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### **Global Hegemony and Intellectual Crisis**

Asian cities become increasingly proactive in the constitution of global hegemony. One prominent feature is their competition for the precedence to become a regional hub of the global world in line with the notion of knowledge-based economy. This panel examines how such a developmental project for global status shapes the practice in higher education and the general cultural milieu in the community. What are the critical features in the current production of knowledge under the official command for globalization? What are the new issues and conflicts in the place in relation to the rise of knowledge-based economy? The overall objective of this panel is to single out how the global envisagement in Asian cities overwhelms intellectual activity and causes a cultural crisis in the local.