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# THE FUTURE OF TRADE

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An Asia House conference

Driving commercial and political engagement between Asia, the Middle East and Europe



#### Asia House is an independent think tank and advisory service.

We work with companies and governments in Asia, the Middle East and Europe, facilitating high-level dialogue, providing business and market intelligence, and driving commercial outcomes.

Asia House produces original research to increase global understanding around the new frontiers of trade, investment, policy, technology and sustainability across Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

# The Asia House Fellowship Programme

Building on more than 25 years of fostering economic, commercial and political engagement, Asia House seeks to develop the next generation of business and policy leaders through its Fellowship Programme. This is a unique 12-month opportunity for two postgraduate candidates who share Asia House's vision for a strong and dynamic relationship between Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

#### **Overview**

The Fellows will each conduct a major research project on the issues driving change across Asia and the Middle East. Their research will be published and distributed by Asia House to its wide network of senior business and policy figures and will inform the Asia House programme of engagement with global leaders. The Fellows will have the opportunity to work with the Asia House team and the Asia House network, which includes senior policy figures and representatives from multinational companies, and thereby gain invaluable experience.





Two funded Fellowships are available. Applications are invited for original research which will drive forward the debate shaping global trade. The research will ideally fall under one of the following broad categories:

- Geopolitics and trade
- Technology and data
- Energy and sustainability

## **Benefits of the Asia House Fellowship**

- A 12-month opportunity to focus on a large piece of research that will be distributed among Asia House's international network of leading figures from government, trade, business, and technology, including our founding stakeholders: HSBC, Standard Chartered and Prudential.
- Research support, a mentorship scheme and leadership advice provided throughout the Fellowship.
- Opportunity to be part of Asia House's renowned business and policy programme and build professional contacts across our network.
- Stipend of circa £24,000.



## **Eligibility**

- Open to all nationalities (we anticipate that the Fellowship roles are remote).\*
- Candidates must be fluent in written and spoken English.
- Must have a completed Masters and / or PhD by October 2025.
- Aimed at researchers at the early stage of their career.
- Candidates should have a keen interest and knowledge of economic/political/commercial issues affecting Asia and/or the Middle East.
- Self-driven and enthusiastic, with leadership potential.

## **How to apply**

To apply, please send the following to: fellowship@asiahouse.co.uk

- A personal statement (one page max) about yourself and why you want to be an Asia House Fellow.
- CV (no more than two pages) which must include details of your academic research background and any leadership experience.
- An outline of your proposed research project (maximum two pages).
- Two professional/academic references.

Closing date: 31 January 2025

#### **Application timeline**

October 2024: Applications open.

31 January 2025: Application deadline.

**Mid-March to mid-April 2025**: Interviews with shortlisted candidates.

End April 2025: Fellowship offers sent to successful candidates.

May 2025: Asia House Fellows publicly announced.

October 2025: Fellowships begin (some flexibility with start date based on candidates' availability).

September 2026: Fellowships end.

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that Fellows are responsible for their own tax matters in accordance with their country of residence. The Asia House Fellowship is a full-time position and Fellows will not be permitted to engage in any additional relevant research or employment without prior approval.



# Asia House research: exploring global frontiers

Asia House Fellows will contribute to the think tank's research agenda, which seeks to increase global understanding around the new frontiers of trade, investment, policy, technology and sustainability across Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

Asia House research aims to:

- Help decisionmakers understand the obstacles and the opportunities around trade and investment.
- Facilitate solutions, policies and practices that promote sustainable trade and investment.
- Offer new, concise and evidence-based insights on global developments.

#### Research themes

### **The Global Trade Order**

Asia House is actively exploring the scope for new pathways between global governance, multilateralism and the future of trade.

#### **The Digital Revolution**

From digital currencies to the politics of technology, we are exploring the role of innovation in the global economy.

#### **Sustainability and the World Economy**

Asia House assesses the business and policy response to climate change, as well as issues such as carbon trading, ESG implementation and stranded assets.

#### **Asia's Impact**

As a leading think tank driving commercial and political engagement between Asia, the Middle East and Europe, we produce in-depth research on individual markets in the region, the trends shaping the trade environment, and Asia's impact on the world economy.

# A global network



Asia House Chief Executive Michael Lawrence interviews Chan Chun Sing, then Trade Minister, Singapore, at the 2018 Asia House Global Trade Dialogue



Indonesia's Finance Minister, Sri Mulyani Indrawati, meets Asia House Corporate Members in London.

Asia House's global network includes senior decision makers from governments, businesses and organisations around the world. Fellows will have the opportunity to join this network and build rewarding contacts in the sectors of interest to them.

## **Corporate Members**

Organisations can join Asia House as Corporate Members, gaining access to our programme of events featuring leading figures from government, trade, business and technology, as well as our range of Corporate Services, including research, advisory and positioning services.

# Founding Stakeholders







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