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## Expert roundtable on heritage



Experts on heritage from Asia and Europe will gather at the historic Dutch East India Company building in Amsterdam on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 to discuss the **multifaceted aspects of cultural heritage** and recommend concrete, contextualised strategies towards development and social empowerment through cultural heritage.

The recommendations from this two-day Roundtable, ***The Cultural Heritages of Asia and Europe: Global Challenges and Local Initiatives*** will be presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> ASEM Culture Ministers' Meeting (8-11 September 2010, Poznan, Poland), which will focus on the theme of "Heritage and the Challenges of the Present". As the only permanent institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), the [Asia-Europe Foundation](#) has an important function in connecting reflections on the ASEM level with the concerns of civil societies in the two regions.

Jointly organized by ASEF and the [International Institute for Asian Studies](#) (based in Amsterdam and Leiden, the Netherlands), the Roundtable will bring together **20 academic and civil society experts** from both regions including Corazon S. Alvina, Chairperson of the executive committee of the Asia-Europe Museum network (ASEMUS); Pernille Askerud, International Consultant; Dr. Gregory Bracken, Research Fellow, International Institute for Asian Studies; Delft School of Design; Dr. Gerard DIFFLOTH, formerly of the Ecole Francaise d'extreme-Orient; Dutch urbanist Cor Dijegraacht; Korean expert, Dr. Hazel Hahn, Prof. of History, University of Seattle; Arif Hasan, Director, Urban Resource Centre, Karachi; British expert Dr. Michael Herzfeld, Professor of Anthropology at Harvard University; Dr. Aarti Kawlra, Director, Rural Opportunities Production Enterprise, Chennai; Dr. John Kleinen, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Amsterdam; Dinh

Quang Le, Director, San Art Art Center, Hochiminh City; Dr. Keiko Miura, Professor, Waseda University, Tokyo; Suppya Nut, Director, Khmer Dance Project; Dr. Tansen Sen, Director, Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore; Dr. Nira Wickramasinghe, Professor of Modern South Asian Studies, Leiden University; Dr. Willem Willems, Dean and chair of research, Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University; and, Bing Zhang, Director, China Academy of Urban Planning and Design, Beijing.

Further, the Roundtable will help the International Institute for Asian Studies identify potential research and policy-relevant topics focusing on **global interaction and local agency in the areas of culture and the politics of cultural heritage in Asia**.

For more details on the upcoming Roundtable, please visit: [ASEF](#).

For detailed programme, participant list and a background document please refer to:-

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