

Food Security & Water Management – Innovations in ASEAN and Lessons from the EU

A Research Seminar by **Dr Sara Medina**

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This seminar will explore Food Security & Water Management in ASEAN from a European perspective and highlight innovative measures in the region.

Some of the best practices in the ASEAN region (for instance, Agricultural value chain involving smallholder family farming and Shrimp farming in Vietnam, Private public partnerships in agriculture and Groundwater system in Thailand, Phnom Penh Water Supply Authority (PPWSA) in Cambodia etc.) will be highlighted along with support structures and instruments that have aided in the implementation of these practices. Particular focus will be on connecting the food security issues with water challenges in the region. Regional examples will be presented and discussed to understand the role of certain stakeholders in the ecosystem.

Also, barriers still prevalent within these sectors in hindering development in the region like lack of access to information on advanced research, technology trend and big data challenge, bureaucracy etc. will be discussed. Also, remedial measures that could foster innovation including, for instance, engaging the private sector in the efforts to accelerate regional and national growth through innovation, will be debated. In addition, lessons from EU which will allow in stimulating adoptable practices in the region will be explored and deliberated.

Lastly, the seminar will conclude with an overview of the potential innovation impact for the ASEAN Economic Community and the expectations from experts from both regions in terms of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) and development collaboration. This work is developed under the SEA-EU-NET 2 project (www.sea-eu.net), a European Union supported four-year initiative to assist and encourage research cooperation between Southeast Asia and Europe as well as related policy dialogue.

Information

30th September 2015
(Wednesday)
10.30am to 12.00pm
Lecture Theatre S3.1 B3
S. Rajaratnam School
of International Studies
50 Nanyang Avenue
Block S4, Level B4,
Singapore 639798

Please register at
tinyurl.com/euseainn2
by 29th September 2015
Seats are on a first
come, first served basis.

Getting Here

Directions to venue
can be found at:
tinyurl.com/eursidir

About the Speaker



Dr Sara Medina is a Member of the Board of Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovação (SPI) – www.spieurope.eu, an international consulting Group with offices located in Europe (Portugal and Spain), North America (USA) and Asia (Beijing, Macao and Singapore) and SPI Ventures. Dr. Medina contributes to the overall management of SPI and is responsible for managing SPI's activities and services in China since 2004 as well as in the Southeast Asian market.

Dr. Medina has coordinated projects for public and private sector clients in Europe and around the world, including projects for international organizations in innovation management, technology transfer, R&D, internationalization, sector studies, establishment of partnerships and policy development. She also manages projects funded by the European Commission, the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank. Dr. Sara Medina is also an invited member of the Access to Risk Finance Advisory Group appointed by the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation" and a Member of the Board of the Portuguese Business Angel Association.

Dr. Medina has a Bachelors degree in Food Engineering from the College of Biotechnology in Portugal, a European Masters degree in Food Studies from 5 major European Universities and a Ph.D. degree in Food and Resource Economics from the University of Florida, USA. Dr. Medina has concluded courses on Innovation and Leadership at the Universities of Wharton and Harvard and successfully completed the INSEAD Asia International Executive Programme in Singapore.