

## « What is Asia? »

Thursday & Friday November 26 & 27, 2015

### International Workshop

Organized by GIS Asie (French Network of Asian Studies)

November 26, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (Language: English)

Venue: **EHESS**, 190 Avenue de France 75013 Paris, conference room 638-640 – 6<sup>th</sup> floor

November 27, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Language: French)

Venue: **Sorbonne**, Paris 1 University, 1 rue Victor Cousin, 75005 Paris,  
gallery Jean-Baptiste Dumas, room Jean-Baptiste Duroselle

The international and pluridisciplinary conference and workshop « **What is Asia?** » aims at bringing together French and international scholars of the South Asia, of the East Asia, and of the Southeast Asia in order to revisit the old notion of Asia, to question its relevance by testing its coherence. Our objective is to promote a global approach toward Asia, to reinforce the cooperation between different poles of the Asian Studies, therefore to develop the exchanges between different scholars and experts based in Europe and beyond.

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**Coordination:** Sébastien Lechevalier (director of the GIS Asie), Pierre Singaravélou (Paris 1 University-CHAC), Hugues Tertrais (Paris 1 University-CHAC).

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## PROGRAMME

### • Day 1, Conference - November 26, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Venue: **EHESS** (190 Avenue de France 75013 Paris, conference room 638-640 – 6<sup>th</sup> floor)

In English / En anglais.

8:30–8:50 a.m. Registration and welcome

8:50–9:10 a.m. Opening remarks by Hugues Tertrais (historian, Université Paris 1) and Sébastien Lechevalier (economist, GIS Asie)

#### KEYNOTE

9:10-9:55 a.m. **François Gipouloux** (historian, CNRS): “Networks in Asia: a historical perspective”

9:55-10:15 a.m. Coffee Break

#### SESSION 1

10:45-11:00 a.m. **Emiko Ochiai** (sociologist, Kyoto University, Japan): “Logics of Gender Role Changes in Asian Modernity: The Formation of the ‘Asian Women’”

11:00-11:45 a.m. **Christophe Z Guilmoto** (demographer, IRD/CEPED): “Asian demographics: the good, the bad and the ugly”

11:45-1:00 p.m. Lunch

#### SESSION 2

1:00-1:45 p.m. **Selcuk Esenbel** (anthropologist, Bogazici University, Turkey): “Pan-Asianism and Pan-Islam in modern Japan”

1:45-2:30 p.m. **Aminah Mohammad Arif** (political anthropologist, CEIAS/EHESS-CNRS) “Imaginations and Constructions of South Asia: An Enchanting Abstraction?”

2:30-2:45 p.m. Coffee Break

#### SESSION 3

2:45-3:30 p.m. **Naoko Hosokawa** (sociolinguist, research associate at Oxford University) “‘Japan in Asia’ or ‘Japan and Asia’?: The Dual Identification of ‘Asia’ in Contemporary Discourse in Japan”

3:30-4:15 p.m. **Astrid Nordin** (political scientist, Lancaster University): “Harmonism. A key ideology of (East) Asian thought”

4:15-4:30 p.m. Coffee Break

4:30-5:15 p.m. **Marc Lautier** (economist, Paris 13 University): “Asian Economic Development in Historical Perspective”

5:15-5:50 p.m. General Discussion

5:50-6:00 p.m. Concluding remarks

### • Day 2, Workshop - November 27, 2015, 9:00 a.m.-noon

Lieu : **Université Sorbonne Paris 1** (1 rue Victor Cousin, 75005 Paris, galerie Jean-Baptiste Dumas, Salle Jean-Baptiste Duroselle). In French / En français.

9:00-9:10 a.m. Accueil

9:10-9:20 a.m. Ouverture par Pierre Singaravélou (historien, Université Paris I) et Sébastien Lechevalier (GIS Asie)

9:20-10:00 a.m. Conférence de **Hugues Tertrais** (Université Paris I) « Qu’est-ce que l’Asie ? En quoi la question se pose-t-elle ? »

10:00-10:15 a.m. Pause

10:15-10:55 a.m. Discussion avec les jeunes chercheurs.

Modérateur : **Pierre Singaravélou** (Université Paris I)

10:55-11:50 a.m. Discussion générale avec la salle

11:50-12:00 a.m. Conclusions