

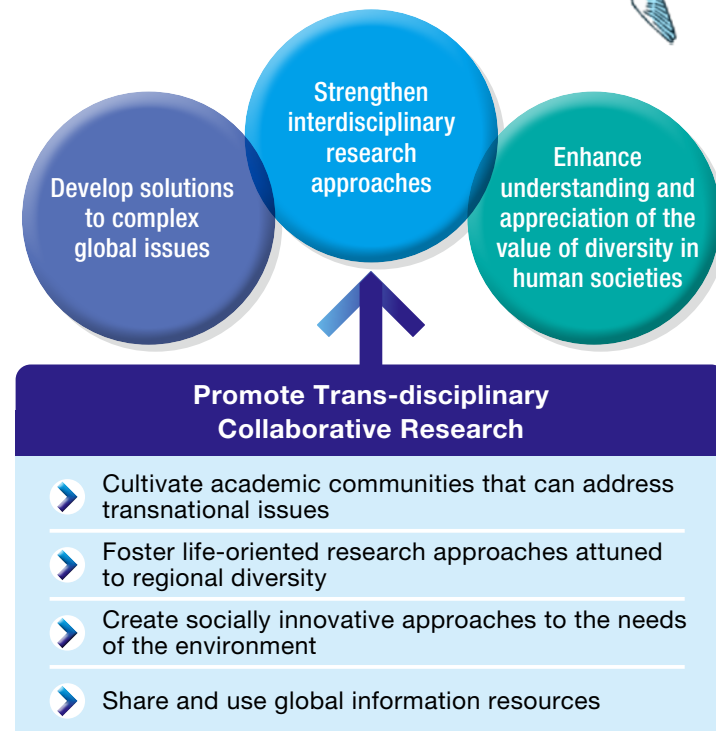
## Seeking a New Approach to Area Studies

The Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS) brings together researchers specializing in various fields, from the humanities to the social and natural sciences, to conduct collaborative research. It is essential to have both a framework for an integrated understanding of various academic disciplines as well as empirical knowledge and understanding of “what is happening on the ground,” which is the main focus of area studies. The Center aims to elucidate global-scale issues that have arisen in the Global South, including Southeast Asia. Our strength lies in trans-disciplinary area studies in which diverse researchers bring their own analytical perspectives to field research to improve our understanding of what has happened and what is happening in the region.

Asia and the world have been experiencing major challenges since 2020, forcing significant changes in the approach to area studies. As global warming and natural disasters require trans-disciplinary knowledge, political conflicts and confrontations make field research more difficult than before. At the same time, information technology expands the space of human activity, exploding the amount of information to observe. CSEAS will continue to develop our activities, unafraid to take on new challenges and anticipate the coming changes.

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## Objectives



## History

CSEAS established within Kyoto University. Bangkok Liaison Office opened.	1963
CSEAS officially designated as a “Research Center” under the National Schools Establishment Act.	1965
Jakarta Liaison Office opened.	1970
CSEAS initiates a lecture course in Graduate School of Agriculture.	1981
CSEAS initiates a lecture course in Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies.	1993
CSEAS initiates a lecture course in Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies (ASAFAS).	1994
CSEAS initiates a lecture course in Graduate School of Public Health.	1998
CSEAS designated as an “Institute” in recognition of research excellence by MEXT.	2000
Institute of Sustainability Science (ISS) established.	2004
Japan Consortium for Area Studies (JCAS) inaugurated.	2006
Center for Integrated Area Studies (CIAS) established within Kyoto Univ. with CSEAS and ASAFAS cooperation. CIAS appointed as the JCAS Secretariat.	2006
CIAS approved as a “Joint Use Center” by MEXT.	2008
CSEAS approved as a “Joint Usage/Research Center” by MEXT.	2009
The Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA) established.	2013
Asian Studies Fund (Kyoto University Fund) established.	2016
CSEAS approved as a “Joint Usage/Research Center for Global Collaborative Research (GCR)” by MEXT.	2017
	2022

## Center for Southeast Asian Studies

Seeking New Academic Formulations—Insights from the Field to the World

## Access



<b>From JR Kyoto Station</b>	
Take No.4, No.17, or No.205 Kyoto City Bus (municipal bus) and get off at “Kojinguchi.” Walk for 5 minutes to the east.	Approx. 30minutes
Take No.17 Kyoto Bus and get off at “Kojinbashi.” Walk for 1 minute to the south.	Approx. 30minutes
Take a taxi and ask the driver to go to Inamori Foundation Memorial Building at Kojinbashi Higashizume.	Approx. 30minutes
<b>From Keihan Jingu-Marutamachi Station</b>	
Walk for 3 minutes to the north.	
<b>From Hankyu Kawaramachi Station</b>	
Take No.3, No.4, No.17, No.37, No.59, or No.205 Kyoto City Bus (municipal bus) and get off at “Kojinguchi.” Walk for 5 minutes to the east.	Approx. 15 minutes
Take No.16 or No.17 Kyoto Bus and get off at “Kojinbashi.” Walk for 1 minute to the south.	Approx. 15 minutes

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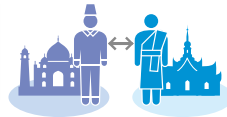
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## Research Divisions

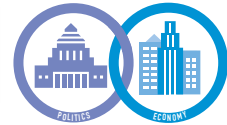
### Cross-regional Studies

Developing area studies methodologies, from the pioneering of research materials to the publication of findings



### Political and Economic Coexistence Studies

Promoting research that contributes to strategies for political and economic development relevant to each region



### Social Coexistence Studies

Promoting human society research based on plural social coexistence



### Environmental Coexistence Studies

Promoting human society research in relation to the geosphere and biosphere



### Global Humanosphere Studies

Promoting research on global humanosphere through comparative study of various regions



### Gender Equality Promotion

Planning and organizing international seminars / Supporting childcare services / Providing rest areas and child-friendly spaces / Encouraging women to apply for open positions in staff recruitment



## Flagship Projects / Research Activities



Joint Usage/Research Center  
by MEXT  
**Global Collaborative  
Research (GCR)**



Strategic International Collaborative Research  
Program by JST  
**Japan-ASEAN Science, Technology  
and Innovation Platform (JASTIP)**  
Promotion of Sustainable Development Research



**Maritime Asia  
Heritage Survey  
(MAHS)**

### Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research Projects

#### Southeast Asia Seminar

Annual thematic seminar since 1977, involving  
1,054 young researchers from 11 countries

Industry-Academia Collaboration Program  
**Conceptualizing the Future of Air Conditioning  
with Area Studies Departments in Asia and Africa**

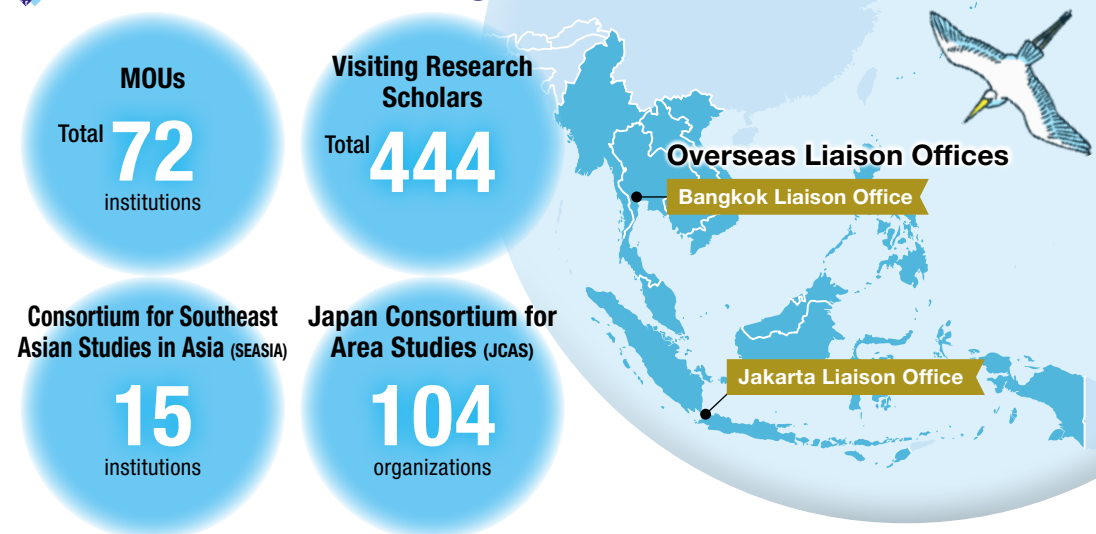
#### Field Archive Project

Expanding Access to Field Notes

#### University Research Units

Data-oriented Area Studies Unit (DASU)  
Tropical Research & Education Unit (KU-TREE)

## Academic Networking



## Publications

\* in Japanese



### Southeast Asian Studies

*Japanese Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* (Tonan Ajia Kenkyu)\*

**Kyoto Area Studies on Asia**

**Kyoto Area Studies on Asia** (Chiiki Kenkyu Sosho)\*

**Kyoto CSEAS Studies on Asian Studies**

Multilingual web journal *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia*

**Kyoto Working Papers on Area Studies**

**CIRAS Discussion Paper Series**

**CSEAS Classics**

*CSEAS Beginner's Guide to Southeast Asian Studies*\*

## Collection, accumulation and sharing of research materials

<b>Library</b>	Approximately 270,000 books / Over 100,000 materials in Asian languages
<b>Map Collections</b>	Providing an online catalogue of map resources
<b>Databases</b>	Database construction support services / Area studies resource sharing database
<b>Information Infrastructure</b>	Developing ICT-based research support



## Graduate Program

Cooperative teaching of postgraduate students at the Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies (ASAFAS), the Graduate School of Medicine, and the Graduate School of Agriculture

## ILAS Seminars

Providing courses for undergraduates and international students at the Institute for Liberal Arts and Sciences (ILAS)

## Postdoctoral Researchers

Young post-doctoral researchers from various fields are affiliated with the Center and actively engage in research exchanges



## Visual Documentary Project (VDP)

A platform for communicating Southeast Asia today through short documentaries by young filmmakers

## Book Talk on Asia

A Japanese audio program featuring interviews with authors about their latest books on Asia. Available every other Wednesday



## TANKEN Video

Welcome to Area Studies

Video introductions of the CSEAS faculty working at the forefront of area studies and their fields of study

## Visitor's Voice Interview Series

Q&A interviews with visiting researchers about their research, experiences, and book recommendations

## Corona Chronicles Voices from the Field

Bringing together the latest findings on the impacts of the COVID-19 in Southeast Asia and other regions

