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The international Study of Society Academy Asia-Pacific (TiSSA.AP)

We are very excited to announce the foundation of TiSSA's sister organisation TiSSA.AP, The international Study of Society Academy Asia-Pacific. As in Europe, many societies in the Asia-Pacific region are undergoing rapid socio-economic change. The unprecedented pace of development in India and China, especially, has led the Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to label this the 'Asia-Pacific Century'. In the last few years, socio-economic and political relations across the Asia-Pacific region have received a great deal of attention in the media and in academic writing.

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