

20th Anniversary Conference of the Finnish University Network for Asian Studies

The University Network for Asian Studies was established in 1996 and it has provided e-learning courses on Asia since 1999. The University Network has eight member universities and its goal is to complement and strengthen teaching, doctoral education and expert activities on Asia in Finland.

Venue: Publicum 3, Assistentinkatu 7, University of Turku

Time: Thursday 18th of February, 2016

Chair: Professor Lauri Paltemaa, Chair of the Board, Finnish University Network for Asian Studies

Preliminary program:

- 12.30 Welcoming words by Prof Riitta Pykkö, Vice Rector of the University of Turku
- 12.45 Annikki Arponen, Ambassador (emerita), translator
"Working as a China hand - why do we need area experts?"
- 13.15 Outi Luova, Docent, Director of the Finnish University Network for Asian Studies
"Asianet@20"
- 13.45 Greetings
- 14.00 Refreshments
- 14.30 – 16.30 Academic key note presentations

Theme "Education, Science and Equality in Asia"

The rapid economic growth in Asia has contributed to higher and more equal educational levels as well as a stronger science sector. For example, most countries in the region have achieved gender parity in educational enrolment in primary education. In East Asia and South-East Asia, now more women than men are enrolled in tertiary education. At the same time, the inequality in the access to knowledge and education has increased. Hence, the divide within and between Asian countries still remain large with regard to educational level and scientific research.

The 20th Anniversary conference of the Finnish University Network for Asian Studies addresses the recent developments and future prospects of closing the educational, research and knowledge divide within the Asian countries and in the region. The conference especially focuses on inequality across geography, gender, as well as levels of income, and how ICT can contribute to more equal education possibilities.

Speakers:

Dr Naonori Kodate, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, Dublin,
'Science Women' in Japan: slow but steady increase in numbers

Associate Professor Donghun Chung, School of Communications, Kwangwoon University, Seoul
The Korean Education Broadcasting System (EBS), the present condition and direction of improvement from the perspective of stakeholders

Prof Zheng Lirong, Dean, School of Information Science and Technology, Fudan University, Shanghai
ICT for Equal Opportunities in Education and Development: The Practice of Chinese Urbanization Process

Prof Vinayagum Chinapah, Head, Institute of International Education (IIE), Stockholm
Education for Rural Transformation (ERT) in Asia: The 3Es - Equity - Excellence - Efficiency.

16.30 *Concluding words*

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