

**Theme** : Locals, "Outsiders" and Conflict  
**Host** : IIAP and ASEM Education Hub Thematic Network on Peace and Conflict Studies  
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*"There is no way to peace. Peace is the way." – Mahatma Gandhi*

## BACKGROUND

Relations between migrant communities and the local community are an important issue for the development of societies both in Europe and in Asia. In many countries these relationships tend to be characterized by social and political tensions, racism, and stereotypes. Yet, Europe and Asia also have experiences of harmonious relationships between "locals" and "outsiders". To tackle the tensions and learn from the experiences of harmony, the ASEM (Asian – European Meeting) network on Peace and Conflict Studies in cooperation with the Indonesian Peace Institute-Interpeace Aceh Program (IIAP) will facilitate an international conference on the relationship between Local Communities and Migrants in Asia and Europe. The purpose of the conference is to advance our knowledge and cooperation for the bolstering of harmonious relations between migrant and local communities.

The conference is the second annual conference of the ASEM Education Hub Thematic Network on Peace and Conflict Studies ([www.tnpcs.niasnetworks.net](http://www.tnpcs.niasnetworks.net)).

## DEFINITIONS

The use of the concepts of migrants or outsiders and locals in the conference reflects that in the European and Asian social reality a distinction is often made between "locals" and "outsiders". Often this distinction implies differences in political and social rights of the groups. Instead, the conference focuses on conflicts between groups of people who consider themselves as "local" or indigenous population, and groups they consider outsiders. Sometimes these "outsiders" are not nationals of the local group, but often they are. Sometimes the migrant community or the "outsiders" have entered the area only recently, while sometimes their treatment as outsiders is based on an ethnic difference between them and the local group. Sometimes the group is considered as migrant, despite the fact that it has inhabited the area for years, decades or generations.

## OUTPUTS

The expected outputs from the Conference are:

1. The production of new information and solid analysis on how local community and migrant community relationships affect peace and conflict dynamics.
2. Generation of Asian – European cooperation on the theme of migrant—local conflicts as well as cooperation between peace practitioners and conflict experts on migrant conflicts.
3. European and Asian recommendations from participants and experts based on lessons learned from different migrant conflict areas.

## VENUE AND PARTICIPANTS

The Conference will take place in Banda Aceh, Province of Aceh - Indonesia. Aceh experienced several decades of conflict before the signing of the Helsinki Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of Indonesia and Gerakan Aceh Merdeka (GAM - Free Aceh Movement) on 15 August 2005, since which time the province has remained conflict-free.

The Conference will take place on 19 November 2008, at the Hermes Palace Hotel.

The invited participants will come from various professional communities, including ASEM Network, IIAP Network, expert communities, peace activists, intellectuals, academia, and interested people. The total number of participants will be 60 people. In addition to the already registered participants, a registration process is taking place at <http://www.tnpcs2008.niasconferences.net/index.php>.

## AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

ACTIVITY	SPEAKER/RESPONSIBLE	TIME
Registration	Organizing Committee	08.00 - 09.00
Welcome Remarks from ASEM Peace and Conflict Studies Network	Dr. Timo Kivimäki, Leader of the Network	09.00 -09.10
Opening Speech by IPI-Interpeace	Mr. Juha Christensen, Director	09.10-09.20
Opening Speech by Representative of Aceh Government	Mr. Husni Bahri Tob, Secretary of Government of	09.20-09.30

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Keynote Speech: Resolution of Conflicts between “locals” and “outsiders”	Prof. Djohermansyah, Deputy for Political Affairs, Office of the Vice President	09.30 – 10.00
Cultural Performance	Traditional Dance	10.00 - 10.15
Coffee Break	-	10.15 – 10.30
<b>Session I</b>		
<b>Conflict Between Locals And “Outsiders” Within States</b>	Moderator: Saifuddin Bantasyam, MA	<b>10.30 – 12.30</b>
Locals, Outsiders and Conflict: Intra-State Perspective	Amb. Wiryono (Presented by the moderator)	10.30 -10.40
Pattani Conflict and the Relationship between Pattani Malay, Thai and Chinese Migrants of Pattani.	Prof. Alexander Horstmann and Tengku Ismail Denudom	10.40 - 11.10
Conflict between “locals” and “outsiders” in Kalimantan	Prof. Syarif I. Alqadrie	11.10 – 11.30
Dynamics of Ethnic Relationships in Aceh	Dr. Humam Hamid	11.30 – 11.50
Mindanao Issue of Local-Migrant Conflict	Dr. Jorge V Tigno	11.50 – 12.10
Comparative research on migration and conflict: lessons learned.	Dr. Jordi Urgell	12.10 -- 12.30
Lunch Break	-	12.30 – 13.30
Discussion/ Question & Answer		13.30 --14.30
<b>Session II</b>		
<b>Conflict Between Locals And “Outsiders” Within States</b>	Moderator: Dr. Asna Husein	14.30 – 15.00
European Research on Migration and Conflict: what do we know about the relationship (Based on PRIO research)	Prof. Stein Tønnesson, Director, PRIO	14.30 - 14.50
Conflict Prevention: The Case of Floating Population of China	Dr. Zhang Tiejun	14.50 – 15.10
Malaysia and Conflict Migrants	Dr. Kamaruzaman Askandar	15.10 --15.30
Migrant Conflict Challenge in Europe	Catarina Kinnvall	15.30— 15.50
Discussion/ Question & Answer	Moderator	15.50 --16.50

Coffee Break		16.50 – 17.05
<b>Session III: Conclusions</b>	Dr. Timo Kivimaki	<b>17.05 – 17.25</b>
Closing Ceremony: Cultural Performance	Traditional Music	17.25 – 17.40
Closing Remarks	Dr. Humam Hamid	17.40 – 17.50
Dinner		19.30-22.00