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DEPARTMENT OF ASIAN STUDIES

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ABOUT US

The Department of Asian Studies at the Faculty of Humanities, University of Latvia, is a leading academic and research unit in Asian studies in Latvia. Its principal regional strengths lie in the study of China, Korea and Japan, alongside research on the Middle East and North Africa.

The Department combines regional knowledge with historical, philosophical, religious and intercultural research, fostering academic cooperation across Europe and Asia.



WHY PARTNER WITH US?

We bring region-specific knowledge together with comparative and interdisciplinary analysis.

The Department can contribute historical and cultural contextualisation, interpretive and conceptual expertise, comparative research design, and scholarly networks in Europe and Asia. Our work is relevant to projects that explore how ideas, technologies, values and institutions are interpreted across cultural settings.



SELECTED PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

- **The Grammar of Time: Ontologies and Practices Across Cultures** — International conference hosted by the University of Latvia in 2025, followed by a related special issue of *Culture Crossroads*, vol. 34 (2026).
- **International Publishing and Research Collaboration** — Department staff contribute to international scholarly publications, journal editing, conferences and academic cooperation linking European and Asian research communities, including work published in Scopus- and Web of Science-indexed outlets.



CORE RESEARCH EXPERTISE

- China Studies • Korean Studies • Japanese Studies • Middle Eastern and North African Studies
- Comparative Philosophy, Religious Studies and Intellectual History • Asia–Europe Cultural and Intellectual Interactions



AREAS OF INTEREST

Potential collaboration areas include:



HORIZON EUROPE – CLUSTER 2

Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

- Cultural heritage and knowledge transmission
- Asian and Islamic intellectual traditions
- Migration and intercultural relations



HORIZON EUROPE – CLUSTER 4

Digital, Industry and Space

- New approaches for Human/AI collaboration for the workforce of the future
- Horizon scanning and foresight in future enabling digital technologies
- Human-centred and socially responsible technologies



ERA CHAIR (POTENTIAL INITIATIVE)

A strategic opportunity to strengthen research excellence and international research capacity at the University of Latvia.



ERC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

Support for high-quality, curiosity-driven research and interdisciplinary cooperation.



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