

Tuesday 11 October 2011
BOOK PRESENTATION
cum **PANEL DISCUSSION**
3:00 - 5:00 pm



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Too Many Foreigners?

Crises and their Impact on Migration Flows

Asia-Europe Foundation | 31 Heng Mui Keng Terrace | Singapore 119595

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Programme of events

- 3:00pm **Registration and refreshments**
- 3:30pm **Welcome Remarks**
Ambassador Michel Filhol
Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation
- 3:40pm **Book presentation**
HE Federico Palomera
Ambassador of Spain to Singapore
- 3:50pm **Panel Discussion**
Too Many Foreigners?
Crises and their Impact on Migration Flows
Prof Antonio Marquina
Complutense University of Madrid
- Discussants:*
Dr Aris Ananta
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
- Dr Mizanur Rahman
Institute of South Asian Studies
- Dr Reuben Wong
National University of Singapore
- 4:20pm **Q&A Session**
- 4:50pm **Closing remarks**
Amb Michel Filhol
Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation
- 5:00pm **End of programme**



When a crisis hits, should a country shut the door to migrants?

Migration is an important and sensitive topic today. Professor Antonio Marquina, who led the ASEF-supported ASEM Education Hub Thematic Network on Human Security, will kick off the panel discussion with the presentation of the latest book he has edited, **Perspectives on Migration Flows in Asia and Europe**. This publication is the third in a series by Asian and European scholars, after publications on energy security and global warming.

Prof Marquina analyses political, economic, social and environmental trends which prevent countries in Asia and Europe from stemming the flow of migrants. Factors that have played an important part include an ageing domestic population, the effects of the economic crisis, migration caused by environmental degradation and the exodus of political refugees.



Prof Antonio Marquina

Complutense University of Madrid

Professor Antonio Marquina is Chair in International Security and Cooperation at the Faculty of Political Science, Complutense University, Madrid, Spain. He is Founding Director of the Research Unit on Security and International Cooperation (UNISCI) and was Coordinator of the ASEM Education Hub Thematic Network on Human Security.

Dr Marquina has authored, co-authored and edited 108 books in English and Spanish on security and defence policy in Europe, Asia-Pacific and the Middle East.

He holds a Ph.D in International Relations and has degrees in Law, Economics, Political Theology, Sociology and Music.



Michel Filhol

Asia-Europe Foundation

Ambassador Michel Filhol was appointed ASEF Executive Director at the 26th ASEF Board of Governors meeting in Lithuania (May 2011).

He has a BA in Economics, Diploma in Political Studies and post-graduate degree in Public Law. He graduated from the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in 1977.

Amb Filhol began his career with the Ministry of Economics and Finance in 1977, later joining the Foreign Ministry in 1982. From 1985 to 1994, he was posted to French diplomatic missions overseas, serving as Deputy Head of Mission at the French Embassy in Prague, Tripoli and The Hague. He was later appointed Ambassador to Singapore (1999-2003) and Ambassador to Australia (2008-2011). He has received several distinctions, including the Knight in the Order of the Legion of Honour and Knight in the National Order of Merite.



Federico Palomera

Embassy of Spain, Singapore

HE Federico Palomera was appointed Ambassador of Spain to Singapore on 27 January 2011.

He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Law and his Master's degree in International Studies from the Diplomatic School of Madrid.

Ambassador Palomera began his diplomatic career in 1979 as the First Secretary of the Spanish Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Since then, he has been posted to several Spanish missions, including in Thailand, Egypt, Costa Rica, the US, Australia and the UK.

He has received several distinctions, including Commander of the Order of Civil Merit (1984), and Commander of the Order of Isabel the Catholic (1999).



Dr Aris Ananta

Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Dr Aris Ananta is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS). He is an economist-demographer with a multi-disciplinary perspective.

His research focuses on two broad issues, namely, the complex relationship between migration, ageing and development in Southeast Asia; and the socioeconomic-political dynamics in Indonesia.

He is the editor of a newly-published book entitled **Indonesian Economy: Entering a New Era**. His forthcoming book, **Poverty and Globalization and Southeast Asia** will be published by ISEAS. He is currently editing **Environment and Poverty in East and Southeast Asia**.

He obtained his BA in Economics from the University of Indonesia, MSc in Socio-Economic Statistics from the George Washington University (USA) and Ph.D in Economics from Duke University (USA).



Dr Reuben Wong

National University of Singapore

Dr Reuben Wong teaches International Relations in the Political Science Department. He was a Foreign Service Officer and served as First Secretary in the Singapore Embassy in Paris from 1995 to 1998 after graduating from NUS as the top Direct Honours student in Political Science. Reuben completed an MPhil in European Politics and Society in Oxford University and a Ph.D in International Relations at the London School of Economics.

He is the author of several publications on EU and French foreign policy, including **The Europeanization of French Foreign Policy: France and the EU in East Asia** (Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), and **National and European foreign policies** (co-edited with Christopher Hill, London and New York: Routledge, 2011).

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Dr Mizanur Rahman

Institute of South Asian Studies

Dr Md Mizanur Rahman is a Research Fellow at the Institute of South Asian Studies. He was a post-doctoral fellow at the Asia Research Institute and a research fellow at the Department of Sociology at the National University of Singapore (NUS).

Dr Rahman has written numerous reports on international migration issues in Asia for the International Organization for Migration and the United Nations Development Fund for Women - East and Southeast Asia. His work has also appeared in leading migration journals such as **International Migration, Population, Space and Place; Journal of International Migration and Integration; and Asian Population Studies**.

Dr Rahman obtained his Ph.D from the Department of Sociology at NUS. He received his Bachelor of Arts (first class Honours) and Master of Arts in Sociology (first class) from the Aligarh Muslim University (India).



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