Nordbib is a Nordic funding programme for research libraries concerning development of access to scholarly and scientific information at a Nordic level. The overall purpose of the Nordbib programme is to create a joint Nordic approach to Open Access and research distribution.

The NIAS LINC project’s aim is to develop a joint approach to Open Access and research communication within the Nordic NIAS Council member institutions. Furthermore the project will illustrate how the Open Access (OA) model can be used as a mean of solving the problems of information dissemination and exchange of research outputs throughout the Nordic Asian Study environment by building a common communication platform. The platform will be created as an extension to NNC’s open AsiaPortal and build on existing social networking and authentication web tools. The project aims to develop mechanisms to support the implementation of a common digital repository i.e. an Open Access archive that will include content such as post-print, pre-print, theses, manuals, teaching material, pod-casts, conference material, news or other documents/material that NNC members wish to make publicly available through the public AsiaPortal.

The platform will provide an interactive forum for NNC members with valid authentication to network with NIAS / NNC subject matter experts, employees, partners and students as well as share and gather networking best practices.

The goal is twofold:

1. To initiate discussions and actions that will lead to a joint NNC approach to Open Access thereby creating an Open Access Model for Nordic Asian Studies.
2. Creation of a knowledge sharing and networking platform for easy publishing and access to information including fee-based and Asian language sources.

The project will run during a two year period as a co-operation between NIAS and Nordic NIAS Council member institutions.

During the project period NIAS will facilitate two workshops with the aim of discussing a joint NNC approach to Open Access and research communication.