



SCHOLARS PROGRAMME ON EU-ASEAN RELATIONS (SPEAR) 2024

SESSION 4

EU Strategy on Indo-Pacific: A Regional Initiative to Complement ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP)

Wednesday, 28 February 2024

13:00-15:00 (Jakarta Time, UTC +07:00)

BACKGROUND

EU-ASEAN relations span 47 years and have steadily progressed. The EU-ASEAN region to region relations exemplify such interaction. The EU and ASEAN elevated their ties to a Strategic Partnership in December 2020. The four main areas of cooperation under the Strategic Partnership are: economic cooperation, security cooperation, sustainable connectivity and sustainable development.

At the 2022 Commemorative Summit, EU and ASEAN leaders noted that both the AOIP and the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific share relevant fundamental principles in promoting an open, inclusive, transparent and rules-based regional architecture in the Indo-Pacific region in which ASEAN is central. The leaders' statement also mentioned that EU and ASEAN will explore potential collaboration in the four priority areas of the AOIP and the seven priority areas of the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. These statements were emphasised again during the latest EU-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting of 2 February 2024 in Brussels.

Titled "EU Strategy on the Indo-Pacific: A Regional Initiative to Complement ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP)", the session is aimed to be a constructive forum to discuss the importance of EU's engagement with the Indo-Pacific region and how it can play a positive role in the region, including support for the key priority areas in the AOIP.



PROGRAMME RUNDOWN

Time

12:50 – 13:00

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Agenda

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Registration

Welcome and Introduction by the Moderator

Prof Dr Evi Fitriani

Head of International Relations Department, University of Indonesia

Presentations

- **Mr Richard Tibbels**

EU Special Envoy for Indo-Pacific

- **Ms Lin Goethals**

Director of European Institute for Asian Studies Brussels

- **Dr Yeo Lay Hwee**

*Director of EU Centre in Singapore & Senior Research Fellow,
Singapore Institute of International Affairs*

Interactive Discussion/ Q & A

Group Picture

Closing by the Moderator

RESOURCE PERSONS



Speakers:

Mr Richard Tibbels - *EU Special Envoy for Indo-Pacific*

Richard Tibbels took up his current position as Special Envoy for the Indo Pacific in the European External Action Service (EEAS) in September 2022.

Prior to this, he held management positions in the EEAS since its launch in 2011. Most recently, he was Head of the Ukraine and Eastern Partnership Bilateral Relations Divisions 2018-22. He was Head of the US and Canada Division 2015-2018 and Head of the Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation (Arctic, Barents, Baltic and Black Sea) and OSCE Division from 2011-2015.

Previously he held a variety of positions in the European Commission dealing with the EU's Eastern and Southern neighbourhood. The first part of Richard Tibbels' professional career was spent working for the Secretariat-General of the Western European Union.

He has degrees from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium and the University of Hull in the UK.



Speakers:

Ms Lin Goethals - *Director of European Institute for Asian Studies Brussels*

Ms Lin Goethals is Director of the European Institute for Asian Studies, a Brussels-based think tank and policy research centre focusing on EU-Asia Relations. She is also an Associated Research Fellow at the ESSCA School of Management EU-Asia Institute in France, a Member of the Mercator Advisory Council of the Flemish Ministry of Mobility and Public Works, and member of the Advisory Board of the Student Think Tank for Europe-Asia Relations (STEAR). She holds an MA in Political Sciences and International Relations from Ghent University in Belgium. During her studies she undertook an Erasmus exchange programme at the University of Padova in Italy and conducted a research project at the University of the Western Cape in South Africa. She was based in Beijing from 2013 to 2018), conducting research on EU-China relations, higher education cooperation and student mobility between the EU and China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, whilst being affiliated with EIAS as its Programme Director for Asia. She was a Doctoral Researcher on EU-China Relations at Ghent University and Beijing Normal University, and was a Visiting Researcher at both the Centre for European Studies at Peking University and the European Union Centre in Taiwan at National Taiwan University in Taipei.



Dr Yeo Lay Hwee - *Director of EU Centre in Singapore & Senior Research Fellow, Singapore Institute of International Affairs*

Dr YEO Lay Hwee is Director of EU Centre, Vice-Chair of ASEANCham-EU, Senior Fellow at the Singapore Institute of International Affairs and Adjunct Senior Fellow at the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, (Nanyang Technological University). She is Adjunct Teaching Fellow at the Singapore Management University and at the National University of Singapore. Lay Hwee also sits on several academic Advisory Boards including Leiden Asia Centre in Leiden University and the Asian Vision Institute in Cambodia. Her research interest is in Asia-Europe relations and specifically on EU-ASEAN partnership, and comparative regional integration.



Moderator:

Prof Dr Evi Fitriani - *Head of International Relations Department, University of Indonesia*

Evi Fitriani is a Professor of International Relations, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Indonesia (Dept. HI FISIP UI) and Head of the Department from 2012 to 2016. She was co-founder of the University's Master Program of European Studies as well as the ASEAN Study Center of FISIP UI. She is also the Indonesian Country Coordinator of the Network of East Asian Think-tanks (NEAT), the Track-2 of ASEAN Plus Three (APT). She completed her doctorate program at the Australian National University (ANU) in 2011. She was trained in international relations discipline in Indonesia, the UK, and the USA, as well as in Japan, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Hungary. She has obtained more than 13 international awards. She became a Visiting Scholar at the University of Melbourne, Australia, in 2016. She was also a Visiting Professor at the University of Meiji, Tokyo, in 2016, 2018 and 2019. Over the last 26 years, she has involved in a wide variety of international collaborative research or projects with scholars from Asia, Australia, and Europe. Previously, Prof. Fitriani served as the Head of International Office of Universitas Indonesia (2001-2005), Secretary of the University's Senate (2011-2012), and member of the University's Task Force on Autonomy (1998-2001).

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