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Reinauguration of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies

The Institute of International Relations, Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of La Plata National University has decided to reinaugurate the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Department of Asian and Pacific Studies.

HISTORY

The Institute of International Relations was created on November 28th 1989 by the Superior Council of La Plata National University, and began its activities on September 28th 1990 at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences. Following its objective of study in depth the different regions of the world in the international arena, the Department of Asian and Pacific Studies was created on August 12th 1991.

The Asia and the Pacific regions attract the attention of the world for several decades owing to the extraordinary transformations that happened and still happen in them in the economic, the political and the social fields, on the basis of ancient civilizations. The different countries of these regions have consolidated themselves as centers of power increasingly more stronger and influential in a multipolar world. Since its first moments, the Department of Asian and Pacific Studies carried out and supported diverse initiatives to promote the knowledge of the countries of the region, and one area to which it paid special attention was Southeast Asia.

Along the years, it has addressed various issues of the different countries of the region in several conferences, seminars and courses organized by the Department, where it can be highlighted the ones carried out within the scope of the "Asia and the Pacific Week", the "International Relations Congress", the "Master in International Relations, with Orientation in Asia and Pacific Studies", and the "Business Training Program with the Asia Pacific", and also in collaboration together with other institutions, organizations and entities of the academic, civil, business and government spheres, as the Department of Asia and Oceania of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of Argentina, the Argentinian Council of International Relations, and the Argentinian Chamber of Commerce for Southeast Asia. It has participated in them not only diplomats and other governmental officials, but also scholars and researchers, even businessman and professionals, of the different countries.

Moreover the members of the Department have participated as speakers in congresses and have published articles about various issues of the different countries of the region, where it can be highlighted the publication of the book "Southeast Asia: a Contemporary Vision" by Juan Piovani and

Sebastián Baglioni, both members of the Department. Moreover its members have made study trips and exchanges with different countries of the region. These mentioned activities reflect the interest of the Department of Asian and Pacific Studies to share knowledge about these countries, of great human diversity and richness, in order to generate a better understanding of the social, political, economic, cultural and religious events and process which took and still take place in them. Among the activities done by the Department of Asian and Pacific Studies were:

- In October 1993, participated as speakers the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia Mr. Abdullatief Taman, the Ambassador de Malaysia Mr. Marzuki Mohammad Noor, and the Minister of the Republic of the Philippines Mr. Marcellana Desales, in the scope of the First Asia and the Pacific Week.
- In October 1994, participated as speakers the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia Mr. Abdullatief Taman, and the Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines Mr. Carlos Alberto Villa Abrille, in the scope of the Second Asia and the Pacific Week.
- In October 1995, participated as speaker the President of the Argentinian-Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce Mr. Nicolás Kyrkiris, in the scope of the Third Asia and the Pacific Week.
- In August 1995, an exchange was made between students and scholars with Kebangsaan Malaysia University, Malaysia about the environmental problem in both countries, in the scope of the “Argentina Plus Malaysia Less Contamination” Forum.
- In July 1997, participated as speaker the President of the Argentinian-Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce Mr. Nicolás Kyrkiris, in the table “Trade Negotiations Taking into Consideration the Mentality and the Customs of the Countries to Export” in the scope of the Post Graduate in International Marketing, La Plata National University.
- In October 1997, participated as speakers the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of University of Malaya, Malaysia Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar, the Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Vietnam, Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Dao Duy Chu, the Director of the Department of International Relations of the Chamber of Commerce and industry of Vietnam, Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Hoang Van Dung, the President of the Argentinian-Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce Mr. Nicolás Kyrkiris, and the representative of the Asian Institute of Management of Philippines, Republic of the Philippines Mr. José Faustino, in the scope of the Fifth Asia and the Pacific Week.
- In October 1998, participated as speakers the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of University of Malaya, Malaysia Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar, and the President of the Argentinian-Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce Mr. Nicolás Kyrkiris, in the scope of the Sixth Asia and the Pacific Week.

- In November and December 1998, a research was made by Sebastián Baglioni, in the scope of his research project about the “Concept of Democracy in Malaysia”, including a stay in University of Malaya, Malaysia.
- In February and March 1999, Prof. Jorge Rafael Di Masi participated in the Official Delegation of the Argentina Republic in the First Argentinian-Vietnamese Mix Commission, in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and in the Tripartite Mission to the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- In May and June 1999, the postgraduate course “Malaysia and Southeast Asia. Politics and International Relations” was given by Prof. Mohammad Abu Bakar of University of Malaya, Malaysia.
- In 2001, a course was given by Prof. Singh of University of Malaya, Malaysia, in the scope of the Master in International Relations, with Orientation in Asia and the Pacific Studies.
- In 2001, several courses about Latin America were given by Prof. Juan Piovani, in the scope of the exchange program with University of Malaya, Malaysia.
- In June 2003, participated as speaker the Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines Mr. Carlos Alberto Villa Abrille, in the scope of the 2003 edition of the Business Training Program with the Asia Pacific.
- In October 2003, participated as speaker the Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines Mr. Carlos Alberto Villa Abrille, in the scope of the 2003 edition of the Business Training Program with the Asia Pacific.
- In 2003, a Malaysian cultural performance was made, in collaboration with the Embassy of Malaysia.
- In 2004, a study trip of two Thai students took place, in the scope of the exchange program with Chulalongkorn University, Kingdom of Thailand.
- In 2004, a Thai traditional dance performance was made, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Kingdom of Thailand.
- In 2004, a Malaysian cultural performance was made, in collaboration with the Embassy of Malaysia.
- In 2005, a study trip of two Thai students took place, in the scope of the exchange program with Chulalongkorn University, Kingdom of Thailand.
- In 2005, the book “Southeast Asia: a Contemporary Vision” written by Juan Piovani and Sebastián Baglioni, of La Plata National University, was published by UNTREF Publishing House.

- In June 2006, participated as speakers the Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines Mr. Carlos Alberto Villa Abrille, in the scope of the 2006 of the Business Training Program with the Asia Pacific.
- In October 2006, participated as speakers the Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines Mr. Carlos Alberto Villa Abrille, in the scope of the 2006 edition of the Business Training Program with the Asia Pacific.
- In November 2006, participated as speaker the Minister of the Republic of Indonesia Mr. Rahmadi Utomo, in the scope of the Third Congress of International Relations.
- In June 2009, participated as speakers the Commercial Secretary of the Embassy of Malaysia Mr. Hazrig, the Commercial Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia Ms. Joevi Roediyati, and the Commercial Secretary of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Thailand, in the scope of the 2009 edition of the Business Training Program with the Asia Pacific.
- In October 2009, participated as speakers the Commercial Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia Ms. Joevi Roediyati, and the Cultural and Press Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia Ms. Dewi Lestari, in the scope of 2009 edition of the Business Training Program with the Asia Pacific.
- In October 2011, the Thai Corner was created, set in the Institute of International Relations, with the participation of the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand Sr. Medha Promthep, and the Secretary of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Thailand Ms. Pottanee Homjitt.

INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

Convinced of the need to deepen the ties with Southeast Asia, the Department of Asian and Pacific Studies has promoted the signing of agreements with academic institutions of the region. Among the signed agreements were:

- Chulalongkorn University, of the Kingdom of Thailand.
- University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University, of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
- Hanoi Commercial University, of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
- Foreign Trade University, of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
- Hanoi Agricultural University, of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
- University of Malaya, de Malaysia.
- University of Kebangsaan, de Malaysia.
- Center for Strategic and International Studies, of the Republic of Indonesia.
- Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia.

OBJECTIVES

Facing the need to address the specialization and the complexity that the knowledge of Southeast Asia presents, the Center of Southeast Asia Studies of the Department of Asian and Pacific Studies was created. It has as objectives:

- Provide a specific space from which to promote conducting researches, producing new knowledge, and training in specializations, as also carrying out academic activities in relation to the different countries of the region.
- Create a particular place where to find materials that can be consulted by anyone who is interested, where to carry out conferences, seminar, courses and any other type of event about the different countries of the region.
- Call students, scholars, and researchers, as also invite government officials, diplomats, businessman and professionals, of institutions, organizations and entities of the academic, civil, business and government sphere, national and foreign, interested in participating and collaborating.
- Establish links and promote exchanges with the different countries of the region, so that from this place the Argentina Republic may have a more adequate insertion in Southeast Asia.

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