

Fourth CREST Conference:
(In association with the Asia-Pacific Forum)
'Europe and the Asia-Pacific:
Culture, Identity and Representations of Region'

Convenor: Professor Stephanie Lawson, Director of European and International Studies in the School of Political, Social and International Studies, UEA

The fourth CREST Conference took place on 10 -11 May 2001 at the University East Anglia, Norwich. This was an interdisciplinary conference and was titled: 'Europe and the Asia-Pacific: Culture, Identity and Representations of Region'. For the purposes of the conference, the term 'Asia-Pacific' was taken to encompass, at a minimum, countries from South Asia through to the Pacific, including Australia and New Zealand as well as the islands of the Pacific Ocean. 'Europe' includes not just the member countries of the European Union, but also those of central and eastern Europe. Attention was also paid to Russia and the region known as 'Eurasia'. The conference examined a number of current issues in the Asia-Pacific region including the ASEM process, media representation, culture, constructions of identity, law and political identity.

Specific topics included: the ASEAN-EU (ASEM Process); media representation, law and political economy, constructions of national, regional and ethnic identities; culture; cultural stereotypes; regionalism; regional integration; security; the environment; and climate change.

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Conference Programme

Thursday 10th May

9.00 - 9.45 Registration and coffee

9.45 -11.00 Stephanie Lawson: Opening Remarks

9.45 -11.00 First Session - Chair: Stephanie Lawson

John Clammer: 'Europe in Asia's Imaginary: Disciplinary Knowledges and the (Mis)Representation of Culture'

Michael Drake: 'Living in the "Old Countries": Heritage Culture as Strategic Elite Ideology in Globalization'

11.00 - 12.00 Second Session - Chair: Tony Kemp-Welch

David Lockwood: 'Europe in the Asia-Pacific: The Russian Far East Faces its Future'

Lee Marsden: 'Northern Territories or southern Kyriels: A Question of Identity?'

12.00 - 1.15 Lunch

1.15 - 3.10 Third Session - Chair: Adam Arvidsson

John Grove: 'Pierre Bourdieu and Cultural Reproduction in Malaysia, Sri Lanka and New Zealand'

Minou Reeves: 'The Enduring Power of Stereotypes: The persistence of Pre-Crusader and Crusader Images of Islam in Western Writings'

Jinthana Haritaworn: 'Negotiating Reputations: Thai Migrants' Narratives of Thai-White Interraciality in Thailand'

Sherin Saadallah: 'Culture, Identity and Conflict: The Islamic Presence in Sweden'

3.10 - 3.35 Afternoon Tea

3.35 - 5.30 Fourth Session - Chair: Peter Preston

Doug Slaymaker: 'Yokomitsu Riichi and the Longing for Home in the Japanese Imagination of France'

Nicole Rousmaniere: 'Collecting Japan in Victorian Britain: A W Franks, N. Nigawa and the British Museum'

Taku Tamaki: 'Constructing Japan in Asia'

Red M H Chan: 'Stories of Representation: Translating China in the 1980s and 1990s'

6.45 Depart for conference dinner

Friday 11th May

9.30 - 10.30 Fifth Session - Chair: Paul Lim

Julie Gilson: 'ASEM, NGOs and the Politics of Summitry'

Soong Jenn-Jaw: 'The Political Economy of Asia-Europe Meeting

Development: A View from East Asia'

10.30 - 11.00 Morning Tea

11.00 - 12.30 Sixth Session - Chair: Nieves Perez-Solorzano

Philomena Murray: 'Lack of Symmetry: The European Union and Australia'

Mary Farrell: 'Developing National Identity Under Regionalism: Comparing Vietnam in ASEAN and Spain in the European Union'

Hidetoshi Nakamura: 'Regional Integration and National Identity: The British in the EU and the Japanese in APEC'

12.30 - 1.30 Lunch

1.30 - 3.15 Seventh Session - Chair: Vassiliki Koutrakou

Fulvio Attina and Zhu Guichang: 'The Security Culture of the European Union and China and the Construction of Security Partnerships in Europe and Asia'

Dirk Nabers: 'Security Communities in East Asia and Europe: NATO and the Japan-US Alliance'

Jon Barnett: 'The Ultimate Insecurity? European-Oceania Relations on Climate Change'

Heidi Ellemor: 'North and South, Old and New: Post-Colonial Politics of Resource Management in Australasia'

3.15 - 3.35 Afternoon Tea

3.35 - 5.00 Eighth Session - Chair: Rajat Ganguly

Judith Mehta: 'An In/alienable Narrative? Property Rights in China and the West'

James Tunney, 'The Role of Law in the Shift from National to Regional Identity Constructs'

Uma Kothari, 'Cultural Imperialism and Colonial Nostalgia? Representations of the Third World in Development Discourse'

5.00 Drinks, Union Bar