The aim of SEA ASEAN is to further interdisciplinary research on contemporary Southeast Asia and ASEAN. We bridge high quality scholarly research with policy relevance and a concern for societal outcomes in the study of the societies and nations of Southeast Asia and ASEAN as a regional actor. SEA ASEAN encourages comparative research within the region, research on regional cooperation within ASEAN, and cooperation between the EU and ASEAN. Our focus is on Middle-Income Countries (MICs) and those in political and economic transition in the region. To date, we have welcomed 32 PhD students from across the region, and have organized major conferences with scholars and policymakers in Groningen, Amsterdam, Brussels, and Yogyakarta, Indonesia. We are based at the University of Groningen (UG), with our SE Asia regional office at Gadjah Mada University (UGM). Our upcoming international conference organized by the UG, UGM, and Thammasat University (TU) focuses on climate and sustainable development, implementation by cities, and will take place in 14-17 March 2023 in Bangkok. SEA ASEAN is led by its founding Director, Prof. Ronald Holzhacker.

SEA ASEAN UG-UGM Cooperation Highlights 2014-2022

- April 2014, First conference with scholars and PhD candidates from Indonesia **Good Governance & Sustainable Society** with Bambang Hari Winarso (UGM), with key-note speakers Indonesian Ambassador Retno Marsudi (now Foreign Minister) and Rudolf Treffers, Executive Director, World Bank.

• March 2015, Meeting of Bambang Hari Winarso (UGM) and Ronald Holzhacker with Indonesian SEA ASEAN researchers and the new Indonesian Minister of Planning (BAPPENAS) at the Indonesian Embassy, The Hague.

Indonesian Minister of Planning Mr. Andrinof Chaniago and SInGA Director, Ronald Holzhacker at the Indonesian Embassy on Saturday 7 March 2015.


• October 2015. SEA ASEAN conference at the Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) and the Rijksmuseum Amsterdam – Governance and Sustainable Society in Southeast Asia with Bambang Hari Winarso (UGM) and Indonesian Embassy officials.
• 2016 **Launch of the SEA ASEAN regional office with UGM** by the President of UG and the Rector of UGM with FISOPOL ASEAN Studies Center. Also visit to the NOHA Humanitarian Action office at UGM, and visit to the UGM Energy Center.


• May 2017 **UGM hosts the Open Science Meeting**, to discuss priorities in the research agenda between Indonesia and the Netherlands related to the Sustainable Development Goals, with the Indonesian Science Academy (AIPI), The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW), and The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), with participation by UGM and UG scholars and SEA ASEAN.


https://opensciencemeeting.org/

• Oct. 2017 **UGM-UG conference in Yogyakarta: The Sustainable Development Goals in Southeast Asia and ASEAN.**

Conference and Winter School with partners at UGM, University of Malaya, Thammasat University, University of Philippines, Diliman, and De La Salle University, Manila. Themes: ASEAN and regional dynamics, sustainability, resiliency, planning, the environment, EU-ASEAN relations, civil society engagement, equity, human rights. Disciplinary perspectives: Public policy, Political Science, International Relations, Planning, International Political Economy, Law.

- Oct. 2018 UG conference in Brussels with UGM Dafri Agussalim, Bobi Setiawan and Maharani Hapsari, and Indonesian Ambassador Yuri Octavian Thamrin, with book launch to officials at EU, ASEAN, UN ESCAP. Invited guests from EU External Action Service, DG Development and Cooperation, DG Science, EU Parliament Rapporteur for SE Asia, with dinners at the Netherlands Permanent Representative to the EU, the Indonesian Embassy, and the Singaporean Embassy.

Dec. 2020. Best PhD of the Year, University of Groningen, PhD Cum Laude, Dr. Isti Hidiyati, ‘Inequalities in Mobility’ Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur, UG spatial Sciences, SEA ASEAN, now lecturer UGM, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Architecture and Planning.

https://ukrant.nl/when-i-cant-write-i-organise-files-for-a-sense-of-achievement/?lang=en


Jan. 2021 UG Conference in Groningen with UGM Prof. Bobi Setiawan Climate and Sustainable Development: Challenges of Governance in ASEAN and the Asia-Pacific

Aug. 2022 5th World Planning Schools Congress, 16th Asian Planning Schools Association Congress "Planning A Global Village: Inclusion, Innovation, and Disruption" Bali, Indonesia, 29 August - 2 September 2022. SEA ASEAN organized a set of three panels focused on the new Indonesian capital on Kalimantan, with Prof. Bobi Setiawan (UGM) and Prof. Haryo Winarso (ITB), and presented ideas related to Sustainable Development Corridors linking the new capital to the two existing cities nearby and the port.

https://wpsc-apsa2022.org/

Oct. 2022. Visit to UGM as part of the UG Presidential Delegation with Prof. Jouke de Vries to sign a new MoU with the Rector. Also visit to local KNN, Student Community Service, project on water and the River School. Discussion of Ronald Holzhacker with UGM Dr. Hendrie Adji Kusworo about potential of UG Exchange students to UGM, from a variety of faculties, taking part in a two week KNN experience as part of two-way academic exchange.
March 2023 UG-UGM-TU Conference in Bangkok. **Transformative Futures: International Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Challenges of Implementation in Cities in Southeast Asia.**

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Prof. Ronald Holzhacker, Director SEA ASEAN, 25 Nov. 2023

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Double Degree Master programs:

SSP: [https://www.rug.nl/masters/ddm-urban-planning-society-and-sustainability/](https://www.rug.nl/masters/ddm-urban-planning-society-and-sustainability/)

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[https://admission.ugm.ac.id/degree/international-undergraduate-program/](https://admission.ugm.ac.id/degree/international-undergraduate-program/)

- Master Level students enrolling in IRIO, International Relations
- SEA ASEAN regional office at FISOPOL, UGM
- Joint conference and publication, edited volume Holzhacker and Agussalim ‘SDGs in SE Asia and ASEAN’ (Leiden, Singapore, Boston: Brill 2019)


- NOHA, Humanitarian Action, EU Erasmus Mundus Programme
- UG NOHA regional office, at FISOPOL

[https://nohanet.org/universitas-gadjah-mada](https://nohanet.org/universitas-gadjah-mada)
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Discussion on including a 2 week KKN experience for UG Exchange students to UGM, variety of faculties.

[https://kkn.ugm.ac.id/](https://kkn.ugm.ac.id/)