

Southeast Asian Studies in Frankfurt: A Fact Sheet

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History

- founded by Prof. Dr. Otto Karow (for Japan and SE Asia), 1960-1980
- separate Department since 1981: Prof. Dr. Bernd Nothofer, 1981-2008
- since Oct. 2009: Prof. Dr. Arndt Graf

Staff

Chair and Head of Department: Prof. Dr. Arndt Graf
Senior Professor (from 4/2010): Prof. Dr. Bernd Nothofer
Adjunct Professor (Privatdozent): PD Dr. Fritz Schulze
Lecturers: Dr. Lany Probojo, Sven Kosel M.A.
Part-Time Lecturers (2-4 hrs/week) for Indonesian, Thai, Vietnamese
Additional courses by other part-time lecturers
Librarian/secretary: Holger Warnk M.A.

Current student population

- increasing popularity of Southeast Asia: more than 100 students/semester since the 2000s
- currently: transition to new BA program of “Languages and Cultures of Southeast Asia”

Library

- 1960s: major grant by the Volkswagen Foundation: valuable holdings in antiquarian and collectible books on Southeast Asia
- Holdings by 12/2009: about 21,000 books, mostly on Indonesia
- New acquisition policy since 2010: widening the scope, trying to cover more countries of SE Asia, as well as more fields
- Initiative “1,000 books on Southeast Asia”, 1/2010-: campaign to raise books and funds to build a more balanced library

Publication profile of Southeast Asian Studies in Frankfurt, 2006-2008

Country / Field	Language	Literature	Media	Culture	Islam/Religion	Gender	Politics	History	Economy	Total
SOUTHEAST ASIA in general	1		1		2			2	1	7
INSULAR SOUTHEAST ASIA	1		1					1		3
Indonesia	8	3	2	3	8	1	10		4	39
Malaysia	8	10	1	1	2		1			23
Brunei				1						1
Singapore										0
East Timor										0
Philippines										0
										0
MAINLAND SOUTHEAST ASIA										0
Thailand										0
Vietnam										0
Cambodia										0
Laos										0
Birma/Myanmar										0
	18	13	5	5	12	1	11	3	5	73

Includes multiple quotations when fields overlap.

Networks

- Member of the “Interdisciplinary Center of East Asian Studies” (IZO), University of Frankfurt
- Since 1/2010: Initiative to establish a “Network Southeast Asia” in the Rhine-Main area, with Affiliated Fellows from various disciplines and institutions who work on Southeast Asia

International cooperation

- Co-Organizer, European Summer School of Southeast Asian Studies, 2005-2008, together with the universities of Leiden, Paris (INALCO), La Rochelle, Napoli, Hamburg and Berlin
- ERASMUS student exchanges with major European centers of Southeast Asian Studies
- Cooperation with the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University (one of America’s National Resource Centers on Southeast Asia)
- Cooperation with various universities in Indonesia: Universitas Indonesia, Universitas Islam Negeri Syarif Hidayatullah etc.
- MoUs and cooperation with Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Malaya, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Putra Malaysia
- Cooperation with the National University of Singapore (ARI, Dept. of Malay Studies)
- Cooperation with various other partners in Southeast Asia and beyond

Highlight 2010

- International Seminar: “Trade and Finance in the Malay World”, 17-18 June 2010, Frankfurt, in cooperation with the School of Humanities, Universiti Sains Malaysia and the Dept. of Malay Studies, the National University of Singapore