

## Indonesia Council Digest February 2006

This is the digest of the Indonesia Council, a regional grouping within the Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA). As the Indonesia Council does not have a separate fee structure, we urge those of you who find this bulletin useful or who attend the Indonesia Council's free biennial conference to become financial members of the ASAA (the membership form is available at <http://coombs.anu.edu.au/SpecialProj/ASAA/asaa-mship.html>).

This list is moderated, but open (i.e. digests posted on the list may be passed on to someone else). If you know of anyone who may like to be added to the list please ask them to contact the list moderator directly at [michele.ford@arts.usyd.edu.au](mailto:michele.ford@arts.usyd.edu.au).

### NEWS

ACICIS has a record number of students this semester. The new Islamic Business semester is shaping up, with representatives from UII making visits to Australian universities next month. Anyone interested in the Islamic Business semester (which is taught in English) can find out more from <http://www.acicis.murdoch.edu.au/>

### CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

**ASAA 2006:** The Organising Committee of the 16th Biennial Conference of the ASAA wish to advise that the deadline for the Call for Papers has been extended until Wednesday **1 March 2006**. Would you please email your abstracts and brief profile information to Margaret Hanlon at [meh43@uow.edu.au](mailto:meh43@uow.edu.au). more updates regarding the conference will be posted on the conference website as they come to hand so please ensure you check it regularly. [www.uow.edu.au/arts/conferences/asaa](http://www.uow.edu.au/arts/conferences/asaa)

**Call for Papers for ASAA Panel:** Lyn Parker and Linda Bennett are organizing a panel for the 2006 ASAA Conference on Indonesian Youth Today: Body, Sexuality and Gender. Panel Abstract: This panel examines the lives and identities of Indonesian youth and adolescents, with particular focus on the body, sexuality and gender. Young people in Indonesia are spearheading, and having to cope with, dramatic social change, including democratization and decentralization, the globalization of media and knowledge, economic insecurity and difficult economic times, and rising Islamic fundamentalism. This panel aims to explore how young people are experiencing this social transformation, particularly through their bodies. Paper-givers might focus on topics such as sex education, representations of ideal gender models, sexual practices and morés, and parental attitudes towards adolescent sexuality. Panellists are encouraged to engage with the broader themes of this year's ASAA, including discussions of education, knowledge, national and ethnic identity, social transformation, popular culture and new technologies as they apply to adolescents in Indonesia. The panel also aims to bring together key scholars working with Indonesian youth, and to extend the research network associated with the new ARC project on Ambivalent Adolescents in Indonesia. Papers on this theme will be published in a special issue of the electronic journal, *Intersections: Gender, History and Culture in the Asian Context*

<http://www.she.murdoch.edu.au/intersections> in 2007. Please contact Lyn (lparker@arts.uwa.edu.au) or Linda (L.Bennett@latrobe.edu.au) if you are interested.

**Strangers on the Shore: A Conference on Early Coastal Contacts with Australia, 30-31 March 2006, Canberra.** A conference about early historical contacts with Australia and indigenous Australians, including the Macassans, National Museum of Australia. Further details at <http://www.strangersontheshore.com.au/>

**Workshop on PILKADA:** The local district elections, Indonesia 2005, 17 May 2006, Singapore. organised by Indonesia Study Group, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. The first direct elections for more than 300 district heads across the Indonesian archipelago took place in 2005. The results of these elections have been very variable. In some places, the district heads most known for the use of money politics and corruption were voted out of office, in some districts they managed to retain their positions. These variable results, and the implications they have for a process of democratic transition will be explored in this workshop. For more information on the workshop please contact A/P Maribeth Erb at [socmerb@nus.edu.sg](mailto:socmerb@nus.edu.sg) or Dr Priyambudi Sulistiyanto at [seasp@nus.edu.sg](mailto:seasp@nus.edu.sg) .

## **PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES**

Don't forget if you have information about publishing opportunities in Indonesian Studies (book chapters, journal special editions etc etc), please send the details to [Michele.Ford@arts.usyd.edu.au](mailto:Michele.Ford@arts.usyd.edu.au) for inclusion in this digest.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/RESEARCH AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY IN INDONESIA:** The Indonesian Department of National Education is offering one-year scholarships to foreign students to study Indonesian or regional languages, traditional music, dance or handicrafts at one of 36 institutions throughout Indonesia. Places are available at institutions in Medan, Bukit Tinggi, Padang, Palembang, Jakarta, Bogor, Bandung, Semarang, Yogyakarta, Surakarta, Surabaya, Malang, Denpasar, Mataram and Makasar. The scholarship will cover academic fees and participants will be provided with a monthly allowance of 1 million rupiah and a 300,000 rupiah annual clothing allowance. Return air travel to Indonesia will be the responsibility of participants. In addition, Darmasiswa Plus recipients will be provided with accommodation by the institute. For further information and to obtain an application form please contact the Information Section of the Consulate General on 9344 9933, fax 9349 6854 or email [info@kjri-sydney.org](mailto:info@kjri-sydney.org).

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**Senior Research Associate, Creative Industries Faculty, QUT:** A Senior Research Associate is required to work collaboratively with a team of researchers on an international development research project. The researcher will join an international development research project Finding a Voice. Using ethnography and action research, the project aims to integrate ICTs with local communication networks in the Asia-Pacific region, and specifically to explore and develop opportunities for local content creation. This position

relates especially to work in Indonesia. For further information contact Dr Jo Tacchi on 07) 3864 8178, e-mail: [j.tacchi@qut.edu.au](mailto:j.tacchi@qut.edu.au). Closes: 8 March 2006.

#### **Herb Feith Research Professor (Or Associate Professor) for the Study of Indonesia.**

Monash University is seeking an outstanding researcher on Indonesia to join its Faculty of Arts and Centre of Southeast Asian Studies. The appointee will be expected to maintain a high research and publication profile, to take a leadership role in research related to Indonesia, attract research funding, recruit and supervise domestic and international postgraduate research students, and oversee relevant Honours level programs. The appointment will be in the school of the Faculty of Arts most appropriate to the successful candidate's academic discipline. The incumbent would be expected to assume occasionally the directorship of the Centre for Southeast Asian Studies. Selection documentation may be accessed electronically on the world wide web:

<http://www.adm.monash.edu/sss/employment/senior> Closing date is 31 March 2006.

Further information and particulars of the application procedure may be obtained from Ms Meredith, telephone +61 3 9905 6193, facsimile +61 3 9905 6016, email [bronwen.meredith@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:bronwen.meredith@adm.monash.edu.au)

#### **(Senior) Research Fellowship at the Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University Of Singapore (NUS)**

- World Vision The Asia Research Institute (ARI) has entered into a partnership with World Vision Asia Tsunami Response Team to provide academic and experiential expertise in assessing the effects of disasters in Asia, particularly the 26 December 2004 tsunami, in specifically defined research areas, as specified in the project description. In connection with this, ARI invites applicants for the fixed-term two-year position of (Senior) Research Fellow to lead field-based research and co-lead, with a World Vision counterpart, a process to produce quality documentation for learning on key topics of interest. Candidates should have a PhD in a social science field, and research experience in areas of development studies, social impact assessment, and/or rapid appraisal techniques. Past field research in Asian countries would be desirable. The candidate should have the capacity to lead a small group designing research studies and assessing resulting learning papers, and to lead one of the research studies. The successful applicant will be required to take up the post by July 2006 or earlier. Closing date for applications: March 31, 2006. Further information available at [www.ari@nus.edu.sg/appointments](http://www.ari@nus.edu.sg/appointments)

Advance notice of **position at Aceh Research Training Institute**: An advertisement will shortly be circulated for an academic to be the Australian Team Leader of a project to help re-build research capacities in Aceh. This position is being advertised by a consortium of Australian Universities. For further information and expressions of interest, contact Helen Pausacker: email: [<h.pausacker@unimelb.edu.au>](mailto:h.pausacker@unimelb.edu.au)

#### **United Nations Development Programme Indonesia Vacancy Announcement.**

UNDP Indonesia's support for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals is realized through a range of programmes. The Papua Development Programme focuses on poverty reduction through capacity development amongst local government and civil society actors, invites applications from the eligible candidates for its Programme in Papua for the following positions: Governance Specialist; Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist; Capacity Development Specialist; Community Development Specialist. Recruitment:

International & National; Location/Duty Station: Jayapura, Papua, INDONESIA; Duration of Assignment: 11 months (with 3 months probation); Starting date: Immediate. The functions and key outputs to be delivered by each position are described in the terms of reference which are available on UNDP-Indonesia website [www.undp.or.id/jobs](http://www.undp.or.id/jobs) Applications should be received no later than **7 March 2006**.

\*\*\*\*\*

The Indonesia Council Digest is circulated monthly. If you have information about conferences, Indonesia-related news, resources, job opportunities, new books etc, you can send it in at any time by replying to this email.