

Indonesia Council Digest March 2006

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NEWS

The Australian Embassy in Jakarta is reading *Inside Indonesia*. After a piece was published recently commenting on the effects of travel warnings on school trips to Indonesia and universities' willingness to let students spend a semester in-country, Inside Indonesia got a phonecall from Shannon Smith, the education attaché who expressed his strong support for ACICIS and for Australian students who wish to study in Indonesia.

BOOKS

A crowd of about 60 people came to hear Max Lane launch Adrian Vickers' new book, *A History of Modern Indonesia*, at Gleebooks in Sydney last week. The book, which is published by Cambridge, uses Pramoedya's writings as its entry point to Indonesian history.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

The Summer Seminar on **Livable Cities in Pacific Asia: Research Methods for Policy Analysis** is to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, from 30 May to 29 June 2006. Urban planners, urban scholars and qualified private and non-government researchers and practitioners interested in augmenting their skills in planning for livable cities are invited to apply. The 2006 training program is the third in a series sponsored by the globalization Research Center and the East-West Center. Please see the EWC web page at below for further information and application forms. If you have further questions about applying, please contact us at either GRC (global@hawaii.edu) or the East-West Center (AlexandE@EastWestCenter.org). http://www.eastwestcenter.org/events-ce-detail.asp?conf_ID=563

Seminar Internasional 7 Dinamika Politik Lokal: "Ruang Untuk Memperjuangkan Kepentingan Politik" (Minggu ketiga Juli 2006) Di Kampoeng Percik. Desentralisasi, yang mulai dilansir sejak tahun 1999 juga bisa dimaknai sebagai perluasan arena politik lokal. Arena yang semakin terbentang luas tidak dengan serta-merta menghasilkan kebaikan-kebaikan bagi daerah. Disamping berbagai inisiatif dan inovasi yang berkembang di tingkat lokal, ada juga berbagai kesulitan baru yang mengedepan. Evaluasi terhadap pemanfaatan ruang publik penting untuk dicermati. Semakin terbukanya ruang untuk

memperjuangkan kepentingan tidak dengan sendirinya mengantarkan kita pada kemapanan demokrasi. Konsensus semakin sulit untuk diraih. Konflik masih saja bisa meletuskan berbagai tindak kekerasan. Berbagai bentuk mobilisasi kekuatan masih saja ditempuh untuk memperjuangkan kepentingan-kepentingan politik masing-masing pihak ambil bagian dalam kontestasi politik. Sehubungan dengan hal itu, tema Seminar Internasional ke-7 ini dipilah ke dalam paling sedikit tiga topik: (1) Wacana-wacana (discourse) politik lokal; (2) Pengelolaan realitas politik lokal, (3) Mobilisasian basis dan kekuatan politik lokal. Ketiga tema ini dipaparkan sebagai berikut. Abstrak makalah paling lambat diterima SC tanggal **1 April 2006**. Pemberitahuan hasil seleksi oleh SC tanggal 17 April 2006. Makalah peserta yang diundang ke Seminar Internasional ke 7 tiba di SC tanggal 15 Juni 2006. Untuk informasi yang lebih lanjut, hubungi I Made Samiana (samiana@percik.famili.com); Christina Arief (cha_arief@yahoo.com); Dewi Retnowati - 08562703132

PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

The **Sussex Library of Asian Studies**, to be launched in 2007, will publish original scholarly work in various disciplines (including interdisciplinary and transnational approaches) under the rubric of Asian studies - particularly Economics, Education, Religion, History, Politics, Gender, Comparative studies with the West and regional studies in Asia. Information about the series will be posted later in the year on the Press website at: <http://www.sussex-academic.co.uk>. In the meantime, for information and proposal submissions, please contact the Series Editor, Dr. Mina Roces, School of History, The University of New South Wales, Sydney NSW, AUSTRALIA 2052. Email: m.roces@unsw.edu.au

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/RESEARCH AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

KITLV is calling for applications for 4 PhD scholarships called 'In Search of Middle Indonesia', which looks at lower middle classes, particularly youth, in provincial towns in Indonesia. Summaries of the research program are available on the KITLV website at www.kitlv.no/insearch.html. For further information contact Dr Gerry van Klinken on klinken@kitlv.nl. Applications close on **27 March 2006**, but positions may remain open beyond that date until filled.

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ARI (NUS) is offering PhD Scholarships for 2007 in the following areas: Changing Family in Asia; Asian Migration; Religion & Globalisation in Asian Contexts; Cultural Studies in Asia; Southeast Asia-China Interactions. Further details can be obtained on the ARI website at <http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/appointments.htm>

Applications are invited for 3 months Visiting Fellowships at ARI commencing on 2 January 2007, 2 April 2007 and 2 July 2007. The positions are intended for outstanding active researchers on Asian topics, with a balance anticipated between senior and junior, the Asian region and the world. At least one published outcome is expected and applicants who do not normally publish in English will be encouraged to do so. Interdisciplinary interests are encouraged. "Asia" as a research field is defined loosely in terms of the region in which Singapore is positioned. Further details can be obtained on the ARI website at <http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/appointments.htm>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

KNAW (Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences) and the Indonesian Academic of Sciences are planning to install **rotating professorships at Indonesian universities**, which will be piloted in Social Sciences and Humanities. The AIPI-KNAW selection committee invites prominent international scholars to nominate eligible Indonesian candidates to hold this chair for a minimum period of three years. The deadline for nomination is **1 April 2006**. For further information, see www.knaw.nl/indonesia .

Research Fellowship Program for Young Muslim Scholars in Southeast Asia: The Asian Muslim Action Network (AMAN) and the Asian Resource Foundation, with the support of the Rockefeller Foundation, are pleased to announce the fifth round of the Research Fellowship Program for Young Muslim scholars in Southeast Asia. Themes of this round are: • Popular Islam, Globalization and Identity Politics, Islam and Changing Gender Reality, Islamic Values, Economic Activities and Social Responsibilities. Candidate must be from Southeast Asian countries and women are strongly encouraged to apply. Proposals in the field of Islamic values, economic activities and social responsibilities will be given priority for this round. Closing date of application is **30 November 2006**. If you are interested in applying, please send a research proposal (problem statement, objective, methodology, expected impacts) and an application form. The fellowship program is supported by the Rockefeller Foundation For more information please see: <http://www.arf-asia.org/isea.php>

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