

The European Delegation (ED) Call for applications for the [Harvard Project on Asian and International Relations \(HPAIR\) Asia 2016](#) in Hong Kong between 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016, which includes a pre-conference tour in loco for the members of the ED, as well as an online preparation seminar (early June 2016 ) and a post-conference volunteering community project in Hong Kong (the weekend after the conference) Please note that this activity is **not compulsory** and the exact date will be communicated once the delegation is announced.

### **Who are we and what do we want to achieve?**

[The European Delegation](#), is a group of ambitious young professionals and students that aims to foster mutual understanding between Europe and Asia. We bring a European voice into the transpacific dialogue. At the same time, we seek to create trust between young leaders in Europe and Asia, preparing the young generation to tackle present and future global challenges. We want to facilitate the cooperation process between Europe and Asia - making them trusted allies in global politics - who are connected through shared values, interests and respect.

Each year, The European Delegation consists of a group of highly qualified individuals from various disciplines, professions, and countries within Europe. This unique group of motivated Europeans will participate in the [Harvard Project on Asian and International Relations \(HPAIR\) Asia](#) conference in Hong Kong at the end of August 2016. The conference participation is encompassed by an online preparation seminar (June 2016 tbc), and an exclusive post-conference community project.

In the past, The [European Delegation](#) has participated in HPAIR 2012 in Taipei, HPAIR 2013 in Dubai, HPAIR 2014 in Tokyo and HPAIR Manila 2015. Delegates are not mere participants, but are expected to actively contribute to the organisation of all parts of the programme.

### **Programme**

#### 1. Online Preparation Seminar (early June 2016)

During the online preparation seminar, we will explore different facets surrounding this year's theme and discuss with experts, different approaches and perspectives on the challenges of social and economic development in Asia, the growing role of technology in development and the opportunity for collaboration between Europe and Asia in this realm.

The seminar provides an excellent opportunity for selected delegates to get to know each other and form a shared opinion basis for their joint participation in the conference in August. During the online seminar, members of this year's organising committee will moderate discussions and guide delegates on the next steps for the upcoming months. This includes a **video diary** or **briefing paper** on the "peer projects" - short opinion articles delegates will be autonomously or collaboratively with a peer delegate.

The preparation seminar is also considered a knowledge hub in which each delegate will be able to briefly present on a current controversial or popular policy issue of personal interest related to the conference and this year's theme.

2. During HPAIR Asia 2016 conference and the Pre-conference Tour in Hong Kong, [The European Delegation](#) will meet decision makers from politics, business, civil society, and politics in Hong Kong to get first-hand insights from them. This exclusive supporting programme offers delegates the opportunity to engage in open discussion with key players in Asia in a personal setting.

Subsequently, delegates participate in the [HPAIR](#) Asia 2016 conference, where they will exchange perspectives with more than 500 future leaders and decision-makers from Asia and North America. The [HPAIR](#) Asia Conference 2016 offers an extraordinary forum for the critical exchange of ideas with present leaders of the highest calibre: Former distinguished speakers include UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, Jeffrey Sachs from Columbia University, and Kim Dae-Jung, former President of South Korea.

3. The online closing seminar will distil delegates' experiences from the conference and disseminate the insights from the peer projects into a concise position paper, offering advice from the young generation to European decision makers on this year's conference topic. During an open discussion, you will have the opportunity to engage with the interested public, which will allow you to challenge yourself and a diverse European audience about different perceptions of Asia. This closing seminar will be part of a workshop of The European Delegation alumni and European alumni of HPAIR (EPAIR).

## How can you participate in The European Delegation?

The European Delegation is looking for applicants with an active interest in this year's conference topic and with the ability to contribute to the project as well as to the conference. In addition, an outstanding academic or professional track record in any field is required to be eligible for consideration.

### Financial benefits

As a delegate, your application to HPAIR will be prioritised and you will pay a **reduced registration fee**.

### Application requirements

- You are a citizen of a European country (including non EU-countries), or have strong links with Europe.
- You are a university student or young professional.
- You have an outstanding academic or professional record; have shown an active interest in Asia and international relations and full working proficiency in English.

### How to apply

The application process consists of two steps: You have to apply separately for the [HPAIR Asia 2016](#) conference in Hong Kong as well as for [The European Delegation 2016](#).

#### 1. Apply for the HPAIR Asia 2016 Conference

o Register at [www.hpair.org](http://www.hpair.org) and apply for the [HPAIR Asia 2016](#) conference in Hong Kong. Indicate on your application that you are interested in being part of [The European Delegation 2016](#). Enter “The European Delegation/EPAIR” in the “HPAIR partnership club” field in the application form.

o Applications from potential delegates will be handled with priority by the HPAIR committee.

o Deadline: you need to apply to the HPAIR conference **by May 15, 2016 (Regular Application Deadline) and June 5, 2016 (Final Application Deadline)**

#### 2. Apply to The European Delegation

o Fill out the online application form below and send it to [hello@europeandelegation.eu](mailto:hello@europeandelegation.eu) by 15<sup>th</sup> May or 15<sup>th</sup> June respectively.

- o Deadline: your full application must be submitted by 15th May 2016 (regular application deadline), and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016 (final deadline), 23:59 CET.
- o We aim to notify successful applicants by 10<sup>th</sup> June (regular deadline applicants) and 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 (final deadline applicants)
- o **Please note that acceptance to [The European Delegation](#) 2016 would automatically mean and guarantee your acceptance to HPAIR. Nevertheless, you will need to submit an application to both organisations.**

You can find more information on our project online at [www.europeandelegation.eu](http://www.europeandelegation.eu). If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact: [hello@europeandelegation.eu](mailto:hello@europeandelegation.eu) .