



SOCIAL SCIENCE FUNDING AND COLLABORATION IN THE INDO-PACIFIC: REGIONAL SUMMIT

SIAM HALL, 6TH FLOOR, EASTIN GRAND HOTEL
PHAYATHAI, BANGKOK THAILAND

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PROGRAM

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DAY ONE: THURSDAY 9 MAY

REGISTRATIONS OPEN | 08:15 - 08:55

08:55 - 09:25

Welcome address and opening remarks

Introduction: Ms Michelle Bruce, Secretary-General, Association of Asian Social Science Research Councils (AASSREC)

Welcome address: Professor Dhananjay Singh, President, AASSREC

Introductory remarks:

- Mr Sompratana Suktawee, Deputy Executive Director, National Research Council Thailand (NRCT)
- Mr Phinith Chanthalangsy, Regional Advisor for the Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO Office in Bangkok
- Dr Matthew L. Wallace, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

09:25 - 09:40

AASSREC program overview

Boosting Social Sciences and their Contribution to Better Lives across the Indo-Pacific

Ms Michelle Bruce, Secretary-General, AASSREC

09:40 - 10.40

Panel session 1

Knowing Social Sciences: Can evidence make Asia's research systems more performing and more resilient?

Chair: Mr Francesco Obino, Director of Programs, Global Development Network (GDN)

Speakers

1. Dr Inaya Rakhmani, Director, Asia Research Centre, Universitas Indonesia
2. Professor Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and AASSREC President
3. Mr Edgard Rodriguez, Senior Program Specialist, Democratic and Inclusive Governance Myanmar IDRC
4. Mr Phinith Chanthalangsy, Regional Advisor for the Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO Office in Bangkok

Q&A session

BREAK | 10:40 - 11:10

11:10 - 12:10

Panel session 2

Innovation, impact & translation

Chair: Dr Chris Hatherly, CEO, Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA)

Speakers:

1. Ms Sattakamol Kiatipanich, Director of the Division of Research and Innovation Funding Management, NRCT
2. Dr Angie Bexley, Head of Technical Delivery Partnerships and GEDSI, KONEKSI
3. Ms Chintia Asmilia Sari, Senior Program Manager, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Jakarta
4. Ms Dilushi Munasinghe, Scientific Officer, National Science Foundation (NSF) Sri Lanka

Q&A session

DAY ONE: THURSDAY 9 MAY

12:10 - 12:35

Participant workshop/ Discussion in small groups

Innovation, impact & translation

In small groups, participants will discuss and share their own experiences, examples and suggestions for best practice innovation, impact and translation.

12:35 - 13:00

Groups report back

The outcomes of the small group discussions will be reported back to all delegates.

LUNCH | 13:00 - 14:00

14:00 - 15:00

Panel session 3

Funding Social Science Research in the Indo-Pacific: A focus on Ethics & AI

Chair: Dr Thittaporn Ganokratanaa, NRCT and King Mongkut's University of Technology

Speakers:

1. Dr Peter Sy, Assistant Vice President for Digital Transformation, University of the Philippines and Chairman of the Privacy Experts Group for eHealth (DOH/DOST)
2. Dr Mathieu Denis, Senior Director, Head of the Centre for Science Futures, International Science Council
3. Dr Bhavani Rao, UNESCO Chair on Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality, Amrita University, India

Q&A session

15:00 - 15:30

Participant workshop/ Discussion in small groups

Funding challenges and innovation in funding processes and tools

In small groups, participants will share their own experiences, internal processes and suggestions for addressing common challenges such as managing AI and Research Ethics.

BREAK | 15:30 - 16:00

16:00 - 16:30

Groups report back

The outcomes of the small group discussions will be reported back to all delegates.

16:30 - 16:50

Fostering scientific co-operation

Examining synergies between the AASSREC and UNESCO MOST Program

Mr Phinith Chanthalangsy, Regional Advisor for the Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO Office in Bangkok

16:50 - 17:00

Session summary

Summary of day one: Ms Siritham Na Ranong, Expert on Research Systems, NRCT

SESSION CLOSE | 17:00

NETWORKING DINNER | 18:30 | SIAM HALL, EASTIN GRAND HOTEL PHAYATHAI

DAY TWO: FRIDAY 10 MAY

REGISTRATIONS OPEN | 08:30 - 09:00

09:00 - 9:10

Welcome

Welcome remarks: Dr Matthew L. Wallace, Senior Program Specialist, IDRC

09:10 - 10:15

Panel session 4

Collaborating with impact

Chair: Dr Matthew L. Wallace, Senior Program Specialist, IDRC

Speakers:

1. Dr Nicole Arbour, Executive Director, Belmont Forum
2. Professor Agus Haryono, President of IRIF/ Deputy Chairman for Research and Innovation Facilitation, BRIN
3. Mr Francesco Obino, Director of Programs, GDN
4. Dr Eren Zink, Senior Research Advisor, Embassy of Sweden Bangkok

Q&A session

10:15 - 10:45

Participant workshop/ Discussion in small groups

Best practice and new opportunities for collaboration

In small groups, participants will share their own experiences (successes and challenges) in facilitating international collaboration programs and discuss new opportunities and options for collaboration in the region.

BREAK | 10:45 - 11:15

11:15 - 11:45

Groups report back

The outcomes of the small group discussions will be reported back to all delegates.

11:45 - 13:15

Facilitated discussion

Social Science Research Priorities for the Asia Pacific

Moderated by: Mr Phinith Chanthalangsy, UNESCO and Dr Chris Hatherly, ASSA

LUNCH | 13:15 - 14:30

DAY TWO: FRIDAY 10 MAY

14:30 - 15:30

Panel session 5

Building a community of practice through AASSREC

Chair: Dr Lourdes Portus, Executive Director, Philippine Social Science Council

Speakers:

1. Professor Siri Hettige, Chairman of Social Science Research Committee, National Science Foundation Sri Lanka
2. Professor Sity Daud, President, Malaysian Social Science Association
3. Dr Inaya Rakhmani, Director, Asia Research Centre, Universitas Indonesia

Q&A session

BREAK | 15:30 - 16:00

16:00 - 16:45

Keynote address

Speaker: Dr Shamika Ravi, Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister and Secretary to Government of India

Q&A session

16:45 - 17:00

Closing address

Speaker: Professor Dhananjay Singh, President, AASSREC

SESSION CLOSE | 17:00



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