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# The Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies Work Plan 2018

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## GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The work plan for 2018 builds on the Centre's strategic plan 2017-2019 and is also in line with Lund University's strategic plan for 2017-2026 and the priorities the university has made for 2018. The work during 2018 will to a great extent be shaped by preparations for the forthcoming move to a faculty in 2019. However, the aim is that this will not adversely affect the ordinary work. The Centre is determined to continue its work to strengthen its role at Lund University as well as nationally, at the same time that it will further develop its international networks, particularly in Asia, and engage in boundary-crossing and interdisciplinary research and education.

## PREPARATION OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MOVE TO FACULTY

On the directive of the Vice Chancellor, the board of the Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies (Centre below) has on 28 November 2017 made a decision to suggest that the Centre should be transfer to the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology. The Centre's suggestion was based on a careful evaluation of the opportunities and potential risks with such a transfer. We are committed to continue to work and collaborate in a cross-faculty and interdisciplinary spirit and benefit the whole university.

A central task during 2018 will be to prepare for the organizational move to the faculty in 2019. Once the faculty and the Vice Chancellor has made a formal agreement the Centre will in collaboration with the faculty and with support from USVs secretariat develop a plan and time-line for a smooth transfer. Sufficient time and additional resources from USV will be set aside for this work. This will include a risk and consequence assessment, a special focus on the psycho-social environment such as a survey in January and a follow-up meeting in February, meetings where information about the faculty and its structure will be disseminated to staff and where the faculty will get to know us better, meetings/special groups dealing with specific issues such as administration, library, education and research, as well as necessary adjustments/revisions of work tasks, institutional set-up, membership of networks etc. Other efforts related to improve the work environment and strengthen the work process at the Centre include team building exercises as well as a meeting (internat) in mid-August.

## INTERNATIONALIZATION AND NETWORKING

The Centre will under 2018 focus on establishing and strengthening its contacts with scholars and universities in Japan and Korea. To this end, the Centre has invited a scholar from Korea to spend 1,5 months (January-February) in Lund as well as has invited two scholars from Japan to visit the Centre in March. In addition the director and the lecturer on contemporary Japan will visit our partner Waseda University and other Japanese universities in February. The Centre will continue to develop closer contacts with leading Asia research institutes across the world such as the International Institute for Asian Studies in Leiden, the director has been invited to a network meeting in Leiden in February, and the Australian Centre on China in the World at the Australian National University whom we are collaborating with on the summer school Made in China. Further networking will take place during an event on transregional Asian studies with leading scholars in the field in May, and during a planned event on Southeast Asian studies in the fall. We have some applications for strengthening institutional collaboration pending and are planning further applications during 2018 depending on these outcomes.

## EDUCATION

The Centre will work to strengthen recruitment through marketing, collaboration with UPF, outreach to undergraduates, and with a special focus on alumni networking and events (also prioritized in the USV plan). Furthermore, were are continuing to strengthen quality through pedagogical courses for teachers, participating in an interdisciplinary pedagogy event at USV, as well as will work to strengthen work on thesis supervision. In order to reach out to new students we will aim to develop a SAS course for the fall semester. The Made in China summer school in another important endeavor that the Centre is undertaking. It develops our international network and strengthens our visibility and impact in teaching.

**RESEARCH**

Since the major externally funded project Digital China ends in 2018 it will be important to develop competitive and strategic research applications. Therefore time and resources will be set aside for seminars on research application during February-March. In addition research seminars that will strengthen partnerships nationally and internationally, and a number of selected conferences (China's reforms at 40, 23-25 January, Transregional Asian Studies 23 May, and Focus Asia in mid-October) will take place during 2018. Furthermore, special meetings dealing with ethics, research data, and LUCRIS will also be prioritized during 2018.

**LIBRARY**

When it comes to our library services, librarians and researchers will work to strengthen the library's research support facilities in order to ensure the role of the library as an important research library. New developments with respect to the handling of research data will also be followed closely, as will the issue of publication in open access journals and making research outputs public in LUCRIS. Additional work when it comes to integrate the librarians in education will also be prioritized. Important will also be the dialogue between and integration in the faculty library framework.

**OUTREACH**

The Centre will continue to strengthen its outreach work, which includes a newsletter, collaboration with UPF, ensuring that our research is published in relevant channels, including on social media, as well as generating publicity for our events through other means.



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