



Annual Report 2013-2014 (Academic Year) Centre for East Asian Studies Groningen (GSG/CEASG)

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Centre for East Asian Studies Groningen

- The Centre for East Asian Studies Groningen (CEASG) is an inter-faculty institute launched by the Faculty of Arts and facilitated by Globalisation Studies Groningen (GSG) on 15 September 2014.
- CEASG initiates and supports interdisciplinary teaching and research on contemporary China, Japan, Korea and Mongolia, and strengthens and broadens the University's academic partnerships in East Asia. Where appropriate, special attention is given to the three research priorities of the University of Groningen: Healthy Ageing, Energy, and Sustainable Society.
- Affiliated faculties include the Faculty for Economics and Business, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, and the Faculty of Arts.
- CEASG partners with various institutes and organizations in Groningen, including the Groningen Confucius Institute, the Centre for Japan Studies, Globalisation Studies Groningen, Groningen Centre for Education and Research Osaka University, and the Ubbo Emmius Fund.
- Through its academic staff, the Centre also partners with the Dutch Study Centre at Fudan University (Shanghai), the European Study Centre at Tsinghua University (Beijing) and the Dutch Study Centre at Osaka University (Osaka).
- The Centre coordinates the master's specialization East Asian Studies on the political economy of contemporary East Asia, including China, Japan, Korea and Mongolia (MA IR, 60 ECTS).
- The Centre further initiates and facilitates grant applications regarding Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Mongolian and East Asian studies and facilitates lectures, seminars and conferences on contemporary East Asia at the University of Groningen.

Finance and Grants

Fundraising before launch (<1 December 2013): EUR 90 000

- ING Bank (EUR 50 000)
- Mongolian Opportunities Partners (EUR 10 000)
- Jack Weatherford Foundation (EUR 20 000 stock contribution)
- Riverbed Foundation (EUR 10 000)

Fundraising following launch (>1 December 2013): EUR 414 000

- Hanban: Chair for Chinese language and culture in association with the Groningen Confucius Institute and Chairmen of the University Board. EUR 365 000 over 5 years, with matching funding from the University. Awarded: 1 June 2014;
- Korea Foundation: Lecturer Korean Studies with International Relations Department and Chairmen University Board. Including selection and proposal of candidate to Faculty of Economics and Business. EUR 38 000 (USD 50 000) with additional funding from University. Awarded: 12 June 2014;
- Embassy of Korea: Korea Corner at the University Library. EUR 37 000. Awarded summer 2014;
- Brill: CEASG Launch-conference contribution. EUR 1000. Awarded: 1 April 2014.

Funding from the University

- Staff (part time)

Education Preparation MA East Asian Studies

This specialization within the Master's degree programme International Relations is 60 ECTS. The basic elements are the module Advanced Theory of International Relations (5 EC) and the Introduction to Research Methods for East Asian Studies (5 EC). Furthermore the research seminars History, Culture and Politics of East Asia (10 EC) and The Rise of East Asia: global versus local developments (10 EC) are part of the 1st semester. In the second semester you may opt for an internship, a research seminar in Groningen or a stay abroad (limited places). You will also write a Master thesis in the field of EAS (20 EC).

First Semester

- History and Politics of East Asia: Dr. H.J. Meijer (coordinator), prof. dr. J. de Jong, drs. S. Kamerling (Faculty of Arts, IR and History)
- Rise of East Asia: Dr. Y. Zhao (also coordinator), Prof. dr. mr. T.H.F. Halbertsma, Dr. D.U. Shim, Dr. M. Uebele, (Faculty of Arts, IR and History); Dr. S. Choi (Fac. Economics & Business)

Second Semester

- study abroad (elective)
- internship of 10 ECTS
- research seminar in Groningen (in preparation Korean studies and Chinese studies)
- various promotional activities regarding student recruitment

Research and conferences

- CEASG Launch Conference, Groningen 8-9 Mei 2014, 'East Asia and the European Union: strong Economics, weak Politics?';
- CEASG Launch conference publication with International Comparative Social Studies, Brill, Leiden (forthcoming);
- Tsinghua Conference "Do we really understand each other? Misunderstandings in China-EU Relations", Beijing, 26 October 2013;
- Book publication "The European sovereign debt crisis and China-EU relations", edited by Zhang Lihua and Jan van der Harst, Beijing, 2013;
- Conference Japan Studies, Groningen, 13-14 March 2014;
- Preparation conference on China's foreign policy traditions and EU-China relations, 16 September 2014;
- For staff publications see individual MEPA.

International

- Member of the Asian Europe Foundation ASEM Higher Education Programme;
- Attendance ASEM Higher Education Programme, Mikolas Romeris University, Vilnius 28-29 November 2013;
- Member of DUJAT Dutch & Japanese Trade Federation (shared membership with Ubbo Emmius Fund);
- GSG / CEASG Attendance of PhD fairs in Seoul, Pusan, Korea, November 2014
- GSG / CEASG Attendance of PhD fair Beijing, China, November 2013 .

Selected CEASG Lectures

- Moscow: Beijing and Beyond, Dr. E. Koldunova, 21 december 2013 in cooperation with Russia Institute;
- Asia Honors Summers School, CEASG lecture alumni Netherlands, Utrecht, 13 November 2013;
- CEASG Book launch "David Shim, Visual Politics and North Korea", speaker Koen de Ceuster, 21 Januari 2014, in cooperation with University Library (organization and moderating);
- CEASG Film and Lecture, Floris Jan van Luyn, "Rainmakers, China's environmental warriors", 27 March 2014, in cooperation with MA and BA Journalism Media Studies;
- Feng Liu, CEASG-seminar: Nankai Visiting Scholar on "China's Regional Security Strategy in Transition -Examining China's Behavior in Territorial Disputes" 17 maart 2014, in cooperation with Globalisation Studies Groninge;n
- North Korea lecture (Dutch): "Duizend bommen en granaten, Noord-Koreaanse propaganda in perspectief" by Remco Breuker, Studium Generale in cooperation with CEASG, 17 maart 2014;
- Dutch Foreign Policy Focus on Asia, Alex Oosterman, Azië Carrousel, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 11 April 2014;
- Careers Company Faculty of Economics and Business Mas EAS, 12 May 2014 (MA EAS presentation);
- Mongolia and the EU, Ambassador Davaadorj at the CEASG Launch conference, 8 May 2014;
- Minister Timmermans, College Tour East Asia Lecture, 7 april 2014 (postponed to opening Academic year, 1 September 2014).



Media publications regarding CEASG

External

- Mongolia, Radio 1 Bureau Buitenland (VPRO), 21 January 2014;
- VS klimaatonderzoek en de Mongoolse wereldveroveringen in VPRO OVT Radio 1, 16 March 2014;
- Expedition Silk Road, Radio 1 VPRO Bureau Buitenland, 3 Juni 2014;
- Radio 4, Mongolië Renaissance, BOS Radio 4, 4 juni 2014;
- 'Een goede, efficiënte winning van grondstoffen kost tijd', De Volkskrant, woensdag 16 april 2014 (Buitenland, p. 17);
- 'Elke winter vallen hier doden', De Volkskrant, woensdag 16 april 2014 (Buitenland, p. 17)
- Radio 1 Journaal, interview on Chair launch, 11 December 2013;
- RTV Noord, announcement Chair and bio Halbertsma, 12 December 2013;
- Dagblad van het Noorden, RUG krijgt professor 'Mongolië -kunde', 12 december 2013;
- Dagblad Trouw, Personalia, announcement Chair for East Asian Studies, 13 December 2013;
- NTR, Dichtbij Nederland, Interview (two parts) on Chair for East Asian Studies, 20 December 2013;
- Dagblad van het Noorden, Wetenschap, Mongolië is goed voor de ziel, p.2, 21 december 2013.

Internal

- UniFocus promotion film;
- Groningen Confucius Institute's "Global Insights";
- Various Research and Valorization Newsletters;
- Worldwide Newsletter (alumni);
- Universiteitskrant;
- Interview Intranet;
- Outline;
- Broerstraat 5;
- UEF Jaarbeeld;
- Nota Bene;

etc. etc

Promotion (CEASG website)

- Website: www.rug.nl/ceasg
 - >100 News items
 - >40 Calendar items (CEASG organized activities)
 - > 20 People and Projects (East Asia Platform);
- E-Newsletter Spring 2014 (1300 recipients);
- E-Newsletter Summer 2014 (1300 recipients);
- Brochures CEASG;
- MA Specialization East Asian Studies brochures and flyers;

2014-2015

- Further curriculum development of the MA specialization East Asian Studies
- Increased student recruitment for the MA specialization East Asian Studies;
- Inaugural lecture Tjalling Halbertsma 17 march 2015;
- Seminar / conference on Korean Studies;
- China Workshop;
- China Platform;
- Seminar Japan Corporate Governance;
- Recruitment and development of Chair Chinese Languages regarding teachers training programme;
- Development of CEASG affiliation for Lecturer Korean Studies at Faculty of Economics and Business;
- Development and opening Korea Corner;
- Health curriculum transfer to the Mongolian National University for Health Sciences;
- Funding applications with the Korea Foundation and Embassy of Korea;
- Continuation of ongoing activities such as lecture and seminar series, East Asia platform, website.
- Initiating and facilitating MoU's and exchange agreements with Korean and Chinese universities
- 10 year anniversary Dutch Studies Centre Fudan-Groningen.
- Visiting scholar: Prof Ting Zuo, Vice Dean, College of Humanities and Development Studies, China Agricultural University, Beijing, China.
- MoU between GSG/CEASG and the School of Social Development and Public Policy of Beijing Normal University (BNU), Beijing.

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