

## ASTW 2022 PLENARY LECTURE

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**Title:**

Understanding the ASEAN Community-Building Project:  
An Overview

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**Place:** Web-meeting information will be advised.

**Abstract:**

*This presentation is an overview of the development and initiatives that advances the ASEAN Community-Building Project. The need to understand the three pillars that form the ASEAN Community, namely the ASEAN Political-Security Community; the ASEAN Economic Community; and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, the narrative of the ASEAN identity, and initiatives towards human resource development in ASEAN. Within the ASEAN Community-building project, the presentation will also highlight key initiatives that the ASEAN Community undertook to address the various challenges the region faces which include the changing world of work, enhancing quality education for all, the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the need to embrace digital transformation amidst the related challenges of adopting to the 4th industrial revolution, digital skills gap, and ensuring reskilling, upskilling and acquiring new skills. Considering the author's interest and expertise in education, there will also be a discussion on regionalization and internationalization of higher education both as a response to global and regional challenges, but also within the ASEAN Community-building project.*