**EU-Asia Programme – Application**

**Personal Research Project**

*Please use this form to present the research project that you plan to write your MA thesis about if accepted to the EU-Asia programme (max. 800 words total excluding references). You may include references using Harvard style (in-text author-date). References should be listed in Section 9 of the form (excluded from the word count)*.

1. **Name of the applicant**
2. **Working title of the research project**

*What is your research project entitled at this stage? (this needs not be the definitive title of your MA thesis).*

1. **Topic (max. 50 words)**

*Briefly describe what the research project is about.*

1. **Research puzzle statement (max. 150 words)**

*Briefly describe what research/knowledge puzzle or gap in knowledge the project aims to address.*

1. **Working research question(s) (max. 100 words)**

*Briefly state the main research question (explanatory/analytical question) and if applicable, sub-questions (including descriptive questions, if any) that the project aims to answer.*

1. **State of the art (max. 250 words)**

*Briefly identify the most relevant scientific literatures for the project, as well as the way in which the project aims to go beyond the state of the art, if possible.*

1. **Design and methods (max. 150 words)**

*Briefly describe the envisaged research design and methods for collecting and analysing empirical data.*

1. **Relevance for the programme (max. 100 words)**

*Briefly explain why your research project is relevant to the aims, objectives and substance of the project.*

1. **List of references (no word limit)**

*In listing the references, please distinguish between scientific and non-scientific sources*.