



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 August 2022 Period start date To 31 July 2023 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>Research Impact Award</p> <p>The 2022-23 RIA was awarded to Fahmi Rizki Fahroji for his project, 'Uncertain futures of the underground in the ruins of a Borneo coal mine'. Fahmi's project formed part of his MRes studies at the University of Glasgow, which investigated the future of coal mining in Southeast Asia as the world shifts away from fossil fuels. He explores the overlooked post-mining landscape, particularly in South Borneo, Indonesia, where massive extractive operations have left contested ruins underground. Fahmi used the funding to conduct ethnographic work, looking at how geological and political forces intersect in shaping the region's future. He reveals that the imaginations of local communities, including the Banjarese, Dayaks, and Javanese transmigrants, are diverse and uncertain in the shadow of the underground's ruins.</p> <p>Master's Dissertation Prize</p> <p>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 globally. The 2023 prize was awarded to Helsheila Julis Binti Juffri. Sheila's dissertation, titled 'Temuan Ontology through Derian Worliding', was submitted as part of her Master's in Research, which she completed in the School of Media,</p>

		<p>Languages and Cultures at the University of Nottingham Malaysia in 2022. Sheila's thesis comprised a detailed ethnographic account of the indigenous Temuan's complex relationship to durian in Peninsula Malaysia, exploring ontological themes as well as the material relations between durian, customary land and social relations. We recently opened another call for submissions, which closes on 1 March 2024.</p> <p>ASEAS Conference 2022 From the 8th to 10th September 2022 we welcomed over 80 scholars from sixteen countries to our first online conference, hosted on the Zoom platform. We decided to hold the conference online due to the unpredictability of the pandemic situation, and to maintain our commitment to combatting climate catastrophe, as it becomes increasingly hard to justify taking 14-hour flights for a two day conference trip. However, hosting the conference online also made it much more accessible to Southeast Asia-based scholars. It opened with a fantastic keynote from Professor Jonathan Rigg (University of Bristol), who emphasised the importance of moving outside of one's own discipline 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 towards a more public Southeast Asian Studies.</p> <p>A significant part of 2023 was spent organising the subsequent ASEAS Conference, which was our first conference to be held in Southeast Asia and took place at the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Indonesia, Depok, from 27 to 30 November 2023. This will be summarised in next year's Annual Report.</p> <p>Events ASEAS held a number of online and in-person events in 2023. In July we held a webinar looking ahead to Indonesia's 2024 elections; in June we presented an online film screening of 'Drive to School' and in conversation with filmmaker Dr Charlie Rumsby. The production of 'Drive to School' was supported by the ASEAS Research Impact Award. <i>'Drive to School'</i> is a short film that documents the motivations of young Christian missionaries</p>
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		<p>Charles and Ai who are striving to bring education and hope to Cambodia's stateless children.</p> <p>In May we held a roundtable discussion in collaboration with the LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre which focused on the in-country research climate and future of research in Indonesia and the Philippines. In May we also held ASEAS' first in person social networking event, which took place in London in collaboration with Chatham House and the LSE Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre. We hope to hold more of these networking events in the future.</p>
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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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.

Para 1.20

Awards and Prizes

The Research Impact Awards enable early career scholars to undertake fieldwork in Southeast Asia, fostering new research and publications, whilst advancing their careers. The Awards also support the development or dissemination of a film, audio piece, website, or other artistic project to communicate research outside of academia and to engage broader audiences with the Southeast Asian Studies community. The Master's Dissertation Prize provides a small financial reward but significantly raises the profile of Master's students. They are also awarded a free ASEAS membership, enabling them to foster new connections and networks.

Conference

ASEAS conferences are an invaluable opportunity for Southeast Asia-focused researchers to network and present their research. They also provide a chance for early career scholars to build their profile and establish important connections. Work presented at the conferences covers a range of topics across eras, geographies and disciplines and has the potential to reshape the wider field of Southeast Asian Studies. The online conference in 2022 made this biennial staple much more accessible to the global Southeast Asian Studies community, as we welcomed over 80 scholars from sixteen countries. The 2023 conference in Indonesia was more accessible for Southeast Asia-based scholars, who may have been unable to fund a visit to the UK. We plan to host future conferences in the region, alternating between the UK and Southeast Asia, to ensure ASEAS retains this accessibility.

Website

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.

Member Newsletter

The 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.

Membership and Social Media

		<p>We currently have 324 members, which is an increase of 163 from last year's report. This is mainly due to the conference in Indonesia, which attracted a significant number of delegates from the region.</p> <p>Online, Facebook group membership has increased to 6000 members and the Facebook page has over 3700 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 £18,246.00 in assets at the end of the period. Income of £4,243.00 against a total expenditure of £4,343.00. Annual loss of £100.00.
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	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We have done a good job steadying the ship this year. We have spent less whilst earning significantly more. This is down to successful conferences and fundraising events. This allows the organisation to continue to offer competitive research awards. We have made progress towards finding long-term, sustainable ways of generating income to remain financially viable. We have gained and retained members and have other income streams like conferences and events to keep the charity sustainable.

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>(2) Eligibility for trusteeship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every charity trustee must be a natural person. • Membership of the Executive Committee (including renewal of Executive Committee membership) is through nomination and support of two other full members of ASEAS(UK). • Each nominee must have been a full member of ASEASUK for at least a year prior to being nominated. • No one may be appointed as a charity trustee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if he or she is under the age of 16 years; or - if he or she would automatically cease to hold office under the provisions of clause 15(1)(d). <p>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.</p>

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	
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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) / ASEAS
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	Operations Director		
3	Elliot Newbold	Financial Director		
4	Kellynn Wee	Communications Director	From December 2022	
5	Thomas Kingston	Editorial Director		
6	Stephanie Benzaquen-Gautier		From December 2022	
7	Mike Charney		From December 2022	
8	Fakhriati Fakhriati		From December 2022	
9	Tilman Frasch			
10	Dylan Gaffney			
11	Michael Leadbetter		From December 2022	
12	Ronan Lee		From December 2022	
13	Nick Long		From December 2022	
14	Ben Murtagh			
15	Laurie Parsons			
16	Amanda Rogers			
17	Charlie Rumsby			
18	Russell Yap			
19	Pon Souvannaseng		To November 2022	
20	Deirdre McKay		To December 2022	

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

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

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	Adam Tyson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Operations Director	Chair
Date	29.01.2024	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
31/7/2022

To

Period end date
31/7/2023

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Payments	2,603	-	-	2,603	2,450
Gross Interest	145	-	-	145	4
Event Revenue	1,495	-	-	1,495	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,243	-	-	4,243	2,454
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,243	-	-	4,243	2,454
A3 Payments					
Research Awards	1,650	-	-	1,650	1,650
Stipend	2,500	-	-	2,500	3,000
Reimburse for Services	127	-	-	127	211
Bank charges	66	-	-	66	35
Membership refund		-	-	-	20
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,343	-	-	4,343	4,916
Total payments	4,343	-	-	4,343	4,916
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 100	-	-	- 100	- 2,462
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,346	-	-	18,346	-
Cash funds this year end	18,246	-	-	18,246	- 2,462

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 £
B1 Cash funds				
	Community Account	656	-	-
	Business Account	17,590	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	18,246	-	-

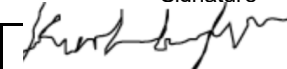
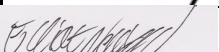
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details			
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	KIMBERLEY WEIR	31.01.24
	ELLIOT NEWBOLD	31.01.24