AZIJSKE ŠTUDIJE
30 let

UNIVERZA V LJUBLJANI
FF
Filozofska fakulteta
Oddelek za azijske študije
30 let

The 2026 EUTOPIA Workshop

Rethinking Area Studies for a Changing World

The workshop will take place on Friday, **May 15, 2026**,

from **8:30 AM** to **6:00 PM**

in the **Assembly Hall** of the University of Ljubljana,
Kongresni trg 12, 1000 Ljubljana

The workshop is organized in collaboration between three universities within the EUTOPIA network: The University of Ljubljana, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, and the University of Gothenburg. As the host institution, the University of Ljubljana joins the two partner institutions, which are particularly significant in this field due to their specialized departments for regional studies.

The event is interdisciplinary and brings together nine speakers and nine students from diverse academic fields such as Persian studies, Anthropology, Sinology, and Japanology. Participants will examine the premises of traditional area studies and discuss past shortcomings as well as future development opportunities for the field. The central question addressed by the workshop is how regional and intercultural research can move beyond the frameworks of Cold War legacies, Eurocentric conditioning, and methodological fragmentation that characterize them.

By combining diverse academic perspectives, the workshop will seek to contribute to the renewal of area studies as a globally significant field grounded in interdisciplinarity and epistemic reflexivity.

Photo Credit: Jonathan Puntervold

The event is organized as part of the 30th anniversary of the Department of Asian Studies.

The organizer gratefully acknowledges the support from the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency (ARIS) in the framework of the Research Program ***Asian Languages and Cultures*** (P6-0243).

EUTOPIA

ARIS Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency