

Report

JEAN MONNET CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (2017-2020) ACTIVITIES REPORT, FIRST YEAR: 2017 - 2018

Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, a year in review

In September 2017 the Asia-Europe Institute was honored to have been awarded as a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (JMCoE). The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence work programme for the years 2017-2020 is intended to sharpen the focus of AEI on ASEAN-EU Studies and to build domestic capacities both in research and teaching. Activities for year 1 (2017/2018) of the JMCoE concluded in August 2018. Following the theme of “Economic Integration” the JMCoE under the aegis of the Asia-Europe Institute held a series of activities throughout the year. The following are some of the highlights of these activities:

Ambassador Lecture Series with H.E. Cristiano Maggipinto, the Ambassador of Italy

On April 10, 2018, H.E. Cristiano Maggipinto, the Ambassador of Italy delivered a public lecture at the Asia-Europe Institute (AEI) titled “*Italy and ASEAN: Political, Cultural and Economic Prospects of a New Relationship*”. The Jean Monnet Ambassador Lecture series is a regular lecture series hosted by the AEI with the aim of fostering dialogue and knowledge sharing between the EU diplomatic mission in Malaysia and the general public as well as students and academicians in particular.

Europe Day High School Outreach

On 5 May 2018 and 14th May 2018, the Asia-Europe Institute (AEI), University of Malaya in collaboration with the European Union (EU) Delegation to Malaysia organized the Europe Day High School Outreach Program at Sekolah Menengah Sains Kuala Selangor (KUSESS) and Sekolah Menengah Sains Seri Puteri (SESERI) Kuala Lumpur respectively. The High School outreach programs were conducted as part of its activities as a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence. The high school outreach was organized with the aim of creating awareness among the high school students about the European Union (EU). It was also organized to promote the EU member states as a destination for their studies in the future as well as promoting the values of the European Union.

The EU-ASEAN Dialogue

On the 25th and 26th of July, 2018, the Asia-Europe Institute (AEI) hosted the EU-ASEAN Dialogue conference. The conference titled “Regional and Inter-Regional Economic Cooperation: Identifying Priorities for ASEAN and the EU” was also held in conjunction with the officiating launching ceremony of AEI as the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence. The ambassador of the European Union to Malaysia, H.E. Maria Castillo-Fernandez, attended the event as a guest of honour to deliver the opening keynote lecture.

Workshop on Comparative Regionalism

Asia-Europe Institute (AEI) hosted the Comparative Regionalism Workshop 2018 as part of its activities as a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on April 6 and 7, 2018. The workshop was titled *Bridging Regional Knowledge* and was conducted by invited lecturer, Dr Paul Gillespie. Dr Gillespie is the Deputy Director at the Institute of British-Irish Studies, and a Senior Research Fellow adjunct in the School of Politics and International Relations, University of College Dublin.

Workshop on Teaching EU Studies in the ASEAN Context

The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Workshop: Teaching EU Studies in the ASEAN Context was successfully held by the Asia Europe Institute (AEI) on the 13th and 14th of August. The workshop, facilitated by Professor Andreas Stoffers from the University of Applied Languages Sprachen & Dolmetscher Institut, Munich, was attended by participants from Indonesia, Vietnam, Taiwan and the Philippine



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