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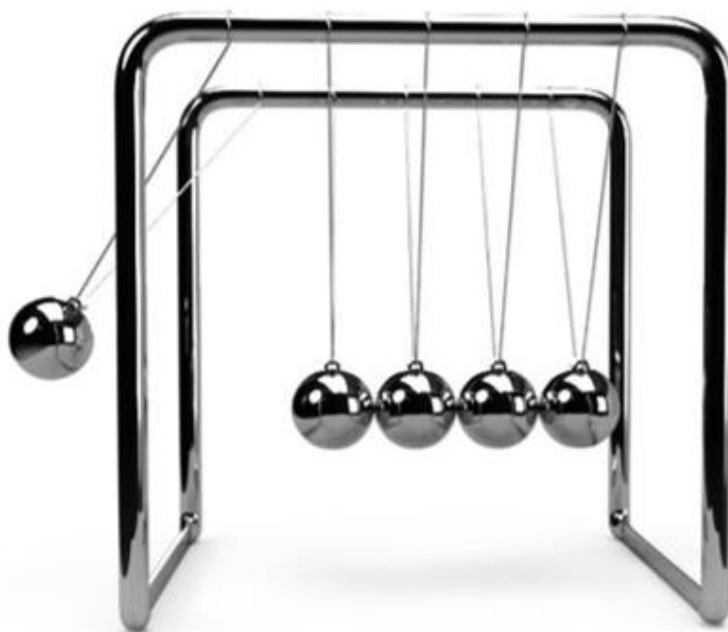## ASEF HIGHER EDUCATION

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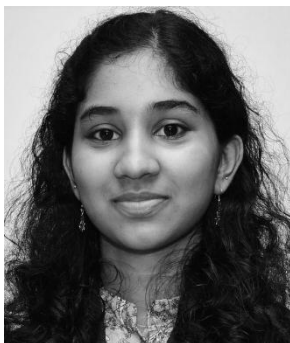
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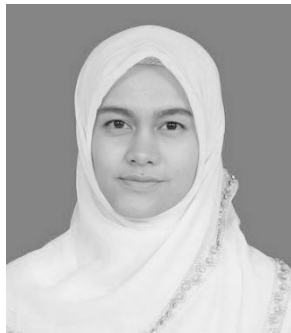Head of Automation Laboratory
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The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). ASEF promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, education, governance, sustainable development, economy, public health and media. For more information, please visit https://asef.org/.

Fudan University (FDU)

Fudan University is a major public research university in Shanghai, People's Republic of China. Founded in 1905, today it is widely considered as one of the most prestigious and selective universities in the country. The QS University Rankings 2021 ranked Fudan as the 7th most reputable university in Asia, while it is classified as a Double First Class University by the Ministry of Education in China. Fudan also actively incubates high-tech industries and encourages them to convert knowledge to power. In return, the multi-pattern development of the high-tech industries helps the University to industrialise the research outcomes. For more information, please visit https://www.fudan.edu.cn/en.

Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice (UPJS)

Pavol Jozef Šafárik University was established in 1959 as the second classical university in Slovakia. The current structure of the institution includes five faculties: the Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Public Administration, and Faculty of Arts. It provides education in three main cycles – bachelor's, master's, doctor's and PhD studies in different fields. Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice provides higher education based on the newest scientific findings in a wide international context and cooperates very closely with academic institutions all around the world. For more information, please visit https://www.upjs.sk/en/.

De La Salle University (DLSU)

De La Salle University in Manila, Philippines is a Catholic coeducational institution founded in 1911 by the Brothers of the Christian Schools. It is a hub for higher education training renowned for its academic excellence, prolific and relevant research, and involved community service. For more information, please visit https://www.dlsu.edu.ph/.

The ASEM Education Secretariat (AES)

The AES was created by the ASEM Ministers of Education (ASEMME) in 2009 with the purpose of ensuring effective coordination of ASEM Education Process initiatives and activities. The Secretariat is hosted on a rotating basis, in which countries in Asia and Europe take turns to host on a voluntary basis. The current secretariat is hosted by Italy until end 2026. For more information, please visit https://asem-education.org/.

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

DAAD is a registered association comprised of German institutions of higher education and student bodies. It supports the internationalisation of German universities, promotes German studies and the German language abroad, supports countries in the Global South in building and improving their higher education systems and advises decision makers on education, foreign science and development policy. For more information, please visit https://www.daad.de/en/.

European Students' Union (ESU)

The European Students' Union (ESU) is the umbrella organisation of 44 National Unions of Students from 40 countries. ESU aims to represent and promote the educational, social, economic and cultural interests of students at the European level towards all relevant bodies and in particular the European Union, Bologna Follow Up Group, Council of Europe and UNESCO. Through its members, ESU represents almost 20 million students in Europe. For more information, please visit: https://esu-online.org/.

Asia-Europe for Artificial Intelligence (AE4AI) Network

The AE4AI Network was established by 20 academics and university managers from Asia and Europe in 2023 with the intent to enhance universities' role in AI innovation ecosystems and together pursue collaboration and actions on AI Governance, AI in Education, and AI for Sustainable Development. For more information, please visit https://asef.org/projects/asia-europe-for-artificial-intelligence-ae4ai-network/.

European Training Foundation (ETF)

The European Training Foundation is a specialised agency of the European Union (EU), established in 1994 to contribute to the development of education, training, and labour market systems in the neighbouring regions and countries surrounding the EU. The ETF's mission is to assist these countries in developing their human capital, thereby supporting socio-economic development, competitiveness, and social inclusion. Its strategic focus is on fostering lifelong learning and human capital development, aligning with the EU's broader objectives of promoting sustainable economic growth, social cohesion, innovation, and union of skills. For more information, please visit https://www.etf.europa.eu/en.

Asia Pacific Policy Observatory (APPO)

The Asia Pacific Policy Observatory is a digital-native think tank offering insights into the governance of the Internet and evolving technologies, including AI. With a network of budding policy analysts across Asia and the Pacific, APPO equips young leaders with the necessary skills to engage more meaningfully in the multistakeholder discourse while making the development of digital policy discussions more accessible and comprehensible to all. APPO is part of NetMission.Asia's many digital governance capacity-development programmes for university students and youth. For more information, visit https://netmission.asia/asia-pacific-policy-observatory/.