

## Privacy Settings

We use cookies to optimize our website and our service.

- ☒ Functional
- ☒ Statistics
- ☒ Marketing

Save

Functional only

Accept all

## Travelling Exhibition



As part of Asia-Europe Foundation's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, ASEF and the European Union Centre (Singapore) celebrate their work in bringing closer two diverse, vibrant and vital regions with the

exhibition *Connected Histories, Shared Future*. In a journey through history and place, the exhibition explores the last 15 years of Asia-Europe relations in which shared values, resources, spaces, creativity, hopes, ambitions and a rich heritage shaped the interactions between the two diverse regions. [caption id="attachment\_22132" align="alignnone" width="334"

caption="Connected Histories, Shared Future"]Connected Histories, Shared Future[/caption]

By providing concrete examples, the exhibition highlights the work of ASEF and the EU Centre in these themes, exploring Asia-Europe relations through past and present activities, research and initiatives. It offers a touchstone from where we can glimpse a bright future in which Asia and Europe are equal partners. **Shared Heritage** An appreciation of the past determines how one shapes one's future. A shared heritage not only reminds people of their collective identity and cultural diversity, it also nurtures social belonging and promotes economies amongst local communities. By engaging in dialogue about heritage awareness and preservation, Asia and Europe can benefit from the exchange of knowledge and best practices. At the same time, it deepens mutual understanding of each other's values, histories and traditions. **Shared Ideas** Freedom, justice and peace can only be achieved if one recognises the inherent dignity as well as the equal and inalienable rights of all humans. This idea, enshrined in the Preamble of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, lies at the heart of many ASEF and EUC activities. Both organisations facilitate dialogue and the exchange of good practices among the nations of Asia and Europe, promoting good governance and the respect for human rights. [caption id="attachment\_22127" align="alignnone" width="450" caption="Multiple conversations,

multiple ideas."]



[/caption]

**Shared Resources** Today, the planet's land, seas and skies are shared by over seven billion inhabitants. Striking the right balance between economic ambitions and the earth's finite resources is the key to sustainable development. Through innovative programmes, ASEF and EUC hope to raise environmental awareness so that everyone can all do their part to protect, preserve, replenish and enhance humanity's most precious assets. The pursuit of economic growth can – and must – respond to the environment. **Shared Spaces** Technology, urbanisation and ceaseless travel have blurred the traditional boundaries of space and time. Meantime, ideas, trends and cultures interact and cross-pollinate like never before. In an increasingly interconnected world, Asia-Pacific and Europe are no longer separate entities. People in these regions live, work and play side-by-side in a shared space that is getting smaller as you read. The activities of ASEF and EUC aim to foster mutual understanding between both regions in a rapidly globalised world. **Shared**

**Creativity** Art director George Lois once proclaimed that the answer to all of the world's problems can be found in creativity. Indeed, more than any other worldly system, creativity is an essential driver for social and economic development. It is also an effective trigger for international dialogue, cultural discourse and innovation. As such, dialogue and cooperation across the fields of arts and culture, science and technology, and the creative industries are indispensable if people are to envision a far-reaching relationship between Asia and Europe. ASEF and EUC believe in paving way for opportunities, as well as facilitating activities and networks for artistic exchanges, joint creativity and the sharing of knowledge to nurture Asia and Europe's next generation of problem-solvers and creative thinkers. [caption id="attachment\_22128" align="alignnone" width="640" caption="Point to Point (China) performance by Arco Renz, 2007"]



[/caption] **Shared Learning** Oft repeated is the phrase, “Youth is our future!” and indeed youth play a unique role in shaping tomorrow's societies, if empowered to do so. Education is crucial to prepare young people with the skills, knowledge, and attitudes to be effective contributors to the changing global socio-economic, political, and environmental realities. ASEF provides learning opportunities for young people of Asia and Europe through training, research, ICT, and volunteering projects. ASEF also gathers youth, specialists and policymakers to develop educational policies and share best practices to benefit the next generation of leaders from ASEM countries. **Shared Future** Asia and Europe are equal partners and stakeholders in each other's regions. Both regions share a common vision of economic progress, cultural growth and sustainable development. To build a shared future, the exchange of ideas, resources and technological advancements are increasingly vital. ASEF's and the EUC's strategic role is to help Asia and Europe achieve mutual goals. They do so by facilitating greater engagement between civil societies and governments, and more importantly, through appreciating similarities and celebrating differences. Emeritus Senior Minister of Singapore, Mr Goh Chok Tong will inaugurate the Exhibition at the **National Library of Singapore** on Thursday 17 May 2012. It will be

hosted at the National Library Building (17 May- 25 June), the Jurong Regional Library (26 June- 26 July), the Woodlands Regional Library (1-30 August), the Nanyang Technological University Lee Wee Nam Library (3-21 September), the National University of Singapore Central Library (1-15 October), and finally, it will make its way to the 9th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit in Vientiane, Laos (5-6 November).

## SIMILAR CONTENT

POSTED ON  
21 MAR 2012

ASEF celebrates 15 years of connections between Asia and Europe



NEWS  
ASIA EUROPE SINGAPORE

BY SALI SASAKI (佐々木 沙梨)  
03 FEB 2012

Triangle Conference | sustaining the global art ecologies through networking

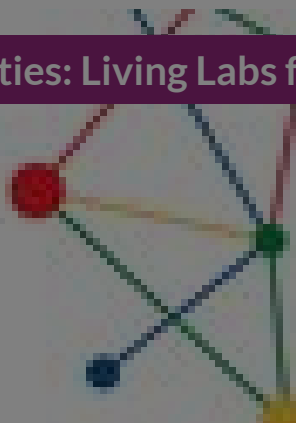


FEATURES  
ASIA EUROPE

POSTED ON

04 FEB 2016

## Cities: Living Labs for Culture? | New ASEF publication launched



# CITIES

## Living Labs for Culture?

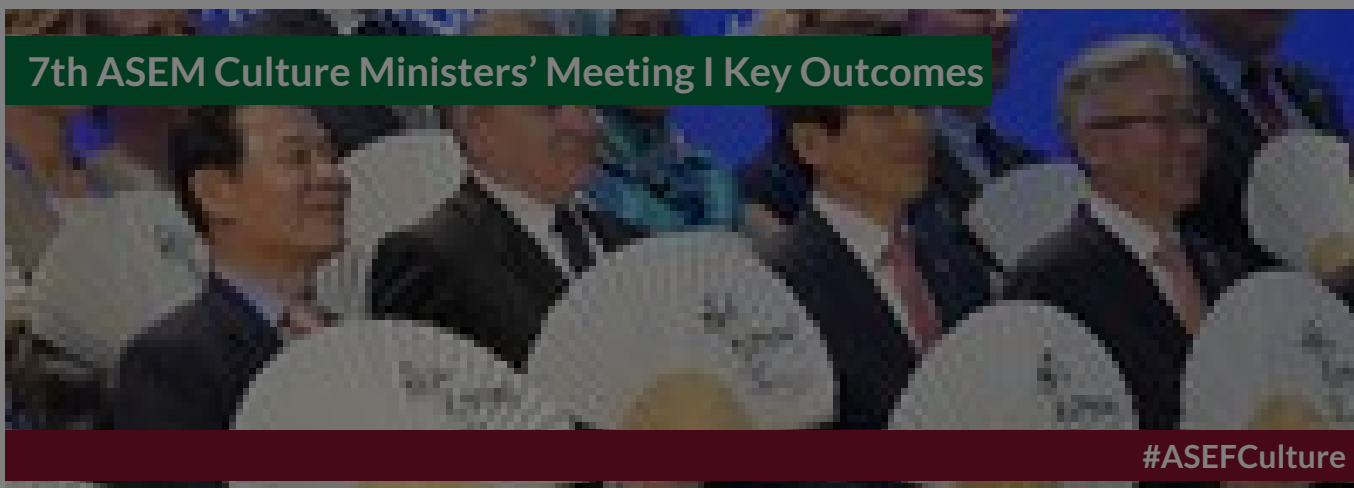
CASE STUDIES FROM  
ASIA AND EUROPE

#ASEFCulture

PUBLICATIONS  
INTERNATIONAL

BY ANUPAMA SEKHAR  
19 JUL 2016

## 7th ASEM Culture Ministers' Meeting | Key Outcomes



#ASEFCulture

FEATURES  
ASIA EUROPE KOREA

BY KATELIJN VERSTRAETE  
23 MAR 2011

## Bridging Asia and Europe contemporary performing arts

BY DANIEL HO SHENG

03 AUG 2018

## From Cultural Diplomacy Towards Cultural Co-operation: What Future Directions for Asia-Europe Relations?

18bg.bg

idency of the Council  
uropean Union

eu2018bg.bg

Българско председателство на  
Съвета на Европейския съюз

#ASEFCulture

### INSIGHTS

ASIA EUROPE

### WEBSITE

[HTTP://ASEF.ORG/INDEX.PHP/PROJECTS/THEMES/EDUCATION/2489-TOWARDS-A-SHARED-FUTURE](http://asef.org/index.php/projects/themes/education/2489-towards-a-shared-future)

### COUNTRIES

ASIA EUROPE LAO PDR SINGAPORE

### THEME

HERITAGE

### DISCIPLINE

VISUAL ARTS

### ABOUT ASEF CULTURE360

[culture360.asef.org](http://culture360.asef.org) brings Asia and Europe closer by providing information, facilitating dialogue and stimulating reflection on the arts and culture of the two regions.

**MORE ABOUT ASEF CULTURE360 | [FAQ](#) | [f](#) [X](#) [@](#)**

This website was created and maintained with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents are the sole responsibility of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Union.



[About us](#)

[Team](#)

[Partners](#)

[FAQ](#)

[Brand guidelines](#)

[How to partner with us](#)

[Contact us](#)

[#ASEFCulture](#)

ASIA-EUROPE FOUNDATION (ASEF) 2017 | [TERMS OF SERVICE & PRIVACY POLICY](#) | [CREATIVE COMMONS  
ATTRIBUTION - NON COMMERCIAL SHARE](#)