



THE ASIA-EUROPE FOUNDATION AND THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE
EUROPEAN STUDIES PROGRAMME ARE PLEASED TO JOINTLY PRESENT A BOOK
LAUNCH



THE EU THROUGH THE EYES OF ASIA

Media, Public and Elite Perceptions in China, Japan, Korea, Singapore and Thailand

Friday, 18 April 2008 | 11:30-13:30
Asia-Europe Foundation
31 Heng Mui Keng Terrace, Singapore

PROGRAMME

- 11:20** **Registration**
- 11:30** **Welcome Remarks**
- Ambassador Wonil Cho (10")**
 Executive Director
 Asia-Europe Foundation
- Prof. Lai Choy Heng (10")**
 Vice Provost
 National University of Singapore
- 11:50** **Book Presentation**
 "The EU through the Eyes of Asia: The Case of Singapore"
- Assoc. Prof. Barnard Turner**
 Academic Convenor
 European Studies Programme
 National University of Singapore

12:10

Remarks

Ambassador Holger Standertskjöld

Head of Delegation

European Commission Delegation to Singapore

12:20

Panel Discussion

Chair: Mr. Peter Ryan

Director for Intellectual Exchange

Asia-Europe Foundation

Mr. John Chalmers

Senior Editor

Reuters

Singapore

Mr. Joachim Ihrcke

President

European Chamber of Commerce of Singapore

Assoc. Prof. Barnard Turner

Academic Convenor

European Studies Programme

National University of Singapore

13:00

Q&A

13:30

Lunch Reception

PROFILE OF SPEAKER



Assoc. Prof. Barnard TURNER

Barnard Turner is currently Associate Professor of English at the National University of Singapore and Academic Convenor for European Studies. He was born outside London, England, and studied in the UK and at two universities in the Pacific Northwest, the University of British Columbia (BA in 1976) and the University of Oregon (PhD in 1988). He has published a book and a more than two dozen articles and essays on a variety of topics in European and American culture and cultural politics, a study of Thoreau reception in India and has given some 40 conference and other papers on these and related themes. He has most recently been working on European and EU-related topics including the Constitution debate, the British Labour party, and the Lithuanian tourism industry.

ABOUT US

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