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Cooperation beyond the EU

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Asia is a broad definition

- stretch beyond geography
- question of sources of survivability of authoritarian / non-democratic / illiberal regimes, and their adaptation to globalization. the crisis of the liberal international order and limits of projecting democratic norms beyond the West
- setting a new research agenda dealing with the limits of EU's "normative power" and the self-reproducing patterns of non-democracy in the broadly understood Asia and Eurasia (including Russia)
- the new research agenda: authoritarian regionalism; alliance-building among non-liberal / non-Western powers; autocracy promotion; digital surveillance and control, and so forth.





UT Asian centre

- Consortium within UT driven by trends in global society
- Shared knowledge of Asia and Middle East politics, economics, law, society and culture
- Affiliated to thematic networks
- Influence Estonia's economic and cultural life and social development by introducing competencies related to Asia



UT Asian centre

- Inform and shape contemporary thinking about the world's cultural, religious, economic, security and political challenges
- Mediate and influence national policies through research and study-related projects in various fields of knowledge
- Disciplinary approach, rather than regional

4 examples: Medicine

- Quality training for medical doctors
- Researcher and students exchange between Vietnam and Estonian universities
- Field studies, workshops, short courses in Vietnam

Joint capacity building in biomedical higher education through adopting international academic standards and transferring technology between European and Vietnam universities (EduShare project)

<http://edushare.eu>

4 examples: Social Sciences

Revision of State Education Standards for Specialties in Tajikistan (HEP Pedagogy project)

- Training for educational instructors, administration of HEI's, curricula developers
- Expert opinion and revision of national standards in pedagogical specialties in line with requirements of the Bologna process (teachers training)
- Field studies, workshops on pedagogy, trainings for teaching staff in Tajikistan

Boosted further study on sources of survivability of authoritarian / non-democratic / illiberal regimes, and their adaptation to globalization

4 examples: Humanities

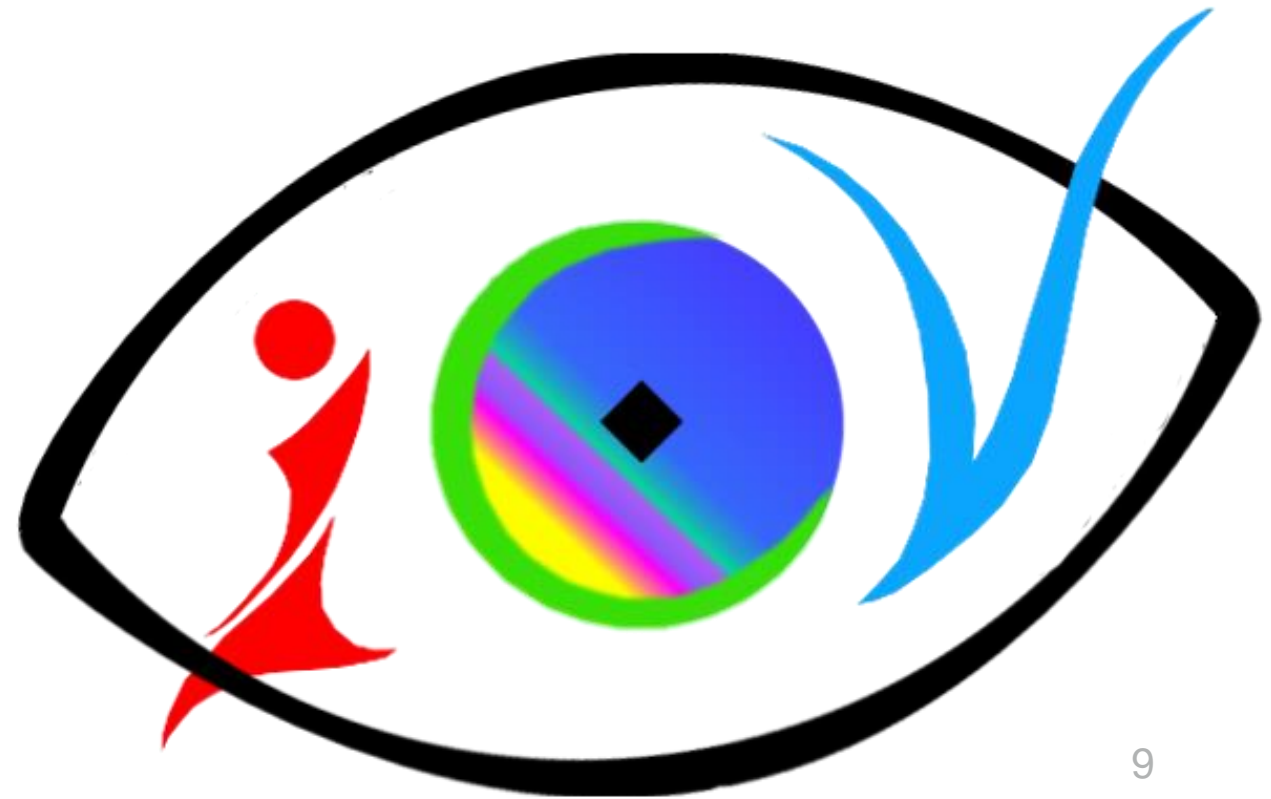


- “Dhokbu – the Keeper”
- Kikee D. Bhutia is a PhD student in the Department of Estonian and Comparative Folklore, studies the belief narratives related to the supernatural landscape, pilgrimage, and relationship between humans and deities in Sikkim, Himalayan state, India.
- “Tlou Rachaanaad: epic of the Uipo”

4 examples: Science and technology

iCV computer vision lab does research for various application of computer vision, human behaviour analysis and 3D modeling

- Image Processing
- Human-Computer Interaction
- Machine Learning
- Computer Graphics



MA program in Asian and Middle Eastern studies



MA program in Asian and Middle Eastern studies

- 2 years
- MA level
- In English
- Tailor-made study packages at partner universities across Asia and the Middle East
- Selection of subjects related to present-day Asia, including political regimes, states in world economy, economic cooperation between the European Union and Asia, etc.
- Plus a bit of Asian and Middle East languages, philosophy and ancient culture





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