



« What is Asia? »

Thursday & Friday November 26 & 27, 2015

International Conference and Workshop

Organized by GIS Asie and CHAC – Centre d'histoire de l'Asie contemporaine, Paris I

November 26 2015, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Venue: **EHESS**, 190 Avenue de France 75013 Paris, conference room 638-640 – 6th floor

November 27 2015, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Venue: **SORBONNE**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

The international and pluridisciplinary conference and workshop « **What is Asia?** » aims at bringing together French and international scholars of the South Asia, of the East Asia, and of the Southeast Asia in order to revisit the old notion of Asia, to question its relevance by testing its coherence. Our objective is to promote a global approach toward Asia, to reinforce the cooperation between different poles of the Asian Studies, therefore to develop the exchanges between different scholars and experts based in Europe. The working sessions will be organized around four roundtables:

1. Asia: a continent with its moving limits.
2. « Asianity »: national and regional identities.
3. Panasianisms (XIX-XX c.): ideologies, institutions and networks.
4. Forms of regionalism (1967-2015).

The international conference on 26th will deal with the topics 2 & 3 while the workshop will deal the two others.

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PROGRAM

Day 1 - November 26 2015, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Venue: **EHESS** (190 Avenue de France 75013 Paris, conference room 638-640 – 6th floor)

- 8:45–9:00 a.m. Registration and refreshments
9:00–9:10 a.m. Opening remarks by Hugues Tertrais (Université Paris 1) and Sébastien Lechevalier (EHESS)

Session 1.

- 9:10-9:55 a.m. **Carol Gluck** (historian, Columbia University): “Asia 2.0: A Long History”
9:55-10:40 a.m. **François Gipouloux** (historian, CNRS): “Networks in Asia: a historical perspective”
10:40-11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

Session 2.

- 11:00-11:45 p.m. **Emiko Ochiai** (sociologist, Kyoto University, Japan): “Logics of Gender Role Changes in Asian Modernity: The Formation of the 'Asian Women'”
11:45-12:30 p.m. **Christophe Z Guilmoto** (demographer, IRD/CEPED): “Asian demographics: the good, the bad and the ugly”
12:30-2:00 p.m. Lunch

Session 3.

- 2:00-2:45 p.m. **Selcuk Esenbel** (anthropologist, Bogazici university, Turkey): “Pan-Asianism and Pan-Islam in modern Japan”
2:45-3:30 p.m. **Aminah Mohammad Arif** (political anthropologist, CEIAS/EHESS-CNRS) "Imaginations and Constructions of South Asia: An Enchanting Abstraction?"
3:30-3:50 p.m. Coffee Break

Session 4.

- 3:50-4:35 p.m. **Astrid Nordin** (political scientist, Lancaster University): “Harmonism. A key ideology of (East) Asian thought”
4:35-5:20 p.m. **Marc Lautier** (economist, Paris 13 university): “Defining Asia from an economic perspective”
5:20-5:50 p.m. General Discussion
5:50-6:00 p.m. Concluding remarks

DAY 2 - November 27 2015 morning, Workshop at the Sorbonne

Sorbonne, 1 rue Victor Cousin, 75005 Paris, galerie JB Dumas, salle Jean-Baptiste Duroselle

- 9:00-9:10 a.m. Accueil

Session étudiants et jeunes chercheurs.

- 9:10-9:20 Ouverture par Pierre Singaravélou (Université Paris I) et Sébastien Lechevallier (EHESS)
9:20-10:00 Conférence de **Hugues Tertrais** (historien, Paris I) “Qu’est-ce que l’Asie ? En quoi la question se pose-t-elle ?”
10:00-10:15 Pause
10:15-10:55 Eléments de discussion autour de **Sébastien Lechevalier** (EHESS) et **Pierre Singaravélou** (Université Paris I)
10:55-11:50 Discussion générale avec la salle
11:50-12:00 Conclusions