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# JASID's External Networking: How Does It Work, and for What?

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# Outline of Presentation

- What are brief history, organisational features and objectives of JASID?
- What are JASID's channels for international exchanges?
- Why international exchanges?
- What are challenges for international exchanges for JASID?

# JASID:

## Brief History

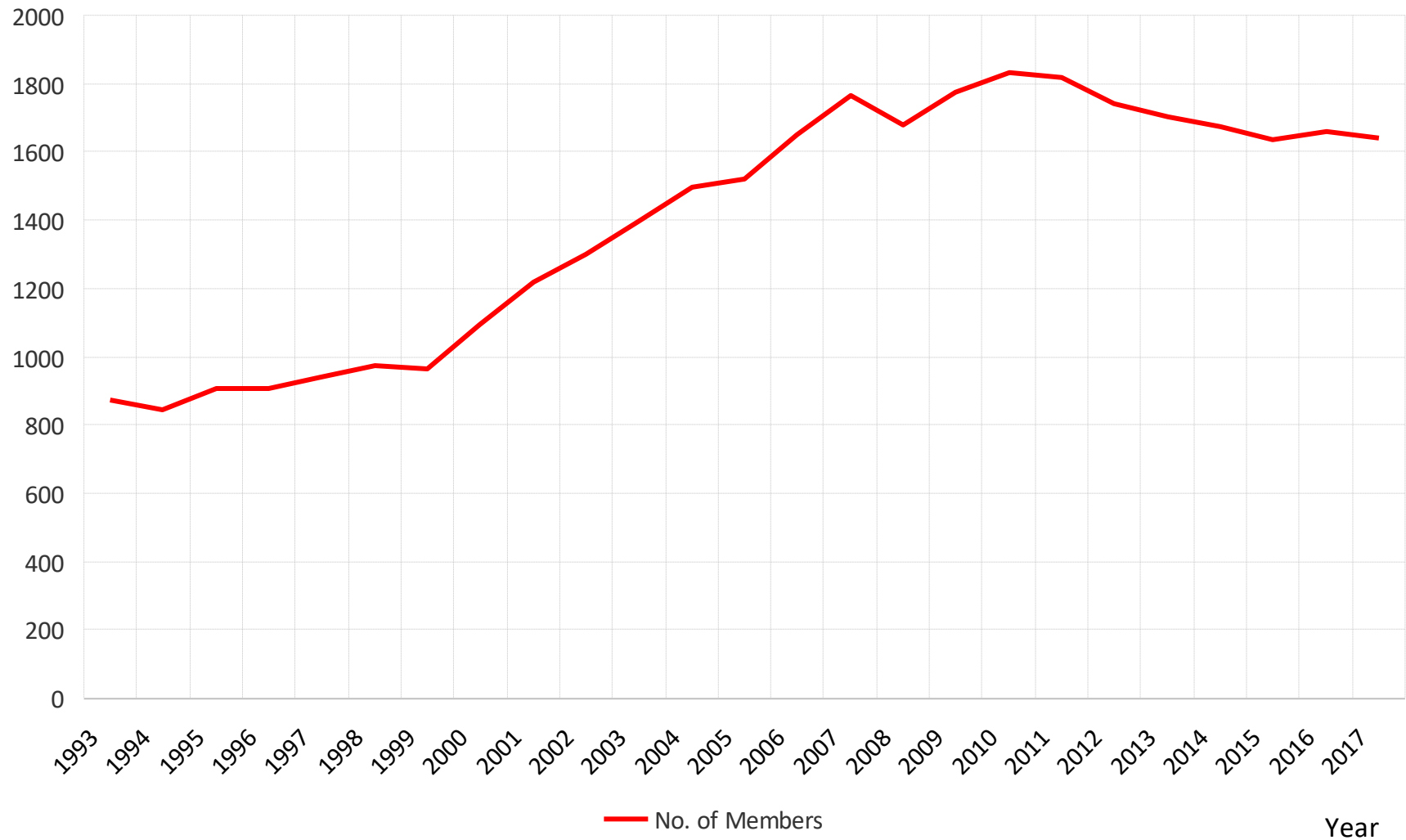
- Founded in 1990
- International Contexts:
  - Urgency of economic development since the end of WWII
  - Rising new issues
- Domestic Backgrounds:
  - Japan's rising economic power: expanded its roles and due responsibility
  - Knowledge and experiences on development issues: to be integrated

# JASID:

## Organisation Feature: Number of Members

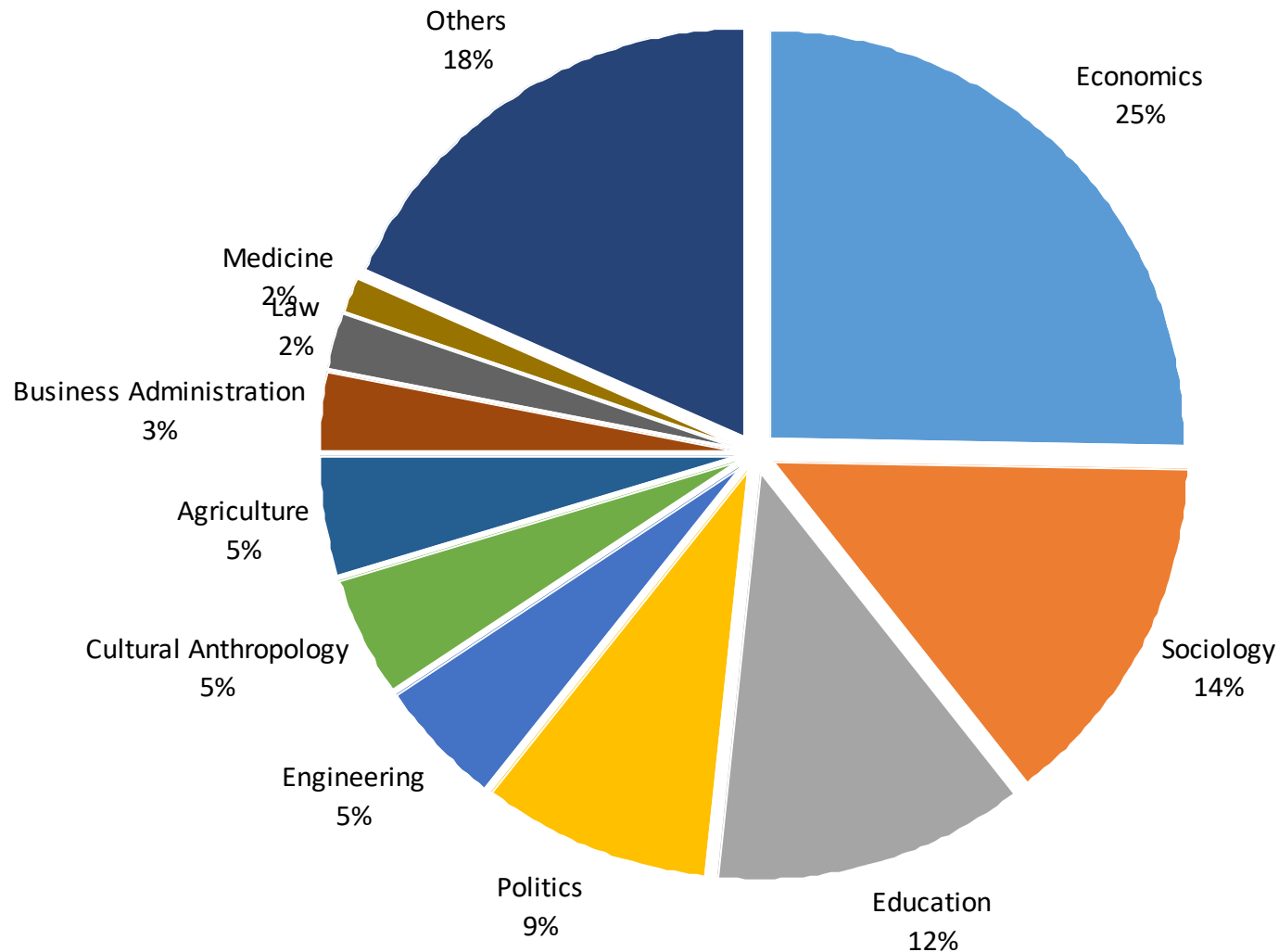
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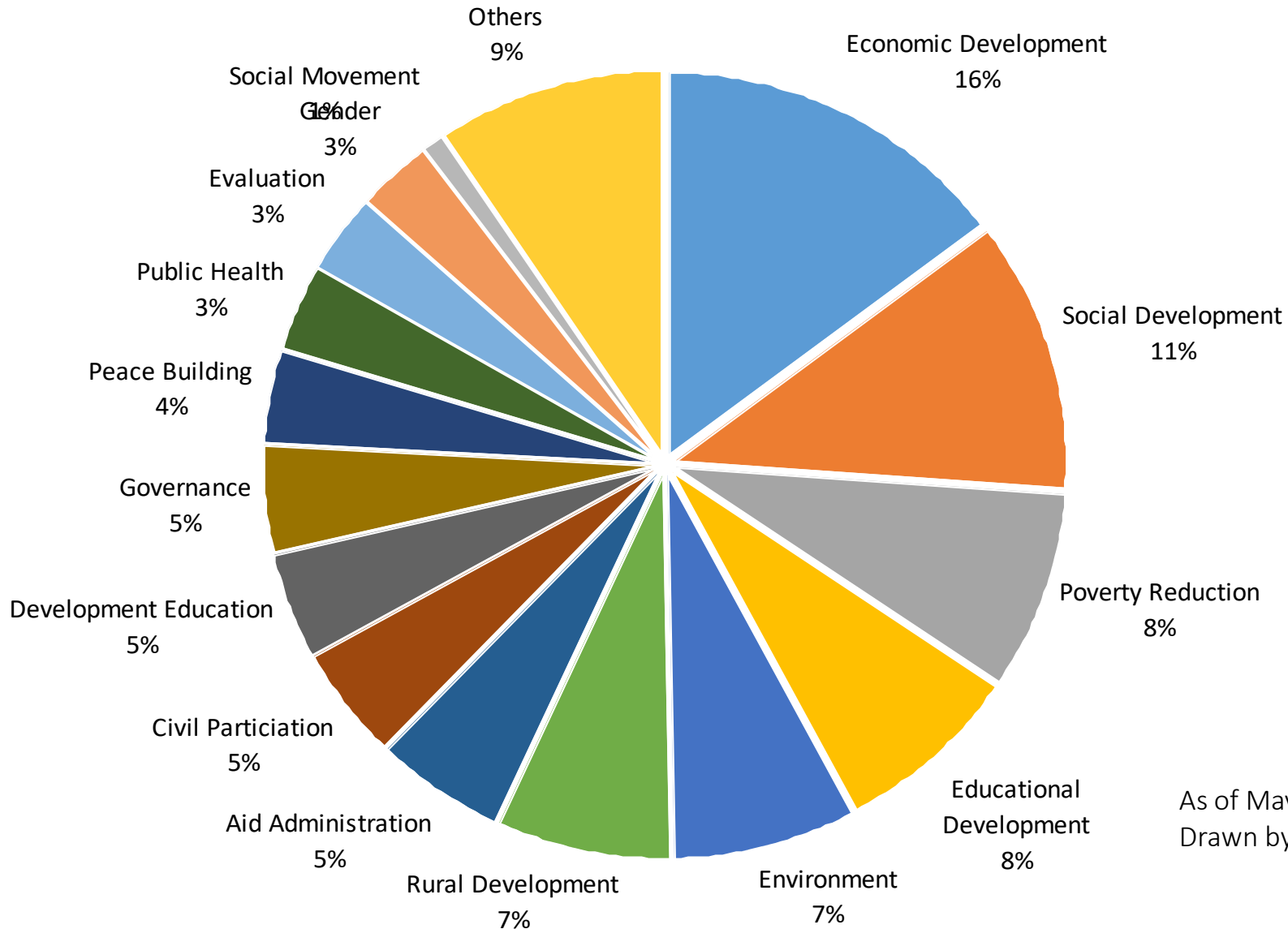
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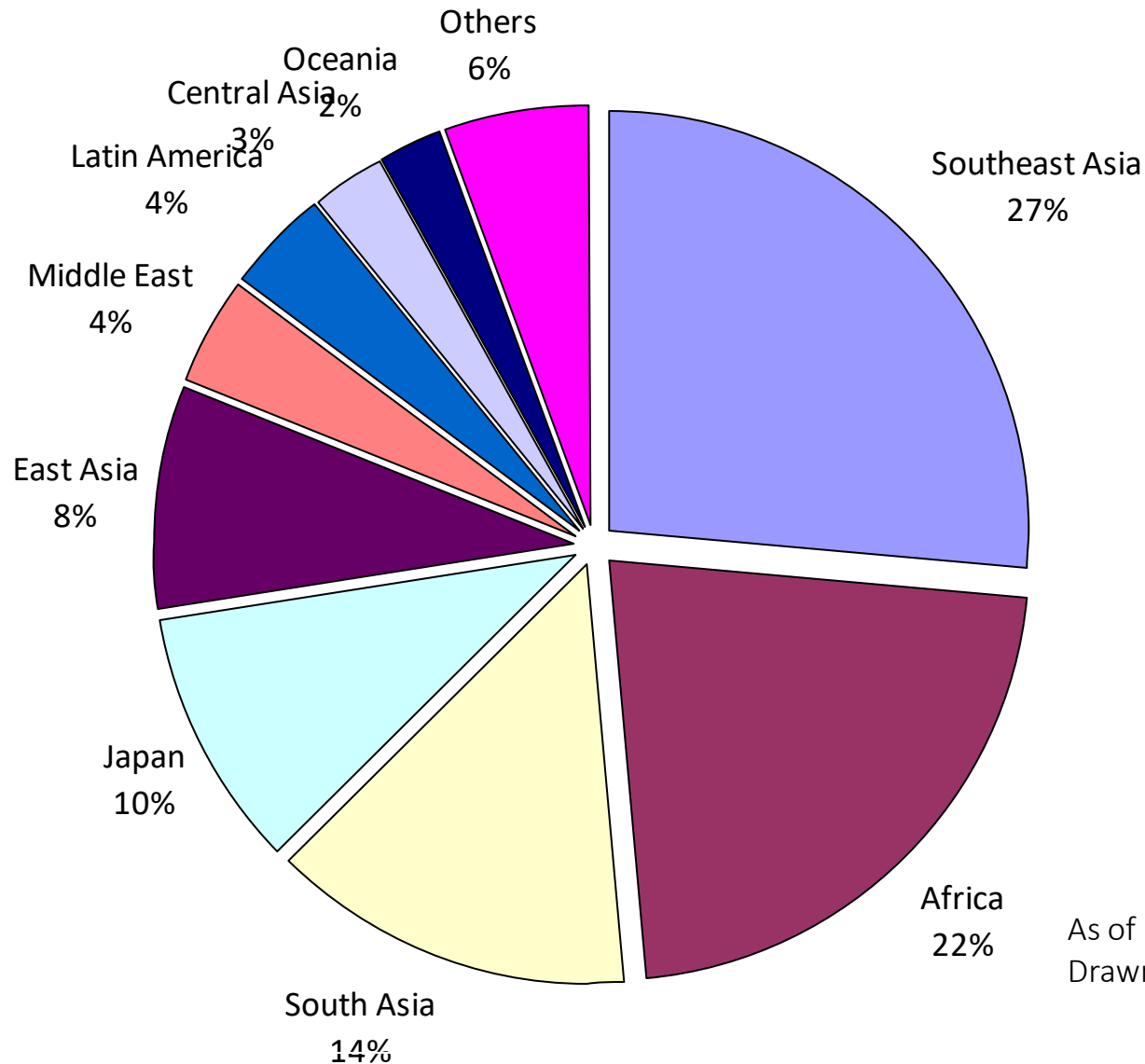
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## Organisational Feature: Research Interests by Regions

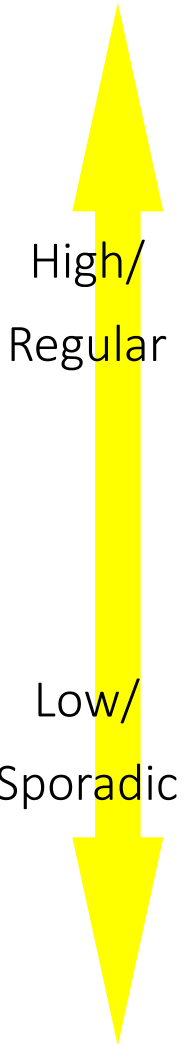


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JASID:

Many Channels, Different Level of Institutionalisation

- Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC)
- UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Society for International Development (SID)
- Development Studies Association (DSA)
- Global Development Network (GDN)
- Australian Aid Conference (AAC: by Australian National University)





# KAIDEC

- Signed up MOU for International Exchange in October 2015
- Annual conferences:
  - Mutually dispatching 2 members for presentation at annual conferences between JASID and KAIDEC
  - Topic of presentation: flexibly determined by speakers

# KAIDEC

- International Symposium on Asian Development Studies
  - Dispatching a member from JASID
  - Held in Southeast Asian countries: Malaysia, Indonesia
  - Topics of presentation: determined by KAIDEC

# KAIDEC

- Jeju Forum: Davos style forum organised by South Korea
  - KOICA-KAIDEC Session: JASID dispatch a member
  - Topic of presentation: to be determined by KOICA-KAIDEC

# ESCAP

## Northeast Asia Development Cooperation Forum (NEADCF)

- **Background:**
  - Northeast Asia: becoming key players in international assistance, but no mechanisms for joint review and dialogues
  - NEADCF: to facilitate to link policy dialogues on their research and assistance policy
- **Functions:**
  - Platform for networking 4 member associations to discuss international assistance from 2014

# ESCAP:

## Northeast Asia Development Cooperation Forum (NEADCF)

- **Members:**
  - ESCAP (East and North-East Asia Office):  
organiser and co-ordinator
  - China International Development Research  
Network (CIDRN)
  - JASID
  - KAIDEC
  - Russian Association of International  
Development Assistance Experts (RAIDAE)
- **Other participants:**
  - IO, government official, bilateral aid agencies,  
NGOs, practitioners
  - Researchers from donors and recipients

# ESCAP:

## Northeast Asia Development Cooperation Forum (NEADCF)

- History of NEADCF
  - 2014: Seoul
  - 2015: Tokyo; on 'SDGs and Responses in Northeast Asia'
  - 2016: Suzhou, China
  - 2017: Moscow; on 'Development cooperation in SDG implementation for a more secure and prosperous world'
  - 2018: Seoul; on 'Evaluation'

# ESCAP:

## International Workshop

- International Workshop: Irregularly held?
- Workshop in Phnom Penh [2017]
  - Topic: 'Strengthening Development of Least Developed Countries in Asia and the Pacific to support implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development'
  - JASID: Dispatch a speaker

# SID, DSA, GDN and AAC: Occasional Communication

- **SID:**
  - JASID used to be a member of SID.
  - Recent contact with the Washington Chapter of SID
- **DSA:**
  - DSA organised JASID Session in its annual meeting in 2014.
- **GDN:**
  - Japan and some JASID members are member of GDN.
- **Australian Aid Conference (AAC):**
  - The President of JASID participated in a session.



# Why International Exchanges?

- IR Theories:
  - Mutual interdependence for peaceful world
  - Spill-over for further collaborations
- Empirical Implications:
  - Assistance from Japan to new donors?
  - Feedback from new donors to Japan:
    - A traditional donor may learn from different comparative advantages of and recent reforms by new donors

# Challenges for International Exchanges:

## Conditions of Developing International Exchanges

- **Coincidence and Subsidiarity of Interests**
  - Priorities of research: sectors (Economic development? Agricultural development? Social development? development-security nexus?), modality (grant or loan?)
  - Priorities of geographical areas: SE Asia? Central Asia? Africa?
  - Distance to mainstream discourse: mainstream-oriented? Critical analysis?
  - Distance to policy: purely academic or policy analysis?
  - Output/Input: orienting output or input?

# Challenges for International Exchanges:

## Conditions of Developing International Exchanges

- **Resource Availability:**
  - Fund generation: membership fee? Sponsors?
  - Secretariats: standing secretariats? Number of staff members of secretariats/

# Challenges for International Exchanges:

## Conditions of Developing International Exchanges

- **Option 1: Higher Institutionalisation**
  - Relationship to be institutionalised by agreements or MOU: minimising uncertainty, increasing stability
  - JASID's examples: KAIDEC and ESCAP
- **Option 2: Flexible Communication**
  - Flexible and speedy communication though less stability and less institutionalisation
  - JASID's examples: DSA, SID, GDN and AAC

# Challenges for JASID

- Resources and Sustainability
  - No standing secretariats but consistently expanding scope
  - Annual budget: used up by inviting and dispatching speakers
  - Members' interests: diverse
- Realistic Choice for JASID
  - Mixing institutionalised communication and flexible communication

Thank you for your kind attention!