

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

Preliminary program:

Venue: Publicum 3, University of Turku

Time: Thursday 18th of February, 2016

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

12.30 Welcoming words

12.45 Annikki Arponen, Ambassador (emerita), Translator

13.15 Outi Luova, Docent, Director of the Finnish University Network for Asian Studies

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 between Asian countries still remains 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 and enhance scientific research even in less wealthy regions.

Confirmed speakers (topics will be confirmed later):

- Prof Vinayagum Chinapah, Institute of International Education (IIE), Stockholm

- Dr Naonori Kodate, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, Dublin,

- Associate Professor Donghun Chung, Ph.D., School of Communications, Kwangwoon University, Seoul

16.30 Concluding words

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