

# EU Centre-RSIS Summer Programme

**“The European Union in Asia – Reflections on European Integration, Institutions and Influence”  
4 – 30 June 2012**

## **Objectives of the Summer Programme**

The European Union has often been seen as one of the more successful models of regional integration which has delivered on the goals of regional peace and prosperity. Despite the current problems in the euro zone, one should not negate its general achievements for the past 50 years. It has created a single market of over 500 million consumers and remains the biggest trading bloc in the world contributing to 20% of global trade, and also leads in investments into Asia. The primary objective of this programme is thus to look at the EU closely as a case study to tease out the broader issues of regionalism, institution building and international cooperation and how they relate to regional peace and security, and engage Asian students to reflect on the developments in their region, and discuss how regional cooperation can be deepened to engender peace and prosperity.

This Summer Programme on “The European Union in Asia – Reflections on European Integration, Institutions and Influence” will give an overview of the history, institutions and global role of the EU. Using the EU as a case study, it will address the broader issues of the pros and cons of regional integration, and the role of institutions, the concept of “actors” and “actorness” in the context of international relations and cooperation. It will also examine the different roles that the EU has played and would continue to play on the world stage, and particularly in Asia – its role as a trade and regulatory power, its developmental role in parts of developing Asia. The Programme will also look at the latest developments in EU in the area of Common and Foreign Security Policy (CFSP) and Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and discuss if the EU can become a cohesive and coherent strategic actor now that it has its own High Representative in Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, supported by the External Action Service (EAS). The EU presence in Asia, and in particular, Southeast Asia will also be discussed and evaluated against the backdrop the EU’s articulation of its interests and exercise of its influence.

The Programme will provide students with :

- Conceptual understanding of “actors” and “actorness” in the context of international relations and cooperation
- Discussions on how history, politics and ideas shape the development of European integration;
- Overview and debates on the institutional developments of the European Union;
- Understanding of the EU as a key economic player, the importance of the single market and the EU’s role in the global economy;
- A greater understanding of how the EU conducts “foreign policy” through looking at the different institutional involvement and the nexus between bilateralism and multilateralism;
- In-depth discussion of the different roles that the EU plays in Asia;
- A range of opinions and perceptions that Asians have with regards to the EU;
- Evaluation of the development and current state of relationship between the EU and Asia; and
- Debates on the future of the EU and Asia.

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## **Structure of the Programme**

The Programme will comprise 10 x 3-hour highly interactive seminars (from 4-15 June 2012) and a 2-week trip to Europe (from 17-30 June). The Programme is coordinated by Dr Yeo Lay Hwee (Director of the EU Centre and Adjunct Research Fellow at RSIS) and seminars will be conducted by Dr Yeo Lay Hwee and Prof Thomas Christiansen (Jean Monnet Professor of European Institutional Politics, Maastricht University), with possibly other guest lecturers / speakers.

There will be no exams, but students will be required to submit a short essay / commentary (not more than 1200 words) on related topics to the summer programme on the last day of the seminar (15 June). The best commentary will be published by the RSIS under their *Commentary and Briefing* series. Participants will also be issued with a Certificate of Participation.

## **Outline of Seminars**

### 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (Monday) (10.00 – 13.00)

*Seminar 1: Perceptions of the European Union (EU) from Asia* – This introductory seminar will begin with participants’ perceptions of the EU followed by discussion of some of the research done on the external image / perceptions of the EU.

Welcome Remarks by Professor Ron Matthews (Head of Graduate Programme, RSIS)

Presentation by Mr Loke Hoe Yeong (Policy & Programme Executive, EU Centre) on “Perceptions of the EU in Singapore”

Lecture & Discussion led by Dr Yeo Lay Hwee (Director, EU Centre)

### 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (Tuesday)

*Seminar 2: The EU as a Security Community?* - This seminar will provide an overview of the ideas and debates that led to the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), and give a historical account of the development of the integration process from the ECSC to the EU. In examining these developments, theoretical concepts of security community, federalism, functionalism and supranationalism will be introduced.

Lecture & Discussion led by Dr Yeo Lay Hwee

### 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (Wednesday)

*Seminar 3: Principles and Design – Ideas and Institutions* – The 3<sup>rd</sup> seminar will examine the underlying principles of the European project and how these ideas and principles in turn impact the design of the regional project and the functioning of the various key institutions.

Lecture & Discussion led by Prof Thomas Christiansen (Maastricht University)

### 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (Thursday)

*Seminar 4: Principles and Design – Ideas and Institutions (cont.)* – This seminar will introduce the major institutions of the European Union and discuss the decision-making structure of the EU

Lecture & Discussion led by Prof Thomas Christiansen

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8<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (Friday)

*Seminar 5: The EU as an Economic Power: The Single Market* – This seminar will discuss the creation of the Single Market, its functioning, the four freedoms and also examine some of the associated policies. The seminar will also cover EU’s trade policy and its FTA negotiations

Lecture & Discussion led by Ms Anne Pollet-Fort (Associate, EU Centre)

Side Event:

8<sup>th</sup> June, Friday Afternoon

- **Visit to the EU Delegation**
- **ASEF-EUC Exhibition at NLB on “Connected Histories, Shared Future”**

11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (Monday)

*Seminar 6: Economic and Monetary Union – The Euro as a Common Currency* - This seminar will examine the history behind the creation of a single currency and also discuss the reasons behind the financial and sovereign debt crisis and the impact of the euro-zone crisis on the European and the global economy.

Lecture & Discussion led by Ambassador Jørgen Ørstrøm Møller (Adjunct Professor, SMU & Senior Visiting Fellow, ISEAS)

Side Event:

11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (Monday) Afternoon – Briefing by Travel Agency and Ms Shirley Soh (Manager, EU Centre) on Field trip to Europe

12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (Tuesday)

*Seminar 7: The EU’s Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)* - This seminar will discuss the political aspirations behind the creation of a CFSP, and evaluate the EU’s effectiveness and coherence in formulating a common foreign and security policy in the midst of enormous regional and global challenges.

Lecture & Discussion led by Dr Yeo Lay Hwee

13<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (Wednesday)

*Seminar 8: EU’s relations with Asia / EU-ASEAN partnership* – This seminar will examine the EU’s engagement with Asia, in particular, China, India and ASEAN. The seminar will also introduce some concepts on “actorness” and discuss the expectations-capability gap that can create dissonance and invite criticisms of the EU as an ineffective and incoherent actor.

Lecture and Discussion by Dr Yeo and Ms Sol Iglesias (Director for Intellectual Exchange, Asia-Europe Foundation)

Side Event:

13<sup>th</sup> June: Visit to NUS Museum for ASEF University Exhibition “Shared Heritage as we see it”

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14<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (Thursday)

*Seminar 9: EU’s relations with Asia / EU-ASEAN partnership (Part II)*

15<sup>th</sup> June 2012 (Friday)

*Seminar 10: Discussion and Reflections for Asia* – This seminar will invite students to reflect on the lessons that can be drawn from the integration and institution building process within the EU, and discuss the steps to take and the pitfalls to avoid if Asia is to continue its process of region-building. Can Asian countries, and in particular ASEAN, combine astute bilateralism with principled multilateralism to evolve as a coherent and important actor on world stage?

Discussion led by Dr Yeo and Prof Christiansen

NB: PLEASE NOTE ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD FROM 0930 – 1230 UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

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**Field Trip to Europe (17 – 30 June 2012)**

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Field Trip to Europe (17 – 30 June) - Itinerary Details				
Day/Date	City	Time	Details	Remarks
Sun 17 Jun	Singapore	21.00 23.55	Check-in Flight SQ 026 SIN/FRA	
Mon 18 Jun	Frankfurt	0630	Arrive in Frankfurt City tour in Frankfurt	
Tue 19 Jun	Frankfurt	AM 14.30 - 16.30	Free <b>European Central Bank (ECB)</b> Eurotower", Kaiserstrasse 29, D - 60311 Frankfurt am Main Arrival, visitor registration, security screening Presentation and discussion on the "ECB, its role and functions" in English language	
Wed 20 Jun	Brussels	09.00 -10.30  15.00 - 16.30	<b>Council of the European Union</b> Justus Lipsius Building, 175 rue da la Loi, Brussels (by Mr Petr Blizkovsky)  <b>European Commission</b> Headquarters of the European Commission at <i>rue de la Loi 200</i> - 1040 Brussels The programme consists of a 90 minute general talk on the work and the functioning of the EU institutions (the Commission, the Parliament, the Council, etc.), and gives general information on the policies of the European Union. Groups should arrive at the visitors' entrance 20 minutes before the start of the visit.	
Thu 21 Jun	Brussels	10:00 - 11.30  PM	<b>European Institute for Asian Studies</b> Rue de la Loi 67, B-1040 Brussels  Free	
Fri 22 Jun	Leuven	09.30 -13.45	<b>Katholieke Universiteit Leuven</b> Arrive at Europahuis in Leuven Centre for European Studies Europahuis, Blijde-inkomsstraat 5, 3000 Leuven, Belgium Briefing by Prof Patrick Pasture (Director, Centre for European Studies)	
	Brussels	15.00 - 16.00	<b>Embassy of the Republic of Singapore in Brussels</b> 85 Avenue Franklin , Roosevelt, 1050 Brussels	
Sat 23 Jun	Brussels		Free day	
Sun 24 Jun	Brussels/ Colmar		Travel from Brussels to Colmar	
Mon 25 Jun	Colmar/ Strasbourg/	09.30 - 11.00	<b>European Parliament</b> Louise Weiss Building	

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	Colmar		Allée Du Printemps F67070 Strasbourg	
Tues 26 Jun	Colmar/ Brussels		Travel from Colmar back to Brussels	
Wed 27 Jun	Bruges		Bruges	
Thu 28 Jun	Brussels/ Luxembourg		Travel / Free Day	
Friday 29 Jun	Luxembourg/ Frankfurt	09.30 - 12.00	<b>European Court of Justice</b> Rue du Fort Niedergrünewald L-2925 Luxembourg	
		19.00 - 22.00	Check in Flight SQ 325 FRA/SIN	
Sat 30 Jun	Singapore	16.15	Arrive in Singapore	