

**Tackling Emergent Issues through  
Interdisciplinary Research and  
Nurturing ASEAN-Kyoto Networks  
in Southeast Asian Studies**

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(CSEAS)  
Kyoto University**

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# CSEAS Research

Founded in  
1965 (1963 on  
campus)



Multi-  
disciplinary

Disciplines represented today: agronomy, anthropology, biology, ecology, economics, engineering, history, international relations, literature, medicine, microbiology, political science

Field-based

Issues  
emerging  
from the  
region

Cf. U.S. area studies= questions deriving from theoretical concerns of discipline-based academism

Bangkok Liaison Office (1963)  
Jakarta Liaison Office (1970)



# Half a Century of CSEAS research Topics



Prof. Koji Tanaka in South Sulawesi 1991



## EXCERPTS/SAMPLES of topics and keywords

**1960s:** Agricultural techniques & economics in Burma; Chinese in SEAsia; Forest vegetation and soil; Pharmacology; Paddy-soil; Public health; Malay society;

**1970s:** Tropical environment & human activities; Deltaic development & agriculture; Islam & social organ'n

**1980s:** Dong Daeng project; Environment & human migration in the tropical archipelago; Petty patrimonial states in SEAsia; Urbanization;

**1990s:** Comparing maritime regions; Food & population in Northeast Thailand; Frontier societies; Dry areas; Colonial cities; Environmental stress & land productivity

**2000s:** Life worlds and border management in Wallacea; Area informatics; Religion & social change; natural resource management under local governance; Infectious diseases across international borders; Decentralization; "Aging"-restructuring safety net system; Non-traditional security

**2010s:** Biomass societies; Social foundations of care; Enteric pathogens; Disasters & local networks;

CSEAS Director Prof. Kono with Dong Daeng village beauties in 1983



# 28 years of JSPS Core University Exchange Programs & Large-Scale Research Projects

## 1<sup>st</sup> JSPS Core University Program I (1986-1995)

- The only social science/ humanities program
- From bilateral program with Thammasat University
- Then widening out to other countries (after 1990 review, Malaysia, Indonesia)
- Maturing of scholarship on Southeast Asian studies from within the region
- Working with leading scholars

Ajarn Srisak Vallibotama; Ajarn Chanwit Kasetsiri

## 2<sup>nd</sup> JSPS Core University Program II “Region-Making in East Asia” (1999-2008)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> JSPS Asian Core Program “Asian Connections: Southeast Asian Model for Co-Existence in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” (2009-2013)

## Large-Scale Projects

1993-1996 “Toward an Integrated Approach to **Global Area Studies**”

1998-2002 COE Program “**Making Regions**: Proto-Areas, Transformation, and New Formation in Asia and Africa”

2007-2012 Global COE Program “In Search of **Sustainable Humanosphere** in Asia and Africa”

2012-2015 “Southeast Asian Studies for **Sustainable Humanosphere** (Life and Green) Project”



# 1999-2008 JSPS-NRCT Core University Program II

## “Region-Making in East Asia” projects & seminars

### Nine Joint Research Projects:

1 Networks in Comparative Historical Perspective And Changing Structures of Hegemony

2 US Hegemony and the Question of Technocracy

3 State, Market, Society, and Economic Integration: Its Logic and Asian Economies

4 The Emergent Middle Classes as a Social Formation in East Asia

5 The Dynamics of Flows and Movements in Southeast Asia

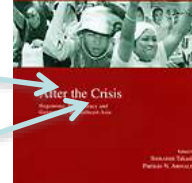
6 Market and Economic Partnership

7 Entrepreneurship in East Asia -Political, Economic, Cultural and Social: Establishing a New Model of East Asian Political Economy

8 The Changing “Family”

9 The Asian International Economic Order: Past, Present and Future

*After the Crisis: Hegemony, Technocracy And Governance in Southeast Asia. 2005*



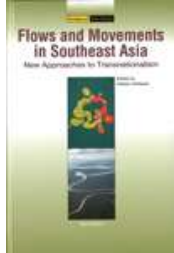
*The Rise of Middle Classes in Southeast Asia 2008. Popular Culture 2012*



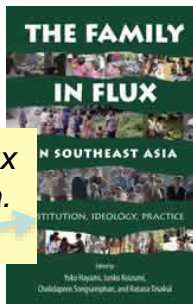
*East Asian Economies and New Regionalism 2008*



*Traveling Nation-Makers. 2011 Flows and Movements in Southeast 2013*



*The Family in Flux in Southeast Asia. 2013*

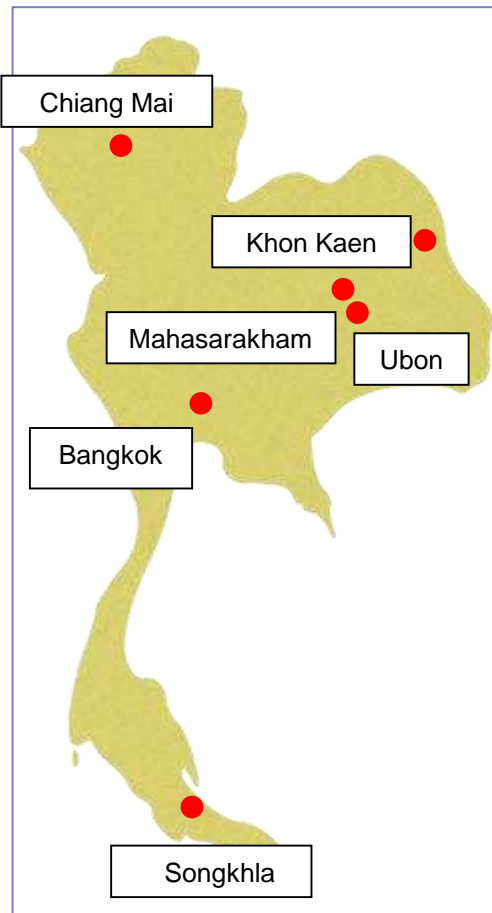


*Populism in Asia. 2012 Kelompok Kekerasan dan Bos Lokal di Era Reformasi 2008*



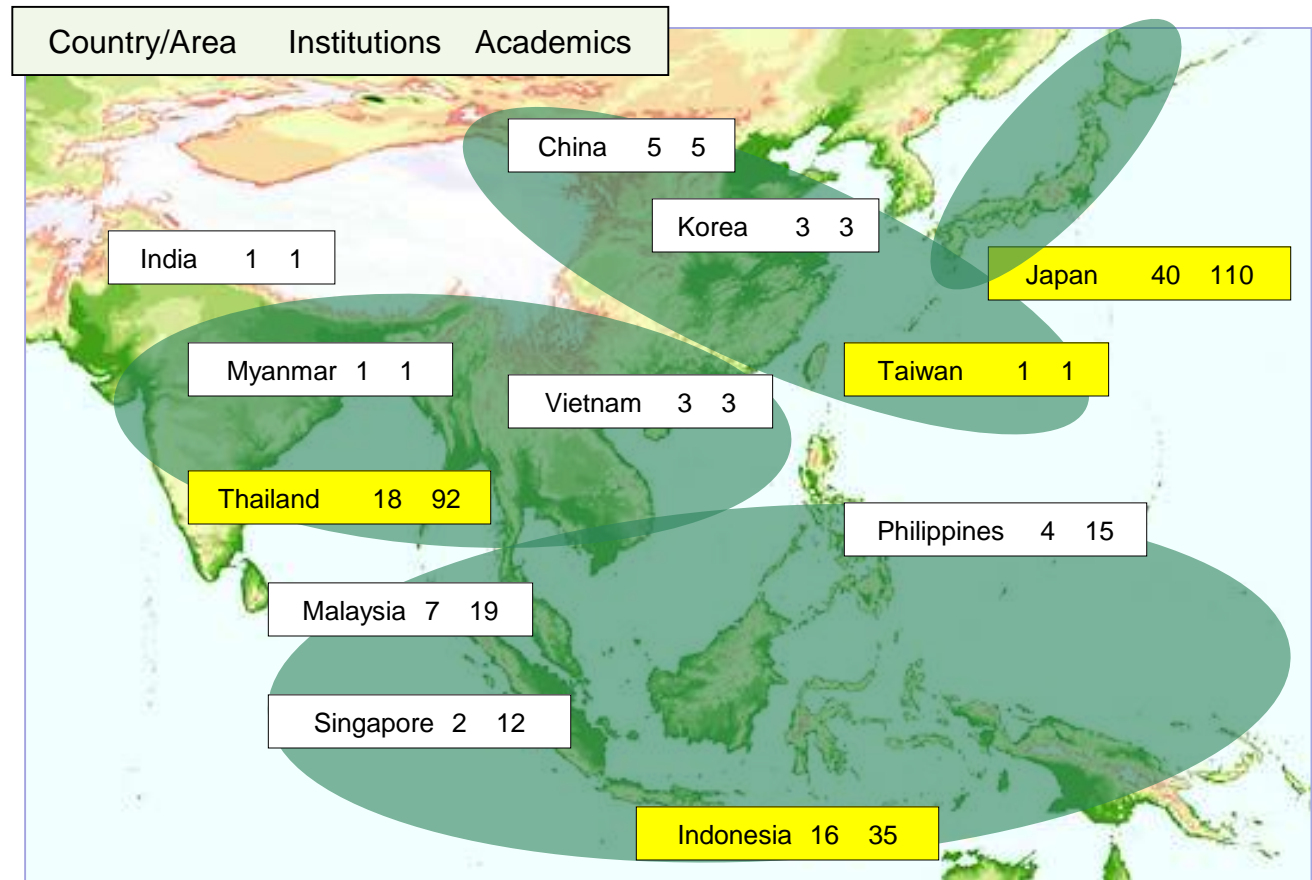
*Industrialization with a Weak State 2012*

# Core University Program II to Asian Core Program from bilateral to multi-lateral



Distribution of  
participating members in  
Core II

## Number of Collaborating Academics and Institutions (1999-2008)



# 2009-2013 JSPS Asian Core Program: “Asian Connections: Southeast Asian Model for Coexistence in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” projects and seminars

## PROJECTS

### Cluster A: Seeking forms of coexistence historically

Project **1** Dynamics of Seven Seas Links in Asia Pacific

Project **2** De-territorialization of the State: Transnational Network and New Regional Formation in Asia

Project **6** Interface, Negotiation and Interaction in Southeast Asia

### Cluster B: Seeking a model for alternative development

Project **3** Re-Considering the East Asian Economic Growth Model

Project **4** Transformative Politico-Economic Powers in Local Southeast Asia

Project **5** Study of Integrated River Basin Management in Asia

region with rich ecological resources and varied social capital characterized by plural coexistence facing globalization

Negotiation and connection enabled by dynamic and layered interfaces that need to be analyzed closer to the ground rather than based on taken-for-granted units, paradigms or indices



Final Seminar in Kyoto  
February 2014



# 2009-2013 JSPS Asian Core

## Education, training and exchange

- 2009 Kyoto, **Japan**  
“Region” and Regional Perspectives on/ from Southeast Asia”
- 2010 with LIPI, Jakarta, **Indonesia**  
“New Concept Building for Sustainable Humanosphere and Society from the Equatorial Zone of Southeast Asia
- 2011 with Chulalongkorn University, Mae Sai, **Thailand**  
“Transformations of Human Landscape in Southeast Asia”
- 2012 Co-organized with San Carlos University, Cebu, **Philippines**  
“Cities and Cultures in Southeast Asia”
- 2013 Co-organized with Malaysia National University, Penang, **Malaysia**  
“Human-Nature Interactions in Southeast Asia: Trans-disciplinary Approaches”
- 2014 to be held in **Cambodia**



Post-doc Core program participants monographs receiving great reviews



20 young scholars from 13 countries (including 9 ASEAN)

**Call for applications open soon!**



# Resources: Information and Data-base

enhancing information resources (library, maps, GIS etc.), improving modes of sharing across wider region

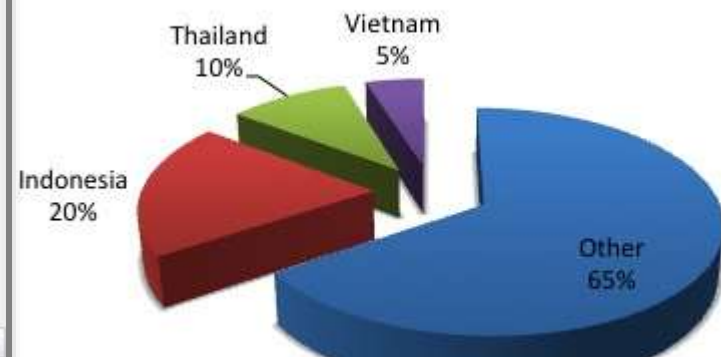


43000 maps, 3500 satellite images, aerial photos etc.



**Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia:**  
web journal in 4 languages (Japanese, Thai, Bahasa, English) since 2001  
<http://kyotoreview.org/>

Size of the CSEAS Library collection



**Books 145,803 vols.**

Western languages 124,080 vols.

Including South • Southeast Asian languages 66,438 vols.

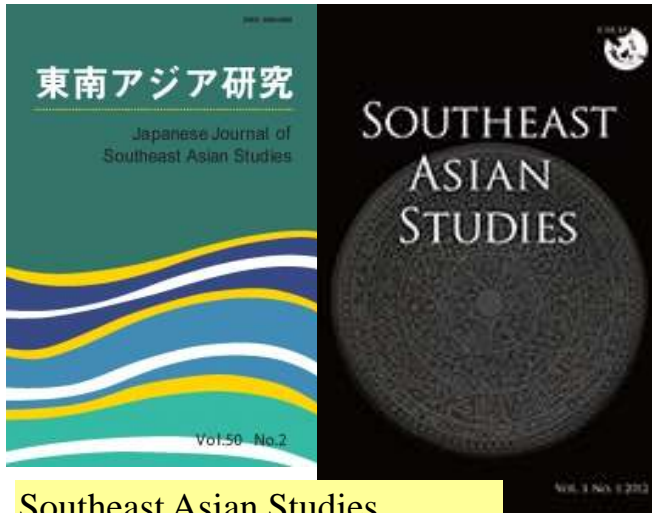
East Asian languages (Japanese, Korean, Chinese) 21,723 vols.

**Periodicals 36,815 titles.**

Western languages 29,763 titles.

East Asian languages (Japanese, Korean, Chinese) 7,052 titles

# Resources: Dissemination and publication



Southeast Asian Studies  
English and Japanese journals  
since 1963(re-launched 2012)



Japanese monograph series  
from Kyoto U Press(since 1995)

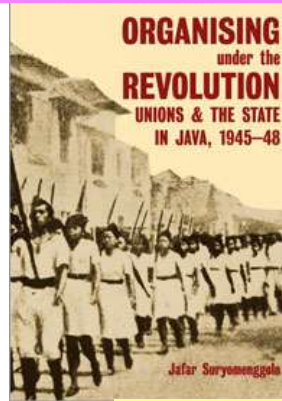
48 volumes 30% ASEAN authors/editors



U of Hawaii  
Press series  
(since 1966)



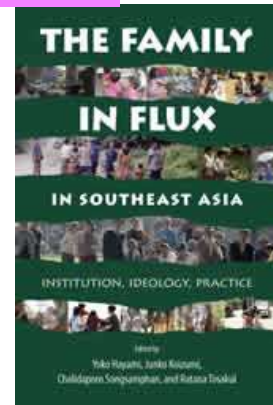
Kyoto University Press  
& Trans-Pacific Press  
series (since 1999)



Kyoto University Press  
& National University of  
Singapore Press series  
(since 2009)

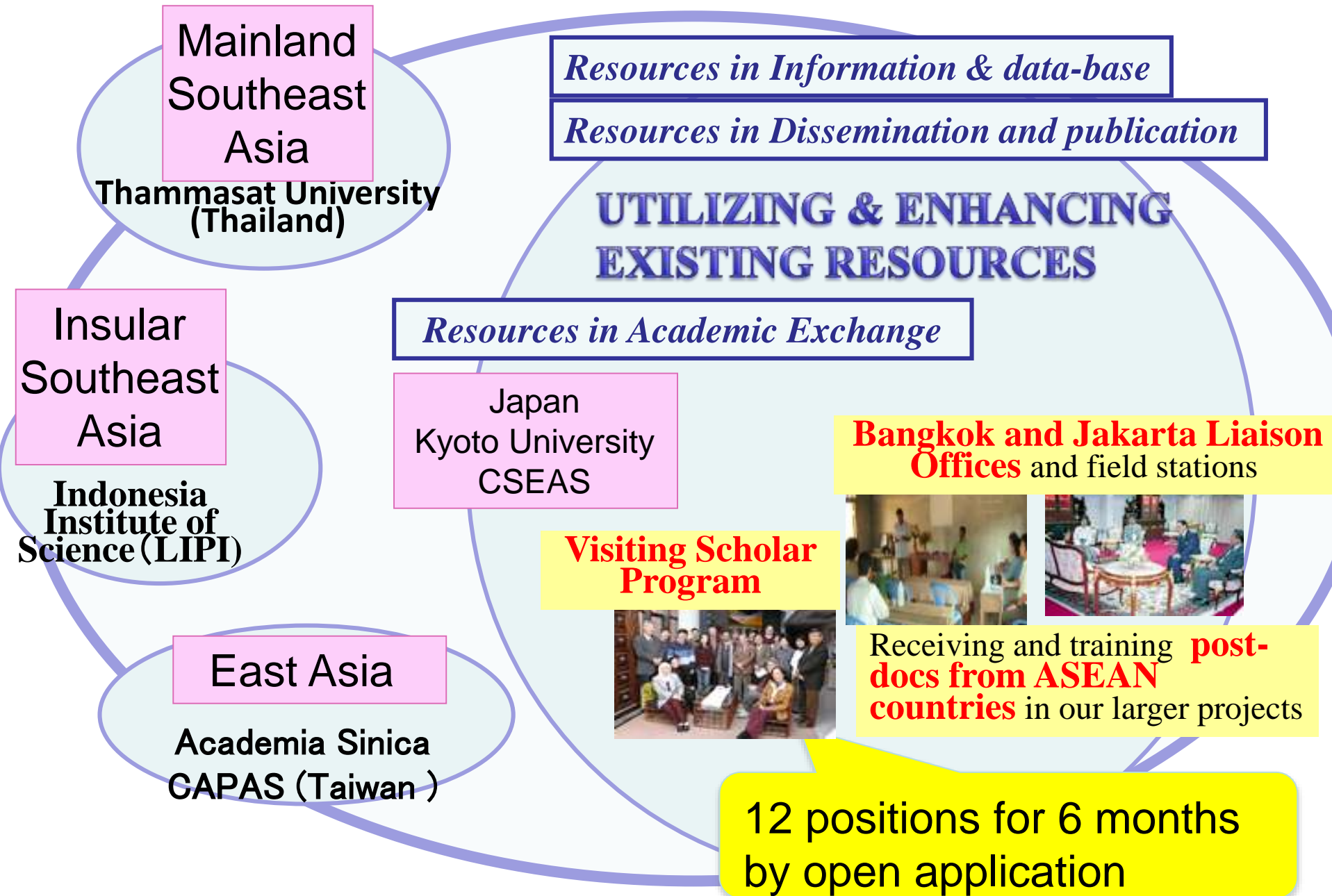


Collaboration with  
Ateneo de Manila  
Press 2014



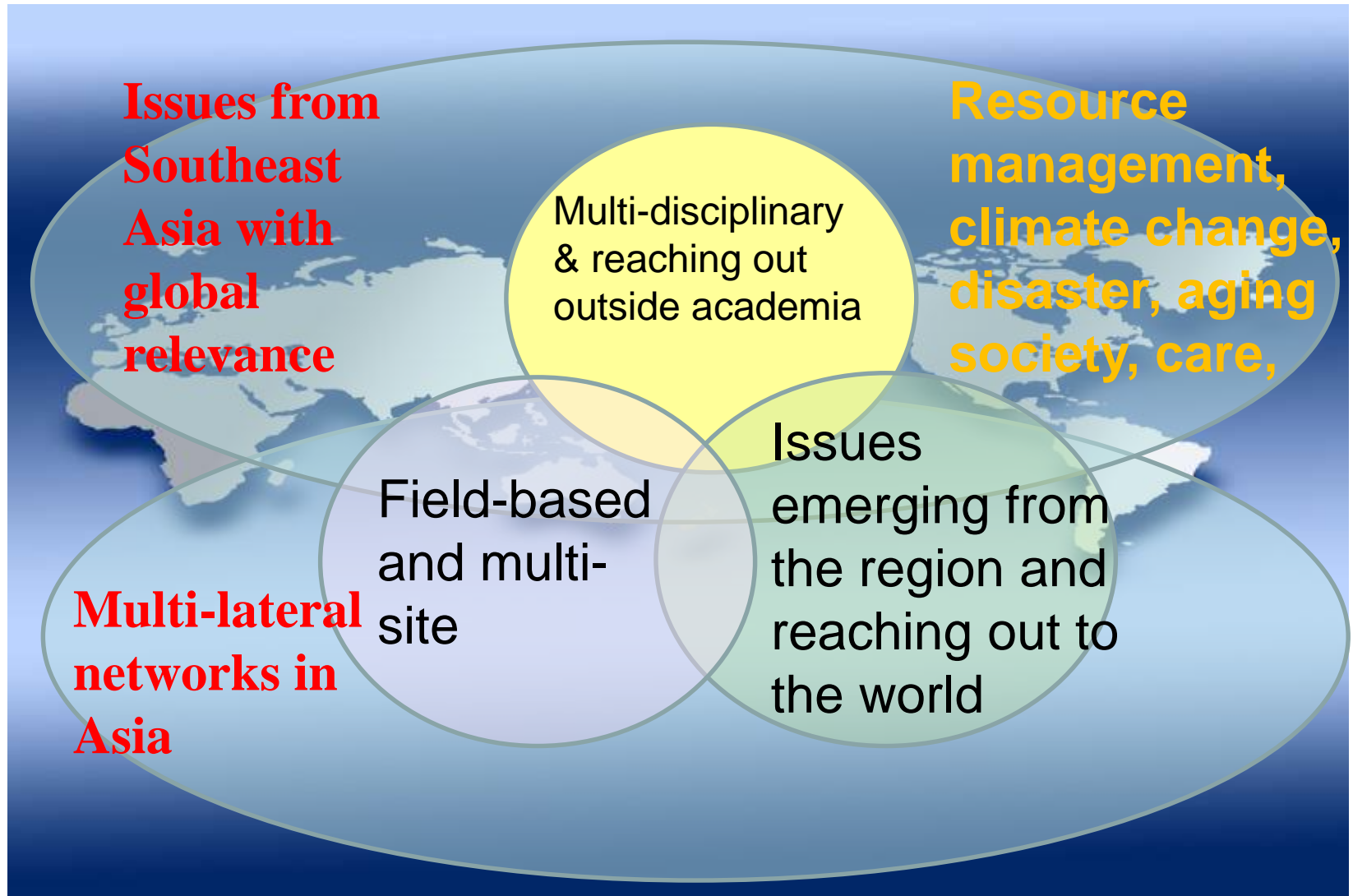
with Silkworm  
Press 2013

# Constructing Networks and Resources





# CSEAS research into the future



**From** seeking to understand Southeast Asia as a region  
**To** seeking to connect with global issues from Southeast Asia



# 2013 Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA)



October 11, 2013

International Advisory Board signed the charter at CSEAS

## Committees & Functions

### Conferences & Academic Meetings

Publication & Outcome

Networking & Outreach

Research and Projects

Education & Training

- Members of Advisory Board*
1. Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)
  2. Indonesia Institute of Sciences
  3. Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore
  4. Nanyang Technological University
  5. Center for Asia-Pacific Studies, Academia Sinica (Taiwan)
  6. Taiwan Association of Southeast Asian Studies
  7. Korean Association of Southeast Asian Studies
  8. Institute of Asian Studies, University of Brunei Darussalam
  9. Asian Center, University of the Philippines
  10. Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, Japan



**First SEASIA conference to be held**

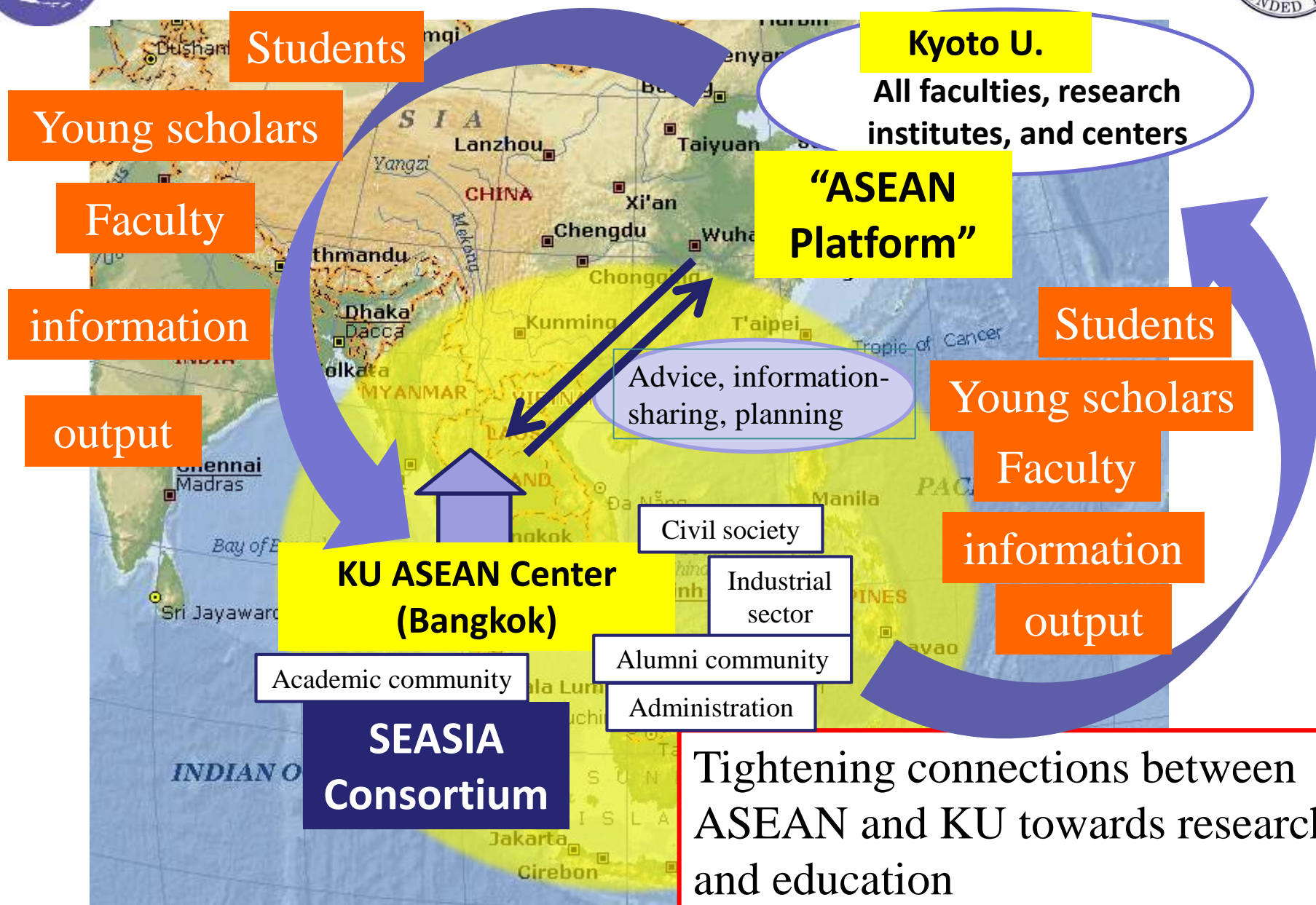
**December 12-13, 2015 Kyoto**

**CALL FOR PAPERS DEADLINE JULY 15 !!**

**<http://seasia-consortium.org/>**



# Connecting Kyoto with ASEAN





THANK YOU !