

Panel Proposal for EuroSEAS 2017

Title: *Building Resilience and Human Security in the Face of Disasters: Lessons from Southeast Asia Experiences*

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Brief Description:

The Asia-Pacific region is the world's most natural disaster-prone area. Southeast Asia in particular, and most especially Indonesia and the Philippines, is among the hardest hit by natural disasters among the sub-regions of the Asia-Pacific. The sub-region suffers from typhoons, earthquakes, and floods. The frequency and intensity of disasters have grown and will likely grow in the future due to climate change and human-made phenomena like urbanization, population growth, environmental degradation, inequalities, etc. While the sub-region has seen rapid economic growth, there is still widespread inequality and poverty. While international aid has poured into the area to deal with disasters and their aftermath, it is only in recent years that Southeast Asian governments are increasingly paying attention to disaster preparedness, response and monitoring. Based on the experience of many Southeast Asian countries after disasters, much needs to be done in the area of rehabilitation and recovery of communities affected. The issue of resilience has been prominent in the literature but the less-prominent concept of human security is increasingly being linked with disasters and their aftermath.

It is in the above-context that this panel invites papers from different disciplines that discuss the experiences of Southeast Asian countries, either single-country or comparative studies, in disaster preparedness, response and recovery. Have past or ongoing actions, interventions and assistance by different sectors (national, local and international; private and public) in disaster areas contributed to building resilience and human security of communities? What lessons can be learned from these experiences, either successful or failed, as regards building resilience and human security in communities prone to disasters? Are the frameworks of resilience and human security useful in discourses about disasters?