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"The work of SEAC is vital to maintaining our shared understanding and community of Southeast Asia research. I am excited to work with funders to realise our goal to enhance SEAC, and to ensure that the vibrancy, insights, and scholarship of this important region are highlighted and supported."

Professor Hyun Bang Shin

SEAC Director, Professor of Geography and Urban Studies



The Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre (SEAC) is a world-leading multidisciplinary research centre focusing on the social, economic and political landscape of Southeast Asia.

We advance academic and policy research guided by our three core intersecting research themes:







Connectivity



Governance

We are part of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and uphold deep-rooted academic and historical connections with Southeast Asia.



Promoting dialogue and engagement

Our public engagement and knowledge exchange activities make the latest research available to everyone.

SEAC public events programme

Throughout the year, public lectures, seminars, book launches, and roundtable events, featuring a variety of speakers, connect us with broader audiences, spark timely debates, and highlight current work on and in Southeast Asia. A hybrid model of online and in-person events reaches and engages with audiences from afar, especially those in Southeast Asia.

Southeast Asia Forum

Our flagship annual conference – the LSE Southeast Asia Forum (SEAF) – brings together leading Southeast Asia experts from academia, business, and the public sector and civil society to share insights, engage with critical issues, and to champion research on Southeast Asia at LSE. Students, academics, interested specialists, and the general public come together to learn, network and cultivate relationships.

SEAC and LSE

SEAC proudly contributes to LSE's school-wide strategic initiatives of education for impact, research for the world, and developing LSE for everyone. We ensure that LSE's key principles of equity, diversity and inclusion are applied to all our academic activities.

Building a network of exceptional Southeast Asia scholars

We cultivate new generations of Southeast Asia scholars at all levels: undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD students, post-docs, emergent and established researchers and academics. Supporting regional scholars in their development widens access, builds relationships and helps us to expand our networks.

SEAC visiting appointments

Our visiting appointments scheme provides support for academics wishing to come to the LSE for up to normally three months. Visiting researchers make an active contribution to the intellectual life of the Centre, and stimulate exchange and the cross-fertilisation of ideas.

Early Career Researcher network and events

Our network of around 150+ Early Career Researchers (ECRs) brings together graduate students, post-docs and recent PhDs, researchers, and early-career academics. Joint research workshops and special events connect like-minded individuals across geographies and interests.



Pushing the boundaries of Southeast Asia research

Our multidisciplinary approach draws together experts from across the London School of Economics and the academic community worldwide.

These dynamic collaborations generate cutting edge research which informs officials and policy makers in governments, as well as stakeholders in business and society, on key issues and challenges relating to the region.

We nurture students as knowledge producers through our research fellowships and fieldwork grants. These provide opportunities for students to gain valuable research skills, paid employment, contacts, and the experience required for their future careers.



Support Us

Each year we rely on the generosity of individuals who wish to work with us to promote and sustain research into Southeast Asia.

Please join us in helping to secure the future of this important hub for Southeast Asia research. You can make a difference by supporting Southeast Asian scholarships for students, or for academics, or a range of initiatives which promote dialogue, exchange and engagement.

- £750 will enable an undergraduate or a master's student to undertake regional fieldwork through the Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- £1,500 will help us to develop and support the next generation
 of Southeast Asian scholars through our Early Career
 Researchers network of 150+ members, and organise a
 dedicated event for skills building, learning and sharing insights
- £10,000 will support LSE academics to integrate a Southeast Asian focus into their work through seed funding (Research Fund scheme), ensuring the region remains a priority at LSE
- £17,500 will fund a one-day conference such as the Southeast Asia Forum, SEAC's flagship yearly conference, bringing together students, academics, and practitioners to share insights and advance debate

Your support at any level will open new possibilities for learning and exchange, and ultimately foster greater understanding of the region.



To find out more about how you can support us, visit our website: https://www.lse.ac.uk/seac, or scan the OR code above.

