

Petropolitics Project Calendar

2001

1 June 2001

Stein Tønnesson leaves the University of Oslo to become Director of the [International Peace Research Institute](#), Oslo (PRIO).

8-10 June 2001

Cecilie Figenschou Bakke presents a paper on "Subregional integration around the Gulf of Tonkin" at the conference China's challenges at the turn of the 21st century arranged by the Nordic Association of China Studies, Sandbjerg Slott, Sønderjylland, Danmark

2 July 2001

Stein Tønnesson lectures about the conflict in the South China Sea to the peace research course of the International Summer School of the University of Oslo.

26-28 July 2001

Stein Tønnesson presents paper on "[The Paracels: The 'Other' South China Sea Dispute](#)" at panel F2-7, S13 'Maritime Disputes in East and Southeast Asia', the [International Studies Association \(ISA\)](#) Convention, Hong Kong.

6-9 September 2001

Stein Tønnesson is convenor of a [panel on the South China Sea](#) at the Third EUROSEAS conference in London. Stein Tønnesson presents the paper "[Sino-Vietnamese relations and the South China Sea.](#)"

26-29 April 2001

Stein Tønnesson takes part in the 4th informal Workshop on Confidence Building Measures in the South China Sea, in Taipei, organised by [The Pacific Forum/CSIS](#), the Institute for Strategic and Development Studies in Manila and the Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, and presents the results of the June 2000 conference "[Human and Regional Security around the South China Sea](#)"

21 April 2001

Stein Tønnesson is interviewed by Kjell Arild Nilsen of the Norwegian news agency NTB about [Sino-US relations](#).

17 April 2001

Marius Gjetnes sits for oral examination and receives the note 2.30 for his dissertation "The Legal Regime of Islands in the South China Sea" at the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo.

31 March 2001

Stein Tønnesson presents the paper "Locating the South China Sea" at a workshop in honour of Professor Heather Sutherland's contribution to Southeast Asian studies in the Netherlands, "Locating Southeast Asia: Genealogies, concepts, comparisons and prospects", Amsterdam 29-31 March.

19 March 2001

Together with Dr. Timo Kivimäki and Professor Ramses Amer, Stein Tønnesson presents a [Study on the South China Sea](#) to the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Helsinki, with chapters contributed by Tom Næss and Stein Tønnesson.

15 March 2001

Stein Tønnesson gives a dinner talk about the Canadian-sponsored "Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea" workshops to the Canadian Alumni Association of Norway (CACN) at the residence of the Canadian Ambassador, Oslo.

14 March 2001

Stein Tønnesson talks about "Historical perspectives on the countries around the South China Sea" ("Et historisk blikk på landene rundt Sør-Kina-havet") at a seminar organised by the Teachers Association (Lærerforbundet) in Oslo.

14 March 2001

Stein Tønnesson lectures about "Security in East Asia, with emphasis on the triangular relationship China-Japan-USA" at the Norwegian Defence Academy (Forsvarets Høgskole).

23 February 2001

Tom Næss presents paper on "Environmental co-operation around the South China Sea: The experience of the South China Sea Workshops and the United Nations Environment Programme's Strategic Action Programme" at panel FA21 '[Environmental Change and Foreign Policy in Asia I: International Cooperation in East Asia](#)', the International Studies Association (ISA) 42nd Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois, February 20-24, 2001.

23 February 2001

Stein Tønnesson presents the paper "[The borderless South China Sea: A contemporary history](#) ." at the East Asia Institute's Friday seminar.

12 January 2001

Stein Tønnesson presented a paper at the workshop *Le Viêt Nam depuis 1945 : Etats, marges et constructions du passé* in Paris with the title: "Marine vietnamienne et défense de l'espace maritime"

7 January - 3 February 2001

Stein Tønnesson was a guest scholar at the *Institut de Sciences Politiques* in Paris, where he did research work concerning the history of Indochina and the South China Sea.

5 January 2001

The reference group and the project members met in Oslo for a one day seminar. The main findings from the project were presented and discussed.

2000

6 January - 3 March 2000

Cecilie Figenschou Bakke visits Hong Kong, Hainan and Guangxi, to conduct interviews about the South China Sea and economic integration around the Gulf of Tonkin (Beibu Gulf).

11-12 January 2000

Stein Tønnesson participates in an international workshop on "New Evidence on China, Southeast Asia, and the Vietnam War", in Hong Kong, where he takes part in a panel on sources, archives, methodology, and presents a paper on "Le Duan and China".

15-21 January 2000

Stein Tønnesson joins up with Cecilie Figenschou Bakke in Hainan (Haikou) to conduct interviews about Hainan and the South China Sea, as guest of the Hainan Institute on the South China Sea, Haikou.

21 January 2000

Stein Tønnesson gives seminar on "Vietnam and the South China Sea" at Lingnan University, Centre for Asian Pacific Studies and Department of Politics and Sociology, Hong Kong.

27 January 2000

Stein Tønnesson innleder om "Asias politiske utfordring" under et seminar organisert av Nærings- og Handelsdepartementet og Norges Eksportråd.

28-29 January 2000

Stein Tønnesson participates in "Seascapes" conference in Wassenaar, the Netherlands.

2 February 2000

Tom Næss sits for oral Cand Polit Degree examination. Final result for Cand Polit thesis and oral examination: 2.1 (laudable).

10 February 2000

Stein Tønnesson presents a paper on "China, Southeast Asia, and the South China Sea" at the Third ECAN Annual Conference in Copenhagen.

7 March 2000

Stein Tønnesson gives talk about "China and the South China Sea" at the East Asia Institute in Singapore.

9 March 2000

Stein Tønnesson talks about "ASEAN developments seen from the outside" at the Norwegian Regional Forum 2000, in Kuching, Sarawak.

10-11 March 2000

Stein Tønnesson participates in an informal workshop on confidence building measures in the South China Sea, organised in Jakarta by the Pacific Forum CSIS.

17 March 2000

Stein Tønnesson gives lecture on East Asian security, with particular emphasis on the triangular relationship between China, Japan and the United States, and on the conflict in the South China Sea, at Forsvarets Høyskole, Oslo.

28 March 2000

Stein Tønnesson gives the talk "Hvem kan løse konfliktene i Sør-Kina-havet?" at U-

landsseminaret, University of Oslo.

March 2000

Johan Henrik Nossum submits his thesis *Straight Baselines of Vietnam* to the Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo.

March-April 2000

Sveinung Johannes Sloreby conducts a research trip to Australia and Vietnam.

27 April 2000

The reference group for the project meets in Oslo.

5 May 2000

The project presents itself, as part of the activities at the Centre for Development and the Environment, to a delegation from the Norwegian Research Council (the project's main funding agency), consisting of Director Karin Refsnes and Special Advisor Nina Gornitzka.

2-4 June 2000

"Human and Regional Security in the South China Sea." The Oslo Conference.

15-21 June 2000

Stein Tønnesson does archival work at the Centre des Archives d'Outre-Mer in Aix-en-Provence, France.

22 June 2000

Stein Tønnesson reports about the 2-4 June conference to the annual meeting of European CSCAP in Paris.

23-27 June 2000

Stein Tønnesson does archival work at the Service Historique de l'Armée de Terre (SHAT) and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris.

23 June 2000

Knut Snildal submits his thesis *Petroleum in the South China Sea - a Chinese national interest ?* to the Department of Political Science, University of Oslo.

14-18 August 2000

Cecilie Figenschou Bakke attends a seminar on Chinese law ' Chinese Legal System and its reform' arranged by the China Program at the Norwegian Institute of Human Rights.

15 August 2000

Johan Henrik Nossum sits for oral examination for his Master Thesis of Law/ Særavhandling. Final result for thesis and oral examination: Laudable (First Class).

5 September 2000

Knut Snildal sits for oral Cand Polit Degree examination. Final result for Cand Polit thesis and oral examination: 2.1 (laudable).

7 September 2000

Stein Tønnesson presents paper ["China's Window of Opportunity in the South China Sea"](#) to

the 2nd roundtable of the Asia-Pacific Security Forum, Institut français des relations internationales (IFRI), Paris.

8 September 2000

Stein Tønnesson is member of the jury who accepts Liselotte Odgaard's dissertation *Deterrence and Cooperation in the South China Sea* for the PhD degree at the University of Aarhus, Denmark.

12 October 2000

Stein Tønnesson talks at internal seminar at the International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO) about "Conflict Resolution in the South China Sea".

1 November 2000

Marius Gjetnes hands in his dissertation *The Regime of Islands in the South China Sea* to the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo.

2 November 2000

Stein Tønnesson gives lecture in the IIAS/NIOD seminar series in Amsterdam about "[The borderless South China Sea](#)". (NB! The talk had to be cancelled/postponed because Tønnesson injured his leg.)

10 November 2000

Stein Tønnesson gives a talk at a seminar on China and the South China Sea at the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies in Copenhagen.

23-29 November 2000

Stein Tønnesson carries out a research trip to London, working mainly in the Public Record Office.

1999

5 January 1999

Kristen Nordhaug gives talk: "Asia-krisas internasjonale politiske økonomi", University of Oslo, Norway

22 January - 15 February 1999

Kristen Nordhaug undertakes fieldwork and data gathering in Taipei, Taiwan.

23 February 1999

Meeting of the Energy and Security in the South China Sea Reference Group in Oslo, Norway.

2 March 1999

Leni Stenseth sits for oral Cand Polit Degree examination. Final result for Cand Polit thesis and oral examination: 2.1 (laudable).

4 March 1999

Cecilie Figenschou Bakke and Knut Snildal attend a lecture on the energy prospects of the future at the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI) by Henrik Ager-Hanssen, former chairman of the commission Energy for Tomorrow's World.

24-26 April 1999

Workshop on the conflict in the South China Sea in Oslo, Norway.

[Workshop Programme](#)

[Workshop Papers](#)

6 May 1999

Stein Tønnesson gives talk on "Vietnam and the South China Sea" in the morning at the Danish Management Forum, Skjoldnæsholm, Denmark, and in the evening at the Danish-Vietnamese Association, Copenhagen, Denmark.

26 May 1999

Stein Tønnesson gives talk on "Conflict and Conflict Resolution in the South China Sea" at a seminar hosted by the Centre for East and Southeast Asia, Gothenburg, Sweden.

27 May 1999

Stein Tønnesson gives introduction on the geopolitical situation in Asia-Pacific at the Norwegian Labour Party's "Think-Attic", the Parliament Building, Oslo, Norway.

4 July 1999

Associate professor Christopher Lingle, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland (USA), gives talk on the economic integration and disintegration around the South China Sea at the Centre for Development and the Environment, Oslo, Norway.

14 July 1999

Director Willy Olsen, Statoil, gives talk on the oil and gas situation in Asia at the Centre for Development and the Environment, Oslo, Norway.

9 June - 18 July 1999

Tom Næss undertakes fieldwork and data gathering in Bangkok and Manila.

[Travel report](#)

16-27 August 1999

Tom Næss is Nordic Contact Scholar at the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark.

22 August - 10 September 1999

Stein Tønnesson and Knut Snildal conduct interviews in Beijing and Shanghai.

24-31 August 1999

Johan Henrik Nossum visits professor Ian Townsend-Gault at the University of British Columbia and participates at the conference "Permeable Boundaries and Borders in a Globalising World: New Opportunities or Old Problems?", Vancouver, Canada.

15-18 September 1999

Stein Tønnesson participates at the 4th Euroviet conference in Passau, Germany, and presents a paper Vietnam and the South China Sea (see publications).

18-29 October 1999

Stein Tønnesson works in the French naval archives (Service historique de la Marine) and the archives of the French Foreign Ministry (Ministère des Affaires Etrangères), Paris.

1-3 November 1999

Professor Ian Townsend-Gault, University of British Columbia, visits SUM for supervision of and consultation with the South China Sea project group.

2 November 1999

Professor Ian Townsend-Gault gives talk on "Promoting dialogue in regional maritime issues: the experience of the South China Sea workshop process" at SUM.

24 November 1999

Stein Tønnesson briefs the Parliament of the European Union, Brussels, on co-operation in Asia.

6-10 December 1999

Stein Tønnesson works in the Public Record Office in London, going through files about the Spratlys, Paracels and the South China Sea in general, from the period 1930 to 1961.

15 December 1999

Tom Næss submits his thesis *Environment and Security in the South China Sea Region: The Role of Experts, Non-Governmental Actors and Governments in Regime Building Processes* to the Department of Political Science, University of Oslo.

1998

20 January 1998

The Network for Pacific Asian Studies organises a seminar on "The conflict in the South China Sea" for the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A [working paper](#) is published from the seminar.

26 January - 22 February 1998

Leni Stenseth and Stein Tønnesson travel to Manila, Bangkok, Jakarta, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Hanoi, where they undertake a number of interviews and attend two research conferences: International Conference on Southeast Asia in the 20th Century, 28-30 January 1998, University of the Philippines, Quezon City, the Philippines, and Malaysian-Scandinavian Conference on Research Co-operation, Banggi, Malaysia.

29 April 1998

Stein Tønnesson gives talk: "Is there a momentum for solving the South China Sea Conflict?", at a seminar organised by the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), Oslo, Norway.

4 May 1998

Stein Tønnesson presents the Project at the seminar "Conflict and co-operation around the South China Sea" jointly hosted by the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) and the Network for Asian Pacific Studies, Oslo, Norway.

May 1998

Leni Stenseth gives talk: "Greater China" at the Regional College of Østfold, Halden, Norway.

9 June 1998

Stein Tønnesson gives talk: "A naval approach to the political history of the South China Sea region" at the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS), Copenhagen, Denmark.

15-17 July 1998

Johan Henrik Nossum attends the conference "Borderlands Under Stress" hosted by the International Boundary Research Unit (IBRU) at the University of Durham, United Kingdom.

7 - 11 August 1998

Johan Henrik Nossum attends the conference "Order for the Oceans at the Turn of the Century" hosted by the Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Oslo, Norway.

6 September 1998

Stein Tønnesson presents paper: "Southeast Asia in Great Power Naval Strategies" at the panel "Revising the history of Southeast Asia" at the EUROSEAS (European Association of Southeast Asian Studies) Conference in Hamburg, Germany.

18 October 1998

Kristen Nordhaug gives talk: "Taiwan and the South China Sea Conflict", Centre for Development and the Environment, Oslo, Norway.

2 November 1998

Kristen Nordhaug gives talk: "Asia-krisas internasjonale politiske økonomi", Centre for Development and the Environment, Oslo, Norway.

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