

1. NETWORK NEWSLETTER

SOUTHEAST ASIAN – GERMAN SUMMER SCHOOL 2005 AND BEYOND



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1. EDITORIAL

Dear colleagues and friends,

the Summer School 2005 on 16-29 October 2005 in Cologne is over, yet it did not only enrich our knowledge about Urban and Periurban Development, which was the topic of the Summer School 2005, but also the challenge to establish a network of experience sharing and exchanges among the participants.

To maintain our network, our collegiate relationships (and of course our friendships), and also to prepare the Summer School 2006 (maybe in Cambodia or Indonesia?) we agreed to set up an Electronic Newsletter. This Newsletter should provide information for and from us, the participants in the Summer School 2005, and it can be used as a forum of exchange and communication among us.

This is now the first edition. Any ideas, suggestions, advices, and critics coming from you for developing our newsletter would be positive inputs for the coming newsletter. A good idea for its sustainability would also be to rotate the edition of the newsletter, hence all countries with neither exception nor discrimination (borrowing Mr. Sukamdi's term on his e-mail below) can get actively involve. It means each country of the participants will take the responsibility of each edition. We are seven countries (in alphabetical order: Cambodia, Germany, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam). If all of us did our turn already, it automatically reverses to the first country. What do you think if we try to make a three monthly newsletter or each quarter respectively?

Concerning the content of the upcoming newsletters – here some ideas of Gerrit, Christine and me:

1. Title
2. Editorial
3. Focus:
It may consist of articles related to either currently topic possibly for the next Summer School or general interest in developing a network between Southeast Asian and German countries.
4. Local Chapter News:
This part is prepared by a country whose turn it is to issue the newsletter. Here you can introduce actual issues, researches and new ideas, inform about current projects in your institution, and put pictures/photos from your people and country.
5. Planned and on going activities:
This page(s) contains different coming occasions which are organised by countries of the participants of Summer School, such as workshops, congresses, etc. Otherwise here we can also make some recommendations to maintain our network and to bring ideas for the Summer School 2006: where, when, which topic, who organises, etc. In this part there is also an "Information Corner" with the objective to give short information regarding projects either prepared to be carried out or still in planning.
6. Chatting:
The aim of this column is for informal but informative issues related to culture events. This part is intended from, to, for the Summer School fellows. It could be unique, interesting, funny pictures, photos or quotations from different countries in Southeast Asia and Germany. From this page we can get to know how other cultures are like.

Since Dr. Sukamdi in his e-mail of 16 Dec. 2005 already made some concrete ideas regarding the sustainability of our network and appeal to the proceedings of our Summer School Publication I also like to post his e-mail and give some comments from my side:

E-mail written by Mr. Sukamdi

Dear Colleagues,

The following is the email I sent to Prof Kraas and Christine Knie concerning the follow up of our network. If you have any comment on this, I will glad to discuss it. Don't forget to send it also to Prof. Kraas and Christine Knie so that they aware about the discussion. Thank you very much for your kind attention!

*Best regards
Sukamdi*

Dear Prof Kraas,

*I can imagine how cold it is in Cologne! I really miss winter in the beautiful city!
Returning from Cologne I am busy to handle administrative task in the Center for Population and Policy Studies Gadjah Mada University where I am appointed as director for second term just before I left for Cologne. As you might know at December all works need to be finished before entering new year. That really makes me headache!*

I start to make contact with Prof. Lee to follow up our discussion during our stay in Cologne that we will develop collaboration especially in term of student exchange. I hope this will also contribute to the development of the network.

For your information I has been involved in ASIA PASIFIC MIGRATION RESEARCH NETWORK (APMRN) for last five years. And now I am thinking to withdraw from the network because the network dos not work at all. We can learn from this network to develop our network. First in the network there should be mechanism to give a room for each member to cooperate bilaterally or multilaterally. In this sense we have to agree in the beginning that the main purpose of the network is to enhance the relationship among the members. Second, I think the role of coordinator become very important to facilitate the need of the member. So the person must be very active! Third, I love very much the way summer school program is organized because the participants is put in the same level. No discrimination was found. This important aspect to make the network works.

I want to borrow the abbreviation of APMRN to introduce the name of our network: Europe Asia Urban Research Network (ERA-URENET or EAURN). Urban research may be too general, but it is a fact that the interest of the participants is very wide. So there is a need to accommodate these interests on one general topic. In addition using general topic there is a chance to extend the membership of the network. I know that may be it is difficult to tell the funding agencies (DAAD for instance) that such general topic is really important

*These all my opinion, sorry for this long e-mail.
Best regards*

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Following a response from my side:

I am on the same opinion that some actions have to be done indeed, if our network as a result from the Summer School 2005 will be kept on going. Related to your points I would like to propose the following ideas:

- 1. I hope through our coming newsletters, a network of the Summer School can be set up and be maintained. For this for sure we need inputs for the contents of the newsletter.*
- 2. Parallel with it, cooperation projects between countries should be sustained and maintained.*
- 3. I agree with Dr. Sukamdi, that to facilitate the need of members we need some volunteers. It would be great, if each country member has at least one or two representatives, those who are active, for example as mediators, collectors of current information, and contributors for the newsletter. If nobody objects, I would like to volunteer to represent Indonesia for this network, at least for the newsletter. Since I am from the ITI (Indonesian Technological Institute) and living in Germany, I need (an)other colleague(s) from Indonesia. It would be better both from a university (UGM) and from a non academic institute (perhaps Mr. Rony?).*
- 4. I do not fully agree with the proposed name for our network "Europe Asia Urban Research Network", because our university is also concentrated on periurban areas. We do work on urban areas, but periurban has become our focus as well since several years ago. What would you think about "Europe Asia Urban and periurban Research Network"? You are right, that Europe and Asia are very large. Talking about Europe means also talking about East European countries which some of them tend to be developing countries as well, or in between developed and developing countries, such as Albania and White Russia. On the contrary Asian countries include also for instance Japan and Singapore as developed countries. But I agree, the more members from different countries and from multidisciplinary backgrounds, the more will it enrich our knowledge. Maybe it could be even better to set up multilateral co-operations.*
- 5. I think either a general topic or broad participation of countries might not disturb funding agencies, such as the DAAD. The more important thing for a funding agency is for example why this network is necessary for us, what are our goals, how is the sustainability. Please correct me if I am wrong. If the funding agency observes that our network is active both through regular communication (for example through newsletter) and bilateral or multilateral co-operations, it could be our strength and our chance respectively to get funds, I hope.*

Nevertheless these are comments from my personnel perspective and I am looking forward to discuss this ideas with you.

Last but not least I wish all of you a fresh start into the new year. Please enjoy our first newsletter and I am looking very much forward to our future cooperation.

Warm regards,

Adiyanti Sutandyo-Buchholz ("Adi")

2. PLANNED AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Below you will find ideas and proposals concerning activities and projects which we presented by posters during the Summer School 2005. Some of them are already accomplished (see below). We hope that through our Network the unaccomplished ones are able to be realised soon.

Content of our posters concerning ideas and proposals relating to our planned networking projects and activities:

Germany

- Alumni Network
- Common Research
- Student Exchange
- Exchange of teaching material/ Common e-learning tools
- Publications
- Workshops

Interactive Tools for Communication:

Mailing List, Website, Newsletter (electronic), Documentation pool, Video Conferences (Skype.com)

Indonesia

- Research
- Dissemination
- Education
- Curricula development
- Staff development
- PhD supervision
- Guest lectures
- Student exchange

- Research & implementation about

Land management, Economic development, Planning, Community development

- Tools

Next summer school, Regular conferences, Workshops, Publications
Joint and comparative research activities

Malaysia

- Student Exchange
- Joint research in Malaysia
 - Funding from outside Malaysia
 - 50:50 Funding → Malaysia for Malaysian, foreign researcher paid by own country
- Joint research in 3rd country
- Support by Malaysian University for Student Surveys
- Publications in "Malaysian Journal of tropical Geography"

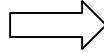
Thailand

MOUs:

Cologne
Malaysia
Indonesia
Vietnam
Philippines
Cambodia



University



Exchange
Curriculum
Study Tour

City Partnership: Khon Kaen City → Southeast Asian City

SE-Asia **yearly meetings**

Research Programme:

Joint research Germany → SE-Asia (+Laos)
Urbanization/Poverty/Tourism/Environment

Guest Lectures:

PD. Dr. Klaus Zehner
Welcome – SE-Asia
Trainees

Ph.D.: Supervision:

Joint curriculum/ SE-Asia Curriculum

Funding by International Agency

Cambodia

Future programme

- Curricula recognition
- Curriculum accreditation
- Curriculum standardisation
- Rural-urban linkages : Problems and solutions

Land Management:

Land valuation, Land administration, Land evaluation

EC development:

Urban poor, Urban transportation, Urban employment

Community Development:

Community in transition, Capacity building, Community based development

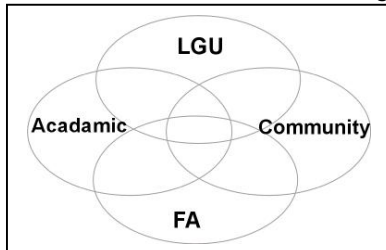
Planning:

Spatial planning Urban environmental management

Philippines

Specific proposals from the Philippines:

- Joint project:
 - Replication cities / countries
 - Expansions with / in Cagayan de Oro
 - Action research with training:



- ADB, GTZ, DAAD, InWEnt, University of Cologne, etc.
- Information dissemination
 - Research findings
 - Best practices
 - Action research
- Draft of MOU with:
 - University of Cologne
 - Other Institutions, governments, organisations
- Playing host/venue for:
 - Training / field study activities on:
 - Poverty, food security, urban development, planning & management, rural-urban development

Proposed cooperation (regarding land issues)

Mile Stones	How to do? Methodology	Source of Finance	Where?	When
Exchange Lectures	Provide Lectures	DAAD / GTZ	Uni /S-A/ Germany	We...MOU
Exchange Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis • Internship 	DAAD / GTZ	Uni /S-A/ Germany	MOU
Joint Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualitative • Quantitative 	DAAD / GTZ	Uni /S-A/ Germany	MOU
Exchange Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops/Exc. • E-Mail • Mail 	DAAD	All contacts	(MOU)

Ideas that are going to be realized already:

- Summer School Publication on “Urban and Periurban Development” is in process and DAAD agreed to finance it! In order to keep proceedings running smoothly, our contribution is needed by sending our papers or articles as soon as possible to the Cologne team (Christine Knie and co.).
- The CD and Homepage is being prepared at the moment are nearly completed. Inside you will find all papers of presentations, evaluations, photos, etc. which were completed during the Summer School 2005.
- Dr. Klaus Zehner, private lecturer from the Department of Geography, University of Cologne plans to visit the Khong Kaen University in Thailand as a guest lecturer. In the Summer School 2005 he lead us in the excursion to the suburbs “Meschenich ” and “Bayenthal” in Cologne.
- Malaysian and Cambodian students are planning to visit the Gadjah Mada Univeristy (UGM) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia for excursion.

3. INTERNET – LINKS

In this chapter you will find a collection of interesting “information-links “ for our upcoming network activities:

3.1. Selected DAAD Funding Opportunities

By the Link below you will find the homepage of the DAAD with funding opportunities by the German Academic exchange service (DAAD) – especially for cooperation programs with German alumni from developing countries

<http://www.daad.de/entwicklung/en/12.5.1.html>

3.2 Examples of DAAD Alumni-Networks

The following links are just for your convenience to show some examples and to get some ideas for the structure of our network:

University Göttingen, South-East-Asian Germany Alumni-Network

SEAG: www.seag.alumni-network.de

Peri Urban Development Southeast Asia

PUDSEA: www.pudsea.net

Research Scientific Alemania Latinoamérica

ReCall: www.recall.alumni-network.de

3.3 Partner Organizations

By this sub-chapter you will find a collection of web-pages of the partner organizations which participated in our summer school:

Cambodia

Faculty of Land Management and Land Administration, Royal University of Agriculture, Phnom Penh

Contact person: Dr. Jan-Peter Mund, Phann Sithan, M.Sc.

RUA: www.rua.edu.kh

Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, Phnom Penh

Contact person: Lor Chun Pau, M.Sc., Phyrum San, M.Sc., Sy Rathmony, M.Sc.

MLMUPC: www.mlmupc.gov.kh

Malaysia

Department of Geography, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Lee Boon Thong

www.um.edu.my

Indonesia

Faculty of Geography, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta

Contact person: Dr. Hartono

UGM: www.geo.ugm.ac.id

Center for Population and Policy Studies, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta

Contact person: Drs. Sukamdi M.Sc.

CPPS: www.cpps.or.id

Planning Department, Information Office, Yogyakarta Special Province

Contact person: Ir. Rony Primanto Hari, M.T.

www.pemda-diy.go.id

Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of North Sumatra, Medan

Contact person: Dr. Badaruddin

www.usu.ac.id

Faculty of Public Health, University of North Sumatra, University of North Sumatra, Medan

Contact person: Drs. Heru Santoso, M.A.

www.usu.ac.id

Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Faculty of Civil Engineering and Planning, Indonesian Technological Institute (ITI)

Contact person: Dr.-Ing. Adiyanti Sutandyo-Buchholz

ITI: www.iti.ac.id

Philippines

South East Asia Rural Social Leadership Institute, Xavier University College of Agriculture, Cagayan de Oro

Contact person: Prof. Dr. Anselmo "Boy" Mercado

SEARSOLIN: www.xu.edu.ph/searsolin

City Information Office, City Hall, Cagayan de Oro

Contact person: Ms. Imma Rae Gatuslao

Homepage?

Xavier University College of Agriculture, Cagayan de Oro
Contact person: Dr. Robert Holmer, Horacio Factura
webserver.cc.xu.edu.ph

Switzerland

Department of Geosciences, Geography/Urban and Regional Studies, University of Basel
Contact person: Mr. Khanh Hung Duong
www.unibas.ch

Thailand

Research Center for Mekong Regional Tourism, Khon Kaen University
Contact person: Prof. Dr. Sekson Yongvanit
ReCMERT: recmert.kku.ac.th

Vietnam

BBI - Training and Consulting Institute Hanoi
Contact person: Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu
Homepage?

Central Institute for Economic Management, Ministry of Planning and Investment
Contact person: Ms. Phan Thanh Ha
CIEM: www.ciem.org.vn

The Institute of Construction Economics, Ministry of Construction
Contact person: Dr. Nguyen Thi Binh Minh
Homepage?

Germany

Department of Geography, University of Cologne
Contact person: Prof. Dr. Frauke Kraas, Christine Knie, M.Sc. Geogr., MAS (GIS), Prof.
Dr. Joseph Nipper, Dr. Johannes Hamhaber
www.geographie.uni-koeln.de

Geographisches Institut der Universität Düsseldorf
Contact person: Dr. Helmut Schneider
www.math-nat-fak.uni-duesseldorf.de/WE/Geographie/fachgebiete

Department of Physical Geography, University of Freiburg
Contact person: Prof. Dr. Axel Drescher
www.geographie.uni-freiburg.de

Geographisches Institut der Universität Heidelberg
Contact Person: Prof. Dr. Hans Gebhardt
www.geog.uni-heidelberg.de

Institute for Economic Geography, University of Kiel
Contact person: Prof. Dr. Javier Revilla Diez
www.geographie.uni-kiel.de

Capacity Building International (InWent), Bonn
Contact person: Ms. Nina N. Quan
www.inwent.org

4. CHATTING **Intercultural exchange**

'*Nongkrong* is a common view in Indonesia, presumably as well as in some part of Asian countries (see picture).



Explanation:

"... The official dictionary definition of the verb is 'sitting around and not working', but in colloquial Bahasa Indonesia translates as something like 'hanging out'. The act can be performed by squatting on the roadside, sitting atop a bunch of parked motorbikes, or even leaning against a railing in the shopping mall. Classic *nongkrong* is done wearing flip-flops and smoking a pungent *kretek* clove cigarette.... The purpose of *nongkrong* is ... *nongkrong*. And it is not a fleeting, five-minute activity. *Nongkrong* must be long and drawn out, with absolutely no sense of urgency and no agenda whatsoever. If someone is doing something else like eating, for instance,

they are not *nongkrong*, they are eating. Similarly, if they have to be somewhere in half an hour, they are not *nongkrong* either..." Source: Jakarta Inside Out. Daniel Ziv. 2002. p.102-103

Some funny-photos from the summer school, collected by Gerrit Peters:



Green spaces and playgrounds in urban areas are of great value for the Quality of Life and children just love them!



Watermelon...watermelon...papaya....papaya....n
o party is complete without a healthy fruit salad
from the Philippines!



Even the *Rat Pack* showed up at our party to give a very special interpretation of their greatest hits.



On the first Summer School day even Prof. Nipper got confused with the right and the wrong, no, left side of Cologne.



Mony found the perfect solution for the heavy rainy season in Cambodia. (By the way BMW stands for "Bike Mony Wants")

5. WHO'S WHO

As mentioned before, if all of you agree, we could try to publish a three monthly newsletter on a rotation basis. It means the 2nd Edition of our Newsletter should be publicised in **March 2006**. Would anybody volunteer for the upcoming newsletter?

Maybe Prof. "Boy" Mercado could add his article or report of the Summer School 2005. Please contact Christine and me (Adiyanti/"Adi") if you would like to prepare the next edition.

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