

Asia-Europe Connectivity: Reflecting on the Past, Preparing for the Future

WHEN:

Monday, 5 September 2016
09:00 – 13:00

WHERE:

Amphitheater 2
Sciences Po Le Havre Campus
77, rue Bellot, 76600 Le Havre, France

On the occasion of the publication launch of the ASEF Outlook Report 2016/2017, the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) would like to cordially invite you to attend a panel discussion on Asia-Europe connectivity.

Asia and Europe are connected through geography, history as well as political, economic and cultural interrelations. These connections, however, have not remained constant over time. They have changed and evolved with historical events, technological advances and social beliefs of the time and place.

On 5 September 2016, ASEF and Le Havre Campus of Sciences Po will take audiences on a journey from the 16th to 21st century to analyse the changing facets of Asia-Europe connectivity. While reflecting on the past and present situation, the following questions will be raised:

- *How has the image of Asian countries in Western societies evolved throughout history and what were the influencing factors of these changing perceptions?*
- *How strongly were East and West connected during the colonisation period (1850-1950) and in what way was this relationship characterised?*
- *How do connectivity indices today assess the level of connectedness between Asian and European countries and what are their main shortcomings?*

The panel discussion will feature 3 contributors of *Volume II: Connecting Asia and Europe*. Professor Sophie ROCHEFORT-GUILLOUET, Professor at Le Havre Campus of Sciences Po, Professor Jean-Louis MARGOLIN, Senior Lecturer at Aix-Marseilles University, and Mr Thierry SCHWARZ, Former Director of ASEF's Political & Economic Department, will share key points of their respective chapters. They will specifically reflect on the changing aspects of Asia-Europe connectivity and address some of the main connectivity challenges that both Asia and Europe are likely to face in the future.

ABOUT THE ASEF OUTLOOK REPORT 2016/2017

Launched in 2012, the biennial ASEF Outlook Report has sought to reflect the latest trends in Asia-Europe relations, from both an Asian and European perspective. The third edition of the ASEF Outlook Report provides valuable insights into the compelling topic of connectivity by assessing the level of Asia-Europe connectivity between Asia and Europe.

Similar to the previous two editions, the ASEF Outlook Report 2016/2017 consists of two volumes. Volume I, *Data on Connectivity*, presents data illustrating the status of Asia-Europe connectivity in various spheres, and Volume II, *Connecting Asia and Europe*, offers an in-depth analysis of selected experts' views on the past, present, and future development of Asia-Europe connectivity. Digital connectivity, the economics of connectivity, connectivity in the media, culture, education and governance are among the thematic areas extensively explored in this edition.

PROGRAMME

9:00 - 9:30	Registration
9:30 - 9:50	Welcome Remarks Mr Florent BONAVENTURE Director Sciences Po Le Havre Campus
9:50 - 10:10	Remarks by Guest of Honour Ambassador Claude BLANCHEMAISON Governor for France Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
10:10 - 12:00	Panel Discussion Panel: Professor Sophie ROCHEFORT-GUILLOUET Professor, Le Havre Campus of Sciences Po Professor Jean-Louis MARGOLIN Senior Lecturer, Aix-Marseilles University Mr Thierry SCHWARZ Former Director, Political & Economic Department, ASEF Moderator: Ms Sunkyoung LEE Acting Director, Political & Economic Department, ASEF Questions & Answers
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch Reception

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