

INVITATION

The poster is for a webinar titled "The Age of Asia" under the "HSF China India Dialogue" series. The main topic is "The role of civil society fighting water pollution". It features three speakers: Kartikeya Sarabhai (Director, Centre for Environment Education India), XIN Hao (Executive Director, NGO Green Zhejiang), and Jesper Svensson (Moderator, Senior Editor, Global Water Forum). The event is on 29th June at 2:00pm CET, 5:30pm IST, and 8:00pm CST via Zoom. Logos for "The Age of Asia", "HSF China India Dialogue", and "Talking Asia Politics" are present. A faint map of Asia is in the background.

The Age of Asia

HSF China India Dialogue

The role of civil society fighting water pollution

In this online series "The Age of Asia – HSF China India Dialogue" as part of "Talking Asia Politics", Hanns Seidel Foundation invites experts from China and India to discuss their common and diverging interests as well as differing perceptions on politics in Asia.

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Water pollution is one of the biggest problems in Asia: Eight out of the world's ten most polluted rivers are located here. Especially the two most populous countries worldwide – China and India – are burdened by plastic waste and polluted water with long-term negative impact on biodiversity, people's health, food supplies and the biggest treasure to all of us: drinking water.

China is the world's biggest plastic producer and consumer; India's waste management policymaking has historically been a tug of war between the government and industries. As their polluted rivers became regional problems, both countries released new policies against pollution in the last years, that are among the most ambitious ones in the world. But so far, the results have not met these ambitions. In China and India, NGOs play a vital role in implementing the regulations against pollution. Working on the ground with society, promoting environmental protection and environmental education falls to them.

The global fight for clean water, a key part of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, cannot be won without the contribution of civil society in China and India.

Hanns Seidel Foundation invites leading environmental experts and NGO representatives from China and India to discuss the following questions:

- How can NGOs in China and India work together to find best practices?
- How do India and China fight the global challenge of water pollution?
- Is society aware of the problem and its impacts?
- What can environmental education contribute to solve the problem?

With the online series "Talking Asia Politics: The Age of Asia - China & India Dialogue", Hanns Seidel Foundation discusses similarities, differences, diverging interest and perceptions of these two countries. No other region of the world will shape the future as much as Asia, with effects on Europe and the rest of the world. The series aims to highlight commonalities and challenges in their interrelationship. It offers explanations and answers for the countries themselves and the region, but also for European actors.

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