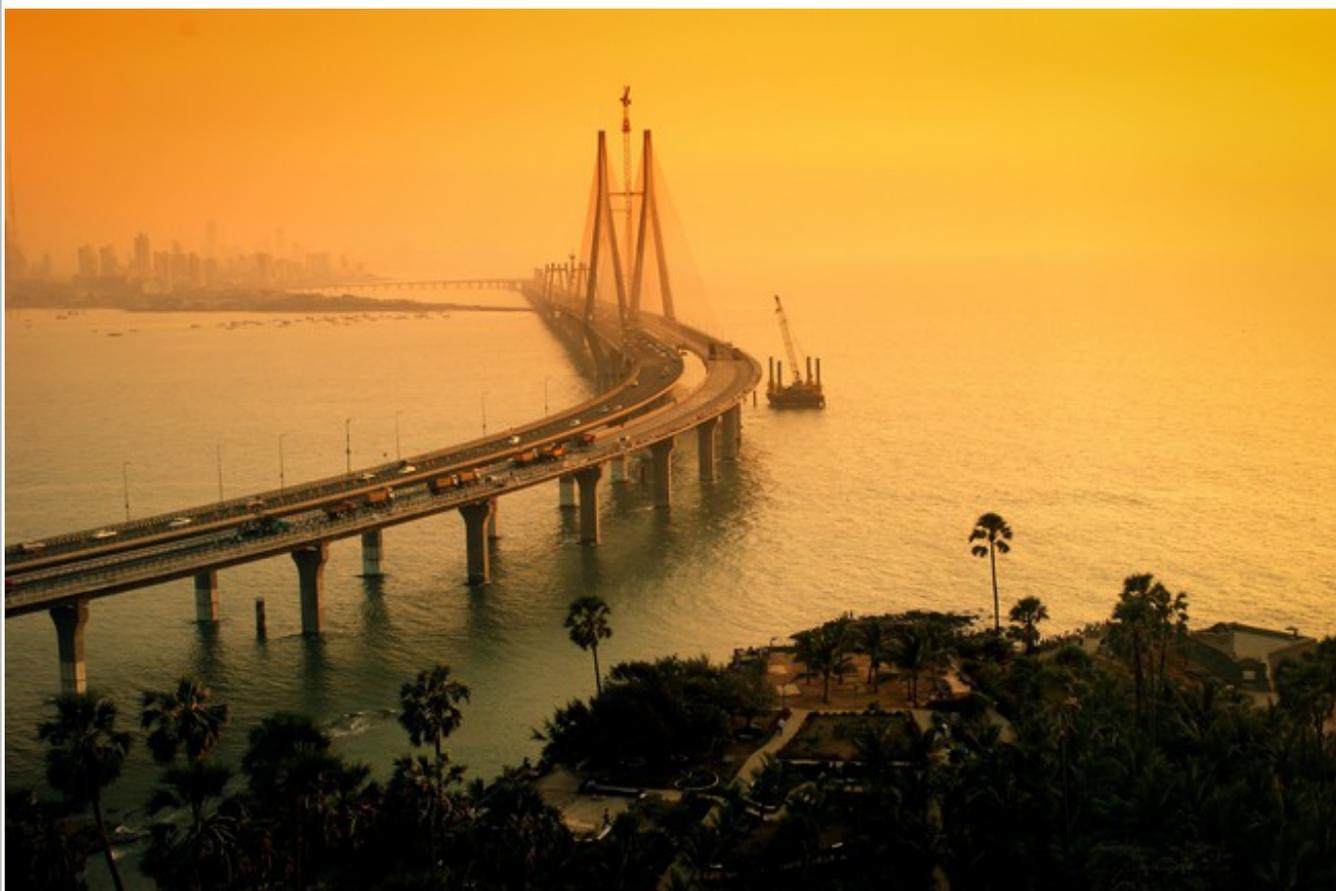




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## ASIA HOUSE BRIEFING

This month's Asia House briefing takes a closer look at Danish exports to India while asking the question: Why are Sweden and Finland performing so much better than Denmark? Are the reasons historical? Political? Structural? And perhaps more importantly, what needs to be done to reverse this trend?

Read the full briefing [HERE](#).

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### 11.10.18: [Emerging Multinationals: Outward Investment from Emerging Economies](#)

Asia House will be hosting 'Emerging Multinationals': Outward Investment from Emerging Economies, a public seminar organized by the Department of International Economics and Management at Copenhagen Business School. Multinational companies from emerging economies (EMNCs) have become major players in the globalized world economy and wield growing influence on economic dynamics in developed, emerging, and developing countries alike. The presentations will, among other things, focus on internationalization processes, motivations, experiences and future development strategies of these emerging economy multinational now present in Denmark.



### 12.10.18: [Culture Night](#)

Asia House is once again part of the annual [Culture Night](#), where more than 250 museums, theaters, libraries, churches, ministries and parks throughout the city welcome the public during Copenhagen's biggest annual one-day event. Discover the history of the East Asiatic Company (EAC) kick-starting Danish globalization, enjoy music from the Music Confucius Institute, and see where Asia House is heading in the future. Everyone is welcome, and the only requirement is a [Culture Pass](#).



### 25.10.18: [Time to copy China?](#)

JCI Copenhagen, a part of Junior Chamber International, will be hosting a networking meeting at Asia House, where the main focus will be China's development, Sino-Danish relations, and how one enters the Chinese market (in Danish).

## PREVIOUS EVENTS IN ASIA HOUSE



### 19.09.18: [CHINA EMERGES AS A GLOBAL POWER](#)

On 19 September, Aarhus University hosted two seminars together with DIIS, DCBF, and Asia House, focusing on China's global expansion and its importance for Denmark. Introductions from leading researchers in Denmark and a key note speech from Prof. William Callahan, London School

of Economics, gave insights into the newest research areas concerning China's economic, political, and social policies, domestically and in interaction with the international community. There was a general consensus that China's growing weight internationally poses opportunities as well as challenges.



#### 04.10.18: [ASEAN DAY 2018](#)

Asia House was proud to be a part of the annual celebration of ASEAN Day, held by the Embassies of Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam. It was a festive afternoon of music, dance performances, delicious national dishes and speeches by H.E. Mr. Vichit Chitvimarn, Ambassador of Thailand to Denmark, and H.E. Mrs. Lisbet Zilmer-Johns, Under Secretary for Global Politics and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. The celebration received much support and wide attendance by the diplomatic community in Denmark.



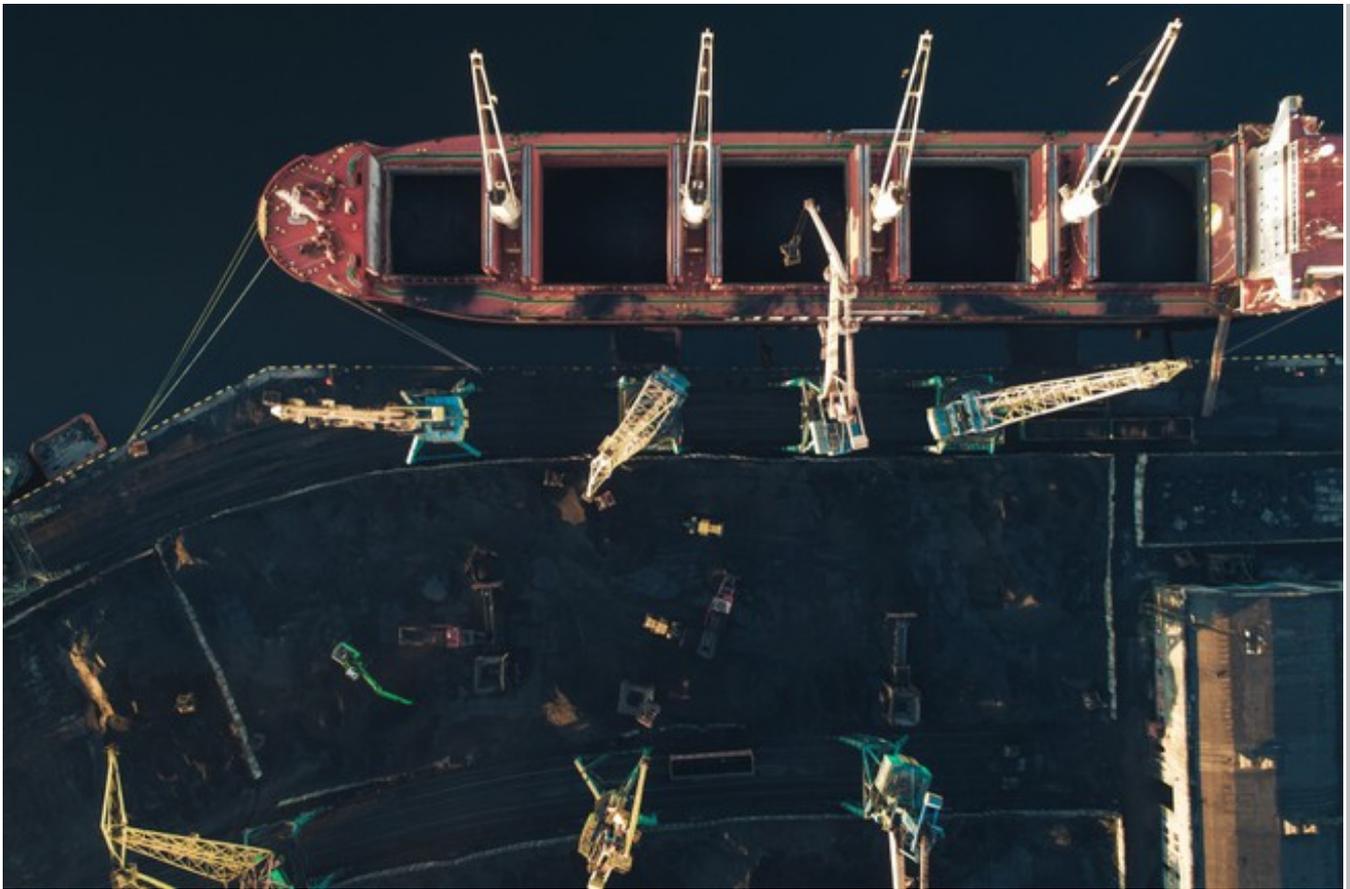
21.09.18: [VAN KARADZIC: MIT LVS DYK - DRENGENE I GROTTEN](#)

On 21 September Ivan Karadzic, an elite diver, visited Asia House to talk about his involvement in the rescue of the Thai soccer team and their coach in June 2018. Ivan outlined the organization of the rescue mission, how it was executed, and how it was to work with the Royal Thai Navy Seals as a volunteer elite diver (in Danish).



27.09.2018: ["HVOR PEBERET GROR" - BOGLANCERING](#)

Anna Prai Olsen, a journalist, hosted the launch of her book "Hvor peberet gror" (English: Where the pepper grows) at Asia House on Thursday 27 September. Using the discovery of her grandfather's letters and journals, as well as other sources, Anna describes the lives of the Danes living in the East during the Great Depression and the Second World War (in Danish).



## ON THE GLOBAL AGENDA IN OCTOBER 2018

[WTO Director-General](#) Roberto Azevêdo welcomed the support of the business community to strengthen the multilateral trading system during his visit to Buenos Aires on 4 October 2018, where he attended the B20 Summit. The Business Twenty ([B20](#)) comprises many global companies and gives input to the leaders of the G20, who will meet in Argentina in the end of November.

Whereas the global business community stands united in promoting fewer trade barriers, the world is presently not moving in that direction. With new batches of tariffs posted on bilateral trade between China and the United States, all countries and all decision makers are trying to evaluate what might come next. [Researchers discussed](#) the various avenues countries can take: Retaliate, negotiate, adapt, or divert.

ASEAN countries have been clear in their [messages of support](#) for the rules-based multilateral trading system and its importance to the stability and effective functioning of the global economic order.

On 8 October, US State Secretary Pompeo met in Beijing with [Yang Jiechi](#), director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Communist Party of China (CPC), who underlined that “a trade war would never solve problems” and negotiation should take place “on the basis of equality, honesty and solemnity.” [Japan’s Prime Minister](#) is expected to visit Beijing in the end of October, while [India](#) has deferred imposing retaliatory tariffs on US products until November.

While the volatility on global trade issues remains high, H.E. Moon Jae-In, President of the Republic of Korea, and H.E. Nguyễn Xuân Phúc, Prime Minister of Vietnam, among many other distinguished guests will visit Denmark to participate in the [P4G Copenhagen Summit](#) on 19-20 October. The P4G Summit aims to develop and showcase partnerships of large-scale impact through new financing models to address the shortage of water, creating new models for mobility in megacities, implementing new food production techniques to address the food crisis, scaling energy, optimizing of buildings, and developing innovative solutions for addressing plastic waste.

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Artist Yayoi Kusama drawing in KUSAMA - INFINITY. © Tokyo Lee Productions, Inc. Courtesy of Magnolia Pictures.

### [FILM PREMIERE: "KUSAMA: INFINITY"](#)

89-year-old, iconic Yayoi Kusama is now one of the world's most famous artists, but as many other women, she has struggled in the male-dominated art world. Heather Lenz' "KUSAMA: Infinity" details the life of an extraordinary artist, a misunderstood woman, and a colorful phenomenon. Click here for the [trailer](#). The film will premiere 18 October at [Grand Teatret](#).



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05.10.18: [Chinese robotics company Makeblock decodes Western market](#)



Founded by Jasen Wang, the Chinese robotics startup Makeblock is conquering the global market for educational robots, generating more revenue abroad than at home. The company has evolved from a one-man venture, selling robot parts to hobbyists, to having their mBot being more popular than LEGO's educational robot WeDo 2.0.



#### 05.10.18: [Future employment in Southeast Asia](#)

As Southeast Asia moves towards a 4th industrial revolution, challenges of the future are beginning to show their faces, especially those concerning employment. Major issues includes the advancement of AI, which will result in the displacement of many workers, and the increase in many countries' dependency ratios (percentage of dependents vs the percentage of working age people).



#### 14.09.18: [The legacy of the Abe administration](#)

Shinzo Abe's administration will most likely be remembered by the opening of the Japanese society to foreign workers, and not for the three arrows of his Abenomics economic policy, or his efforts to revise the anti-militaristic article 9 in the constitution. Japan's working-age population continues to decline, and accepting foreign workers is now deemed necessary by the Japanese.

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