

## Steering Committee Profiles



**Jenny Hällen Hedberg**  
**Chair of Steering Committee**  
**Director, Office of International Affairs**  
**Nanyang Technological University**

Jenny Hällen Hedberg is Swedish, married and has three children. She is Director, Office of International Affairs (OIA) at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore.

She has long experience from working in international strategic affairs in research and higher education. Between 2008 and 2016 she was Head of International Relations at the University of Luxembourg. Between 1994 and 2001, she was manager and later Director of international relations at Lund University in Sweden. At the same time, she was coordinator of the EU-China higher education cooperation programme.

Jenny Hällen Hedberg is also an EU official with a position at the European Court of Auditors, where she worked 2003-2008, and she is still on leave from that position. She has a background in sales and marketing at a managerial level in private companies in Luxembourg, Oslo and Hong Kong, in addition to extensive experience of board memberships and board leadership.

Jenny speaks Swedish, English, French and German plus has basic knowledge of Mandarin and Cantonese Chinese.



**Assoc Prof Ralf EMMERS**  
**Coordinator, Multilateralism & Regionalism Programme,**  
**S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University**

Dr Ralf Emmers is Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. He completed his MSc and PhD in the International Relations Department of the London School of Economics (LSE). His research interests cover security studies and international relations theory, maritime security, international institutions in the Asia-Pacific, and the security and international politics of Southeast Asia. Dr Emmers is the co- Series Editor of the Warwick Studies in Globalisation (Routledge Book Series) and an Editorial Board member of The Pacific Review.

Dr Emmers' professional activities have included serving as the Acting Head of the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies (2011) and as the Head of Graduate Studies (2006-2009) at RSIS; as a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University/Griffith University (2009), funded by the Australian Research Council (ARC) Center of Excellence in Policing and Security (CEPS); as a Participant at the CSCAP Study Group on Human Trafficking in the Asia-Pacific Region (2005); as a Ford Fellow on Non-Traditional Security in Asia (2003-05), Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS); as an IDSS Post Doctoral Fellow in Asian Security (2002); and as a Research Associate at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore, and the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta (2000).

Dr Emmers is the author or editor of 11 books and monographs and has contributed numerous journal articles and book chapters in edited volumes. He is the author of Resource Management and Contested Territories in East Asia (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013), Geopolitics and Maritime Territorial Disputes in East Asia (Routledge, 2010), Cooperative Security and the Balance of Power in ASEAN and the ARF (RoutledgeCurzon, 2003) and Non-Traditional Security in the Asia-Pacific: The Dynamics of Securitization (Marshall Cavendish, 2004) and the co-author of The East Asia Summit and the Regional Security Architecture (University of Maryland School of Law, 2011). He is the editor of ASEAN and the Institutionalization of East Asia (Routledge, 2012) and the co-editor of The Five Power Defence Arrangements at Forty (Institute of Southeast Asian Studies,

2011), Security and International Politics in the South China Sea: Towards a Co-operative Management Regime (Routledge, 2009), Order and Security in Southeast Asia: Essays in Memory of Michael Leifer (Routledge, 2006), Understanding Non-Traditional Security in Asia: Dilemmas in Securitization (Ashgate, 2006), and of Non-Traditional Security in Asia: Trends and Issues (Marshall Cavendish, 2006). Additionally, he has published articles in peer-reviewed journals such as The Pacific Review, Asian Survey, Australian Journal of International Affairs, Asian Security, Harvard Asia Quarterly, Contemporary Southeast Asia, Contemporary Politics, Political Science, Pointer and Dialogue + Cooperation as well as numerous book chapters in edited volumes. He is one of the authors of a monograph on A New Agenda for the ASEAN Regional Forum (IDSS, 2002) and of An Agenda for the East Asia Summit (IDSS, 2005) as well as a contributor to International Relations in Southeast Asia: The Struggle for Autonomy (Rowman & Littlefield, 2005).

Dr Emmers teaches a course on the Study of International Institutions as part of the MSc in International Relations at RSIS and lectures at the SAFTI Military Institute and the Home Team Command and Staff Course, Singapore.



**Ambassador Barbara Plinkert**  
**Ambassador and Head of Delegation**  
**Delegation of the European Union to Singapore**

Barbara Plinkert is the Ambassador and Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to Singapore.

**Employment Record:**

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| from 09/2015      | Head of Division, Headquarters Security and EEAS Security Policy, European External Action Service, Brussels, Belgium |
| 08/2011 – 08/2015 | Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Ethiopia, Addis Ababa  |
| 09/2007 – 08/2011 | Head of Social Sectors Section, Delegation of the European Union to Zimbabwe, Harare                                  |
| 09/2004 – 08/2007 | Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Regionalised Delegation of the European Commission to Tajikistan, Dushanbe                    |
| 01/2004 – 08/2004 | Head of Section Tajikistan, Delegation of the European Commission to Kazakhstan, Almaty                               |
| 1998 – 2003       | Various positions in the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, both at Headquarters in Austria and in Afghanistan |

**Education:**

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| 1997 | Master of Arts in Sinology, Southeast Asian Studies and Linguistics |
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**Languages:**

English, German, French, Chinese

Married with two children



**Ambassador Karsten WARNECKE**  
**Executive Director**  
**Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)**

Ambassador Karsten WARNECKE is the 7th Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) in charge of the management and administration of the organisation, the implementation of its programmes and policies, and representing the organisation. He joined ASEF as the 6th Deputy Executive Director in August 2012.

Before joining ASEF, Ambassador WARNECKE dealt mainly with Germany's and the EU's involvement in ASEAN and in the ASEM Process as part of his portfolio as Counselor at the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, where he served as Deputy Head of Division for Regional Organizations and Cooperation in Asia-Pacific.

A seasoned career diplomat with over 25 years of experience, including almost 20 years with Asia, Ambassador WARNECKE is adept at working in cross-cultural settings and in bringing people together from diverse backgrounds. Previous postings have seen him serve in the German Consulates-General in New York, USA, and Chennai, India, as well as the German Embassy in Singapore.

Ambassador WARNECKE holds an M.A. in International Relations from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C., after studying Political Science at the Free University in Berlin.

Ambassador WARNECKE, a native Berliner, is married and has two daughters and three sons, ranging in age from 26 to 7.



**Chris Humphrey**  
**Executive Director**  
**EU-ASEAN Business Council**

Chris Humphrey is the executive director of Singapore-based EU-ASEAN Business Council, a key business association that advocates for the interests of EU businesses operating in ASEAN. It is formally recognised as such by the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat.

Chris began his varied professional career as a UK civil servant where, amongst other things, he was Assistant Private Secretary to a Minister and an Air Services Trade Negotiator covering the Asia Pacific region. After leaving the civil service, Chris moved to the private sector working initially in the government and external relations teams at two British airlines in the UK, before moving to Shanghai, China with Virgin Atlantic where he headed up the airline's China operation and oversaw the rapid expansion of their business in China. Whilst in Shanghai, Chris also sat on the Executive Committee of the British Chamber of Commerce. Chris then joined a UK-based security and defence group where he led their Asia Pacific team for over five years and was instrumental in them getting contracts with the Japanese and Singapore governments and also with SOEs in China.

More recently, Chris has been acting as a consultant assisting start-ups in Asia with their business and corporate development before joining the EU-ASEAN Business Council in June 2014.

With over 20 years of experience of either working for or dealing with governments and regulatory authorities, Chris is available to provide key insights, lead discussions or comment on topics including:

- ASEAN integration
- European business presence in SEA
- Infrastructure financing
- EU-ASEAN trade relations
- EU economic and political developments

Chris is a regular on the ASEAN conference circuit, appearing at conferences and seminars covering ASEAN's integration agenda as well as trade and investment issues. He has also appeared on the BBC's Asia Business Report; CNBC's Asia Street Times; Channel News Asia's Conversation With; 938Live Radio News; and Channel News Asia news reports.



**Damian Chalmers**  
**Professor**  
**National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law**

Damian Chalmers has worked at the London School of Economics and Political Science for twenty four years with ten of these as a Professor. He was Head of its European Institute and the Jean Monnet Centre there for four years. He has held Visiting Appointments at the CEU, College of Europe, Copenhagen, EUI, Fundacao Getulio Vargas, Instituto de Empresa, Institute of Advanced Studies Vienna, and Fudan (PRC). He was also a Strauss Fellow at NYU and a Senior Fellow on the British ESRC 'UK in a Changing Europe' programme. He was co-editor of the European Law Review for six years and won the Wedderburn Prize in 1997 for best article in the Modern Law Review in that year.