

ICAS Secretariat

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In June 1998 the first International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) materialized. The convention, which was organized by the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS, the Netherlands) and the Association for Asian Studies (AAS, USA), was brought into existence because European and American scholars felt a need for closer interaction. Although many individual contacts between researchers from both sides of the Atlantic had already been established, an open, loosely organized forum for discussion

was still missing. This forum would allow specialists from all disciplines, regions, and paradigms to informally meet, exchange ideas, and engage in new plans for joint research activities.

At ICAS 2 in Berlin it was decided to establish a permanent ICAS Secretariat, promoting and stimulating ICAS conventions, serving as its archival and information centre, safeguarding the expertise that has been gathered through ICAS, and instrumental in drawing up a regulatory framework for the ICAS activities. The secretariat actively pursues making ICAS visible through its presence at major meetings of Asia scholars and through regular reports both in the *IIAS Newsletter* and on the ICAS Secretariat website. The secretariat will be stationed at the IIAS in the Netherlands. For more information please feel free to contact us. <

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