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Sustainable
Development
in Asia
and Europe

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About the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)



Asia-Europe Meeting

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The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an intergovernmental forum for dialogue and cooperation established in 1996 to deepen relations between Asia and Europe, which addresses political, economic and socio-cultural issues of common concern.

ASEM brings together 49 member states (29 European and 20 Asian countries), the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat.

The 51 ASEM Members are Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom, Viet Nam, the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat.

Overview of the 9th ASEF Journalists' Colloquium

The 9th ASEF Journalists' Colloquium, "Media and the Green Agenda: Reporting on Sustainable Development in Asia and Europe", will focus on the challenges for the media in reporting on sustainable development, in particular the looming expiry of the MDGs in 2015 and its intended successor, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as the areas of energy, green growth and economy, and poverty reduction.

Colloquium participants will discuss how these issues are viewed in different countries across Asia and Europe, how they are reported in the media, and explore the role of the media in bringing the stories to an interested and wider public.

The Colloquium will be held in conjunction with the upcoming 11th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting to be held from 11-12 November 2013 in New Delhi, India.

Guiding Principles



The Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)'s objective for the Colloquium is to enable an open and candid discussion on the given subject. We wish to promote mutual understanding among journalists and other media practitioners from in Asia and Europe.

The main sessions will be held as closed-door proceedings, where participants may speak their minds freely as individuals, not in any official capacity. We have invited you through a selection process. We value your views and want you to participate actively, please speak up freely.

To facilitate a frank discussion, Chatham House rules apply to all sessions of Day 1 and Day 2.

About the ASEF Journalists' Colloquium

The ASEF Journalists' Colloquium, which was first held in 1998, gathers top practising and experienced journalists and experts from Asia and Europe for a closed-door, informal meeting to discuss important issues of common concern and its related media challenges.

The Colloquium offers an opportunity for journalists to come together to share their experiences and perspectives as media professionals from national and regional levels in a direct exchange with their regional counterparts. Journalists will get to discuss their work on specific thematic issues, such as sustainable development and environment, economy and society, and other themes aligned with the ASEM agenda.

The ASEF Journalists' Colloquium is organised in conjunction with the ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meetings, held every two years alternating between Asia and Europe.

In 2013, the ASEF Journalists' Colloquium programme was merged with the Asia-Europe Journalists' Seminar, which broadens the diversity of participants and enriches the existing Colloquium format.

Previous Editions

1st Colloquium

for Journalists

How Can Europe Help Asia Without Provoking A Backlash?

12 October 1998
Singapore

2nd Colloquium

for Journalists

A Preview of the Indonesian Elections

12-14 May 1999
Jakarta, Indonesia

1st Asia-Europe

Journalists' Seminar

18-24 May 2003
Brussels, Belgium

2nd Asia-Europe

Journalists' Seminar

25 July 2003
Bali, Indonesia

3rd Asia-Europe

Journalists' Seminar

The Future of ASEM

8 May 2005
Kyoto, Japan

3rd ASEF

Journalists' Colloquium

Building Interfaith Harmony Through the Media

20 July 2005
Bali, Indonesia

4th ASEF

Journalists' Colloquium

Advancing Interfaith Understanding and Cooperation through the Media

1 July 2006
Larnaca, Cyprus

4th Asia-Europe

Journalists' Seminar

Strategic Issues in Asia-Europe Relations: Perspectives from the Media

26-27 May 2007
Hamburg, Germany

5th ASEF

Journalists' Colloquium

Deepening Interfaith Dialogue for Peace and Development through the Media

17-18 June 2007
Nanjing, China

6th ASEF

Journalists' Colloquium

Interfaith Reporting in the Advent of New Media: Exercising Rights and Responsibilities

1-2 June 2008
Amsterdam, the Netherlands

5th Asia-Europe

Journalists' Seminar

Moving Towards a Post-Crisis World

23-24 May 2009
Hanoi, Vietnam

7th ASEF

Journalists' Colloquium

Keeping The Faith: Reporting On Religion

21-22 September 2009
Seoul, Korea

8th ASEF

Journalists' Colloquium

Youth, Media and Interfaith: Sharing Knowledge, Building Trust

5-6 April 2010
Madrid, Spain

6th Asia-Europe

Journalists' Seminar

Climate Change Negotiations: Can the Media Play a Role in Sustaining the Momentum from Cancún?

4-6 June 2011
Szentendre, Hungary

Programme

Saturday, 09 November 2013

ALL DAY Participants' Arrival and Check-in

19.30 Welcome Dinner

Sunday, 10 November 2013

07.00 Breakfast at hotel

09.00 Registration
THYME Meeting Room

09.30 Opening Session
Welcome Remarks
SPEAKER **Mr Karsten WARNECKE**
Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

09.40 Introduction of Guest-of-Honour

09.45 Inaugural Speech
SPEAKER **Smt Jayanthi NATARAJAN (tbc)**
Union Minister of State for Environment and Forests
Government of India

10.00 End of Opening Session

10.00 Introduction of Keynote Speaker
SPEAKER **Dr Radhika MITTAL**
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

10.05 Keynote Speech
SPEAKER **Dr Prodipto GHOSH**
Director, Earth Sciences and Climate Change Division
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

10.30 Coffee Break

SUNDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2013

10.45 Introductory Remarks / Overview of Colloquium
Ground rules, expectations, outcomes

SPEAKER **Dr Michael McCLUSKEY**
International Media and Broadcast Consultant Moderator

11.15 **SESSION 1: The Future of Sustainable Development**
Taking Stock of Achievements on MDGs

SPEAKERS **Mr Surendra SHRESTHA**
Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
International Environmental Technology Centre

Ms Emily BENSON
Programme Manager, Green Economy Coalition
International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

11.45 Open discussion

12.45 Lunch

14.00 **SESSION 2: Poverty Reduction**
Finding the Panacea for Poverty?

SPEAKERS **Dr Leena SRIVASTAVA**
Vice-Chancellor, TERI University
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

Mr Paranjay GUHA THAKURTA
Independent Journalist and Educator
Media Network of India

14.30 Open discussion

15.30 Coffee Break

15.45 **11th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting**
Briefing and Background

SPEAKER **NN**
Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

16.30 End of Colloquium Day 1

Monday, 11 November 2013

07.00 Breakfast at hotel

MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2013

08.45 Departure for Trident Hotel, Gurgaon

10.00 **11th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting**
Opening Ceremony

10.45 Departure for conference venue

11.30 Lunch

13.00 **Summary of Day 1**
Dr Michael McCluskey, Moderator

SPEAKER

13.30 **SESSION 3: Energy**
The Future of Energy post-Fukushima
Ms Rina Tsubaki
Emergency Journalism, European Journalism Centre
Mr Jussi Laitinen
Environmental writer

SPEAKERS

14.00 Open discussion

15.00 Coffee Break

15.15 **SESSION 4: Green Growth**
Green Economy: Towards Sustainable Development

SPEAKERS

Mr Peter Willimott
Senior Program Officer
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
Mr Joydeep Gupta
Director, Third Pole Project, InterNews

15.45 Open discussion

Coffee Break

MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2013

16.45

Closing Session
Summary of Colloquium

SPEAKERS

Dr Michael McCLUSKEY, Moderator

Closing Remarks

Mr Karsten WARNECKE

Deputy Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

19.00

11th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting
Gala dinner (including Cultural Programme)
hosted by External Affairs Minister of India

Tuesday, 12 November 2013

09.00

Cultural Tour

15.30

11th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting
Press Conference
with External Affairs Minister of India
Trident Hotel, Gurgaon
(For journalists only)

16.30

End of Colloquium

Wednesday, 13 November 2013

ALL DAY

Departure of participants

Speakers



Smt Jayanthi NATARAJAN

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT

Jayanthi NATARAJAN is an Indian lawyer and a politician. On July 2011, she was elected as the Indian Minister of State with independent charge for Environment and Forests.

Her political career began in 1986, when she was noticed by Rajiv Gandhi who made her a Member of Parliament in Rajya Sabha. She was re-elected to the upper house in 1992, 1997, and 2007. She became the first minister of state for Congress from Tamil Nadu and has held a number of posts in Congress, including that of the party's national spokesperson for years.

She was appointed as the Minister of State for Coal, Civil Aviation and Parliamentary Affairs in 1997.

Dr Prodipto GHOSH

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Director, Earth Sciences and Climate Change Division
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)



Prodipto GHOSH is a multidisciplinary professional specializing at the interface of science, economics, and public policy.

Currently, he is Distinguished Fellow and Director at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi. His concurrent positions include: Member of the Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change; Member of the Eminent Persons Group on G-20 matters of the Ministry of Finance; Member of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Union Cabinet; and Member, Governing Council of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). He was a member of India's Official Team for international Climate Change Negotiations from 2001 to 2009 and in 2012 (Leader of the Official Team during 2003-2007), and Principal Author of India's National Climate Change Action Plan. He is also Chair of the Task Force on Climate Change of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). He is a former Secretary, Ministry of

Environment & Forests, Govt. of India (9/2003 to 5/2007), and Additional Secretary and Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister (6/2001 – 6/2003).

He has a Ph.D in Economics and Policy Analysis from the Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh PA, a B. Tech in Chemical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, and was a member of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) from 7/1969 to 5/2007.

He is Adjunct Professor at the Carnegie Mellon University and TERI University, and a Visiting Fellow at Smith College, Oxford University.

He works on climate change, sustainable development, and governance issues.



Karsten WARNECKE

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ASIA-EUROPE FOUNDATION (ASEF)

Karsten Warnecke is the 6th Deputy Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF). Before joining ASEF he dealt with Germany's and the EU's involvement in ASEAN and in the ASEM Process as part of his portfolio as Counsellor at the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, where he served as Deputy Head of Division for Regional Organizations and Cooperation in Asia-Pacific.

A seasoned career diplomat with over 23 years of experience, including 14 years with Asia, Karsten is adept at working in cross-cultural settings and in bringing people together from diverse backgrounds. Previous postings have seen him serve in the German Consulates-General in New York and Chennai, as well as the German Embassy in Singapore.

Karsten holds an M.A. in International Relations from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C., after studying Political Science at the Free University in Berlin. Karsten, a native Berliner, is bilingual in German and English, and he also speaks (with varying degrees of fluency) Hebrew, Arabic, French and Spanish.

Karsten is married and has two daughters and three sons, ranging in age from twenty-two to three.



Dr Mike McCLUSKEY

MODERATOR

International Media and
Broadcast Consultant

Dr Mike McCLUSKEY is an International Media & Broadcast Consultant and formerly Chief Executive Officer of Radio Australia, an international broadcast and digital service of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. He holds a PhD in media impact and development from the University of Newcastle. Mike's career as a journalist and media executive spans more than three decades. He worked for the ABC as a journalist, radio presenter and executive producer. He held various leadership roles in many locations across Australia including management of various local stations and served as ABC's State Director of NSW. He was the ABC's Head of Corporate Social Responsibility before taking up the role of CEO with Radio Australia. Mike has served on numerous boards and committees in broadcasting, education and diverse community organisations. He now works independently, consulting in a range of media activities, including international broadcasting, media impact, radio and corporate responsibility. He is currently attached as a Senior Research Fellow of the Ludwig Maximilian University investigating media responsibility and impact.

SESSION 1

The Future of Sustainable Development



Surendra SHRESTHA

Director

United Nations Environment Programme
International Environment Technology Centre

Surendra SHRESTHA is the newly appointed Director of United Nations Environment Programme's International Environmental Technology Centre (UNEP IETC). He brings with him over twenty years of experience and expertise mobilizing political and financial support for UNEP's programs and leading multi-disciplinary teams in the areas of assessment, policy development and multilateral agreements at the regional and global level.

Shrestha joined UNEP in 1993 and he has been involved with UNEP as Special Advisor and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Focal Point in New York; Director at the Strategic Resource Mobilization and Special Initiatives in Nairobi; and Regional Director and Representative for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok. Prior to joining UNEP, he previously held senior positions at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD).

A Nepali national, Director Shrestha holds a degree in Economics and Computer Science at the Keele University, United Kingdom and completed his postgraduate studies at AIT. He provided intellectual leadership for the establishment of the global secretariat for Atmospheric Brown Cloud and Black Carbon consisting of over 35 institutions and 250 scientists; the UNEP Eco Peace Leadership Centre in Seoul in 2006; the Asia Pacific Sub-regional Environment Policy Dialogue (SEPD) in 2003; the UNEP Tongji Institute of Environment for Sustainable Development in 2002; the Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RRC.AP); UNEP presence in Central Asia.



Emily BENSON

Senior Researcher

International Institute for Environment
and Development (IIED)

Emily BENSON is a Senior Researcher at the International Institute for Environment and Development where she works with the Sustainable Markets Group and specialises in green economy, inclusive growth and international governance processes. She is currently seconded to the Green Economy Coalition (GEC www.greeneconomycoalition.org), the largest alliance of civil society organisations committed to the transition to green economies, of which IIED is a founding member.

As a Programme Manager for the GEC, Emily leads on communications, research and stakeholder engagement. Over the last two years, Emily has authored a number of publications including; International development goals; who wants what and why?; Surveying the green economy landscape; Green Economy: Everyone's talking about it and the Green Economy Pocketbook: the case for action.

Before joining IIED, Emily worked for Stakeholder Forum, an international organisations supporting the increased involvement of different stakeholder groups in international policy processes. Prior to this, she worked in the television industry as a researcher and producer of factual documentaries. Emily has a BA in English Literature from Balliol College, Oxford University and an MSc in International Development from the London School of Economics.

SESSION 2

Poverty Reduction



Dr Leena SRIVASTAVA

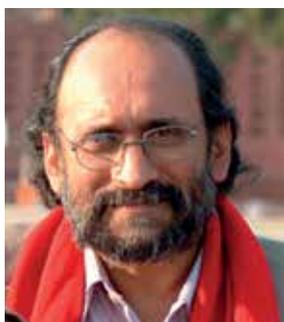
Vice Chancellor, TERI University

Hony. Executive Director (Operations), TERI

Dr Leena SRIVASTAVA is currently the Vice Chancellor of the TERI University in addition to being the Hony. Executive Director (Operations) at TERI, New Delhi. The TERI University is a graduate institution engaged in teaching and research on sustainability issues, with nearly 700 students - a hundred of whom are PhD students.

Dr Srivastava is a member of various committees and Boards both at the international and national levels, she serves on the Executive Committee of Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) initiative of the UN Secretary General and the Energy Advisory Board of the World Economic Forum. At a think tank/science level Scientific Advisory Panel of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) to reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP), UNEP; International Advisory Board of the Helmholtz Programme Technology, Innovation and Society (TIS) and the Helmholtz Alliance Future Infrastructures for Meeting Energy Demands – Towards Sustainability and Social Compatibility Initiative (ENERGY-TRANS), amongst others.

Dr Srivastava is on the Editorial Boards of various international journals dealing with energy and environment issues and has a number of publications to her credit. She has a Masters in Economics from the University of Hyderabad and a Ph.D in Energy Economics from the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, India.



Paranjay GUHA THAKURTA

Independent journalist and educator

Paranjay GUHA THAKURTA is an independent journalist and an educator. His work experience, spanning over 36 years, cuts across different media: print, radio, television and documentary cinema. He is a writer, speaker, anchor, interviewer, teacher and commentator in three languages: English, Bengali and Hindi. His main areas of interest are the working of the political economy and the media in India and the world, on which he has authored/co-authored books and directed/produced documentary films. He teaches and speaks on these subjects to students, general audiences and also trains aspiring – and working – media professionals. He participates frequently in, and organizes, seminars/conferences, He is a regular contributor to newspapers, magazines and websites. He is featured regularly on television channels and radio programmes as an anchor as well as an analyst and commentator.

SESSION 3

Energy



Rina TSUBAKI

European Journalism Centre

Rina TSUBAKI is a project manager at the European Journalism Centre in the Netherlands. She is currently managing Emergency Journalism, an online tool that brings together relevant updates and resources for media professionals reporting in and about volatile situations in the digital age.

In the past, she managed a number of projects in relation to social media and citizen reporters at the Centre, and has also contributed to the Hokkaido Shimbun, a regional daily newspaper in Japan. She was the lead contributor of the Internews Europe's report "Connecting the Last Mile: The Role of Communications in the Great East Japan Earthquake", and has spoken at various events, including the UN-SPIDER expert meeting, the International Journalism Festival (IJF), and the PICNIC festival.



Jussi LAITINEN

Environmental writer

Jussi Laitinen is an environmental journalist, writer and speaker. He is author of two books on energy and climate. He has been awarded several environmental and journalism prizes, including the National Award of Investigative Journalism in Finland.

SESSION 4

Green Growth



Peter WILLIMOTT

Senior Programme Officer,
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Peter WILLIMOTT is an experienced intellectual property expert, having worked for the Australian IP Office, and now with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). His main area of expertise lies in the IP communications field where he has led a number of large projects both in Australia and in the Asia-Pacific region. At WIPO his role as Senior Program Officer requires him to work with countries and businesses throughout the Asia-Pacific region in order to increase IP awareness, understanding and strategic use of the global IP systems.

Before joining WIPO, he worked as the Director of IP Australia's Marketing & Customer Engagement Section. In this position he was responsible for the development and implementation of a range of outreach strategies and resources designed to raise awareness of IP issues amongst the business and general community in Australia. Mr. Willimott has also worked for one of the largest law firms in Australia as their Business Development Manager.



Joydeep GUPTA

Director
Third Pole Project, Internews

Director of thethirdpole.net run jointly by chinadialogue and the Internews Earth Journalism Network, Joydeep GUPTA writes on climate change, biodiversity, pollution and sustainable development. He has been lead trainer at workshops for environmental journalists from South Asia and South-East Asia in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and the Philippines. Joydeep has a Masters in Environmental Economics and Environmental Management from the University of York (UK). He has covered the 1992 Earth Summit and the 2012 Rio+20 summit in Rio de Janeiro, six climate summits of the United Nations from 2007 to 2012, and the biodiversity summit in Nagoya. He has reported earlier for Indo-Asian News Service, The Statesman, The Sunday Observer and Sunday Mail. He is Vice President of the Forum of Environmental Journalists in India. Joydeep teaches Development Journalism to postgraduate students at Jamia Millia Islamia University in New Delhi. He won the 2012 Green Globe Award at the Delhi Sustainable Development Summit organized by The Energy and Resources Institute.

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Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), Australia

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Md SAIFUL Islam

BSS News Agency
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SAIFUL Islam is an award-winning health journalist from Bangladesh and has been working for the BSS News Agency for over a decade-and-a-half. With his two Masters degrees in public health and philosophy, he has dedicated his career to covering science, development, economic and social issues. He is a co-founder of the Health and Environment Journalist Forum in Bangladesh and is now an elected executive of the National Press Club. Saiful has made it a personal priority to advocate for important issues that contribute to the qualitative development of journalism. He is a passionate follower of the world's latest thoughts on development and sustainability. He is also a great advocate to apply the positive power of media to expedite the development process in low income countries. Saiful is often invited for critical media inputs in international events and is hired for media and communication consultancies by the UN and other international agencies at home and beyond.



Ubaidillah bin MASLI

The Brunei Times
Brunei

Ubaidillah bin MASLI is a Senior Reporter for The Brunei Times. After spending much of his life abroad as a diplomat's son, Ubai joined The Brunei Times newspaper at the age of 19. Having no journalistic background prior to joining, his assignments in Brunei exposed him to the inner workings of life in his home country.

Prominent among these experiences was coverage on environmental issues, which stirred an innate sense of responsibility towards the environment. Brunei has built up a reputation in environmental custodianship, being involved in the Heart of Borneo initiative and conserving much of its own forests.

However, a desire to find out how much of this reputation holds true has prompted him to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies, to complement the field experiences gained, and to ensure fair and truthful reporting.



Vassil SOTIROV

24 Hours
Bulgaria

Vassil SOTIROV graduated with honours from the English Language School in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. He obtained his Master's degree in Journalism in 1969 at the University of Sofia, specialising in international affairs, and his PhD in Contemporary History in 1981 at the University of St Petersburg.

He has worked as a reporter for Narodna mladezh, a Bulgarian national daily, and since 1994 he has been with the biggest Bulgarian daily 24 Hours as Editor of the Foreign News Department.

He has traveled on many foreign assignments to different countries reporting on major international events and issues for the last 15 years. He is a member of the Managing Board of the Union of Bulgarian Journalists and since 2009 a member of the Executive Board of the European Journalists' Association.



CHHAY Sophal

Cambodia News
Cambodia

Chhay SOPHAL is the Editor-in-Chief of New Youth newspaper and Cambodia News Online— both are bilingual (Khmer-English). He has had experiences in media and communications since 1994 after being a freelance interpreter for foreign journalists from 1990. Obtaining Master of Art in Journalism at Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines, Sophal has worked as correspondent of Reuters News Agency for nearly 10 years, Freelance of AP TV Crew, and a short-term correspondent of radio FM68 for Asia Calling programme in English.

With his working experience, Sophal has been invited by international organisations to take news and to be a speaker and lecture in many countries such as the US, Canada, Australia, and European countries. In 2012, Sophal wrote and printed a book titled "Hun Sen – Power & Politics in Khmer history for over 40 years". He also wrote and printed a handbook titled "Tasks of Spokesperson, Media Officer, and Communications Officer" with support from Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung,



WU Wencong

China Daily
China

Lucy WU Wencong has been covering environmental issues for two years for China Daily, one of China's largest English language daily newspapers. She follows international trends in environmental issues, such as climate change and biodiversity conservation.

She graduated from the Fudan University with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and a second major in Journalism, followed by a Master's degree in Social Policy and Planning from the London School of Economics in 2009.



Stefanos EVRIPIDOU

Cyprus Mail
Cyprus

Stefanos EVRIPIDOU is chief reporter at the English-language national newspaper, Cyprus Mail, where he covers, amongst other issues, political, international and economic affairs.

Having covered peace talks on the Cyprus conflict for over a decade, his recent focus has been on the impact of the economic crisis in Cyprus, the first country in the eurozone to see a haircut on bank deposits and the imposition of capital controls. He also closely monitors and writes on the geopolitical consequences of the exploration for natural gas in the Eastern Mediterranean.

In the last 11 years, he has won a number of journalism awards for his work covering asylum, migration and integration. His work has taken him across the globe reporting from Delhi to Istanbul, Dublin to Kosovo on a broad range of issues, and interviewing a wide range of people from hunger striking detained asylum seekers to presidents, foreign ministers, and diverse characters like Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the body double of Saddam Hussein's notorious son Uday.



Raimo POOM

Eesti Päevaleht
Estonia

Raimo POOM is the Head of International News for Eesti Päevaleht (Estonian Daily Newspaper). He manages the combined international news desk for Eesti Päevaleht as well as for Delfi.ee, a popular internet portal that reaches a million unique readers in a country of 1.2 million people.

He strives to provide reporting that—in addition to describing events in the world—would put Estonia's contribution on the international level and explains how policies adopted at these levels directly impact the daily lives of Estonian people. These issues include the EU's climate change agenda and energy policies, or the impact of the euro crisis, to name but a few.

He has worked for Eesti Päevaleht for six and a half years, serving as Political Editor for five years prior to his current position.

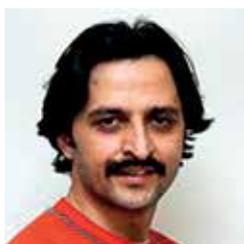


Michael KNIGGE

Deutsche Welle
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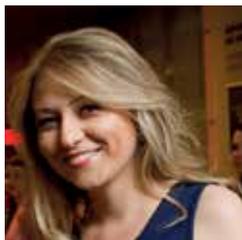
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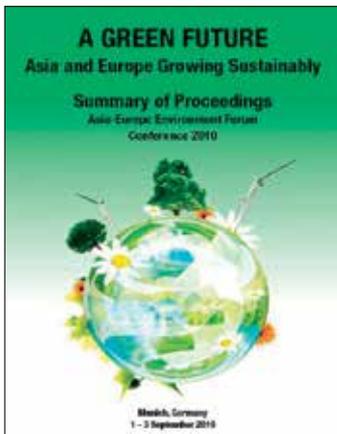
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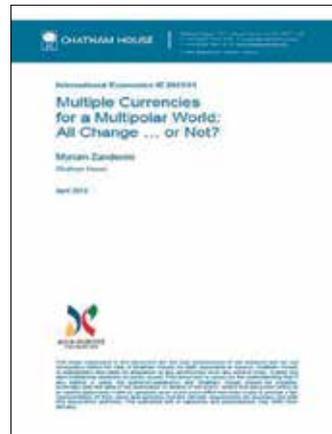
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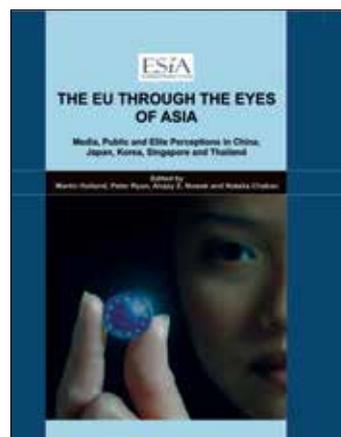
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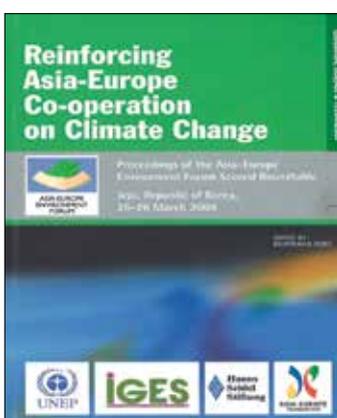
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