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I. Introduction

The European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS) is a leading research and policy think tank that analyses political, economic and security relations between the European Union and Asia. The EIAS aspires to do more than ‘merely’ track developments in EU-Asia relations. Indeed, the Institute and its dedicated staff and colleagues seek to anticipate developments, by looking ahead some three, five or even ten years, thus helping to shape policy by identifying and analysing key-determinants of unfolding scenarios. In addition to ‘thinking ahead’, EIAS is also committed to ‘thinking outside the box’, initiating new policy ideas, facilitating track-two diplomacy and ensuring a cross-flow of information between officials, academics and experts, and civil society actors.

In 2005 EIAS continued its work on EU-Asia relations through undertaking, in close collaboration with EU institutions, studies and analyses of the policies of the European Union vis-à-vis Asia, organising round table meetings, specialised briefings, in-depth seminars and international conferences. The EIAS work programme included research, activities, programmes and dissemination of information focusing on each of the major sub-regions in Asia covered by the Asia-Latin America Regulation (ALA-regulation) in a balanced way. EIAS inter-disciplinary, policy-focused research contributed to shaping policy within the EU through topical and strategic analyses.

Under the overall direction of the EIAS Director, Dr Willem van der Geest, the EIAS staff in collaboration with Institute members and research associates, provided the basis for innovative and well-informed discussions, intellectual exchanges and publications. In 2005 the work of the Institute was framed by four inter-related but distinct themes:

- EU-ASIA Inter-Regionalism and New Regionalism in Asia
- Political and Security Developments in Asia
- EU-Asia International Political Economy
- Socio-Cultural Dimensions of EU-Asia relations

Moreover, in response to the tragic Tsunami, hitting South Asia and South-East Asia (as well as East Africa) on December 26, 2005, a series of activities were introduced which were cutting across these themes. The primary objective was to provide a forum to discuss and monitor the European response to this natural disaster and its humanitarian impact.

This 2005 Annual Report is a component of the European Commission Partnership Agreement (ECPA), a framework contract which facilitates and supports the work of non-profit institutes focusing their work on the external relations of the European Union. Therefore, this Report needs to be seen in the framework of the three-year ECPA 2004-06 work programme; it offers an account of how EU grant resources have been deployed during the year of 2005. This report updates the first interim report (submitted to the European Commission on 31 May 2005) and the second interim report (submitted to the European Commission on 30 September 2005), encapsulating the information provided therein.

The Report thus provides the basis for an assessment and evaluation of the implementation of the 2005 EIAS Work programme. In the concluding section an implementation table with impact indicators is provided. The Financial Annex details the revenues and expenses during the year of 2005.

II. Constructing Intellectual and Social Capital for EU-Asia

EIAS's active and dynamic programme-implementation provides an important intellectual resource for EU-Asia relations. Briefings and conferences organised by EIAS invariably bring together a rich diversity of specialists and professionals to exchange their views and perspectives about Asian and European developments. The 'EIAS network' comprises a rich cross-section of disciplines and sectors, officials and civil society players, policy makers and policy shapers, scholars and diplomats, Asians and Europeans as well as others, e.g. from the USA and Russia. EIAS publications invite and receive contributions from key-players within this network – contributors to the *EurAsia Bulletin* during 2005 included, amongst others, two European Commissioners, an EU Member State Minister, several Ambassadors, Members of the European Parliament, policy analysts and policy advocates (see below).

The 'social capital' of EIAS consists of the goodwill of these persons to contribute to the work of EIAS, their keenness to improve understanding of developments in Asia and their appreciation of the importance of the EU's relations with Asia.

Moreover, the 'social capital' of EIAS also includes an excellent first-hand insight in the activities of a broad network of institutes and individual experts. For specific research projects as well as conferences and round-tables this constitutes a unique intellectual resource. This has been built-up over many years and is intimately linked to the standing and reputation of its senior staff and Board. Most pertinently, EIAS participates in Europe-Asia networks of research and analysis, for example as a Member of the European Alliance for Asian Studies, a cooperation between like-minded institutes across Asia (please consult www.asia-alliance.org).

It is also pertinent to note that this building-up of social capital has occurred in response to an effective demand. EIAS senior staff are frequently invited to contribute to high-level conferences and meetings in Brussels, in other EU Member States and, of course, in Asia. During 2005 the EIAS Director and Senior Research Fellow made 29 such 'external' presentations – over and above those made at briefings and conferences organised by EIAS itself. These invitations are only accepted if the expected impact is high and provided that the cost of travel and accommodation are borne by the organizing institution.

The profiles of the participants is a decisive characteristic when EIAS decides to contribute to a conference or forum, because the participants' profiles determine the quality of the speakers, discussants and chairs of the international conferences. For example, the EIAS Director was invited to address the *60th Transatlantic Legislators Dialogue*, held in London under the auspices of the UK Presidency, with about a dozen of US Congressmen and women as well as some 25 MEPs from different committees of the European Parliament. Likewise, EIAS's Senior Research Fellow was invited to make a presentation before the Economic and Security Committee of the *NATO Parliamentary Assembly* in Copenhagen; he was selected as the sole resource speaker to the Committee. The participants to such events, in this case legislators from all NATO PA countries, open up new network channels and facilitate the projection of EIAS research.

Briefings organized by EIAS have frequently been a catalyst for initiatives by the EU institutions. An EIAS luncheon briefing on the outcomes of the SAARC summit, prompted

the European Parliament's Chair of the Delegation for relations with South Asia to invite the Bangladeshi Ambassador to brief the EP Delegation in Strasbourg the week following.

The impact of EIAS presentations is not restricted to intra- or intergovernmental discussions but aims at civil society as well. For example, the EIAS Senior Research Fellow made presentations in two conferences on the assessment of the ASEM process in Copenhagen and Tokyo. The EU-East Asia Think Tank dialogue, which held its 7th annual meeting in Singapore, constitutes another layer of interaction between independent research analysts, with linkages to policy making circles and processes.

Invitations to Asia (Bangladesh, the Republic of Taiwan, People's Republic of China, Japan, Malaysia) demonstrate that EIAS staff are able to take advantage of cross-sectorial effects and synergies, in addition to meetings co-organized by EIAS in Asia (Singapore). During 2005 EIAS staff also contributed to conferences and fora in Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

In addition, the presentations made at international conferences also form the basis of EIAS inputs into public discourses. The publication of books and articles are an example of this. Out of the ICAS conference in Shanghai a book will be published, edited by Dr Bersick. This book will be presented at the ASEM 6 in Helsinki in 2006.

The number of visitors to EIAS nearly doubled during 2005¹ and the profile of these visitors to EIAS has gained further in standing and importance. There were many opinion leaders from within the European Union, United States and Asia:

- researchers and policy-analysts of collaborating think tanks, such as the Chief Economist of the Centre for European Reform; a Director of the International Crisis Group; researcher of the Institute for International Economics, Washington, the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, Korea, the Shanghai Institute for International Relations, China and directors of the Asia Europe Foundation and the Centre for the Democratic Control of the Armed Forces, Geneva;
- collaborating researchers, such as from University of California, Davis, University of Helsinki, George Washington University, the Institute for Economic Relations, Athens; and others
- representatives of international organisations seeking inputs and collaboration, such as lead-economists of the World Bank, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, the Asian Development Bank, the Aga Khan Development network;
- political personalities, such as the President and the leader of the opposition of Azad Kashmir, a non-LTTE Tamil Member of the Sri Lankan Parliament, the representative of H.H. the Dalai Lama and members of the Tibetan Parliament in exile in India;
- media personnel, including the Chief Reporter in Brussels of Euronews TV and of the Belgian Canal Z, the NOS-radio Brussels correspondent,
- political activists, for example from ACEH
- student groups from the University of Hong Kong, University of Turku, Finland,

¹ Visitors could not be received during a period of three weeks (mid-June to early July) because EIAS was moving to its new premises at Rue de la Loi 67.

- finally, approximately 40 percent of the visitors at EIAS were officials of the EU institutions or diplomats accredited to the EU, including diplomats of the United States, Japan, Canada, China, India, Indonesia, New Zealand, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, the DPRK and the Union of Myanmar.

The performance of EIAS in 2005 demonstrates that the Institute is a highly efficient Track Two institution. This efficiency is underlined by an increasing demand for its services from within the EU institutions. In order to facilitate a process of consolidation and expansion, EIAS aims at transforming the current think tank into a powerful institute on Europe-Asia relations.

III. Implementation of the Work Programme

A. EIAS Lunch Briefings

One of the activities of the Institute is organising and hosting Luncheon Briefings on pertinent topics of EU-Asia relations. Beginning with an informal lunch, the Briefings usually last for 1.5 hours, including questions. Attendees include EIAS members, representatives from EU Institutions, diplomats, academics, the media and other interested parties.

During the year 2005 EIAS implemented ten EIAS Lunch Briefings at its premises, covering

- the rule of law in Asia,
- democracy and governance in Nepal,
- human rights in the post-Tsunami Aceh,
- the building of post-conflict democracies in Asia (and Europe),
- the World Bank's perspective on the development challenges facing South Asia
- Chinese Economic Development and its Global Impact
- The European Union's Strategic Interests in East Asia
- the EU's Role in Monitoring the Aceh Peace Process
- the 2005 Presidential Elections in Sri Lanka
- outcomes of the 13th SAARC Summit

The speakers at the Briefings included a Vice-President of the World Bank, a Chief EOM Election Observer, the Council Head of Task Force for Asia, several leading academic analysts from Europe and Asia, two public advocacy spokespersons, and several Asian Ambassadors to the EU.

- **International Criminal Justice in Asia: From the Tokyo Trials to the ICC (25 January)**
Speaker: Dr. Ilaria Bottigliero, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden.

Asia has been the scene of serious human rights violations, often committed during armed conflict or serious civil unrest, such as in Afghanistan, East Timor, parts of Indonesia, Kashmir, Myanmar, Nepal, regions of Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Unstable political situations and traditionally weak human rights protection have contributed to a pervasive climate of

impunity towards violations of human rights and humanitarian law. Denial of justice in respect of human rights violations has undermined human security, development and the rule of law in many Asian countries over time. Given the pattern of failure on the part of some Asian Governments to prevent human rights and humanitarian law violations, it has become essential to consider what avenues at the international level could assist these Governments to provide justice and redress.

Dr. Bottigliero's presentation at EIAS focused on the potential role of the International Criminal Court (ICC) in Asia and discussed prospects and challenges for the better application of international standards in respect of criminal justice and redress for victims of serious human rights and humanitarian law violations in Asia.

- **Democracy & Governance in Nepal** (2 March)

Speakers: H.E. Narayan S. Thapa, Ambassador, Royal Embassy of Nepal

Mr. Nicholas Grono, Director of Advocacy & Research, International Crisis Group

On February 1st, King Gyanendra of Nepal caught his kingdom and the international community off guard by announcing the dismissal of the government and declaring a state of emergency whilst assuming direct control of the government. The King claims his actions, which include the detention of politicians, human rights workers and students, served to defend Nepalese multiparty democracy. Denouncing the ex-government's inefficiency with regards to the Maoist insurgency that has plunged Nepal into a deepening crisis and cost the lives of thousands, King Gyanendra has pledged to bring back peace within three years.

However, many observers warned that King Gyanendra's "royal coup" would undermine the Nepalese struggle with the Maoist insurgency, possibly leading to an escalation of violence. The international community called for the restoration of democracy and civil rights as well as the release of all opposition leaders. The United States and several EU states have recalled their ambassadors to Nepal as a demonstration of their opposition to the King's actions.

In order to shed light on these developments and discuss the steps ahead for the Nepalese Kingdom, EIAS invited H.E. Ambassador Narayan S. Thapa of Nepal and Mr. Nicholas Grono, Director of Advocacy and Research at the International Crisis Group, to give a briefing on Democracy and Governance in Nepal.

- **Indonesia - Human Rights in Aceh in the Post-Tsunami context** (17 March)

Speaker: Mr. Hendra Budian, Vice-Director, Banda Aceh Legal Aid Institute, Indonesia

The province of Aceh, in the north-western tip of Indonesia, has been the scene of a decades-long separatist struggle between the Free-Aceh Movement (GAM) and the Indonesian armed forces. In addition to claiming thousands of lives the conflict has been the source of grave human rights violations. In December 2004 Aceh was devastated by the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami. More than 140,000 people in the province have lost their lives and thousands are still struggling to regain their livelihoods.

EIAS invited the Acehnese lawyer, Hendra Budian, who has been working on human rights issues in the troubled province for several years, to speak to its audience in Brussels about these issues. In addition to being Vice-Director of the Banda Aceh Legal Aid Institute, Hendra Budian is also Programme Director of Aceh's Judicial Monitoring Institute, Co-

ordinator of the Human Rights Documentation Unit in Aceh and an active member of the Acehese Civil Society Task Force. Hendra Budian has been active in creating a Working Group which monitors human rights violations in the Aceh region, in civilian training of peace and human rights issues and on setting up the Saree School for Human Rights and Peace, which is the center for human rights training of Acehese. After the tsunami hit, he set up the Relief Aid Center, which is the focal point for humanitarian assistance in Aceh. Mr. Budian was initially invited to Brussels by INFID.

- **From Bullets to Ballots & Beyond: Building Post-Conflict Democracies in Asia & Europe** (21 April)

Speaker: Mr. Plamen Tonchev, Head of Asia Unit, Institute of International Economic Relations (IIER), Athens

There are a great number of challenges to overcome when the time comes for democracy building in a post-conflict environment. While restoring democratic institutions in a country that has suffered from a conflict is a prerequisite, many more steps are needed on the road to full recovery: ballots alone do not necessarily lead away from bullets. Mr. Tonchev, Head of Asia Unit at the Institute of International Economic Relations in Athens, has conducted extensive research on political and economic developments in Asia. Much of his work has focused on post-conflict resolution and in particular, post-election stabilisation and recovery in nations torn by conflict. He has served as an election observer and political analyst on a number of OSCE and EU missions including in Afghanistan, Pakistan, East Timor, Indonesia, Cambodia, Bosnia, Albania, Ukraine and Azerbaijan.

EIAS welcomed Mr. Tonchev to the Institute for a very enriching briefing on post-conflict resolution in Asia. Through the analysis of four case studies - Cambodia, East Timor, Bosnia and Cyprus - Mr. Tonchev presented the intricacies of democracy building in countries that have suffered through years of conflict. Mr. Tonchev addressed the issues pertaining to the conduct of elections, highlighted necessary steps to be taken in parallel to democratisation and present 'success indicators' in assessing the effectiveness of international assistance provided to post-conflict areas. Furthermore, Mr. Tonchev identified lessons learned from the four case studies and offered afterthoughts on the commitment of the international community to the countries in question. In conclusion, Mr. Tonchev suggested possibilities for steps to be taken within the Asia Europe Meeting process.

- **Meeting the Challenges of Helping South Asia More Effectively** (May 24)

Speaker: Mr. Praful Patel, Regional Vice President, South Asia Region, World Bank

For the past decade, South Asia has been the second fastest-growing region in the world, after East Asia, with an average annual growth rate of 5.3 percent. However, the region remains one of the most disadvantaged in the world: more than 40 percent of its 1.4 billion people live on less than one dollar a day, making South Asia home to nearly half of the world's poor. In December 2004, the deadly Asian tsunami reached the shores of South Asia, leaving behind a trail of destruction that has impacted the region in more ways than one. Today talk of 'building back better' is high on the agenda, with debate focusing on how to further develop and improve the life and livelihoods of those left behind.

This meeting explored the means by which development assistance can be scaled up in South Asia with an emphasis on the impact of the tsunami. What are the issues and trade-offs in targeting aid to regions with better governance, where it may be used more effectively? Or in targeting the poorest regions or other sub-national entities, where governance is often weakest? Mr. Praful Patel gave an overview of World Bank efforts to provide increased assistance in different countries in South Asia.

- **Chinese Economic Development and its Global Impact** (November 7)

Speaker: Mr. Liu Xu, Director, Department of International Trade, Institute for International Economic Research, The National Development and Reform Commission of the People's Republic of China

The unprecedented economic growth of the People's Republic of China is changing how the country views itself and how East Asia and the rest of the world view China. Offering labour and markets, China is rapidly becoming the workshop of the world. Its approach to slowly liberalising trade and services, coupled with its recent accession into the WTO, may indicate a new path for developing countries.

The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) of the People's Republic of China is a macro-economic regulatory department, of the State Council, with a mandate to develop national economic strategies, long term economic plans, annual plans, and to report on the national economy and social development to the National People's Congress. The NDRC Academy functions as the research branch of the Commission, tasked with undertaking analysis and research relating to the overall mission of the NDRC. The European Institute for Asian Studies was pleased to welcome a delegation from the Academy to speak at a Luncheon Briefing.

At the meeting Mr. Liu Xu, head of the delegation, presented the current status of Chinese Economic Development and examined its impact on a global scale. Following this, members of the delegation and audience were invited to exchange views with the delegation head on his presentation and discuss current issues and scenarios for the future of economic relations between China and the rest of the world.

- **The European Union's Strategic Interests in East Asia** (17 November)

Speakers: Dr. Willem van der Geest, Director, EIAS
Dr. Sebastian Bersick, Research Fellow, EIAS

The relationship between the EU and East Asia has evolved in the past decade with both continents undergoing major economic, political and social changes. With China leading the region's fast economic growth and with political collaboration within the region intensifying, East Asian cooperation has major economic, political and security implications for the world, generating both opportunities and challenges for the EU.

The European Institute for Asian Studies, in collaboration with its consortium partner Nomisma, recently completed a comprehensive review for the EU entitled "**The European Union's Strategic Interests in East Asia**" which was presented at this meeting. The study was commissioned by the EU Commission as a guide to reassessing Europe's strategic interests in East Asia by providing information on the region's likely development in

economic, political, security and socio-cultural terms, with a special focus on intra-regional co-operation - in particular China's role.

- **The EU's Role in Monitoring the Aceh Peace Process** (29 November)

Speakers: H.E. Ambassador Tomasz Kozlowski, Head of Task Force for Asia, Policy Unit, Council of the European Union, Dr. Timo Kivimäki, Senior Researcher, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies

On August 15 2005 in Helsinki, the Indonesian government and the Free Aceh Movement (GAM) concluded a Memorandum of Understanding opening the way for a resolution of more than thirty years of conflict. In order to impartially implement the peace agreement, the Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) was established comprising the EU and five ASEAN countries. Officially launched on 15 September, the AMM presence is based on an official invitation from the Indonesian government and the support of GAM leadership. Two months into the process, considerable progress had been made but challenges remain.

The European Institute for Asian Studies welcomed H.E. Ambassador Tomasz Kozlowski of the European Council and Dr. Timo Kivimäki from the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies to speak at this event. Dr. Kivimäki, who acted as an advisor to the CMI in Helsinki during the bilateral talks between the GAM and the Government of Indonesia, provided an analysis of the talks in Helsinki, speaking on the factors that contributed to the successful conclusion of these talks. Following this presentation, Ambassador Kozlowski addressed and reviewed the involvement of the European Union in the post-Tsunami peace monitoring in Aceh, presenting a Council perspective and examining the political consequences thereof.

- **The 2005 Presidential Elections in Sri Lanka – The Observer's Assessment** (December 1)

Speaker: Mr. John Cushnahan, Chief Observer, European Union Election Observation Mission (EOM) to Sri Lanka, Board Member, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels

On 17 November, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakse of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) won Sri Lanka's closely fought presidential election. In the run-up to the election, reports of misuse of public resources for campaigning, biased coverage by the state media and even a Supreme Court interim order discriminating against voters from LTTE areas threatened to de-legitimise the election process. On the day of the election, violence in the North and East of the country obstructed balanced participation whilst an enforced boycott by the LTTE further hindered voter turnout.

A European Union Election Observation Mission (EOM) was present in Sri Lanka, both leading up to elections and on election day, to monitor the process. EOMs are deployed, at the invitation of the concerned government, by the European Union as a tool for advancing democracy, human rights and respect for the rule of law. Over the years, the EU has built up a reputation in the field of election observation as a fair and impartial actor promoting transparency and international standards for democratic elections through its presence and reporting in a wide range of countries.

The European Institute for Asian Studies welcomed Mr. John Cushnahan, Chief Observer of the EOM in Sri Lanka, to speak on the presidential election in Sri Lanka and the Preliminary Statement issued by the EOM on 19 November in Colombo. The discussion centered on the progress made by Sri Lanka in the conduct of democratic elections, the role and impact of EOMs, what lessons could be drawn from this latest presidential election and what challenges are foreseen in the future.

- **The Outcomes of the 13th SAARC Summit: Integration and Enlargement** (December 8)

Speaker: H.E. Mr. Maudud Ali, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the European Union

The 13th SAARC Summit, held in Dhaka on November 11-13, was of crucial importance with regards to the development of regional and global integration in South Asia. Amongst the outcomes was an agreement for Afghanistan to become a member with effect of the next summit meeting, an agreement that both China and Japan will be granted observer status to the SAARC, firm commitment to the realisation of a South Asian economic union and SAFTA, and an agreement of India to invest \$100 million in the South Asia Development Fund. Furthermore, the very excellent political atmosphere in which the summit took place was noted.

As a distinguished member of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Bangladesh hosted the 13th SAARC Summit which brought together Heads of States of the seven SAARC members. The European Institute for Asian Studies was honored to welcome H.E. Mr. Maudud Ali, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the European Union, to present the outcomes of this Summit and their implications for future integration and enlargement. Following an interesting presentation, ambassadors and representatives from SAARC countries and other interested countries offered their perspectives on behalf of their respective governments, leading to a fruitful discussion on the role of SAARC and the scope for regional cooperation in Asia.

B. EIAS Special Briefings

The Institute holds occasional ‘Special Briefings’ where high-level speakers provide insight and analysis on important issues. These special briefings take many forms, from round tables to closed door sessions and may be organised in collaboration with other bodies. Attendees include EIAS members, representatives from EU Institutions, diplomats, academics, the media and other invited parties.

The 2005 Work-programme was amended (27 January, 2005) to take account of the need for post-Tsunami monitoring of efforts and inputs from the EU institutions and European civil society to address the consequences of the devastating natural disaster which had struck South and South-East Asia. Three special briefings were co-organised by EIAS with the Economic and Social Committee as well as the European Parliament (Mr Nirj Deva MEP). The speakers at the Special Briefings included the two European Commissioners concerned, Ms Benita Ferrero-Waldner (External Relations and Neighborhood Policy) and Mr Louis Michel (Development and Humanitarian Assistance), the Ambassadors of the all the affected

countries, Members of the European Parliament and representatives of NGOs providing support to Tsunami victims in the affected countries.

- **(1) Post -Tsunami Relief, Reconstruction and Development: What can the EU do?**
(19 January)

Venue: The European Economic and Social Committee

Speakers: Mr. Sharma, Member of follow up Committee of EU-India Round Table, EESC

H.E. Mr. Mattalitti, Ambassador of Indonesia to the European Union

H.E. Mr. Jayasinghe, Ambassador of Sri-Lanka to the European Union

H.E. Mr. Pramudwinai, Ambassador of Thailand to the European Union

H.E. Mr. Deva, Ambassador of Malaysia to the European Union

Ms. Gill, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Delegation for Relations with South Asian countries

The tsunami waves that struck the shores of numerous countries across the Indian Ocean on 26 December 2004 caused massive destruction and tragic loss of life. The tsunami has had an enormous humanitarian, social and economic impact throughout the region, with political implications on a global scale. The short, medium and long-term consequences of this horrendous natural disaster across Asia and Africa have been far-reaching. A number of international and regional initiatives have been launched to provide a situation analysis and respond appropriately to the region's needs.

International support, including from the people and governments of the European Union, has been generous and unprecedented. In light of these developments a number of questions were addressed at the EIAS Briefing:

- Was the generous humanitarian assistance offered initially by the EU followed up with adequate long-term support to rebuild shattered communities and provide them the means to regain their livelihoods?
 - What needed to be done to ensure an effective long-term approach from the EU?
 - Would the offers of humanitarian assistance and financial aid by EU governments be additional resources for the affected countries or was there cause for concern that those funds would be drawn from budgets earmarked for development?
 - What was the likely economic impact on growth and development across the region as well as on the directly affected islands and coastal areas?
 - Would the political solidarity shown at this time of tragedy translate into strengthening of cooperation within the region? Could post-tsunami reconstruction facilitate the resolution of conflicts within the affected countries, especially in Indonesia and Sri Lanka?
- **(2) The Post-Tsunami Relief Effort** (15 February)
Venue: European Parliament
Speakers: South East Asian Ambassadors and MEPS

The purpose of the meeting was to provide a forum for Ambassadors of the tsunami affected areas to discuss their countries' needs in an exchange of views with other Ambassadors from donor countries, representatives from European and international institutions, and NGO representatives. Dr Willem van der Geest, Director EIAS, co-chaired the meeting with Mr Nirj Deva MEP.

- **(3) The Post-Tsunami Relief Effort (15 March)**

Venue: European Parliament

Speakers: South East Asian Ambassadors, MEPS, Commissioners Louis Michel and Ferrero-Waldner

Building on two prior meetings, Mr Nirj Deva MEP, in collaboration with the European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS), held a Special Round-Table at the European Parliament to assess the progress of relief efforts in the tsunami-affected areas. In particular the meeting addressed the constraints that local and international NGOs face in effectively providing aid to the affected populations and reconstructing the devastated areas. The Round-Table focused on the role of the European Union and the role of European/International NGOs. The Round-Table provided a forum for Ambassadors from the tsunami-affected areas, Ambassadors from donor countries, representatives of the European Union and international institutions including Commissioners Louis Michel and Ms. Benita Ferrero-Waldner and representatives from NGOs, to examine ways and means of overcoming the challenges of effective reconstruction and development.

In addition, EIAS continued its focus on the geo-political flashpoints in Asia through several Special Briefings. On the invitation of Members of the European Parliament, the EIAS Director moderated a unique video-conference through which Mr Chen Shui-bian, President of Taiwan, articulated his changed perspective on the scope and desirability of constitutional amendments. Furthermore, EIAS hosted a closed-door discussion on Kashmir, focusing on questioning the role, if any, for the European Union, with Maj. Gen. (Retd) Sardar Muhammad Anwar Khan, President of the State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Mr John Cushnahan, former MEP and parliamentary rapporteur on Kashmir as the main speakers. EIAS Vice Chairman Mr Malcolm Subhan chaired the meeting. In October, EIAS organised a Special Briefing at the European Parliament on Burma and ASEAN.

- **EU-Taiwan Video Conference (1 March)**

Venue: European Parliament, Brussels

President Chen Shui-bian, the President of Taiwan

Moderator: Dr. Willem van der Geest, Director, European Institute for Asian Studies

Speakers: Mr. Graham Watson, Member of the European Parliament

Mr. Georg Jarzembowski, Member of the European Parliament

Mr. Aidan White, Secretary-General, International Federation of Journalists

Mr. Patrice De Beer, Editor, Le Monde

Through an historic video-conference, President Chen Shui-bian, the President of Taiwan, the Republic of China, launched a dialogue involving members of the European Parliament, leading journalists from across Europe, academic scholars and analysts, moderated by the EIAS Director.

- **Kashmir -- What Role for the European Union?** (28 April)

Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Brussels

Speakers: Mr. John Cushnahan, former MEP, Member of the Board EIAS

Maj. Gen. (Retd) Sardar Muhammad Anwar Khan, President of the State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir

Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry, Leader of the Opposition in the AJ&K Assembly

On 18 April 2005, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh met with President General Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan at a Summit in New Delhi. Conscious of the historic opportunity created by the improved environment in relations and the overwhelming desire of the peoples of the two countries for durable peace, the two leaders held substantive talks. In this spirit the issue of Jammu and Kashmir was addressed and the leaders agreed to continue these discussions in a sincere and purposeful and forward-looking manner for a final settlement.

The Institute convened a Special closed-door Round Table Briefing in light of these positive developments and in the context of the visit to Brussels of Maj. Gen. (Retd) Sardar Muhammad Anwar Khan (President of the State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJ&K)), and Barrister Sultan Mehmood Chaudhry (Leader of the Opposition in the AJ&K Assembly).

- **Burma and ASEAN - The Way Forward** (4 October)

Venue: Spinelli Building, European Parliament, Brussels

Since the Union of Myanmar (Burma) joined the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 1997, the Association has gently pushed for democratisation and national reconciliation through ‘constructive engagement’ – with mixed results. Burma’s recent decision to defer its forthcoming chairmanship of ASEAN has averted diplomatic strain, yet the question of creating a new way forward for Burma, ASEAN and the rest of the world remains.

The European Institute for Asian Studies, in collaboration with Glenys Kinnock MEP, was honored to welcome a distinguished delegation from AIPMC comprising of the Hon. Mohd Zaid Bin Ibrahim, MP from Malaysia and President of AIPMC and the Hon. Senator Jon Ungphakorn, AIPMC Steering Committee member from Thailand to join a Special Panel Discussion. The ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Myanmar Caucus is a body of legislators established across national and party lines to examine methods for ASEAN to advance the promotion of democracy and reconciliation in Burma.

During the Panel Discussion, the Parliamentarians from the AIPMC Delegation introduced and explained the work of the AIPMC, discussing future plans for possible cooperation. They assessed the implications of the Burma situation upon ASEAN and looked into innovative ways of bringing about a solution to the present stalemate over Burma, which adversely affects EU-ASEAN relations and ASEAN’s long-term political and economic interests.

Mr. Harn Yawngwe, of the Euro-Burma Office, also took part in the Panel and portrayed the current political and social situation, the National Convention and future plan of Burma. The Special Panel was co-chaired by Glenys Kinnock, MEP and Dr. Willem van der Geest, Director of the European Institute for Asian Studies.

C. EIAS International Conferences

Throughout the year 2005, EIAS developed programmes and concept notes for several major conferences. One of these focuses on the pressing question of Islam, human rights and counter-terrorism in Uzbekistan and was to be co-organised with the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), in particular in collaboration with Mr Michael Emerson. The Conference was planned to be a one-day event organized around three distinct thematic sessions in order to effectively and comprehensively cover the rich and complex subject of “Islam in Uzbekistan and Central Asia”. The thematic sessions were: “The Role of Islam in Modern Central Asia”, “Islam in Uzbekistan and Anti-terrorism” and “Human Rights and Democracy”. Speakers to be invited included officials from NGOs and human right advocacy organisations. On the request of Tashkent, the conference has been postponed without alternative date. Although the reasons for this were not formally spelled out, it may be noted that the EIAS-CEPS organisers had programmed for active participation of international human rights NGOs, such as Amnesty International and/or Human Rights Watch. In 2005, EIAS was an active co-organiser of two major international conferences:

- **Taiwan-China Cross-Straits Relations: What role for the EU?** (18 to 20 October)
18 October 2005: Venue: 41-43 Birkbeck College, Gordon Square, London, UK
20 October: Venue: Hotel Leopold, 35 rue du Luxembourg, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

The European Institute for Asian Studies and the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, in collaboration with the European Alliance for Asian Studies, organised an annual high-level Conference entitled “Taiwan-China Cross-Strait Relations: What Role for the EU?” in London on October 18th and in Brussels on October 20th, 2005. The Conference assembled leading policymakers, scholars and civil society representatives from the EU, Taiwan and the People’s Republic of China to discuss current events and trends affecting the evolution of mutual relations.

The Conference in London highlighted political and security issues relating to cross-strait tensions (including the recent debate surrounding the EU arms embargo on China), changing perceptions of U.S. strategic interests in Taiwan and perceptions of the Chinese military from a regional security perspective, economic issues with a focus on investment, amongst which, an analysis of the objectives and modalities of Chinese Investment into the EU and a look at the role of FDI in Chinese regional economic development.

The Conference in Brussels examined outlook for EU-China-Taiwan trading relations, China-Taiwan economic integration and contrasting economic perspectives of China and Taiwan as well presentations on good governance and legitimacy in China and Taiwan and the future of EU-China-Taiwan relations.

- **7th Europe - East Asia Think Tank Dialogue** (22 to 24 November)

Venue: Ritz-Carlton Millenia Singapore

The 7th Europe-East Asia Think Tank Dialogue was co-organised by the European Institute for Asian Studies alongside the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Regional Office for South East Asia and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta. In view of its logistic convenience, the conference was held in Singapore.

As the Dialogue meeting had been scheduled to coincide with the mission of the European Parliament's delegation for relations with ASEAN, a unique opportunity was provided to have an inaugural panel of the Dialogue involving officials of the European Union. The opening panel discussion was entitled 'Renewing the Commitment to Strengthen Asia-Europe Relations'. Mr. Hartmut Nassauer, MEP and Chairman of the ASEAN Delegation, European Parliament delivered the key-note address. Following the address invited statements were given by Mr. Geoffrey Barrett, Special Adviser Asia, European Commission as well as Mr. Klaus-Jürgen Hedrich, formerly Chair of the ASEAN Parliamentarians Group of the German Bundestag. Three representatives of think tanks were invited to offer their perspectives: Dr. Rizal Sukma, Deputy Executive Director, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia, Prof. Dr. Carolina G. Hernandez, President, Institute for Strategic and Development Studies, Philippines and Dr. Willem van der Geest, Director of the European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels.

Four substantive sessions focused on issues of enlargement, integration and community building from a comparative perspective:

- The Enlargement and Integration of the European Union and East Asia: Rationale, Visions and Development
- Challenges and Opportunities in Community-Building in Europe and Asia: The Political, Historical and Security Dimensions
- Challenges and Opportunities in Community-Building in Europe and East Asia: The Economic Dimension
- People's Participation in Community-Building: Europe and East Asia.

Speakers, presenters and commentators included representatives from all the ASEAN+3 countries, except Brunei-Darussalam. European speakers originated from institutes in Belgium, France, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Portugal and Spain, whereas Japan and the United States were also represented.

D. EIAS Presentations and Academic Networking

An integral part of the Institute's work is presenting research and partaking in academic exchange at international conferences and events. This not only allows for academic networking and dialogue with other think-tanks, research institutes, international organisations and funding bodies, it also puts an outward face on the Institutes large body of research. In support of research, policy analysis and Brussels-based intellectual exchange, EIAS Staff members undertook several missions to Asian and European countries in 2005. These were in response to invitations to speak at major international conferences and to develop research collaboration with Asian think tanks and policy research centres.

- **EU-ASIA Inter-Regionalism** (3 January)

Venue: Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka Bangladesh

Key-note presentation by Dr. Willem van der Geest at the Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka on 'Indo-ASEAN Cooperation: Lessons for Bangladesh' at a CPD Dialogue on Regionalism and Multilateralism.

- **EU-ASIA Inter-Regionalism** (15 March)

Venue: Clingendael, Netherlands Institute for International Relations in The Hague

Dr. Sebastian Bersick had been invited to present a lecture on the "The ASEM Regime: Structure, Interests and Processes". The presentation was given within the framework of a "Course in International Relations and Diplomatic Practice for Junior Diplomats from Indonesia".

- **EU-ASIA Inter-Regionalism** (16 March)

Venue: Centre for Applied Studies in International Negotiations (CASIN), Geneva

Dr. Sebastian Bersick had been invited to present a lecture on the "Challenges of Integration and inter-regional cooperation: The example of the ASEM process". The presentation took place in the framework of the "First Regional Multidimensional Diplomacy Project. Professional Training Programme in Multidimensional Diplomacy for Officials from the Mekong Region."

- **ASEAN Regional Cooperation** (4 April)

Venue: Clingendael, Netherlands Institute for International Relations in The Hague

Dr. van der Geest presented a lecture on ASEAN Regional Cooperation for a group of Junior/mid-level diplomats from Indonesia. He presented an evaluation of the ASEAN process of regional cooperation through an analysis of its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, concluding with recommendations for success and sustainability.

- **Lifting the Arms Embargo on China: A Shift in EU Priorities?** (6 April)

Venue: Residence Palace

Speakers: James Moran, Head of the Asia Unit, External Relations DG, European Commission, Brussels

Dr. Greg Austin, Director of Research, Foreign Policy Centre, London

Dr. Sebastian Bersick, Research Fellow, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels

Dr. Sebastian Bersick gave a talk at a meeting organised the Transatlantic Institute on the crucial issue of lifting of the arms embargo on China by the European Union.

- **Taiwan and the World Health Organisation - Promoting Global Public Health** (7 April)

Venue: Residence Palace

Speaker: Dr. Hou Sheng-mou, Minister of Public Health, Republic of China (Taiwan)

Dr. Willem van der Geest chaired the meeting, organised by the Taiwan Representative Office, Brussels on Taiwan's bid to contribute to the World Health Organization (WHO) as an observer and participate in the World Health Assembly.

- **Asia and Europe: Higher Education in the Face of the Challenges of International Co-operation (4-6 March)**

Venue: Louvain-la-Neuve

Ms. Caroline Horekens made a presentation on EU-Asia Cooperation at the Humanitarian Net Forum meeting – a network created to enhance understanding and analysis of appropriate responses to humanitarian crises.

- **Nordic Institute for Asian Studies & Danish Foreign Ministry Foreign Affairs (19 May)**

Venue: Copenhagen, Denmark

Dr. Willem van der Geest and Ms. Signe Bruun Jensen (intern) travelled to Copenhagen on 19 May to participate in a meeting at the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS) and a Brainstorming Seminar at the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At the seminar, Dr. van der Geest presented a chapter entitled ‘The EU and Asian security’ written for NIAS as part of a report commissioned by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs on *The Security Situation in Asia: Changing Regional Security Structure? The EU’s Opportunities to play a Role in Asian Security Politics*. Other contributors to the study included Prof David M. Lampton, Jørgen Delman, Camilla Sørensen, Clemens Østergaard, Maria Söderberg, Geir Helgesen and Christian Fjäder. The study was carried out under the overall guidance of Dr Timo Kivimäki of the NIAS.

Subsequent to the brainstorming session, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs made the study available to the general public at the ministry’s web pages at <http://www.um.dk/NR/rdonlyres/7A8AB54B-9068-4C0F-BBCC-B7B269E66ECF/0/Asiansecurityreport.pdf>

- **EU-Asia: Strengthening Economic Ties (19 May)**

Venue: Hotel du Congrès, Brussels

Ms. Caroline Horekens was invited by the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA), Centre d'Etudes Européennes (Strasbourg) to make a presentation on EU-Asian Economic Relations to a group of 20 Asian diplomats from over 10 different countries. The group of diplomats was on a study tour of the EU, travelling to Strasbourg and Brussels to visit EU institutions analyse in-depth issues of relations between the EU and Asia and exchange information.

- **Socio-Cultural Dimensions of EU-Asia relations (20 May)**

Venue: Department of Political and Social Science, Free University Berlin

Dr. Sebastian Bersick was invited to participate in a panel discussion on the EU’s, Asia’s and the US’s future as educational hubs.

- **EU-ASIA Inter-Regionalism (31 May)**

Venue: European Policy Centre, Brussels

Dr. Sebastian Bersick moderated a one-day workshop of the EU-India Journalists' Conference "Crossing Boundaries". The workshop dealt with the human dimension of EU-India relations and focused on development policy and the role of civil society actors.

- **EU Constitution and the EU's Pivotal Role** (2-4 June)

Venue: Howard Plaza Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan

Dr. Sebastian Bersick presented a paper on "The EU Constitution and its Impact on the Politics of Interregional Relations: Strengthening Europe's Role in Asia" at the "International Symposium on the EU Constitutional Treaty and EU's Global Role", organised by the European Union Research Forum, Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, Taipei.

Dr. Bersick also made a presentation on the outcome of the EU referendums and the implications for EU - Asian co-operation at the Research and Planning Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In light of an invitation to an academic conference at Chengchi University in Taipei, Dr Bersick took advantage of the opportunity and gave presentations at the Taiwanese Foreign Ministry and the Foundation on International and Cross-Strait Studies, exploiting the synergies that the invitation offered.

- **EU-ASIA Inter-Regionalism** (6 June and 8 June)

Venue: Clingendael, Netherlands Institute for International Relations in The Hague

On 6 June Dr Sebastian Bersick gave a lecture within the framework of a course in Strategic Planning and Foreign Policy for Senior Diplomats from Indonesia entitled "The Future of the ASEM Dialogue". Dr Bersick furthermore conducted a simulation on the future of the ASEM process.

On the 8 June, Dr. Willem van der Geest presented a lecture within the framework of the course in Strategic Planning and Foreign Policy for Senior Diplomats from Indonesia on the China - ASEAN Free Trade Agreement. This lecture was complemented by a case study negotiation of the possible coverage and focus of the FTA.

- **EU-China Relations and the EU's Arms Embargo** (10 June)

Venue: Center for Defence Information, Brussels

Dr Bersick gave a special briefing on EU - China Relations on the occasion of the Annual Board Meeting of the Centre for Defence Initiatives (CDI).

- **ADEK International AISBL Conference - The EU and the emergent economic powers in Asia** (28 July)

Venue: The European Commission, Brussels

The Association of Former Trainees of the European Union, ADEK International's main aim is to allow current and former stagiaires to engage with each other and to keep in touch with

the European institutions for which they worked after this shared and fulfilling experience.

This conference focused on the relations between the European Union and the emergent economic powers of Asia, mainly focusing in China and India, and included two panels: "The development of China and India in the context of globalization" and "Europe and the competition challenges posed by the two emerging powers of Asia. Dr. Willem van der Geest made a presentation on China's and India's emergence, alongside the Minister-Counsellors of both India and China.

- **International Convention of Asia Scholars 4** (20-24 August)
Venue: Shanghai, China

Dr. Sebastian Bersick organised and chaired a panel on Multi-regionalism and Asian-European Affairs on behalf of the European Alliance for Asian Studies. The panel focused on the institutionalization of intraregional and interregional cooperation in the international system and, in particular, on the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) process. The papers analysed four empirical examples of the politics of interregional relations thereby focusing both on the intraregional level of cooperation.

The panel brought together distinguished experts from Europe, North America and South America who discussed the effects of intraregional cooperation on the behavior of state actors. Do Asian-European affairs and its inherent model of an international system consisting of multiple regional actors constitute the contours of a new multi-regional world order? What then is the role of the EU, East Asia, India and of the Americas? Dr. Bersick will edit a book on the topic in the course of 2006. More information can be found on the ICAS Secretariat website.

- **The 5th Asian International Forum in Fukuoka** (31 August – 1 September)
Venue: Hotel Nikko, Fukuoka, Japan

Theme: Envisioning an "East Asian Community" Co-sponsored by: Fukuoka Prefecture, Fukuoka City, the Organizing Committee of the Asian International Forum in Fukuoka

Distinguished representatives of think tanks in Asia, EU and US gathered at the 5th Asian International Forum in Fukuoka. At this forum economic experts of leading think tanks involved in governmental policymaking in their respective countries/regions discussed Asia's present and future developments.

The Forum focused on the forthcoming East Asia Summit (EAS) in Kuala Lumpur under the title 'Envisioning an East Asian Community'. Speakers and participants at the Forum felt that the forthcoming Kuala Lumpur East Asian Summit meeting was bound to be a major milestone in the dynamic process of East Asian regional cooperation. In terms of its importance, the meeting was perceived to be of equal importance to the launching of the Asia-Europe Meeting process (ASEM) in Bangkok 1996.

It was a widely-held perception that the Summit would probably, though not certainly, lead to the creation of an East Asian Community. Several key-issues for the agenda of the

Summit were discussed, in particular, the challenges and obstacles which East Asian leaders would need to address including

- the overall vision for the Community and its long-term and interim goals,
- the issue of its Membership,
- the issue of leadership,
- the diversity within the region,
- the historical legacies dividing East Asian nations and peoples, as well as
- immediate first steps to be agreed in Kuala Lumpur.

Furthermore, the discussion also focused on the question whether the East Asian Community would be distinct from ASEAN and how to avoid duplication and overlap.

Speakers from leading East and South East Asian think tanks, along with Japanese scholars from Tokyo and Fukuoka, were complemented by one speaker from the US, Dr Claude Barfield from the American Enterprise Institute, as well as one from the EU, Dr Willem van der Geest, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels.

A list of the participating think tanks may be found on the Prefecture of Fukuoka's official website as well as the Japanese and English abstracts of the presentations and the summing-up Statement of the participants of the 5th Asian International Forum. For more information about presentations visit the Conference's official website, including also the abstract of Dr van der Geest's presentation at Fukuoka, "The East Asian Summit - towards ever closer cooperation? -- an EU perspective".

- **Culture in EU-Asia relations with reference to India** (21 September)
Venue: West Midlands in Europe Office, Brussels

As part of a two-day programme, 20th-21st September, on the role of culture in the EU, Mr John Quigley made the key note presentation to a panel on EU-Asia relations speaking on the theme of "Culture in EU-Asia relations, with reference to India". The participants included representatives from cultural organisations from the West Midlands region, national level statutory bodies, regional government and arts groups. Mr Quigley's presentation examined how the EU engages with Asia and the role of culture in external policies mentioning, in particular, the Joint Declaration on Cultural Relations adopted by the EU-India Summit in November 2004.

- **Ten Years of ASEM** (14 - 15 September)
Venue: University of Helsinki, Finland

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the ASEM process, Finland, the host of ASEM6, and Japan, the chair of the Foreign Ministers Meeting (FMM7) had jointly commissioned a think tank report. Supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the University of Helsinki Network for European Studies will provide the European perspective on the evolution of Asia-Europe relations and ASEM activities and organisation, as well as an outlook and recommendations for the next ten years of the ASEM process. The International Conference on Achievements and Possibilities of the Asia-Europe Meeting had been organized by the

University of Helsinki. Academics, government officials, EU-representatives, independent think tank experts and NGOs discussed different perspectives of the past and the future of the ASEM-process. The conference consisted of a session open to the public and a closed workshop. During the public session Dr Sebastian Bersick, EIAS Senior Research Fellow, presented a paper on "The ASEM Added Value: Showcasing European Soft Power in the first session of this event". Dr Bersick furthermore participated in the closed workshop which discussed the research plan of a think tank report on the achievements, challenges, and possible future course of the Asia-Europe Meeting.

- **EBS London Jean Monnet Memorial Lecture (28 September)**
Venue: European Business School, Regents College, London, UK

The European Business School, London held the 2005 Jean Monnet Memorial Lecture on 28th September, specifically on the subject of India.

Dr Willem van der Geest, EIAS Director was invited to join the distinguished panel chaired by Sir Nicholas Fenn KCMG, former UK Ambassador to India, along with Ed Luce, FT South Asia Bureau Chief and Mr Sunil Mittal, Chairman of Bharti Televentures. With India's growth prospects in a globalising world set to hit around 8% from the current 6.5% in the near future, projecting it to become the third largest economy after the US and China, "India and Globalisation" was the theme of the Lecture. The Jean Monnet Memorial Lecture provides business leaders with an opportunity to hear prominent global business people and public figures from a broad spectrum of backgrounds able to speak with authority and knowledge on issues of current and future importance to world business and the economy. The attendance of 400+ carefully selected guests per lecture, including senior business executives from leading international companies and government agencies, as well as Jean-Marc Lieberherr, the grandson of Jean Monnet, testifies to the high reputation of the Memorial Lecture series.

- **Shaping Change - Strategies of Development and Transformation (5-7 October)**
Venue: Bertelsmann Stiftung, Berlin, Germany

A High Level international conference on Political Management of Transformation Enhancing Governance Capacity. Dr Willem van der Geest, EIAS director, contributed to the session on 'Market Economy First? Dealing with growing participatory demands' and delivered a presentation contrasting the paths of transformation of India and China.

- **Global Cooperation in Asia and Beyond: EU, US, and China Relations in Managing Regional Security and Development (12-14 October)**
Venue: Berlin, Germany

A symposium of leading experts and policy makers sponsored by the GSIS China Center. The meeting was convened in cooperation with the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (German Institute for International and Security Affairs) to evaluate EU-US-China relations. Dr. Sebastian Bersick, was invited to participate in the discussions.

- **EU-25 and East Asia: Cooperation and Conflict in the 21st Century (27-28 October)**
Venue: University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark

The 22nd Taiwan-European Conference had been co-organized by the Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, Taipei, and the Centre for European Studies, University of Southern Denmark. Dr Sebastian Bersick, EIAS Senior Research Fellow, presented the paper: “Engaging China and Taiwan: Challenges and Prospects of EU’s East Asia Policy”.

- **NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Europe’s Approach to China (12-15 November)**
Venue: Folketing and Falkoner Centre Copenhagen, Denmark

More than 50 European, American and Canadian legislators from member and associate National Parliaments, as well as a number of observers and members of the press attended the Autumn Session of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly’s Economics and Security Committee meeting. A large delegation from the US Congress attended the session as well. US Congressman Paul Gillmor, Chairman of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly’s Economics and Security Committee, invited Dr Sebastian Bersick to address the Committee. Dr Bersick presented a paper on “Europe’s Approach to China”.

- **US-Congress - European Parliament Transatlantic Legislators Dialogue (2 December)**
Venue: Charing Cross Hotel, London

The US Congress and the European Parliament have a long-standing tradition of conducting a Transatlantic Legislator Dialogue (TLD). The 60th meeting of this TLD was held in London and attended by a dozen of US Congress men and women as well as approximately 25 Members of the European Parliament. The Dialogue focused in particular on the scope for collaboration between the EU and the US in their respective relations with China. As part of the Dialogue meeting, a closed-door seminar was organised to invite expert opinions on the subject, looking at political as well as economic issues.

Dr van der Geest was invited to speak in the panel on economic issues, along with Ms Dr Fernandez-Stembridge. The discussion focused questions related to the WTO, intellectual property rights and technical and labour standards.

- **Security in the Pacific Region – Regional and Global Implications (4-7 December)**
Venue: Austrian National Defence Academy, Vienna

Dr. Sebastian Bersick presented a paper on the topic “A European View on the Security Developments in the Pacific Region“. Further participants of the panel „The Security in the Pacific Region – Challenges and Opportunities“ have been Ambassador [ret.] Harvey Feldman, former Asia expert, Department of State, Washington, D.C. and Prof. Dr. Sergej Bolschakow, Chair for Foreign Policy, Diplomatic Academy of the Foreign Ministry, Moscow.

- **ASEM's Role in Enhancing Asia-Europe Cooperation: Ten Years of Achievements and Future Challenges (12-13 December)**
Venue: Josui Kaikan, Tokyo, Japan

Dr. Sebastian Bersick was invited to participate in the conference jointly organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE), and with the collaboration of the EU Institute in Japan (EUIJ). The conference is a component of the ASEF/JCIE joint project "10 Years of ASEM" which aims to critically review the Asia–Europe Meeting (ASEM) process over the past ten years and present a vision for the forum's future. The conference in Tokyo is part of a joint research project that JCIE and the University of Helsinki Network for European Studies have been undertaking at the request of the Japanese and Finnish governments.

The final report, which will assess ten years of achievements of ASEM and its future challenges, will be presented at the ASEM 6 Senior Officials Meeting (ASEM 6 SOM) in Vienna in March 2006. Research is being conducted presently by Asian and European research teams, and their draft reports will serve as a basis for joint exploration at the Tokyo conference. The Asian research team includes members from China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand. On the European side, the University of Helsinki Network for European Studies is compiling a report through consultation with European researchers.

- **First East Asia Summit (11-15 December) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

EIAS Director Dr Willem van der Geest observed the unique series of Summits being held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia through December 11-15, 2005 on the invitation of the Malaysian Institute for Strategic Studies.

Starting with the 11th ASEAN Summit, the series included also an ASEAN+3 Summit, including China, Japan and Korea as well as a series of ASEAN+1 summits involving China, Japan, Russia and India. The three day marathon culminated in the first East Asia Summit on Wednesday 14th of December with no less than 16 Heads of State and Government participating, representing also Australia, India and New Zealand. Furthermore, Mr Vladimir Putin, representing Russia, was an observer on the invitation of Malaysia. Dr van der Geest was granted access the press briefings of the leaders and also invited to a special briefings by the Director-General for ASEAN from the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, immediately following the historic East Asia Summit.

E. EIAS Publications

EIAS publishes research papers through its series of *EIAS Briefing Papers* and offers analyses, insights and viewpoints through its bi-monthly *EurAsia Bulletin* as well as its *EIAS Policy Briefs*. EIAS also supports its own internet site on EU-Asia (www.eias.org) and contributes to other publications and web-based exchanges.

- *The EurAsia Bulletin*

The *EurAsia Bulletin* (Editor, Mr John Quigley) is produced six times annually to provide news and analysis on the main issues and trends affecting the EU-Asia relationship for audiences in Europe and across Asia.

Aim. The *EurAsia Bulletin* reports upon and provides analysis of issues in the EU-Asia relationship examining, in particular, developments in the political, economic, cultural, development and security fields. This work reflects the four themes identified in the EIAS Work Programme, including the additional cross-cutting theme of the EU response to the December 2004 tsunami crisis. In 2005 a substantial number of articles were published across these themes by a broad variety of contributors.

Contributions. The *EurAsia Bulletin* seeks to publish a mixture of both in-house staff contributions and externally commissioned articles reflecting news, analysis, opinion and research. This is achieved by attracting contributors from amongst high-profile politicians, diplomats, NGO representatives, EU civil servants, experts, academics and in-house staff. In 2005, some 81 articles were published, representing an average of 13 articles per issue.

In Volume 9, external contributors included:

Commissioner for External Relations, Benita Ferrero-Waldner; Commissioner for Trade, Peter Mandelson; Minister Jean-Louis Schiltz; H.E. Ali Ahani, Ambassador of Iran; H.E. Humayun Tandar, Ambassador of Afghanistan; Dr Praful Patel, Vice-President World Bank; Simon Coveney MEP; Glyn Ford MEP; Angelika Beer MEP; Emma Bonino MEP; Paulo Casaca MEP; Dr G. Quisthoudt-Rowohl MEP, David Martin MEP, Graham Watson MEP, Max van den Berg MEP, Gay Mitchell MEP, Harn Yawngwhwe; David de Beer; Dr Ravi Kumar; Dr Girish Kumar; Nader Alaghband. From amongst the Board members contributions were received from Dr David Camroux, Dick Gupwell; Malcolm Subhan and John Cushnahan.

Audience. The *EurAsia Bulletin* seeks to provide news and analysis to a diverse and targeted audience both in Europe and across Asia. This includes Members of the European Parliament and their political/secretariat staff, European Commission officials in DG RELEX, Trade, Development, EuropeAid and others, relevant Council of Ministers officials, the Asian embassies in Brussels, NGOs, academics, think tanks and business in Europe and Asia. The ability of the *EurAsia Bulletin* to reach and engage with this audience can be measured in the range and depth of the high-profile and expert contributors attracted reflecting a level of quality debate and insightful analysis.

Input into public debate. The *EurAsia Bulletin* is developing its profile and reputation as a quality provider of news and analysis in the main issues and trends in the EU-Asia relationship and in placing these issues in perspective. To engage our audience and promote public debate, the *EurAsia Bulletin* publishes articles in the following categories; news, viewpoint; analysis, academic research and reports of EIAS events.

In 2005, the *EurAsia Bulletin* received mention in a range of other daily news and academic publications testifying to its value and growing reputation. The contribution to public debate is further recognised by the availability of *EurAsia Bulletin* for download on the EIAS website and the large volume of articles accessed. In 2005, this included most EU Member States, a range of Asian countries and substantial interest from the United States.

As of 31 December the following issues had been published (or were in press):

Volume 8 2004 -- No. 9&10 September-October (published 10th January)

This issue featured Graham Watson, MEP, on the China arms embargo, Glyn Ford, MEP, on KEDO and North Korea and Toyoo Gyohten of the ASEM Task Force on Closer Economic Partnership. Other topics covered included human rights in Trade and Co-operation Agreements, the nature of EU-Asia relations, human rights dialogues, Hong Kong elections and Nepal-Bhutan relations. Comprehensive details of the activities of the EU institutions with regard to Asia and full reports of EIAS meetings were also included.

Volume 8 2004 -- No. 11&12 November-December (published 9th February)

This issue featured viewpoints from a development NGO operating in Afghanistan and the success of an EU trade union working with the Chinese authorities to improve mining safety. Other articles examined the European Investment Bank and how it operates in Asia, the Hague Programme on asylum and immigration, a report and papers from the European Alliance for Asian Studies-organised conference on China-Taiwan relations. Comprehensive details of the activities of the EU institutions with regard to Asia and full reports of EIAS meetings were also included.

Volume 9 2005 -- No. 1&2 January-February

In response to the December 2004 *tsunami*, this issue featured Luxembourg Minister for Development Co-operation, Mr Jean-Loius Schiltz, Max van den Berg, MEP, and Harri Hiekkanen of the International Red Cross on the EU response and plans for the affected countries. The issue featured contributions on Asia Pro Eco, the EU arms embargo, EU development co-operation, the East Asian Community and China-Taiwan relations. Comprehensive details of the activities of the EU institutions with regard to Asia and full reports of EIAS meetings were also included.

Volume 9 2005 -- No. 3&4 March-April

This issue featured Commissioner Ferrero-Waldner on the results of the EU-ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting, Angelika Beer, Chair of the European Parliament's Iran Delegation on her visit to Tehran and Fr Varkey Perekatt SJ on the plight of the Bhutanese refugees in Nepal. The issue also featured contributions on Kashmir, China, India, Thailand and the UN Commission on Human Rights. Comprehensive details of the activities of the EU institutions with regard to Asia and full reports of EIAS meetings were also included.

Volume 9 2005 No. 5&6 May-June

This issue featured contributions from Gay Mitchell MEP on his Parliamentary report on the EU's development policy, David de Beer on small arms management in Cambodia and articles on North Korea's economy, the future of development co-operation, Iran's new President and the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation. There was also news and analysis from the EU and Asia, the EU Institutions as well as full reports of recent EIAS events.

Volume 9, 2005 -- No. 7&8 July-August

This issue featured, inter alia, contributions on Iran's relations with the EU, the EU peace monitoring mission to Aceh, EU policy towards Burma, a report on the first-ever visit of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly to China, an analysis of EU election observation missions

and comprehensive details of the activities of the EU institutions. The full text of these articles will be available on the EIAS website during the course of September.

Volume 9, 2005 -- No. 9&10 September-October

This issue featured, inter alia, contributions on delivering Europe's external relations priorities, Afghanistan's parliamentary and provincial elections, International trade and Asia, Taking responsibility: The EU's security interests in East Asia, Globalisation: Meeting the Asian challenge, UN Millennium Review Summit, and Burma and ASEAN - the way forward. There was also news and analysis from the EU and Asia, the EU Institutions as well as full reports of recent EIAS events.

Volume 9, 2005 -- No. 11&12 November-December

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John Quigley: 'European Commission: 100 days in office'
'News from the EU Institutions'

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Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner, 'The ASEAN-EU Foreign Ministers Meeting'
John Quigley: 'EU-CSAM: An ASEM for Central and South Asia?'
'EU-Taiwan and cross-strait relations' and
'Post-conflict democracies in Asia and Europe'

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John Quigley, 'News from the EU Institutions'
Malcolm Subhan, 'Europe's crisis and opportunity in external relations'

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Dr Sebastian Bersick, 'Regional co-operation and EU-Asia relations'
Dr Paul Cook, 'NATO PA Committee visits China'
John Quigley, 'Afghan refugee return: Greater commitment needed',
'News from the EU Institutions'

‘SCO Summit tackles security in Central Asia’
‘Europe stumbles? The Constitution and the CFSP’

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No. 9&10 Sept-October:

John Quigley, ‘Delivering Europe’s external relations priorities’
‘News from the EU Institutions’

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H.E. Humayun Tandar, ‘Europe-Afghanistan: Two paths crossing’
Simon Coveney, MEP, ‘Parliament calls for UN SC intervention on Burma’
John Quigley, ‘East Asia Co-operation and China’
‘News from the EU Institutions’

(2) Political and Security Developments in Asia (32 articles)

No. 1&2 Jan-February:

Dr Sebastian Bersick, ‘EU arms embargo: A role for the USA?’
Dr Georg Wiessala, ‘ASEAN+3, the ‘East Asian Community’ and the EU’
John Quigley, ‘The International Criminal Court in Asia’

No. 3&4 Mar-April:

Fr Varkey Perekatt SJ, ‘Bhutanese refugees: A forgotten People’
John Cushnahan, ‘Summit raises prospects for peace in Kashmir’
Angelika Beer, MEP, ‘Starting a controversial dialogue: EU-Iran’
John Quigley, ‘UNCHR: End of the line?’
Dr Girish Kumar, ‘Bihar 2005 Assembly elections: The verdict’
Dr David Camroux’ ‘Thaksin; Winning....and, perhaps, losing in Thailand’
Signe Bruun-Jensen, ‘Lifting the arms embargo against China’
John Quigley, ‘Democracy and governance in Nepal’

No. 5&6 May-June:

Nader Alaghband, ‘Iran elects new President’
David de Beer, ‘EU ASAC: Small arms in Cambodia’
Glyn Ford, MEP, ‘Sake Socialism in Mongolia’
John Quigley, ‘SCO Foreign Ministers meet in Astana’

No. 7&8 July-August:

Max van den Berg, MEP, ‘Aceh’s reconstruction and future political hopes’
John Cushnahan, ‘The 2002 Pakistan General Election: EU EOM’
Harn Yawngwe, ‘An EU strategy for Burma/Myanmar?’
Gunaryadi, ‘Peace for Aceh and the role of the EU’

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Dr Sebastian Bersick, ‘Taking responsibility: The EU’s security interests in East Asia’
John Quigley, ‘Aceh Monitoring Mission underway’
‘Burma and ASEAN - the way forward’
Emma Bonino, MEP, ‘Afghanistan’s parliamentary and provincial elections’

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John Quigley, 'An effective EU security policy needs careful handling'

Aidan Foster Carter, 'North Korea: Defiance as science'

Dr Ravi Kumar, 'Failure to translate social justice into development: Backward caste politics in Bihar'

Simone Eysink, 'Intervention in Myanmar: An emotional demand or preferable reality?'

Paulo Casaca, MEP, 'NATO Parliamentary Assembly in Copenhagen'

Dr G. Quisthoudt-Rowohl, MEP, 'Taking care of the Dragon: How the EU should handle China'

John Quigley, 'Sri Lanka's Presidential elections'

'SAARC Summit: Outcome and assessment'

'Europe's Aceh Monitoring Mission'

(3) EU-Asia International Political Economy (11 articles)

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Duncan Freeman, 'China-Taiwan economic exchanges growing fast'

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Malcolm Subhan, 'Textiles: Rising Asia - Whither Europe?'

No. 5&6 May-June:

Maryse Bourdin, 'First seminar on North Korea's economy'

Praful Patel, 'South Asia and the World Bank'

John Quigley, 'South Asia and the World Bank: Summary Report'

'East Asia: The political and economic role of China'

No. 7&8 July-August:

Malcolm Subhan, 'The EU-China textile and clothing battle rages on'

No. 9&10 Sept-October:

David Martin, MEP, 'International trade and Asia'

Malcolm Subhan, 'Globalisation: Meeting the Asian challenge'

No. 11&12 Nov-December:

John Quigley, 'China's economic development'

Malcolm Subhan, 'Might is right. Right?'

(4) Socio-Cultural Dimensions of EU-Asia relations (1 article)

No. 5&6 May-June:

John Quigley, 'Integrating culture into the EU-Asia relationship'

Cross-cutting theme The tsunami crisis (9 articles)

No. 1&2 Jan-February:

Minister Jean-Louis Schiltz, 'The tsunami: Ten weeks ago - ten years to come'

Max van den Berg, MEP, 'Early start to revised EU GSP scheme for tsunami'

Harri Hiekkänen, 'Tsunami response: A view from the Red Cross'
John Quigley, 'Asia Pro Eco launches Tsunami Facility'
 'EIB Tsunami Facility unlikely'
 'Post-tsunami relief: What can the EU do?'
Malcolm Subhan, 'South-South tsunami relief'

No. 3&4 Mar-April:

Fransiskus Panggih Purwoko, Human rights in Aceh post-tsunami

No. 9&10 Sept-October:

John Quigley, Post-tsunami aid for reconstruction ongoing

EU-Asia Development Co-operation (5 articles)

No. 1&2 Jan-February:

John Quigley, 'Parliament to reject development proposal'

No. 5&6 May-June:

Gay Mitchell, MEP, 'Making a success of Europe's development policy'

Ester Asín Martínez, What development policy for the EU?

No. 9&10 Sep-October:

Glenys Kinnock, MEP, 'UN Millennium Review Summit'

No. 11&12 Nov-December:

Anne Coulon, Biogas - a tool for women's emancipation

Articles (Others) EIAS Governance

No. 5&6 May-June:

Dick Gupwell, 'EIAS elects new Administrative Board'

- **EIAS Policy Briefs and EIAS Briefing Papers**

EIAS Policy Briefs analyse current issues in Asia and recommend appropriate European Union (EU) responses. As such, Policy Briefs must be accessible to a wide but knowledgeable audience, as their intended readership includes EIAS members—academics, administrators, diplomats, journalists, policy-makers, researchers—and decision-makers throughout the EU institutions.

Policy recommendations are disseminated through *EIAS Policy Briefs*, launched at the end of 2003 to disseminate research findings and insights gained from Round Tables and International Conferences in a concise and policy-relevant manner.

"Dynamics of East Asian regionalism, what implications for the EU?" By Jappe Eckhardt

East Asia is one of the fastest growing and most dynamic regions in the world and has become an increasingly influential player on the international stage. At the moment the

region is going through historic economic and geopolitical changes that will have important implications for the world economic landscape. In his policy Brief Mr. Eckhardt looks at the growing warmth in the economic relationship between Japan and China which, some say will be the overture for closer integration within the region. Questions he asks include: what are the specific implications for the EU? and how should the EU respond to the dynamics in East Asia?

EIAS Briefing Papers provide insights into current and future trends based on in-depth analysis of topical issues concerning Europe and Asia. They are essential reading for policy-makers, journalists, academics and other experts.

"Relocating Productive Capacity to China? Or Elsewhere?" By Prof. Em. Sylvain Plasschaert, University of Antwerp and Catholic University of Leuven (published in April)

In his Briefing Paper for EIAS, Prof. Plasschaert attempts to chart and analyse the phenomenon of delocalisation which is undoubtedly accelerating in a rapidly evolving and globalizing world arena, with a focus on China and the new EU Member States (MS) in Europe. China's recent accession to the WTO further stimulates the eagerness of foreign firms -- amongst them almost all large MNE's -- to set up production in China. The opening of great many service sectors to foreign participation appears to unleash a new round of FDI's. How does the group of new MS in Central Europe compare with China in terms of capacity for attracting FDI's? Can they also be turned into an export platform for EU companies and perhaps become another 'workshop for the world'?

• External Publications

Throughout the year, EIAS Staff have been invited to contribute to several external publications, amongst which may be noted:

- "EU criticises Chinese death sentence on Tibetan monk", *India News in Europe (INEP)* Programme. By **Mr. John Quigley** (January). Article subsequently printed in *The Organiser* a New Delhi weekly.
- "EU sanctions in the CFSP: Burma, Indonesia and North Korea", *Commentary* series of the European Policy Centre. By **Mr. John Quigley** (April).
- "Can the EU play a meaningful role in Asian security", *The Security Situation in Asia: Changing Regional Security Structure? The EU's Opportunities to play a Role in Asian Security Politics*. By **Dr. Willem van der Geest** and **Ms. Signe Bruun Jensen** for the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- "The Role of Civil Society in the Asia-Europe Meeting", *Gender and Civil Society: European Union Development in Practice*, Carbone, Mauricio/Lister, Marjorie (eds.) Ashgate 2005. By **Dr. Sebastian Bersick**
- "Should the EU Share Benefits of Globalisation through Free Trade Agreements", pp 108-114, *The Report of the Fourth Asian International Forum in Fukuoka: FTA Strategies in East Asia*. By **Dr. Willem van der Geest**

- "The Doha Development Agenda and its Impact on Enlarged EU-Asia Relations", *Japan and Enlarged Europe, Partners in Global Governance*, Presses Universitaires Européennes, 2005. By **Dr. Willem van der Geest**
- "The Democratisation of Inter- and Transregional Dialogues: The Role of Civil Society, NGO and Parliaments". In: Rüländ, Jürgen (ed.), *Asian-European Relations: Building Blocks for Global Governance?*. Routledge, London 2005. By **Dr. Sebastian Bersick**
- "Lessons for South Asia from Europe's mission to Aceh", *Central Chronicle* (English Daily, Bhopal). By **Mr. John Quigley** (December)
- "The Kashmir earthquake: Lessons from the tsunami", *Vir Arjun* (Hindi Daily, New Delhi). By **Mr. John Quigley** (October)
- "Regional integration in Central Asia: The EU and the SCO", *European Policy Centre Commentary Series*. By **Mr. John Quigley** (October)
- "EU criticised for low level of earthquake aid", *Deutsche Welle* (German public broadcaster). By **Mr. John Quigley** (October)

- **EIAS Newsletter**

The monthly EIAS e-Newsletter, established in 2004, has continued to grow, with around 4,500 subscribers to date, increased from approximately 2000 at the start of 2005.

- **EIAS Website**

The EIAS website www.eias.org is updated almost daily, providing information on our meetings and publications. On average working days the number of hits is approximately 500 per day, with average downloads to the tune of 4-5 pages day. The largest number of visitors originates from the United States (more than 50 per cent of the hits), followed by several EU countries (UK, Belgium, France, Netherlands). From within Asia, the largest number of hits originates from India, followed closely by China.

The Institute has recently moved to a new webhost and this has allowed us to examine new ways of making the EIAS website more dynamic and interactive. Additionally, the new host offers better facilities at lower prices and has enabled several enhancements.

G. EIAS Media Relations

EIAS Staff are frequently invited to comment or give interviews to the local and international press, amongst which may be noted the numerous press-comments from Dr. Willem van der Geest to leading European, Asian and US channels. These included during

2005 the following: BBC Radio; Deutsche Welle Radio; International Herald Tribune; Newsweek, US National Public Radio; Voice of America, Euronews, Xinhua, National Youth Daily of China and others. Other EIAS staff have also significantly contributed to media visibility of EIAS on EU-Asia relations, as is in particular noteworthy through the following list of media comments offered by Dr Sebastian Bersick (below).

Dr. Sebastian Bersick, Senior Research Fellow EIAS		
Date	Media	Topic
27.01.05	Radio Free Europe	China-Central Asia
23.02.05	El Pais	China-Japan
22.03.05	Central News Agency (Taiwan)	EU-China-Taiwan
16.02.05	BBC	EU-China
27.03.05	Financial Times Deutschland	ASEAN-China
21.03.05	Newswire (Beijing)	EU-China
18.03.05	NEWS (Austria)	EU-China
22.03.05	Central News Agency (Taiwan)	EU-China-Taiwan
25.04.05	Deutsche Welle	EU-China
26.04.05	Xinhua	EU-China
28.04.05	Central News Agency (TAIWAN)	EU-China-Taiwan
29.04.05	Radio Netherlands	China-Taiwan
	Newsweek	EU-China
02.05.05	EU Parliament-Staffer	EU-China
10.05.05	Xinhua	EU-China
30.05.05	EU Observer	EU-China
05.07.05	Central News Agency (Taiwan)	EU-China-Taiwan
25.07.05	Reuters	EU-China
01.08.05	Financial Times Deutschland	EU-China
30.08.05	Xinhua	EU-China
03.09.05	Taz (Berlin)	ASEM
03.10.05	Financial Times Deutschland	EU-East Asia
13.11.05	Der Standard	China-Japan
01.12.05	Radio Free Europe	Chinese Economic Development
20.12.05	China Economic Review	China-Western Europe

F. EIAS Visitors

In Brussels, EIAS continued to fulfil its role as a beacon and reference point for visitors to the EU, briefing them on recent developments within the EU institutions. In 2005, EIAS welcomed many prominent government officials, academics, researchers and civil society actors from all across the globe to its premise through the EU Visitors Programme and other channels. These informal visits allowed for candid exchanges of information and open discussion on a wide range of issues:

- In January, EIAS welcomed many distinguished visitors amongst others, Dr Roger Svensson from Sweden; Richard Carden, Advisor DG Trade; Matin Chowdhury, Industrialist in Bangladesh; and Asanga Welikala from Sri Lanka.

- In February, amongst others, Thierry Aube, a researcher from Paris; Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, Leader of the Opposition of Kashmir; Ali Raza Syed, President of ACKC in Brussels; and Katinka Barysch of the CER in London.
- In March, amongst others, Dr. George Mathews of Institute of Social Sciences in India; Fakhruddin Manzoor; and Prajnananda Chaudhuri.
- In April, amongst others, Dr. Ellen Frost from Washington D.C.; Nicolo Gasparini of the IRC in Pakistan; a group from the Embassy of Pakistan and Mr. Zhang Niansheng.
- In May, amongst others, Dr. David Huang of the Taiwan Mainland Affairs Council; Mr. Cheng Ti-hsing of TECO in Taiwan; Mr. Chris Pallaris from the International Relations and Security Network; Mr. Daniel Egloft from the Swiss Mission to NATO; and Xiaokun Song and Juliette Marty of the Vrije Universiteit in Brussels.
- In June, amongst others, Sri Lankan MP Anandasangaree; several representatives from both the Asian and European Depts. of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (including Ingrid Luo Wang, Zheng Zhenhua and Fang Yundong); and a Senior Vietnamese delegation from National Assembly and the Office of the Prime Minister including Chairman Nguyen Mai.
- In July, amongst others, several visitors were welcomed to the Institute's new premises, amongst others Prof. Chu-Cheng Ming, of the National Taiwan University; Prof. David Shambaugh, of George Washington University and a delegation of students from the University of Hong Kong.
- In August, amongst others, Prof Zhou Hong from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing visited the Institute.
- In September, amongst others, Peter Stephens from the World Bank Group, Singapore; Heiner Hänggi of the DCAF, Switzerland; David Doyle from the ACCA; Bertrand Fort with ASEF; a delegation from the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK; and a scholar from the Shanghai Institute for International Relations.
- In October, amongst others, Peter Koeppinger from the KAS; a delegation from the Tibetan Parliament in exile; a representative of H.H. the Dalai Lama; Susanne Rentzow-Vasu from the EU delegation in Singapore; Mr. A.K.K. Perera, Charge d'Affairs, Embassy of Sri Lanka, Brussels; Sarah Klein from the US mission to the EU; and Aly Nazerali of the Aga Khan Development Network, London.
- In November, amongst others, Ted Lipman from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canada; a delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Myanmar; a delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Indonesia training at Clingendael; Wade Armstrong, New Zealand Ambassador; a delegation from the Institute for International Economic Research NDRC, China; and Finn Laursen of the University of Southern Denmark.

- In December, amongst others, John Cushnahan, Chief Observer EOM to Sri Lanka; a delegation from the University of Turku, Finland; Julian Vasallo with the Policy Unit of HR Javier Solana; Glyn Ford, MEP; Auca Mantulescu, Director Asia-Pacific & Latin America Div., Romania; Holger Koch, EU Military Staff; Syed Maudud Ali, Ambassador of Bangladesh; and Nasrullah Khan, Embassy of Pakistan.

IV. Management

A. Executive Committee and Administrative Board

In the year 2005, the Executive Committee met seven times and the Administrative Board met on three occasions.

Executive Committee Meetings	Administrative Board Meetings
26 January	15 February
3 February	2 May
14 April (with all staff present)	30 November
13 October	
7 November	
9 December*	
19 December*	

*Joint meetings of the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee

On the 19 April 2005, EIAS held its sixteenth Annual General Meeting (AGM). The XVIth AGM was the occasion of the election of the fifth Administrative Board. The Board unanimously elected the following officers, in accordance with its statutes as an ASBL (number of identification 16645/89):

- Gupwell, Richard, political analyst, former EU official, British;
- Subhan, Malcolm, journalist, Belgian;
- Cuyvers, Ludo, professor, Belgian;
- Saunier, Gérard, professor, French;
- Geeraerts, Gustaaf, professor, Belgian;
- Kamalam, P., international trade union administrator, Malaysian/Belgian;
- Tourrès, Eric, manager, former EU official, French;
- Camroux, David, professor, French;
- Morgan, Gwyn, former EU official, British;
- Nobbs, Richard, former EU official, British;
- Murshid, Tazeen, professor, Bangladesh;
- Cushnahan, John, former MEP, Ireland;
- Jonsson, Bo, Trade Union Advisor, Sweden;
- Plasschaert, Sylvain, professor, Belgian;
- Saunier, Gerard, professor, Belgian.

Hence the five new members elected to the EIAS Administrative Board are:

- Mr. John Cushnahan

- Prof. Gustaaf Geeraerts
- Mr. Bo Jonsson
- Dr. Tazeen Murshid
- Prof. Sylvain Plasschaert

The Executive Committee was unanimously re-elected at first Administrative Board meeting following the XVIth AGM and is therefore composed of:

Role	Name	Address
Chairman	Prof. Ludo CUYVERS	Denblommaert 17, 2540 Hove (Belgium)
Vice-Chair	Mr. Gwyn MORGAN	14 Ravenscroft Road, London W4 5EQ, (UK)
Vice-Chair	Mr. Malcolm SUBHAN	Kisteveldlaan 18, 3080 Tervuren (Belgium)
Secretary-General	Mr. Richard GUPWELL	346 Hagley Road, Pedmore, Stourbridge DY9 0QY (UK)
Treasurer	Mr. Eric TOURES	187 Boulevard Reyers B-1030, Brussels

B. EIAS Office Move

On 1 July 2005, EIAS moved to a new location. Since 1993 EIAS had been located on the premises of 35 Rue des Deux Eglises, B-1000 Bruxelles. The physical degradation of these premises over the past several years had necessitated a change of venue. The new premises, located at 67 Rue de la Loi, adequately respond to the crucial required characteristics of:

- Prime location (close to EU Institutions)
- Medium-sized meeting room (for EIAS Luncheon Briefings and Specialised Briefings)
- Good size allowing for EIAS staff and visitors effective work space
- Price within budget

The new EIAS premises offer a very pleasant 50m² meeting room, seating up to 60 persons, a documentation centre and a fully facilitated working environment for (visiting) scholars-in-residence.

During the move, EIAS encountered some problems because of our ISP migrating email to new servers and our email and telephone was down for several days. However, by 7 July all systems had been restored and were fully operational again. Prof. David Shambaugh, Georgetown University, was the first visitor at the new premises (July 6-7, working visit on EU – East Asian Regionalism).

C. EIAS Staff

- In April, the Acting Editor, Mr John Quigley, was promoted to the position of Editor by the EIAS Administrative Board.

- On 16 February 2005 Ms. Signe Bruun Jensen and Mr. Chen Wang joined the Institute on a research internship.
- With effect of June 30, 2005 Ms. Caroline Horekens left EIAS to take up a position with the United Nations.
- On 15 November Mr. Arthur Minsat joined the Institute on a research internship.

Ms. Bruun-Jensen: has an M.A. (Hons) in Chinese from the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom, and is currently enrolled at Aalborg University in Denmark, studying for an M.S.S in Development and International Relations. Additionally, Ms. Bruun Jensen has studied at the Mandarin Training Center in Taipei, the Language and Culture University of Beijing and Eberhard-Karls Universitat in Tübingen, Germany.

In view of her excellent performance, the research internship was renewed for a further period of four months (September–December 2005). After an open and competitive selection process, Ms. Bruun-Jensen was recruited as the Director's Assistant and Researcher effective 1 December, 2005.

Mr. Chen WANG: Prior to working at EIAS, Mr. Wang did an internship in the Section for Employment, Social affairs and Citizenship in the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). He has got a BA in law, MA in international relations and public affairs in Fudan University of China, master diploma in Nordic and development studies in Fudan and Lund University (Sweden), MA with honours in public administration (European Governance) in Leiden University of the Netherlands. Mr Wang was offered a position at the Bank of Shanghai in China and requested and was granted permission to complete his internship with effect of May 15, 2005.

Ms. Caroline Horekens With effect of June 30, 2005 Ms. Caroline Horekens left EIAS to take up a position with the United Nations. She will be working as a Project Officer implementing political and economic UNIFEM projects across the Andean Region (Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela, Ecuador). She will be based in Quito, Ecuador.

Mr. Arthur Minsat Before his internship, Arthur worked for the World Bank in Paris and for the United Nations at the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Thailand, where he served as an assistant to the training officer. He also used to lecture French in Bangkok at the Kasetsart University and to teach English in secondary schools. Graduated in July 2004, Arthur was part of the first class of the Franco-German double diploma study in Political Sciences between the Institutes of Lille and Münster, which focuses on European studies.

V. Concluding remark on Implementation during 2005

The concluding 'programme implementation table' covering 2005 indicates quite clearly that EIAS is delivered a successful and impressive performance during the year.

EIAS 2005 Programme Implementation (Verifiable Indicators Only)			
Type of Activity	2005 Work Programme (planning)	Implementation 2005	Comments
Meeting Events			
Lunch Briefings at EIAS	12-14	10	Positive Feedback from senior commission officials; approx 300 participants
International Conferences	2-3	2	China-Taiwan; EU-ASEAN Think Tank Dialogue, Governance in Asia (postponed until February 21, 2006)
Round Tables	3-5	2 on geo-political flashpoints	Exceptionally high-level participation
Specialised Briefings & Public Lectures	3	3 on Post-Tsunami; 1 on Kashmir	Also: EU-Taiwan Video conference; Burma special briefing at European Parliament.
Research and Publications			
Publication of articles on EU-Asia through <i>EurAsia Bulletin</i> and Other Publications	72-84	Approx 95	Including contributions from EU Commissioners, MEPs, Asian Ambassadors and leading academic analysts
EIAS Policy Briefs	10	1	Several under preparation
EIAS Briefing Papers	4-6	2	Several under preparation
Academic Presentations & Networking	Not indicated	31	7 in Asia (SB 4, WG 3) 7 in Brussels 17 in other EU countries
Information & Dissemination			
EIAS Website	Not Indicated	numerous updates	In excess of 3000 hits per day, visits and page downloads sharply increased; all activities of EIAS projected continuously
EIAS e-Newsletter	Not Indicated	10 issues dispatched	Monthly from Jan 2005
EIAS Weblog on EU-ASIA	launched		Pilot version being tested; scope for further development under review
EIAS Media Visibility	Not Indicated	Approx 100 interviews and media commentaries	Includes BBC Radio; Deutsche Welle Radio; International Herald Tribune; Newsweek, US National Public Radio; others
Visitors received at	Not Indicated	Approx 250	See indicative list provided

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VI. Annexes

Annex I: Financial Statement for the period 1 January – 31 December, 2005 (based on the accounts prepared by the EIAS accountants INCOGE and audited by TCLM)

Annex 2: Chronological list of EIAS events and activities

Annex 3: List of EIAS Publications

Annex 4: Non-Eligible Activities: Study for the European Commission.

Annex 2: Chronological List of EIAS Events and Activities

LB = Luncheon Briefing

SB = Special Briefing

EP = External Presentation

IM = Internal EIAS Meeting

IC = International Conference

19 January - SB: (1) Post -Tsunami Relief, Reconstruction and Development: What can the EU do? [@ The European Economic and Social Committee](#)

25 January - LB: International Criminal Justice in Asia: From the Tokyo Trials to the ICC

26 January - IM: Executive Committee Meeting

3 February - IM: Executive Committee Meeting

15 February - SB: (2) The Post-Tsunami Relief Effort @ European Parliament

15 February - IM: Administrative Board Meeting

2 March - LB: Democracy & Governance in Nepal

1 March - SB: EU-Taiwan Video Conference @ European Parliament

4-6 March - EP: Asia and Europe: Higher Education in the Face of the Challenges of International Co-operation @ Louvain-la-Neuve. EIAS Speaker: Ms. Caroline Horekens on "EU-Asia Cooperation on Higher Education".

15 March - EP: EU-ASIA Inter-Regionalism @ Clingendael, Netherlands Institute for International Relations in The Hague. EIAS Speaker: Dr. Sebastian Bersick on "The ASEM Regime: Structure, Interests and Processes".

15 March - (3) SB: The Post-Tsunami Relief Effort @ European Parliament

16 March - EP: EU-ASIA Inter-Regionalism @ Centre for Applied Studies in International Negotiations (CASIN), Geneva. EIAS Speaker: Dr. Sebastian Bersick on the “Challenges of Integration and inter-regional cooperation: The example of the ASEM process”.

17 March - LB: Indonesia - Human Rights in Aceh in the Post-Tsunami context

4 April - EP: ASEAN Regional Cooperation @ Clingendael, Netherlands Institute for International Relations in The Hague. EIAS Speaker: Dr. van der Geest on ASEAN Regional Cooperation.

6 April - EP: Lifting the Arms Embargo on China: A Shift in EU Priorities? @ Residence Palace. EIAS Speaker: Dr. Sebastian Bersick.

7 April - EP: Taiwan and the World Health Organisation - Promoting Global Public Health @ Residence Palace. EIAS Speaker: Dr. Willem van der Geest chaired the Special Briefing

14 April - IM: Executive Committee Meeting

19 April - IM: 16th Annual General Meeting (AGM)

21 April - LB: From Bullets to Ballots & Beyond: Building Post-Conflict Democracies in Asia & Europe

28 April - SB: Kashmir -- What Role for the European Union?

2 May - IM: Administrative Board Meeting

19 May - EP: Nordic Institute for Asian Studies & Danish Foreign Ministry Foreign Affairs @ Copenhagen, Denmark. EIAS Speaker: Dr. Willem van der Geest (Ms. Signe Bruun Jensen)

19 May - EP: EU-Asia: Strengthening Economic Ties @ Hotel du Congrès, Brussels. EIAS Speaker: Ms. Caroline Horekens on "EU-Asian Economic Relations".

20 May - EP: Socio-Cultural Dimensions of EU-Asia relations @ Department of Political and Social Science, Free University Berlin. EIAS Speaker: Dr. Sebastian Bersick on the "EU's, Asia's and the US's future as educational hubs"

24 May - LB: Meeting the Challenges of Helping South Asia More Effectively

31 May - EP: EU-ASIA Inter-Regionalism @ European Policy Centre, Brussels. EIAS Speaker: Dr. Sebastian Bersick moderated a one-day workshop of the EU-India Journalists' Conference "Crossing Boundaries".

2.4 June – EP: EU Constitution and the EU's Pivotal Role @ Howard Plaza Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan

6 & 8 June – EP: EU-ASIA Inter-Regionalism @ Clingendael, Netherlands Institute for International Relations in The Hague

10 June – EP: EU-China Relations and the EU's Arms Embargo @ Center for Defence Information, Brussels

28 July – EP: ADEK International AISBL Conference - The EU and the emergent economic powers in Asia @ The European Commission, Brussels

20 – 24 August – EP: International Convention of Asia Scholars 4 @ Shanghai, China

31 August – 1 September – EP: The 5th Asian International Forum in Fukuoka @ Hotel Nikko, Fukuoka, Japan

September – EP: Culture in EU-Asia relations with reference to India @ West Midlands in Europe Office, Brussels

14 – 15 September – EP: Ten Years of ASEM @ University of Helsinki, Finland

20 September – EP: EBS London Jean Monnet Memorial Lecture @ European Business School, Regents College, London, UK

4 October – SB: Burma and ASEAN - The Way Forward @ Spinelli Building, European Parliament, Brussels

5 – 7 October – EP: **Shaping Change** - Strategies of Development and Transformation @ Bertelsmann Stiftung, Berlin, Germany

12 – 14 October – EP: Global Cooperation in Asia and Beyond: EU, US, and China Relations in Managing Regional Security and Development @ Berlin, Germany

13 October - IM: Executive Committee Meeting

18 – 20 October – IC: Taiwan-China Cross-Straits Relations: What role for the EU? @ 41-43 Birkbeck College, Gordon Square, London, UK and Hotel Leopold, 35 rue du Luxembourg, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

27- 28 October – EP: EU-25 and East Asia: Cooperation and Conflict in the 21st Century @ University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark

7 November – LB: Chinese Economic Development and its Global Impact

7 November - IM: Executive Committee Meeting

12 – 15 November – EP: NATO Parliamentary Assembly: Europe's Approach to China @ Folketinget and Falkoner Centre Copenhagen, Denmark

22 – 24 November – IC: 7th Europe - East Asia Think Tank Dialogue @ Jakarta and Denpasar, Indonesia

29 November – LB: The EU's Role in Monitoring the Aceh Peace Process

30 November - IM: Administrative Board Meeting

1 December – LB: The 2005 Presidential Elections in Sri Lanka – The Observer's Assessment

4 – 7 December – EP: Security in the Pacific Region – Regional and Global Implications @ Austrian National Defence Academy, Vienna

8 December - LB: The Outcomes of the 13th SAARC Summit: Integration and Enlargement

9 December - IM: Joint Executive Committee Meeting with the Finance Committee

12 – 13 December – EP: ASEM's Role in Enhancing Asia-Europe Cooperation: Ten Years of Achievements and Future Challenges @ Josui Kaikan, Tokyo, Japan

19 December - IM: Joint Executive Committee Meeting with the Finance Committee

Annex 3: List of EIAS Publications

- EurAsia Bulletin: Volume 8 2004 -- No. 9&10 September-October (published 10th January)
- EurAsia Bulletin: Volume 8 2004 -- No. 11&12 November-December (published 9th February)
- EurAsia Bulletin: Volume 9 2005 -- No. 1&2 January-February (published 12th March)
- EurAsia Bulletin: Volume 9 2005 -- No. 3&4 March-April (published 5th May)
- EurAsia Bulletin: Volume 9 2005 -- No. 5&6, May-June
- EurAsia Bulletin: Volume 9 2005 -- No. 7&8, July-August
- EurAsia Bulletin: Volume 9 2005 -- No. 9&10, September - October
- EurAsia Bulletin: Volume 9 2005 -- No. 11&12, November - December
- Policy Brief: "Dynamics of East Asian regionalism, what implications for the EU?" By Jappe Eckhardt
- Briefing Paper: "Relocating Productive Capacity to China? Or Elsewhere?" By Prof. Em. Sylvain Plasschaert, University of Antwerp and Catholic University of Leuven (published in April)
- "Should the EU Share Benefits of Globalisation through Free Trade Agreements", pp 108-114, *The Report of the Fourth Asian International Forum in Fukuoka: FTA Strategies in East Asia*. By **Dr. Willem van der Geest**
- "The Doha Development Agenda and its Impact on Enlarged EU-Asia Relations", *Japan and Enlarged Europe, Partners in Global Governance*, Presses Universitaires Européennes, 2005. By **Dr. Willem van der Geest**

- “The Role of Civil Society in the Asia-Europe Meeting”, *Gender and Civil Society: European Union Development in Practice*, Carbone, Mauricio/Lister, Marjorie (eds.) Ashgate 2005. By **Dr. Sebastian Bersick**
 - “EU criticises Chinese death sentence on Tibetan monk”, *India News in Europe (INEP)* Programme. By **Mr. John Quigley** (January). Article subsequently printed in *The Organiser* a New Delhi weekly.
 - “EU sanctions in the CFSP: Burma, Indonesia and North Korea”, *Commentary* series of the European Policy Centre. By **Mr. John Quigley** (April).
 - "Can the EU play a meaningful role in Asian security", *The Security Situation in Asia: Changing Regional Security Structure? The EU's Opportunities to play a Role in Asian Security Politics*. By **Dr. van der Geest** and **Ms. Signe Bruun Jensen** for the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Subsequent to the brainstorming session, the study for the Danish Ministry has been published in the internet at the ministry's web pages at <http://www.um.dk/NR/rdonlyres/7A8AB54B-9068-4C0F-BBCC-B7B269E66ECF/0/Asiansecurityreport.pdf>
- Bersick, Sebastian** “The Democratisation of Inter- and Transregional Dialogues: The Role of Civil Society, NGO and Parliaments“. In: Rüländ, Jürgen (ed.), *Asian-European Relations: Building Blocks for Global Governance?*. Routledge, London 2005;
- “Lessons for South Asia from Europe’s mission to Aceh”, *Central Chronicle* (English Daily, Bhopal). By **Mr. John Quigley** (December)
 - “The Kashmir earthquake: Lessons from the tsunami”, *Vir Arjun* (Hindi Daily, New Delhi). By **Mr. John Quigley** (October)
 - “Regional integration in Central Asia: The EU and the SCO”, *European Policy Centre Commentary Series*. By **Mr. John Quigley** (October)
 - “EU criticised for low level of earthquake aid”, *Deutsche Welle* (German public broadcaster). By **Mr. John Quigley** (October)

ANNEX IV: EIAS Projects

Economics and Politics of East Asian Co-operation and China's Role in the Process

The EIAS-Nomisma Study Project commissioned by the EU Commission on the Economics and Politics of East Asian Co-operation and China's Role in the Process: Opportunities and Challenges for the EU has finished with the two volume final study report being submitted to the European Commission.

The European Commission commissioned EIAS and our consortium partner Nomisma, to undertake a study on the Economics and Politics of East Asian Co-operation and China's Role in the Process. The study serves to reassess Europe's strategic interests in East Asia. Mid to long term challenges and opportunities for EU policy have been underlined.

The relationship between the EU and East Asian states and China has evolved in the past decade with both continents undergoing major economic, political and social changes. With China leading the region's fast economic growth and with political collaboration within the region intensifying, East Asian cooperation has major economic, political and security implications for the world, generating both opportunities and challenges for the EU.

The main objective of the study was to identify Europe's strategic interests in East Asia, and to provide information on the region's likely development in economic, political, security and socio-cultural terms, with a special focus on intra-regional co-operation and in particular China's role.

In particular the study aimed to:

- Analyse the current factual situation in the region, and in particular China, including relations with major global powers like the USA, Russia, India and the EU;
- Identify long-term shaping factors that affect/determine co-operation within East Asia and with the EU;
- Undertake a strategic analysis of the major world players in the region;
- Examine the existing EU policies and strategies towards the region and China;
- Analyse the challenges posed by the major powers in the region (Russia, China, USA, India);
- Elaborate alternative scenarios, new options and recommendations for EU policies.

Project Methodology:

Experts: Using a multi-disciplinary approach, a team of **fifteen** renowned experts from Europe, East Asia and the United States worked for six months on tackling all issues with respect to the study. Dr. Willem van der Geest and Dr. Sebastian Bersick were part of the Lead Team of

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Experts and Ms. Caroline Horekens was part of the Team of Experts. Ms. Signe Bruun-Jensen and Mr. Chen Wang (EIAS interns) are provided helpful assistance on the project.

From the 22-24 February the Lead Team of Experts (LTE) met in Brussels for a Brainstorming Session of the LTE on implementing the project coherently and efficiently. Dr. Roberta Benini (Bologna), Mr. Willem van Kemenade (Beijing) and Dr. Wei Wei Zhang (Geneva) joined their EIAS colleagues to work on the ESIA project. Prof. Wing Thy Woo (California) and Dr. Benini were in Brussels from 10-15 May to work on "economic scenario-analysis" of the project with EIAS colleagues. From 25-27 May, Prof. Wei Wei Zhang was in Brussels to work with EIAS Staff on other crucial components of the study.

Interviews: with officials, policy-makers and experts from research institutions, academia and civil society, were carried out in situ across Europe, East Asia and the United States. Dr. Sebastian Bersick conducted interviews in Washington DC and Berlin and Caroline Horekens conducted interviews in London. Dr. van der Geest conducted interviews in India, China and Taiwan in May. In total more than **100 expert interviews** were carried out in over **19 countries**.

Focus-Group Questionnaire: A vital part of the study included the distribution of a comprehensive questionnaire to more than 500 leading scholars and policy makers. The questionnaire was developed by the EIAS Team. The Consortium wished to use the questionnaire to gauge the views of experts and stakeholders in Europe, East Asia and the United States to help critically assess strategic issues important to the EU.

Academic Papers: Papers on issues relevant to the project were commissioned from the experts by EIAS and Nomisma. The LTE conducted an in-depth desk study of the findings generated from the analysis of the material obtained through interview/meeting outputs and Focus-Group questionnaire.

Brainstorming Workshop: In the framework of the study, the EIAS convened a **two-day Brainstorming Workshop** on 16 and 17 June 2005. The Workshop was held at the European Commission's Charlemagne Building in Brussels. This two-day event brought together the study Team of Experts with Commission and Council officials and the Vice-Chair of the European Parliament's delegations for relations with China, Mr Jean-Luc Dehaene.

Using a multi-disciplinary approach, EIAS and Nomisma brought together a team of fifteen renowned experts from Europe, East Asia and the United States to collaborate on tackling all issues with respect to this major project which serves to reassess Europe's strategic interests in East Asia and to provide information on the region's likely development in economic, political, security and socio-cultural terms, with a special focus on intra-regional co-operation and, in particular, China's role.

Prof. David Shambaugh visited EIAS during the first week in July, to work with the team on the political scenarios for the East Asia region and the EU's cooperation with it. He also peer-reviewed the draft papers on the

During the Workshop the Team of Experts who throughout the study contributed input and conducted interviews around the world, were given a chance to debate and discuss the conclusions of the study in depth. As the study Team was composed of Experts from around the world with expertise in differing multidisciplinary sectors, this encouraged a valuable exchange of information and ideas.

Interim Technical Report: An Interim Report was developed and submitted to the EU Commission on 27 April 2005. It outlines the work that has been undertaken by EIAS staff in the framework of this enriching project.

Final Study Report in Two Volumes: The Final Study Report was submitted to the EU Commission in Two Volumes. Volume I entitled 'Main Report and Synthesis' combines the issues and scenario analyses with the results of the questionnaires and interviews, leading to recommendations for the European Union. Volume II entitled 'Expert Analyses of East Asian Cooperation, China's Role and EU Policy' presents in full the twelve background papers prepared for the Brainstorming Workshop held in Brussels June 16-17, 2005. The two-volume study report was completed by the 22nd of August 2005.

A **Final Technical Report** was submitted to the European Commission end of November 2005.