



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 01 August 2021 Period start date To 31 July 2022 Period end date**

**Charity name:** Association of Southeast Asian Studies in the United Kingdom

**Charity registration number:** 1170590

**Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The overall object of ASEAS(UK) is to advance the education of the public on the subject of Southeast Asia and to promote research for the public benefit in all disciplines of that subject and to disseminate the useful results by such means as the trustees see fit.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p><b>Digital Impact Award</b></p> <p>When COVID impacted international travel, in 2021 the Executive Committee decided to offer a Digital Impact Award instead of running the Research Impact Awards, which fund travel to conferences and research visits to Southeast Asia.</p> <p>The aim of the Digital Impact Award was to support the creation of a digital project based on research or a project that has already been conducted in Southeast Asia. This could be a film, or a website or another artistic project to help researchers communicate their research in a new way and to non-academic audiences.</p> <p>The first Digital Impact Award was launched in Spring 2021 and the first recipient was Dr. Charlie Rumsby who used the award to create a short film entitled 'Drive to School', which documents the motivations of young Christian missionaries who are striving to bring education and hope to Cambodia's stateless children. The film recently premiered at the historic Coventry Cathedral, as part of the <i>Rising Global Peace Forum</i>. Charlie has also submitted the film to a number of film festivals so hopefully we will be seeing more of it soon.</p> <p>At the end of 2021 ASEAS opened a call for another round of applications, with the 2022 award going to Kellynn Wee, a PhD researcher in the Department of</p>

		<p>Anthropology at University College London. Kellynn is using the funds to develop a roleplaying game set in Singapore that invites players to speculate about climate futures through the ethos of applied hope.</p> <p>Following the easing of travel restrictions in Autumn 2022 ASEAS re-launched the Research Impact Award alongside the Digital Impact Award, with applicants invited to apply for either.</p> <p><b>Master's Dissertation Prize</b> In early 2022 we launched a new Master's Dissertation Prize to showcase outstanding humanities and social science research on Southeast Asia from postgraduate students across the world. This year's prize was awarded to Amanda Muñoz Gamage. Amanda's dissertation, entitled 'Enacting FPAR in Human Rights Organizations: practices, challenges and tensions', was submitted as part of her MSc in Human Rights, which she completed in the Department of Sociology at the London School of Economics in 2021. We recently opened another call for submissions, which closes at the end of January 2023.</p> <p><b>ASEAS(UK) Conference</b> Much of 2022 was spent organising the biennial ASEAS(UK) Conference, which took place online via the Zoom platform from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022. On Zoom we welcomed over 80 scholars from around sixteen countries to our first conference since the pandemic.</p> <p>The decision to host the conference on Zoom rather than in-person was due to the unpredictability of the pandemic situation but doing so also made it much more accessible to scholars based within Southeast Asia. It also reflected the organisation's climate awareness, as it becomes increasingly difficult to justify taking long flights for a two-day conference trip.</p> <p>The conference opened with a fantastic keynote from Professor Jonathan Rigg (University of Bristol), who delivered his keynote from the field in Nepal, and emphasised the importance of moving outside of individual disciplines in order to approach an understanding of Southeast Asia. The three days saw a series of talks, roundtables and workshops on a range of topics and closed with a second keynote by Dr Maitrii Aung-Thwin (National University of Singapore), who talked about moving</p>
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		towards a more public Southeast Asian Studies.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	ASEAS Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	In accordance with ASEAS(UK) Constitution clause 18(1) (Delegation by charity trustees), the Executive Committee shall appoint a Research Committee of three members, at least one of whom should also be a member of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Chair and Secretary of the Research Committee for the purpose of raising research funds and deciding upon their allocation on behalf of ASEAS(UK).
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

#### **Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p><b>Digital Impact Award</b>  The Spring 2022 Digital Impact Award is funding the development of a roleplaying game set in Singapore that invites players to speculate about climate futures through the ethos of applied hope. Applied hope games draw from a burgeoning creative movement that seeks to imagine utopic futures through genres such as solarpunk and hopepunk in opposition to dystopic worlds founded on apocalypse and despair. These games can conjure a space of playfulness, openness, and potentiality in our relationship to the future; by doing so, they create imaginative latitude for action and change in the present.</p> <p>The game module has potential as a pedagogical tool for educators to use to draw students into conversations about topics such as climate change and the imagination of alternative futures. Furthermore, in Singapore, futures work carried out by policymakers often depend on simulation and games are frequently used in policy forecasting.</p> <p><b>Website</b>  The ASEAS website continues to publish reviews of books, encompassing a range of Southeast Asian Studies topics. This is an invaluable tool for researchers, particularly at a time when traditional journals are publishing fewer reviews.</p> <p><b>Member Newsletter</b>  The bi-monthly membership newsletter is an invaluable addition to the ASEAS membership offering, providing information on opportunities, the latest research, as well as highlighting the achievements of members, including recent publications, awards and grants.</p> <p><b>Membership and Social Media</b>  We currently have 161 members, which is an increase of 29 from last year's report. This is mainly due to the online conference, which is the first we have held since the pandemic.</p> <p>Online, Facebook group membership has increased to 5500 members and 1084 Twitter followers. Our social media pages provide a lively forum for news and discussion between academics and interested members of the public across the UK and Southeast Asia.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total of £18,346.00 in assets at the end of the period.  Income of £2,454.00 against a total expenditure of £4,916.00. Annual loss of £2,462.00.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity does not have a reserves policy.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Although we have spent marginally less this year, we have also made less. If the organisation wants to continue to offer competitive research awards, ASEASUK needs to find long-term, sustainable ways of generating income in order to remain financially viable. We need to gain and retain members as a way of propping the organization up financially. Other potential income streams such as journals, events, and conferences should be encouraged and monetized as fully as possible in order to keep the charity ticking over whilst still raising our profile.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership fees and the bi-annual conference.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Members of the Executive Committee of ASEAS(UK) will become trustees of ASEAS(UK) on first election to the Executive Committee (unless they are ineligible for one of the reasons described in clause (2) below) and will remain a trustee until they leave the Executive Committee.</p> <p>The Executive Committee will manage the affairs of ASEAS(UK) and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of ASEAS(UK).</p> <p><b>(2) Eligibility for trusteeship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every charity trustee must be a natural person.</li> <li>• Membership of the Executive Committee (including renewal of Executive Committee membership) is through nomination and support of two other full members of ASEAS(UK).</li> <li>• Each nominee must have been a full member of ASEASUK for at least a year prior to being nominated.</li> <li>• No one may be appointed as a charity trustee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or</li> <li>- if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause 15(1)(d).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• No-one is entitled to act as a charity trustee whether on appointment or on any re-appointment until he or she has expressly acknowledged, in whatever way the charity trustees decide, his or her acceptance of the office of charity trustee.</li> </ul>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

#### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Association of Southeast Asian Studies in the United Kingdom
Other name the charity uses	ASEAS(UK)
Registered charity number	1170590
Charity's principal address	Centre of South East Asian Studies SOAS, University of London Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square WC1H 0XG



### **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Adam Tyson	Chair		
2	Kimberley Weir	Secretary		
3	Elliot Newbold	Treasurer		
4	Tilman Frasch			
5	Deirdre McKay			
6	Laurie Parsons			
7	Jessica Rahardjo			
8	Charlie Rumsby			
9	Pon Souvannaseng			
10	Russell Yap			
11	Nicole CuUnjieng Aboitiz		From November 2021	
12	Dylan Gaffney		From November 2021	
13	Thomas Kingston		From November 2021	
14	Ben Murtagh		From November 2021	
15	Mulaika Hijjas		To November 2021	
16	Catherine Allerton		To March 2022	
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19				
20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

**Additional information (optional)****Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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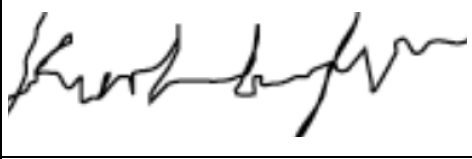
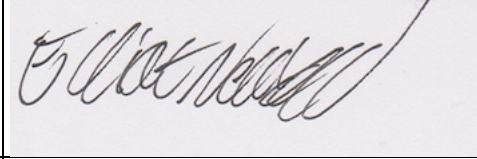
**Other optional information**

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Kimberley Weir	Elliot Newbold
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Treasurer

Date	26.01.2022
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
31/7/21

To

Period end date  
31/7/22

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership Payments	2,450	-	-	2,450	2,443
Gross Interest	4	-	-	4	2
Research Award Reimburse	-	-	-	-	1,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	2,454	-	-	2,454	3,445
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	2,454	-	-	2,454	3,445
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Research Awards	1,650	-	-	1,650	1,000
Stipend	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000
Expenses	-	-	-	-	559
Reimburse for Services	211	-	-	211	376
Picture rights damages	-	-	-	-	420
Bank charges	35	-	-	35	-
Membership refund	20	-	-	20	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	4,916	-	-	4,916	5,355
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	4,916	-	-	4,916	5,355
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 2,462	-	-	- 2,462	- 1,910
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	20,808	-	-	20,808	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	18,346	-	-	18,346	- 1,910

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
	Community Account	1,699	-	-
	Business Account	16,647	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	18,346	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
				26/1/23

**B2 Other monetary assets**

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval