

2016 EU Centre's Asia Pacific Researcher Workshop

The main theme for the researcher workshop is ***Asia and the EU: Cooperation between Communities of Shared Values and Goals?***

The EU is based on goals of broad economic and political integration and values of human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. These values have recently been put into question, notably through the series of terrorist attacks in and around Europe and the ongoing migration wave into the EU. The topics of migration, discrimination, social exclusion, security, financial and social crisis dominate the EU political agenda, and have a direct influence on the respect of fundamental rights and values.

These goals and values seem to also be gaining momentum in the Asian context, sometimes fraught with similar problems and concerns. Is there room for enhanced cooperation between Asia and EU, both to address their respective problems as well as setting the global agenda?