

Call for Papers

Association of Asia Scholars
in collaboration with
Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India
organises
International Conference
on
Connecting East: Confluence of IPOI and AOIP Visions
September 1-3, 2022 (Thursday~Saturday)
New Delhi, India

Concept Note:

India has decisively moved forward in its policy stance towards East Asia; from Looking East in the 1990s to Acting East since 2014 and now to Connecting East by fine-tuning their shared physical, social, economic, digital, technical and temporal infrastructure. This assertive re-engagement of New Delhi, after a largely exploratory, and relatively shy and sluggish footwork of more than two decades, has raised expectations from India for widening and deepening this integration with the larger East Asian region, but by reinforcing centrality of ASEAN both at multilateral level as also in India's bilateral engagement with each of the member nations. Recognising this new synergy and enthusiasm in India's Connecting East mission, this international conference seeks to explore the cumulative as well as the ongoing evolution of India's ASEAN-centred eastwards engagement expanding physically from Looking East, starting from engaging original ASEAN-six to Acting East as a major stakeholder in the emerging Indo-Pacific formulations, hence calibrating this with the Indo-Pacific arena. These emanate from several convergences between ASEAN's Outlook for the Indo-Pacific (AOIP) and India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative. (IPOI). This was highlighted by Prime Minister Modi at the 18th ASEAN-India Summit on October 28, 2021. In his words, "India's IPOI and ASEAN's Outlook for the Indo-Pacific are the framework for our shared vision and mutual cooperation,"

The seven central pillars of the IPOI are maritime security, maritime ecology, maritime resources, capacity building, disaster risk reduction, S&T cooperation, and trade connectivity the PM said. He underlined the centrality of ASEAN in India's vision for a free, open, inclusive, and rules-based Indo-Pacific region. While the IP Outlook of ASEAN 1 defines the core areas where ASEAN seeks to collaborate with other regional partners, areas as maritime cooperation, connectivity, and UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030 are in line with the seven pillars of the IPOI.

Objective of the Conference:

The central objective of this conference is to explore the convergences between the ASEAN Vision for the Indo-Pacific and India's seven pillars of the IPOI, as India endeavors to connect East. Hence, the focus will be on articulating relevant concepts, institutions, actors, and issues in the context of the Indo-Pacific from India and ASEAN countries.

Sub Themes of the Conference

- **Southeast Asia, India and Global Powers**
- **The Global Order and Asia's Post-Pandemic Integration**
- **India- ASEAN Visions for the Indo-Pacific: Convergences**
- **Maritime Security in Asia**
- **India's Connectivity Initiatives and ASEAN**
- **ASEAN countries: Specific Responses and views on IPOI**
- **ASEAN Centrality and the Indo-Pacific**

Who should Participate:

The proposed Conference seeks to engage eminent scholars, academicians, analysts, and experts from India and abroad to discuss the various aspects of the evolving convergences between the ASEAN Vision for the Indo-Pacific and India's seven pillars of the IPOI and to provide a platform for policy practitioners for undertaking serious deliberations on the various sub-themes.

Important Dates:

- Last date for submission of abstracts: **30th April 2022**
- Notification of Selected Abstracts: **31st May 2022**
- Workshop with contributors of selected Abstracts: **4th July 2022**
- Full Papers Submission: **10th August 2022**
- Final Conference Dates: **1-3 September 2022**

Guidelines for Paper Submission

1. All submissions must be sent to aas.intlconference@gmail.com
2. Provide an abstract of not more than 300 words with 3-4 keywords. Abstract must define the objectives of the proposed research paper. Comparative research would be preferred. (***There is no fee payable to submit the abstract***).

The Abstracts will be screened to ensure proper scope, relevance, and quality by the AAS Research Team.

4. Research papers must be between 5,000-7,000 words in length but no longer than 8,500 words, including tables, charts, diagrams, graphs, and references.
5. The Authors of selected papers would present their papers in an international forum.
6. The preferred format for the abstract manuscript is Word file. Please state the author's name(s), affiliation and contact details clearly in the document itself.
7. We welcome co-authored papers, but please state the authorship credits distinctly.
8. The call for papers is open to the graduating class of 2021 and above.

