A head start in research on Asian societies

In today’s increasingly complex world, the study of social sciences has never been more important. AU’s School of Arts, Humanities and Social Science (SAH USS) stands for diversity and excellence in social science postgraduate programmes. 

One of the research areas in Asia Studies is the research area in Asian Studies. The research area in Asian Studies ensures that students advance their knowledge on Asian societies, develop analytical competencies, gain experience in conducting research in Asia, and learn to communicate their findings and arguments in a clear manner.

Some students will focus on all the main regions of Asia, stressing the importance of looking at interconnections within the vast Asian region and between Asian societies and other parts of the world.

The goal of the research is to meet a growing demand for social scientific knowledge and expertise in different areas concerning Asian societies.

This research area consists of study that focuses on contemporary topics as well as study on specific regions of Asia.

SAH USS dean Professor Dr. Jahary Ali said: “Academic research on Asian societies is becoming more important in terms of its theoretical and practical relevance. How can we approach, in a rigorous academic manner, the many important issues that dominate today’s news, whether it be China’s and India’s economic transformations, high- and low-skilled migration flows, political and social movements, or the global reach of Asian companies and the spread of Asian popular culture?”

“The crucial importance of Asia for advising and enriching contemporary theories and debates on transnationalism, citizenship, development, economic restructuring, mobility and other issues is engaged and demonstrated throughout the study.”

In the research in Asian Studies, a student may focus on a region, choosing between China, Japan, Korea, South Asia or Southeast Asia.

Alternatively, students may conduct their research with the primary emphasis not on a region but rather on a discipline, focusing on such topics as politics, religion, art and material culture, languages and literature, regionally or cross-regionally.

The research, while directing attention to regional and inter-regional relations, uses an inherently comparative Asia Studies approach. Asian Studies (research), therefore, not only encourages intra-Asian comparisons, but co-operates with Middle Eastern Studies (research).

We can supervise a research in linguistics, literature, religion, politics, sociology and education. To us, good education means teaching and challenging students at the cutting edge of academic research, guided by independent study, critical and exploratory participation, proactive student counselling, strict thesis supervision, transparency and fair rules and regulations.”

Professor Dr. Jahary Ali says academic research on Asian societies is becoming more important.

The AU Master of Social Science gives students the confidence and the regional knowledge to ensure they are recognized by employers as those who can take a leadership role in the Asian century.

AU has an enrolment of more than 15,000 students in 66 countries, and has more than 5,000 graduates.

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Through registration is open based on the month of intake, registration for postgraduate programmes (by research) is open throughout the year.

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