researchers, fostering knowledge sharing and potential future collaboration.

Visiting Appointments 2016/17

Dr Tim Andrews Visiting Senior Fellow

Dr Tim Andrews is an Associate Professor in International Affairs at Thammasat University Business School and Associate Professor at Webster University (Thailand). His research focuses on organisational behaviour, cross-cultural management and corporate branding in emerging Southeast Asia. Dr Andrews used his time at SEAC to work on his project researching Southeast Asia's working poor, those base-of-the-pyramid organisational employees whose nature and contribution to organisational life and wellbeing remains sorely under-studied.

Dr Chris Chaplin Visiting Fellow

Dr Chris Chaplin is a postdoctoral researcher at the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV) and joined SEAC after six months of ethnographic fieldwork in Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia. Being at SEAC allowed him to analyse his collected data on the activism of Wahdah Islamiyah – a Salafi inspired Islamic organisation – for his upcoming monograph on the topic.

Dr Trude Jacobsen Visiting Senior Fellow

Dr Trude Jacobsen is an Associate Professor in Southeast Asian history at Northern Illinois University. Her interdisciplinary research draws on her training in both anthropology and history; her first book explored the disconnect between a "traditional" view of Cambodian women and the reality of their pasts. While at SEAC, Dr Jacobsen gave a public lecture on the topic of sex trafficking in Southeast Asia, which also acted as the launch event for her second book, titled *Sex Trafficking in Southeast Asia: A History of Desire, Duty, and Debt* (Routledge, 2016).

Stephen James Visiting Research Student

Stephen James is a PhD candidate in Cultural Anthropology at the University of California, Riverside. He spent the summer of 2016 in London conducting fieldwork and interviews for his thesis, a multi-sited, longitudinal study of Vietnamese migration, focusing on forced migration through the Vietnam-Hong Kong-London trajectory.



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“My time at SEAC proved to be a rich experience and perfect environment in which to analyse data I had recently collected through field research. The Centre provided me with access to the library and online resources available through the LSE Library, but also with an opportunity to share my ideas with, and learn from, academics concerned with Southeast Asia. This was incredibly informative given the vast range of regional expertise and social scientific disciplines represented at the LSE, and so did much to expand how I approached my own concern with Islamic activism in Indonesia.”

Dr Chris Chaplin

“Not only was the Centre conducive to sustained concentration and progress on my research project into ASEAN's working poor, it provided a genuinely dynamic environment supported by a committed, competent, welcoming team of staff - plus, of course, world class LSE academic resources. The SEAC research seminar provided an enriching opportunity to share ideas, interests and perspectives with associate academics, as well as to gain from their cross-disciplinary insights and expertise. During my visit I was also fortunate to participate in the annual LSE Southeast Asia Forum, which proved to be invaluable and highly rewarding experience engaging with policymakers, dignitaries and business executives from across ASEAN.”

Dr Tim Andrews

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RESEARCH FUND

The SEAC Research Fund aims to support and promote high-quality research on Southeast Asia by LSE-based academics. The first round of funding was awarded in February 2016 for research activities taking place during academic years 2015/16 and 2016/17. The findings of these projects will be presented at a dedicated LSE SEAC Research Seminar Series during academic year 2017/18, introducing new and innovative LSE research on Southeast Asia to the public.

Funded Projects

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Vietnam's Position in the Global Textile and Apparel Industry: implications for regional investments, trade, and labour

Focusing on the case of Asian trans-national producers, this project proposed to address the main investment and trade shifts that will take place locally and regionally as part of Vietnam's accession to the TPP and the implications of these shifts for Vietnam in regard to labour rights. The SEAC Research Fund benefited two important parts of the research project. The first was the interviews conducted with garment industry associations and trade policymakers in Washington DC with the aim to understand the political and economic aspects of the TPP agreement and its impact on Vietnam, especially in the garment industry. The second part of the project involved fieldwork in Vietnam conducted by recruited research assistant

Dr Rachel Alexander, whose interviews with policymakers and firms helped better understand the industry-level aspects of the trade agreements from their perspective.

These two stages of research are being followed up with analysis of the material by combining the data obtained in Washington and Vietnam, and with further data-based activities.

Principal Investigator: Dr Shamel Azmeh, Visiting Fellow at the LSE Middle East Centre and Lecturer in International Development at the University of Bath

From Alternative Development to Sustainable Development: a case study of Myanmar

This project aims to establish Sustainable Development as the key framework for drug policy reform in Myanmar above current policy recommendations that focus on the symptomatic issues surrounding problematic drug use. The researchers conducted field research in Myanmar in early January 2017, during which

discussions were held with senior local and international stakeholders, bringing together government, non-governmental and international organisations.

The objective of these early engagement efforts is to establish sustained discussions with actors in the region, to further delineate idiosyncratic issues with regards to illicit drugs economies, development and health. As of October 2017, IDPU is part of a £7m research consortium in collaboration with University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and local actors in Afghanistan, Colombia and Myanmar. The research consortium will build a research base to help transform illicit economies.

The principal investigator has produced two important outputs based on this work:

- Collins, J (Forthcoming in 2018.) War, Decolonisation and the Birth of the Illicit Opium Trade in Burma. In J Windle, J Morrison, A Winter and A Silke (Eds.), *Historical Perspectives on Organised Crime and Terrorism*. Routledge.

- Collins, J (2017.) Breaking the Monopoly System: American Influence on the British Decision to Prohibit Opium Smoking and End Its Asian Monopolies, 1939-1945. *International History Review*, 39(5), 770-790. dx.doi.org/10.1080/07075332.2017.1280519

Principal Investigator: Dr John Collins, Executive Director of the LSE US Centre International Drug Policy Unit (IDPU)

Explaining Shifts in US Burma Policy: the role of foreign policy entrepreneurs

This project has examined whether shifts in US Burma policy can be explained as successful policy entrepreneurship. The research investigates in particular key foreign policy decisions on Burma taken by the Obama administration between 2009 and 2016, such as the adoption of "pragmatic engagement" and the subsequent removal of sanctions that culminated in the more recent termination of the national emergency with respect to Burma.

The grant enabled the principal investigator to conduct interviews with a wide array of interlocutors, including past and present officials and policymakers, former and current congressional staff, and many of the stakeholders that are part of the Burma policy community in Washington DC. Several research visits to Washington were undertaken between March 2016 and July 2017. Some research findings were presented at the 4th European Workshops in International Studies (*Foreign Policy Analysis and Public Policy: Towards Theoretical Dialogue and Integration* panel), Cardiff, June 2017. The principal investigator is currently working on a book manuscript on the topic.

Principal investigator: Dr Jürgen Haacke, Associate Professor in International Relations at LSE and LSE SEAC Director*

Developing a General Equilibrium Model for Vietnam to Capture the Economic Impact of Social Protection Programmes

This project investigates the potential benefits of a new type of intervention, called Graduation Packages, for ethnic minorities in Vietnam and for Cambodia's ultra-poor. The SEAC grant was used

to obtain access to the latest National Household Survey data in the two countries. The principal investigator also conducted fieldwork in Vietnam in summer 2017, in part gathering and accessing the data needed to create a Social Accounting Matrix which distinguishes households from ethnic minorities. This will be used to analyse the specificities in ethnic minorities' livelihood and their reliance on local markets for income-generating activities.

In addition, interviews were conducted with stakeholders from the government of Vietnam, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Labour Organization and the World Food Programme to better understand the interventions that could be designed to address these populations' specific needs in social protection. This has allowed the principal investigator to design a range of micro-simulations which aim at comparing the potential socio-economic impacts of interventions based on the graduation approach.

Principal Investigator: Dr Stephanie Levy, Guest Lecturer at the Department of International Development, LSE

*The first round of funding was awarded in February 2016, under the previous LSE SEAC Director



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Communal Violence, Mujahedin and Child Fighters: a history of the Ambon conflict 1999-2003

The objective of this project is to analyse the causes and the dynamics of the Ambon conflict, an understudied communal conflict which saw large scale violence between Muslims and Christians in Indonesia. The grant was used for field visits to Indonesia in springs 2016 and 2017 as well as to partially fund a third research trip in summer 2017. All three trips were used to conduct fieldwork and interviews with Javanese mujahedin from Jemaah Islamiyya and Mujahidin Kompak who had gone to Ambon and with Muslims who lived in Christian areas during the conflict, as well as with Ambonese Christian clerics. In addition, some useful jihadi documents were also obtained during the trips.

This work contributed to a paper on the Ambon jihad presented by the principal investigator at the Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference (*Becoming Members, Becoming Mujahidin: Understanding Indonesian Terrorism in the Age of ISIS* panel), Toronto, March 2017.

The principal investigator is also writing an upcoming book on the topic.
Principal Investigator: Dr Kirsten Schulze, Associate Professor in International History at LSE and LSE SEAC Associate

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Circulations of Urbanisms and Real Estate Capital

Focusing on regional and transnational flow of real estate capital originating from East and Southeast Asia, this project aims to examine the extent to which South Korean and Singaporean developers' participation in the destination country's (Vietnam) urban and housing development reflects their own visions of urbanism accumulated through their participation in similar developments at home.

The SEAC grant was used to co-fund two rounds of field trips in March and April 2017 (Singapore and Hanoi) and in July 2017 (Ho Chi Minh City) during which the principal investigator visited various real estate project sites and met local experts and professionals to conduct numerous in-depth interviews.

In addition to a future journal paper based on the on-going analysis of the field data, the principal investigator is also collaborating with the National University of Singapore to host a workshop on the topic as part of the InterAsian Connections conference to be held in Hanoi in 2018.

Principal Investigator: Dr Hyun Bang Shin, Associate Professor in Geography and Urban Studies at LSE and LSE SEAC Associate



SEAC EVENTS

Public Lectures

SEAC serves as a globally recognised hub for public debate and engagement on Southeast Asia in London. During 2016/17, we ran an active public engagement programme of free and open events, organising twelve public lectures and panel discussions with speakers from across the world and the Southeast Asian region. Most events were also recorded and released as podcasts on SEAC's website for wider audiences.



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South China Sea: salient aspects of the arbitration between the Philippines and China

12 October 2016

Speaker:

Tjaco van den Hout, former Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague and subsequently Dutch ambassador to Thailand, Myanmar (Burma), Cambodia and Laos

Chair:

Dr Jürgen Haacke, Director of SEAC and Associate Professor in International Relations at LSE

Duterte's Bloody Democracy in the Philippines

25 October 2016

Speaker:

Professor Mark Thompson, Head of the Department of Asian and International Studies (AIS) and Director of the Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC) at the City University of Hong Kong

Chair:

Dr Jürgen Haacke, Director of SEAC and Associate Professor in International Relations at LSE

The Future of the US 'Asia Pivot'

15 November 2016

Speaker:

Dr Evan Medeiros, Managing Director and Practice Head for Asia at Eurasia Group and former senior director for Asian affairs at the White House National Security Council

Chair:

Dr Jürgen Haacke, Director of SEAC and Associate Professor in International Relations at LSE

Sex Trafficking in Southeast Asia: the context of debt, duty and desire

23 November 2016

Speaker:

Dr Trude Jacobsen, Associate Professor in Southeast Asian history at Northern Illinois University and LSE SEAC Visiting Senior Fellow

Chair:

Dr Jürgen Haacke, Director of SEAC and Associate Professor in International Relations at LSE

Who Developed Vietnam? The Role of International Donors

30 November 2016

Speaker:

Professor Jörn Dosch, Professor of International Politics and Development Cooperation at the University of Rostock, Germany

Chair:

Dr Jürgen Haacke, Director of SEAC and Associate Professor in International Relations at LSE

Religion and Nationalism in Southeast Asia: conflict and contestation in the conception of nationhood

16 January 2017

Speaker:

Professor Joseph Liow Chin Yong, Dean and Professor of Comparative and International Politics at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Chair:

Dr Jürgen Haacke, Director of SEAC and Associate Professor in International Relations at LSE

Vietnamese Trajectories: negotiating refuge and belonging through forced migrations

26 January 2017

Speaker:

Stephen James, PhD candidate in Cultural Anthropology at the University of California, Riverside and LSE SEAC Visiting Research Student

Chair:

Dr Nicholas Long, Associate of SEAC and Assistant Professor in Anthropology at LSE

Islamisation Through Democratisation? Deciphering Calls for Islamic Law in Contemporary Indonesia

14 March 2017

Speakers:

Dr Chris Chaplin, Postdoctoral researcher at the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV) and LSE SEAC Visiting Fellow

Dr Michael Buehler, Senior Lecturer in Comparative Politics in the Department of Politics and International Studies at the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)

Chair:

Dr Jürgen Haacke, Director of SEAC and Associate Professor in International Relations at LSE

Myanmar's NLD-led Government: one year on

21 March 2017

Speakers:

Dr David Brenner, Lecturer in International Relations at the University of Surrey

Dr Jürgen Haacke, Director of SEAC and Associate Professor in International Relations at LSE

Dr Khin Mar Mar Kyi, Senior Researcher and the Daw Aung San Suu Kyi Gender Research Fellow at University of Oxford

Professor Marie Lall, Professor of Education and South Asian Studies at the UCL Institute of Education

Chair:

Dr Jürgen Haacke, Director of SEAC and Associate Professor in International Relations at LSE

Is Regionalism Passé? Infrastructure for Integrating South and Southeast Asia

22 March 2017

Speaker:

Dr Ganeshan Wignaraja, Advisor at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and previously Director of Research at the ADB Institute in Tokyo

Chair:

Dr Jürgen Haacke, Director of SEAC and Associate Professor in International Relations at LSE

Sharing Sovereignty: peacebuilding and the UN's joint ventures in Timor-Leste and Cambodia

25 April 2017

Speaker:

Dr John Ciorciari, Associate Professor and Director of the International Policy Center at the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy

Chair:

Dr Jürgen Haacke, Director of SEAC and Associate Professor in International Relations at LSE

Civil Society and Shrinking Political Space: the future of human rights in Southeast Asia

3 May 2017

Speaker:

Dr James Gomez, Executive Director of Asia Centre, Bangkok and Regional Director for Southeast Asia and the Pacific at Amnesty International

Chair:

Dr Jürgen Haacke, Director of SEAC and Associate Professor in International Relations at LSE

Seminars

In 2016/17, SEAC organised two private research seminars for LSE-based research students and faculty. These seminars offered participants the chance to engage with leading practitioners and academics in a confidential and informal setting. The discussions provided LSE researchers unique insights to topics relevant to their work.

US Policymaking Towards Asia

15 November 2016

Speaker: Dr Evan Medeiros, Managing Director and Practice Head for Asia at Eurasia Group and former senior director for Asian affairs at the White House National Security Council

The Changing Terrain of Regional Security in Southeast Asia and the Usefulness of Theory

17 January 2017

Speaker: Professor Joseph Liow Chin Yong, Dean and Professor of Comparative and International Politics at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Workshops

SEAC's research workshops provide research students and academics working on Southeast Asia at LSE a collegiate setting to present and receive multidisciplinary feedback for their work in progress, such as draft chapters and articles. The workshops build a community of Southeast Asia scholars across disciplines at LSE by offering participants the chance to learn more about research on the region conducted at the School.

PhD workshop

8 February 2017

Papers:

Resuscitating Radicalism: Suharto's New Order and its impact on Islamism
Gullnaz Baig (International History, 2nd year)

Images of China in ASEAN
Benjamin Ho (International Relations, 2nd year)

University in Economic Development and Urbanisation Process in Singapore: from a colonial institution to a nation-building agency
Do Young Oh (Geography and Environment, 4th year)

The Global Maritime Fulcrum and the Rise of Maritime Nation
Ricky Raymon (International Relations, 1st year)

Staff workshop

31 May 2017

The staff workshop was attended by the SEAC Director as well as a number of SEAC Associates and Visiting Fellows from five different disciplines to discuss the works presented by their colleagues.

Papers presented at the workshop and accepted for publication:

Andrews, T (Forthcoming in 2018.)
Economic Inequality, Cultural Orientation and Base-of-Pyramid Employee Performance at the MNC Subsidiary: A Multi-Case Investigation. *Management International Review*.

Long, N (Forthcoming in 2018.)
Suggestions of Power: searching for efficacy in Indonesia's hypnosis boom. *Ethos*.

LSE SOUTHEAST ASIA FORUM 2017

The LSE Southeast Asia Forum is a unique opportunity to engage with Southeast Asia's critical issues and to network with renowned experts on the region, policymakers and business and civil society representatives with an interest in the region.

This year's LSE Southeast Asia Forum took place as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) geared up to mark the 50th anniversary of its establishment. As ASEAN prepared to celebrate its many achievements, Southeast Asian states were facing a set of complex challenges: some linked to the strategic rivalry between the United States and China and the geopolitical competition of regional powers, others related more specifically to ASEAN's community project.

The one-day conference explored questions raised by these challenges through presentations arranged under four different panel discussions. The tone for the deliberations was set by His Excellency Antonio M Lagdameo, Philippine Ambassador to the UK who gave a keynote lecture on how his country perceived the Southeast Asian geopolitical landscape as they held the ASEAN chairmanship during its anniversary year. In addition, new

LSE research on Southeast Asia was presented to participants through a short taster session.

A number of papers from LSE Southeast Asia Forum 2017 have been published on SEAC's new digital publishing account on *Medium* for the benefit of those who were unable to attend in person.

“ There are relatively few UK-based academic institutions focusing on South-East Asia, so SEAC's work is particularly appreciated. The many events and conferences are always well-conceived and excellently organised, featuring an excellent range of speakers and valuable networking opportunities. ”

Dan Caspersz, Research Analyst, South-East Asia Department, UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office



Programme – 22 May 2017

Opening Remarks

Paul Kelly, Pro-Director for Education at LSE
Jürgen Haacke, Director of LSE SEAC

Keynote Lecture – Southeast Asia in 2017: challenges and opportunities

Antonio M Lagdameo, His Excellency the Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the UK

Panel I – The ASEAN Economic Community: reality and myth

Panellists: **Aireen Omar** (AirAsia Berhad) *AEC: myth or reality from an airline's perspective*
Nguyen Duc Thanh (Vietnam Institute for Economic Policy Research) *Vietnam and the ASEAN Economic Integration*
Munir Majid (LSE SEAC) *Future Prospect Not Current Reality*

Chair: **Tim Andrews** (LSE SEAC)

Panel II – ASEAN 50 Years and Regional Order

Panellists: **Jürgen Haacke** (LSE SEAC) *The Intraregional and External Dimensions of Regional Order Building in Southeast Asia*
Tang Siew Mun (ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute) *ASEAN's Growing Pains and Challenges*
Anja Jetschke (University of Göttingen) *ASEAN's New Human Rights Agenda?*

Chair: **Felicia Yap** (LSE SEAC)

Taster Session – Hypnotism and Javanese Magnetism
Nicholas Long (LSE SEAC)

Panel III – Political Landscapes and Dynamics: Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand

Panellists: **Sandra Hamid** (The Asia Foundation) *Claiming Pancasila: competing narratives in a shifting society*
Zaharom Nain (University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus) *New Channels of Expression and Old Structures of Control: Malaysia's media and transformation 50*
Aurel Croissant (Heidelberg University) – presented in absentia by the chair *From Master to Servant? Southeast Asian Militaries in the Age of Democratization*

Chair: **Tim Forsyth** (LSE SEAC)

Panel IV – Political Change and Foreign Policy: Myanmar, Vietnam and the Philippines

Panellists: **Renato Cruz de Castro** (De La Salle University) *Changes in Contemporary Philippine Foreign Policy: unravelling the balancing policy on an emergent China*
Phuong Nguyen (Pacific Forum CSIS) *Vietnam Searches for a New Equilibrium Amid Shifting Grounds*
Soe Myint Aung (University of Oslo) *Leadership Change in Myanmar and its Implications for Foreign Policy*

Chair: **James Putzel** (LSE SEAC)

Closing Remarks
James Putzel, Associate of LSE SEAC
Jürgen Haacke, Director of LSE SEAC



THE KHATTAR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Khattar Scholarships, generously supported by LSE alumnus Arvind Khattar (BSc Economics 2002), have an affiliation with SEAC. The awards of £33,000 each were available in 2015/16 and 2016/17 to students from Southeast Asian countries to study on any taught master's programme at LSE.

Khattar Scholars 2016/17

Yunqian Agnes Chew

MSc Development Management

Before coming to LSE, Agnes was a policy analyst at the Singapore Economic Development Board. Formerly Assistant Head of the International Organisations Programme Office, she engaged international organisations including the World Bank, Save the Children and World Vision to develop effective public-private partnerships. Coupled with her professional expertise, Agnes is eager to leverage the knowledge gleaned from her postgraduate programme at LSE to make more significant contributions as she strives to co-design innovative, sustainable approaches to address social issues.

Lua Zheng Hao Darrell

MSc Finance and Private Equity

Darrell was previously a student at the University of London External Programmes (Singapore Institute of Management), majoring in Accounting and Finances. Besides his school curriculum, Darrell has taken part in many flagship events to inspire teenagers and has availed himself to help the needy by volunteering his services and organising events for them. Darrell hopes that the postgraduate degree at LSE will deepen his domain knowledge on finance, preparing him for a career in the financial services sector.

Benjamin Tan Cheng Wei

MSc Management Science
(Decision Sciences)

Before embarking on a postgraduate programme at LSE, Benjamin worked for International Enterprise (IE) Singapore, the Singapore government agency in charge of promoting international trade and supporting companies in going global. In his two years there, he facilitated the growth of Singapore Oil and Gas related enterprises, mainly through strategic consultancy and overseas business development work. He hopes the postgraduate degree will deepen his skills in industry and firm level analysis and diagnosis.



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Southeast Asian students make up over one quarter of LSE's overseas undergraduates as well as a significant proportion of postgraduate students at the School. Recognising the importance of this, student engagement has been one of SEAC's objectives since our establishment, with the aim to nurture new generations of Southeast Asia scholars.

Of particular note is our ongoing collaboration and strong links with the LSESU ASEAN Society, including participation in the Society's activities by SEAC academics: SEAC Director, Dr Jürgen Haacke gave a keynote address at the Society's Model ASEAN Conference in November 2016 and SEAC Associate, Dr Hyun Bang Shin was the

keynote speaker at the second LSE and King's College London ASEAN Society Hackathon on the topic of connectivity in March 2017.

We also encourage student participation in Southeast Asia related discussions and debates organised by SEAC, and make a dedicated number of

complimentary tickets to LSE Southeast Asia Forum available to the LSESU ASEAN Society each year. In recognition of SEAC's support for the LSESU ASEAN Society, the latter made a special mention of the Centre as they accepted a Bronze Star Society Award at the 2016 LSE SU and STARS Awards ceremony in March 2017.

“ I would like to extend the ASEAN Society's gratitude and thanks for your invitation to [the LSE Southeast Asia Forum]. The Committee had thoroughly enjoyed their time at the event and stated that the panels were most insightful. As the year comes to a close, we would also like to take the opportunity to thank the Centre for its support and do very much look forward to continued collaborations for the coming year ahead! ”

Kyi Yeung Goh, President of the LSESU ASEAN Society



FOUNDING GIFT

Professor Saw Swee Hock is an esteemed alumnus of LSE (PhD in Statistics, 1963) whose generous gift in July 2014 enabled the establishment of the LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre.

“ I am delighted to support the establishment of this Centre to enable LSE to consolidate and strengthen its education and research on the Southeast Asia region among students, researchers and faculty members. A deeper understanding of the 10 countries with diverse political and economic systems, bonded together by ASEAN, will engender lasting benefits to the School's academic community and graduates viewed in terms of the increasingly inter-dependent world economy and a further rise of Asia in the years ahead. ”

Professor Saw Swee Hock

Professor Saw has held academic positions at the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, the University of Hong Kong and the National University of Singapore (NUS). His publications centring on statistics, demography and economics include some 49 authored and edited books, 31 book chapters and over 110 articles, with part of his research work devoted to the Southeast Asian region.

Professor Saw is well known for his philanthropic endeavours, particularly in the area of tertiary education. He has generously supported universities in Singapore, Hong Kong, China and England to advance higher education, research and social mobility among less privileged students. A loyal donor to LSE, Professor Saw has supported scholarships through the Singapore LSE Trust, the LSE Asia Forums in Singapore

and Beijing, the British Library of Political and Economic Science, the New Academic Building and the Saw Swee Hock Student Centre. His other alma mater, the NUS, has received a major share of his gifts, the largest towards the establishment of the NUS Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health.

Currently Professorial Fellow at the ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Professor Saw has received numerous accolades for his philanthropic and academic achievements. He was named Honorary Professor of Statistics at the University of Hong Kong, Honorary Professor at Xiamen University and President's Honorary Professor of Statistics at NUS. He is also an Honorary Fellow at LSE and an Honorary University Fellow of the University of Hong Kong. Professor Saw was conferred the Outstanding Service Award by NUS, the Singapore President's Award for Philanthropy and the Public Service Medal (PBM) by the Singapore Government in the 2013 National Day Awards, and was named as one of the "48 Heroes of Philanthropy" in the Asia-Pacific Region by *Forbes Asia* magazine in 2014. In 2015, he was conferred the Honorary Doctor of Letters by NUS and the Distinguished Alumni Leadership Award by LSE.



The London School of Economics and Political Science

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) is a world leading university specialising in social sciences.

Founded in 1895, LSE's mission is to transform people and societies by understanding the causes of things. The School's research and teaching focuses on major global issues, including the economic threat of climate change, social and economic inequality across the world, economic growth and development, risk in financial markets and structures, global health and the future of our cities.

In addition to the cosmopolitan faculty and students who make it an international community rooted in London, LSE has academic links to

a number of high-quality overseas universities. The School has particularly strong ties to the National University of Singapore, Columbia University, Peking University, University of Cape Town and Sciences Po – operating double degrees, student exchanges and summer school programmes.

Institute of Global Affairs

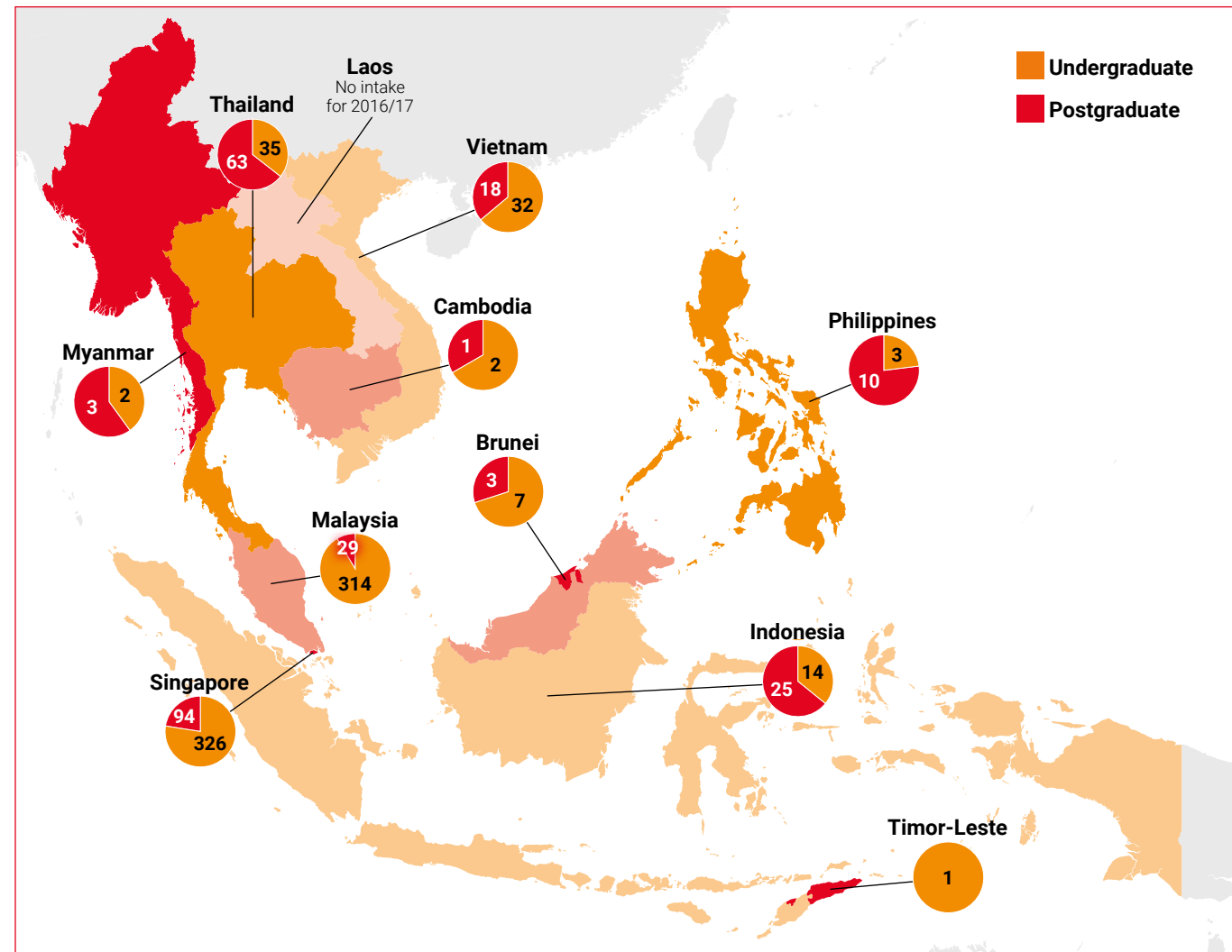
The Institute of Global Affairs (IGA) aims to build a vibrant intellectual environment for original, rigorous and significant thinking and broader impact in London, but also to form an alliance of centres of excellence in research and policy thinking in emerging economies. By employing multidisciplinary approaches and encouraging evidence-based policy making, it also aspires to promote deeper understanding and peer-to-peer transfer of knowledge across

emerging and developing economies. The IGA wants to offer a "safe space" that is open, fair and transparent, and where students, government, private sector and civil society from all around the world can meet to address the challenges of the 21st century.

The IGA engages ten LSE departments and currently has eight constituent or affiliate centres:

- Centre for Women, Peace and Security
- Firoz Lalji Centre for Africa
- Latin America and Caribbean Centre
- LSE IDEAS
- Middle East Centre
- Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre
- South Asia Centre
- United States Centre

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