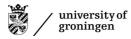




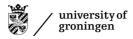




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1 Challenges of Governance for Innovation and Sustainability

1.1 Objective

The conference showcases leading thinkers and policymakers around challenges of governance for innovation, resilience and sustainability. The scope will focus on ASEAN-EU relations and dialogues, exploring the longstanding political and cultural relationship between both regions in light of a sustainable common future. Building upon SEA ASEAN's key mission is to bridge both regions through research, recruitment and social impact, this conference will serve as a platform to engage our partner institutions within the ASEAN and EU region in an open dialogue and serve as the launch platform for SEA ASEAN's upcoming publications.

The publications collating state-of-the-art research and debates from key scholars and policy makers working in the region, are titled "Challenges of Governance in Southeast Asia and ASEAN" (NY, Springer 2018) and "Sustainable Development Goals in Southeast Asia and ASEAN" (Leiden, Singapore, Boston: Bril, 2018) and will be presented to key stakeholders during the conference.

The three-day conference will give equal attention to both regions and their on-going collaboration through a series of keynotes and panels, and networking events.

Key themes include:

- Sustainable Development Goals
- ASEAN-EU Relations
- Climate Change and Resiliency
- Political-Security Cooperation and Human Rights
- Social Science Capacities for Societal Innovation
- Smart Urban Planning
- Economics for Societal Change

1.2 Practical information

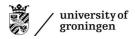
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For more detailed information, please refer to https://www.rug.nl/research/ursi/sea-asean/

1.3 Program

The 2018 conference will occur over a week. The key events will take place from Monday to Wednesday. The program will consist of the following elements;

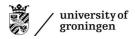
- **Keynotes:** Leading experts and our key partners will share their latest research findings and thoughts.
- **Panels:** Scholars and policymakers will discuss the above key themes.
- Networking: Opening and closing receptions and societal engagement. Visits to the EU institutions including European External Actions Service responsible for the mission of EU to ASEAN and European Parliament Delegation (Southeast Asia, ASEAN)



2 Program

	Sun. 28/10	Monday 29/10	Tuesday 30/10	Wednesday 31/10	Thur. 1/11
Morning 9.15-10.30	Delegates arrive	"UN-ASEAN cooperation towards the Sustainable Development Goals" Dr. Naylin Oo, UN- ESCAP	Visit to the EU Parliament Guided tour on EU institutions	Keynote "ASEAN and the Sustainable Development Goals" Mr. Ngoc Nguyen, ASEAN	Delegates depart
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11.00-12.15		"SDG & ASEAN"	"Engagement of EU Parliament with Southeast Asia and ASEAN" Mr. Reinhard Bütikofer, EU MP & Rapporteur on	"Science and Innovation capacities in ASEAN and international cooperation in research"	
			EU-ASEAN Relations		
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Afternoon 14.00-15.15		"ASEAN-EU Relations"	"Resilience & Fragility: Regional involvement in implementing the SDGs in the EU"	"Smart Nations Initiative and reflections on ASEAN Chairmanship"	
)-15.15		Mr. David Daly, EU External Action Service	Director Pierre Amilhat DG DEVCO	H.E. Jaya Ratnam, SG Ambassador to EU	
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15.45-17.00		"Political-Security Cooperation and Human Rights"	"Economics and Business for Societal Change"	"Smart Urban Planning"	
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Evening 19.00		Permanent Representation of NL to the EU	Republic of Indonesia	Republic of Singapore	
0		Ambassador H.E. Mr. Robert de Groot	Ambassador H.E. Mr. Yuri Octavian Thamrin	Ambassador H.E. Mr. Jaya Ratnam	





2.1 29th October, Monday

Morning session

Keynote: UN-ASEAN cooperation towards the Sustainable Development Goals

Location: Brussels meeting room, Neth-ER

Speaker: Mr. Naylin Oo, UN ESCAP, Regional Advisor on ASEAN, ASEAN-UN

Comprehensive Partnership

Chair: Prof. dr. Ronald Holzhacker (RUG)

Panel: SDG & ASEAN: People-oriented development

Location: Brussels meeting room, Neth-ER

Speakers: Phanthanousone Khennavong (Laos PDR), Hasharina Hassan (Universiti

Brunei Darussalam), Tran Din Lam (Vietnam National University of Social

Sciences and Humanities, HCMC)

Chair: Prof. dr. Andrej Zwitter (RUG)

Discussants: Prayoga Permana (RUG), Tri Efriandi (RUG), Annisa Wiharani (RUG)

Afternoon session

Keynote: ASEAN-EU Relations

Location: Brussels meeting room, Neth-ER

Speaker: David Daly, Head of the South East Asia Division, EU External Action Service

Chair: Dr. Wendy Tan (RUG/HVL)

Panel: Political-Security cooperation and Human Rights

Location: Brussels meeting room, Neth-ER

Speakers: Prof. dr. Julio Teehankee (Philippines), Kimsan Soy (Royal University of Law

and Economics), Prof. Ulrich Karl Rotthoff (UP Dilliman), Prof. dr. Jaap de

Wilde (RUG), Prof. Andrej Zwitter (RUG)

Chair: Dr. Dafri Agussalim (UGM)

Discussants: Thai Quoc Nguyen (RUG) and Stanati Netipatalachoochote (RUG)

Networking: Welcome Dinner

Location: Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the EU

Host: Ambassador H.E. Mr. Robert de Groot

2.2 30th October, Tuesday

Morning session

Networking: Visit to the EU Parliament Location: Station Europe, EU Parliament

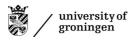
Guided tour on the institutions of the EU, Council, Commission, European Court of Justice, and the role of the democratically elected European Parliament.

Keynote

Speaker: Mr. Reinhard Bütikofer, European Parliamentary Member and Rapporteur on

EU-ASEAN Relations

Visit Le Grand Place, City Hall



Afternoon session

Keynote: Resilience & Fragility: Regional involvement in implementing the

SDGs in the EU

Location: Brussels meeting room, Neth-ER

Speaker: Director Pierre Amalhat, International Cooperation and Development (DG

DEVCO), Directorate for Asia, Central Asia, Middle East/Gulf and Pacific,

European Commission.

Panel: Economics and Business for Societal Change: Stakeholder

Involvement

Location: Brussels meeting room, Neth-ER

Speakers: Thuta Aung (Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies), Shada

Islam, Director of Europe & Geopolitics, Friends of Europe,

Representative from Unilever Indonesia

Chair: Prof. Niels Hermes (RUG)

Discussants: Prayoga Permana (RUG), Nguyen Phan Khoi (RUG), and Stephany Pasaribu

(RUG)

Networking: Reception/Dinner *Location:* Indonesian Embassy

Host: Ambassador H.E. Yuri Octavian Thamrin

2.3 31st October, Wednesday

Morning session

Keynote: ASEAN and the Sustainable Development Goals

Location: Brussels meeting room, Neth-ER

Speaker: Mr. Ngoc Nguyen, ASEAN, Division of Socio-Cultural Community

Panel: Science and Innovation Capacities in ASEAN and international

cooperation in research

Location: Brussels meeting room, Neth-ER

Speakers: Konstantinos Glinos (DG Research and Development, Head of Unit), Jan

Palmowski (Secretary-General, The Guild, European research intensive universities), Prof. dr. Julio Teehankee (Philippines), Prof. dr. Oscar

Couwenberg (Spatial Sciences, RUG) and Prof. dr. Ronald Holzhacker (Director,

SEA ASEAN, RUG).

Chair: Prof. Joost Herman (Network for Humanitarian Action, RUG)

Discussant: Tri Erfriandi (RUG), and Petrus Farneubun (RUG)

Afternoon session

Keynote: Smart Nations Initiative and reflections on ASEAN Chairmanship

Location: Brussels meeting room, Neth-ER

Speaker: Ambassador H.E. Jaya Ratnam, Singapore Ambassador to the EU

Panel: Smart Urban Planning: Innovations for changing socio-cultural

environments

Location: Brussels meeting room, Neth-ER

Speaker: Prof. dr. dr. Claudia Yamu (RUG), Maharani Hapsari (UGM), Dr. ir. Wendy Tan

(RUG/HVL), and Dr. Bobi Setiawan (UGM)

Chair: Prof. dr. Oscar Couwenberg (RUG)

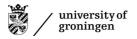
Discussants: Isti Hidayati, MSc (RUG-UGM), Titissari Rumbogo (RUG), Naim Laeni (RUG)

Book launch: Introducing the SEA ASEAN and UGM-SEA ASEAN Centre

Location: Singapore Embassy

Speaker: Prof. Ronald Holzhacker, Dr. Wendy Tan and Dr. Dafri Agussalim (UGM)

Dual Book Launch Ceremony. Official presentation of books to chairman of ASEAN 2018 (H.E Jaya Ratnam), ASEAN secretariat (Mr. Ngoc Nguyen) and UN (Mr. Naylin Oo). EU, ASEAN, and UN representatives, country representatives, and BRILL and Springer will be present.



Networking: Reception

Location: Singapore Embassy

Host: Ambassador H.E. Jaya Ratnam

Location information:

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Brussels meeting room, Neth-ER, Netherlands House for Education and Research

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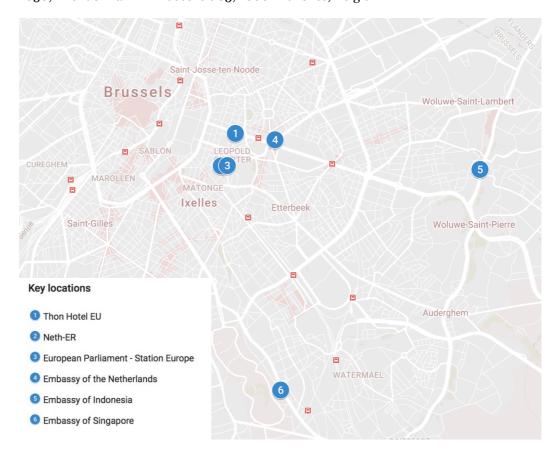
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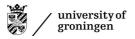
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3 About SEA ASEAN

Southeast Asia and ASEAN are regions of incredible dynamic growth and change. The challenges of these regions for a sustainable future and society are both multi-faceted and complex. With the rapid societal and technological transitions in those regions, innovative solutions for a sustainable and future-oriented society are being explored. SEA ASEAN recognizes these challenges and opportunities and seeks to bridge the knowledge institutes and state of the art research in Europe with those in Southeast Asia and ASEAN. As a research-oriented institute, we recognize that there are lessons to be learnt and drawn from both regions and the various institutes which we seek to bridge.

SEA ASEAN

The Groningen Research Centre for Southeast Asia and ASEAN (https://www.rug.nl/research/ursi/sea-asean/) is founded in 2016 at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands to further interdisciplinary research on contemporary Southeast Asia and ASEAN. We build on the successful framework of interfaculty cooperation at the University of Groningen within Globalization Studies Groningen (GSG) and serve side by side with our sister organization the Centre for East Asian Studies Groningen (CEASG) in the broad study of Asia.

SEA ASEAN focuses its ambitions and activities around its three key strategic goals of **Research**, **Recruitment** and **Societal Impact**.

Research

We aim to bridge high quality scholarly research, with policy relevance and a concern for societal outcomes, in the study of the nations and societies of Southeast Asia and ASEAN as a regional actor. SEA ASEAN also encourages comparative research within the region and research on regional cooperation within ASEAN. The Centre also encourages comparative research on Southeast Asia and Europe, and on EU-ASEAN and ASEAN relations. This is realised through a series of annual conferences, and thrice yearly dialogues and masterclasses with key thinkers on ASEAN.

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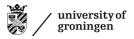
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- Economic Development and Governance
- Law and Governance
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- Environmental Technology
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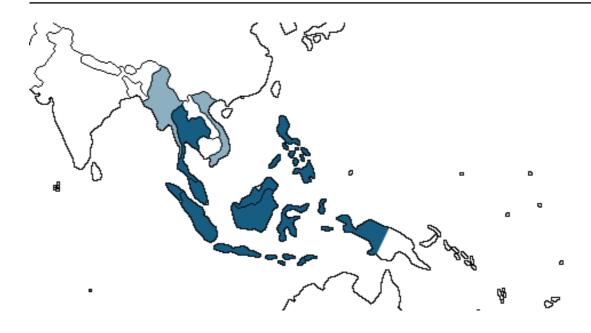
Recruitment

Our center has focused on middle-income countries and those in transition in the region. The Centre actively reaches out to partner universities in the region to attract PhD candidates and Master students to the University of Groningen. The middle-income developing countries in the region, part of the founding countries of ASEAN, with certain participatory and democratic traditions, include Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand. Countries in economic and political transition, including Vietnam and Myanmar, as well as Cambodia and Laos. Our PhD candidates, who are academics, activists and policy makers, are a good representation of our target region. We also have been working with scholars in Brunei and Singapore.

Societal impact

The activities within Research and Recruitment are part of our production for societal impact. These efforts will be crystallized in the form of several edited books and special issues for academic journals. Our research fellows and candidates are also active in their home region using their voice in the media and professional publications.





3.1 Strategic partners and network

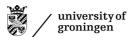
As a research institute aiming to bridge the worlds of policy and academia between Southeast Asia and ASEAN and Europe, SEA ASEAN has developed a network of key strategic partners, and affiliate institutes and networks that will be involved in our various projects and events. Through our strategic plan, we seek to grow this network in the coming years.

Our key strategic partners are;

- 1. Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), ASEAN Studies Center, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- 2. University of Malaya, Asia-Europe Institute (AEI) and Centre for ASEAN Regionalism, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 3. Chulalongkorn University, Southeast Asian Studies, Bangkok, Thailand.
- 4. De La Salle University, Southeast Asia Research Program, Manila, Philippines

Our affiliated institutes and networks are;

- Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore
- University of Melbourne, School of Social and Political Sciences, Melbourne, Australia
- University of Philippines, Diliman Campus, Asia Centre, Manila, Philippines
- Can Tho University, Law faculty, Can Tho, Vietnam.
- Vietnam National University, Center for Vietnamese and Southeast Asian Studies, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand.
- National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- National University of Laos
- Royal University of Law and Economics, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- University of Brunei, Institute for Asian Studies, Darussalam, Brunei.
- Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Yangon, Myanmar.



3.2 Our teamThe team in behind SEA ASEAN will be based in Groningen.



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4 SEA ASEAN Book Launch 2018 #1

Sustainable Development Goals in Southeast Asia and ASEAN:

National and Regional Approaches

Leiden, Singapore, Boston: Brill Publishing 2018

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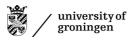
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OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK

The international community has come together to pursue certain fundamental, common goals over the coming decade to 2030 to make progress toward ending poverty and hunger, improving social and economic well-being, preserving the environment and combating climate change, and maintaining peace. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been agreed to by states, which have in turn adopted national targets and action plans. We are interested in the governance and implementation of these goals in Southeast Asia, in particular the difficulties in the shift from the international to the national, the multi-level challenges of implementation, and the involvement of stakeholders, civil society, and citizens in the process.

This book is organised into six sections. The first section introduces the institutions and governance involved in the SDGs, at the international, regional and local levels. The second section focuses on the accountability to citizens and human rights to ensure progressive attainment of the SDGs in Southeast Asia. The third section discusses the SDGs and progress on the social agenda in both the developing and middle-income countries in Southeast Asia. The fourth section focuses on the new urban agenda, with a concern for cities, housing, transport, and renewable energy. The fifth section focuses on the environment, and clean air and water for all. The sixth section focuses on the economic agenda for inclusive growth and decent work for all. Finally, the seventh section focuses on the SDGs and agriculture and community development through international partnerships.

This book brings together a group of scholars from across Southeast Asia to research these issues within the region and ASEAN. We explore the issues in developing (Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar), middle-income (Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines) and advanced (Singapore, Brunei) countries in the region. The perspectives on governance and the SDGs emerge from the fields of political science, international relations, geography, economics, law, health, and the natural sciences.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT





































BOOK THEMES

1. The Shift from International to the National.

- Moving from the internationally agreed upon goals and targets to national institutional arrangements is often not easy and it varies by nation state and the policy sector involved.
- Often multiple ministries or agencies are necessary to be involved in a given goal or
- It may be that overarching approaches to a set of the SDGs will be more effective, than the separate policy pursuit of a single SDG or target.

2. Multi-level challenges of Implementation

- Necessary to include the role of provincial and local governments within state structures
- ASEAN as a regional actor may be engaged and promote learning about best practices in the implementation of the SDGs across Southeast Asia. This learning should not only be between national levels of government, but may also be at the district or municipal levels, for example the promotion of Transnational Municipal Networks such as ICLEI Global (Local Governments for Sustainability), supported by the UN.

3. Involvement by Stakeholders and Civil Society

Strengthening is needed in the ways in which stakeholders, businesses, civil society organizations and citizens are involved in consultation and implementation of the sustainable development goals.



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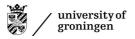
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5 SEA ASEAN Book Launch 2018 #2

Challenges of Governance Development and Regional Integration in Southeast Asia and ASEAN

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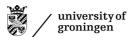
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OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK

The Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) marks its fifth decade this year and bears witness to a period of prosperity and growth tempered by rising inequality and geopolitical challenges. The region consists of middle-income nations (Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia) with advanced (Singapore, Brunei) and developing (Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar) neighbours in the region. As such, there is great diversity in terms of language, culture and beliefs across this vast region. The dream of a common regional identity and regional integration therefore seems a daunting task.

This book aims to showcase the multitude of challenges of governance from a variety of context (politics, institutions, governance) that arises within the region and how they could be managed with a multi-level, multi-scalar approach to governance while respecting the delicate nuances of inter-regional and intra-regional differences. We argue that a fundamental step in resolving challenges of governance lies not in the blind adoption of predominantly Western ideals of democracy and equity but rather the adaptation of these ideals to Southeast Asian values and norms. This approach requires the evolutionary development, and fitting of institutions and mechanisms over time while being open to new actors from civil society as bringers of change.

The authors position their chapters as a post-colonial, critical reflection of the challenges of governance resulting from the pursuit of a common regional identity and voice; with regards to key themes of *human rights*, *democracy*, *sovereignty*, *accountability*, *equity* and *sustainability* resulting from economic growth and development, and regional integration. Key contributions include the process tracing of human rights charters and institution (particularly for women and children) in the region (Thailand, Indonesia), and insights into democracy in action in Papua in light of decentralization (Indonesia), trade policies and negotiations in the automotive industry (Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand), legal institutional change due to global economic forces (Vietnam), and how foreign powers viewed and constructed by individual nations (Indonesia). In addition, the chapters delve into the locality and geographical differences in saving behaviour in relation to financial institutions (Indonesia), how mobility and transportation can be made sustainable but also equitable (Indonesia, Singapore), examine the role of community in high impact industries such as forestry and mining and tourism (Indonesia), and repositions the role of food and food security in reshaping the ongoing polity narrative (Vietnam).



Within these contributions, challenges to governance are raised such as;

- i. the mismatch between political hierarchy, and environmental and social impact. For example, how transportation network usage does not always correspond to the governance structure, the location of financial institutions differ from where they are needed the most;
- ii. the delicate dance between financial interests versus that of the community, for example in balancing food security and industry, negotiations between exploitative industry and the native population and;
- iii. the formation of a sovereign nation's ideals and policies in lieu of foreign and regional pressures. Evident in the adoption of IP law for global trade, negotiations with regional neighbours in car production and trade barriers.

Together, these questions provide a choreographed cacophony of the different identities and voices within Southeast Asia and ASEAN. The authors and editors argue that the common voice is indeed a multiplicity of voices and the differences are lessons and best practices to inspire, translate and adapt by relevant stakeholders for each individual region and member state.

We have consciously sought to feature the voice of local academics, activists, researchers and policy makers in dialogue with international academic and researchers with expertise on this region. There is a fair distribution of cases and analysis over the key member states in ASEAN to provide validity to the views presented.

The chapters are a result of an ongoing discussion and debate within the Groningen Research Centre for Southeast Asia and ASEAN (SEA ASEAN) between our experienced and visiting researchers. SEA ASEAN is a multi-faculty, interdisciplinary research group aiming to bridge high quality scholarly research, with policy relevance and a concern for societal outcomes, in the study of the nations and societies of Southeast Asia and ASEAN as a regional actor. Our doctoral candidates are supervised by an interdisciplinary team and are policy makers or academics from Southeast Asia pursuing their doctoral studies in the Netherlands with scholarships and grants from their own government.



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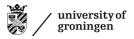
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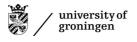
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