

## Indonesia Council Digest April 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

*Inside Indonesia:* The theme of the latest edition of Inside Indonesia, which hit the shelves recently, is "Workers Organising". The theme section of the edition includes stories on Indonesia's trade unions, multinational corporations, a number of profiles of labour activists, including Fauzi Abdullah and Dina Nuriyati, a migrant domestic worker turned organiser. and a story about workers' theatre. Other articles deal with Papua, Aceh and the arts.

*Marie Gray writes:* As you probably know the teaching of Bahasa Indonesia in N.Z. has come to an end at Secondary School level. I have in my possession 400 books used as Indonesian Social Studies Resource material, and written for those interested in the country of Indonesia. This is the second printing as it is in high demand in libraries throughout NZ. As the author, I would be happy if these remaining books were distributed to students of the Indonesian language and any other groups in Australia who are desperate for such historical information. The price would be at cost (\$NZ5 plus cartage) or nearest offer. Should you wish to view the book before purchasing, please e-mail me on [marie.gray@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.gray@xtra.co.nz) The book is entitled TAMU. ISBN 0-908705-34-4

*Barbara Hatley writes:* Last December a workshop on Arts, Culture and Political and Social Change after Suharto was held at the University of Tasmania in Launceston. It was very lively and enjoyable and some great discussions took place. We are now working to keep the momentum of the workshop going via the workshop website [http://www.utas.edu.au/indonesia\\_workshop/](http://www.utas.edu.au/indonesia_workshop/). Here you can find full papers by a number of the workshop speakers, abstracts of all the other presentations, and a page for ongoing discussion. On the "comments" page, the hot topic is (naturally) the proposed legislation concerning pornography and morality in Indonesia, the RUU Pornografi dan Pornoaksi. Several workshop participants from different regions, professions and backgrounds discuss the significance and likely impact of the legislation, and describe activities responding to it in their area. There are also several papers on other topics inviting comments.

## BOOKS

McCarthy, John. "The Fourth Circle: A Political Ecology of Sumatra's Rainforest Frontier", Stanford University Press 2006.

This book addresses the politics of environmental change in one of the richest areas of tropical rainforest in Indonesia. Based on field studies conducted in three agricultural communities in rural Aceh, this work considers a number of questions: How do customary (adat) village and state institutions work? What roles do they play in managing local resources? How have they evolved over time? Are villagers, state policies, or corrupt local networks responsible for the loss of tropical rainforest? Will better outcomes emerge from revitalizing customary management, from changing state policies, or from transforming the way the state works? And why do projects designed by outsiders so often fail? The book describes how, as key actors interact, they create arrangements that effectively manage local resources, eclipsing adat and formal state management structures. While outside interventions try to work with adat and the state, they fail to engage fully with the main problem - that is, that district webs of power and interest, coalescing around local resources and reaching into the wider society, lead inexorably to environmental decline.

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

**ASAA Conference** Convenor Adrian Vickers has sent the following reminder: Just a reminder to everyone that the 'early bird' registration for the Asian Studies Association of Australia Conference closes on **April 28**.

**Fourteenth Indonesian Postgraduate Roundtable 2006 Saturday 06 May 2006, 10am - 1pm, Music Faculty room 210 Berkeley Street (nearby the Alan Gilbert Building).** The University of Melbourne. The Indonesia Forum is hosting another roundtable discussion for postgraduates at the University of Melbourne who are engaged in research related to Indonesia. Whilst the event is primarily for University of Melbourne postgraduates, students from other institutions are also very welcome to attend. The event brings postgraduate students together in a multi-disciplinary exchange of scholarly interests and information as well as providing an opportunity for networking. Students are asked to make a 5 minute presentation describing their research, in either English or Indonesian. Students are welcome to attend even if they do not wish to present a paper. If you wish to attend, please reply by Wednesday **27 April** to Amelia Fauzia at [a.fauzia@pgrad.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:a.fauzia@pgrad.unimelb.edu.au).

**CAPSTRANS Winter Workshop for Doctoral Students and Early Career Researchers at Australian universities.** This year the theme of the workshop is Gender and Border Security (30 June – 1 July 2006). This 2 day workshop will be co-convened by Lenore Lyons (CAPSTRANS) and Vera Mackie (University of Melbourne). It will bring together participants from different disciplines working on a range of topics related to the intersection of gender and border security in the Asia-Pacific. Examples of such topics may include but are not limited to the gendered dimensions of international relations; 'good governance' policies; border control policies; foreign aid policies; NGO activities; and 'security' in the Asia-Pacific region. CAPSTRANS and the APFRN will endeavour to support the full cost of travel and accommodation from the home university in Australia to

Wollongong for all participants. Applications will be considered on a competitive basis. The closing date for applications and referee's reports is 5pm, Monday **1st May 2006**. The attached file contains further details about the application process. For further information about the Winter Workshop, please contact Associate Professor Lenore Lyons, Director, CAPSTRANS (Lenore\_Lyons@uow.edu.au) or Professor Vera Mackie (vmackie@unimelb.edu.au). Further information is also available at our web-site: <http://www.capstrans.edu.au/resources/conferences/2006/conferences-2006-winterworkshop.html>

**3rd Annual New Southeast Asian Cinemas Conference Theory and Practice: Southeast Asian Cinemas and Filmmaking, Kuala Lumpur, December 2006:** The 3rd New Southeast Asian Cinemas conference (2006) emphasizes the intersection of film theories and cinema practices in Southeast Asia. This year the conference seeks to broaden the focus from independent filmmaking to analysing the emergence of alternative cultures of cinema in the region such as film clubs, festival programmers and organisers, fan clubs, and film (online) zines in recognition of the important role they have played in support of independent filmmaking and in heightening cinematic discourse in the region. We invite panels on Film Theory and SEAsian Cinema, particularly questions concerning: genres such as sci-fi, comedy, melodrama, action flicks; the short film form; documentary filmmaking: politics and poetics; film auteurship; Gender and sexuality; new media, indie & underground; alternative sites of reception and cultures of cinema. Please send an abstract (max. 500 words) to: Sophia Harvey at [sophfeline@earthlink.net](mailto:sophfeline@earthlink.net), or [gaikcheng.khoo@anu.edu.au](mailto:gaikcheng.khoo@anu.edu.au) or [mayadadol@yahoo.com](mailto:mayadadol@yahoo.com) by **31st May 2006**.

**5th Leadership Course on Gender, Sexuality and Health in Southeast Asia and China:** This 19th-day course is organised by the Southeast Asian Consortium on Gender, Sexuality and Health and aims to provide the participants with context-specific and gender-sensitive knowledge on sexuality and sexual health in Southeast Asia and China. Special attention will be devoted to exploring how conceptual and theoretical frameworks, especially gender and socio-cultural theories, can be applied to policy and interventions to enhance sexual and reproductive health in the region. For more information and application forms, visit [www.seaconsortium.org](http://www.seaconsortium.org), or write to: The Southeast Asian Consortium on Gender, Sexuality and Health c/o Center for Health Policy Studies Mahidol University Puttamonthon Road 4, Salaya, Nakornpathom 73170, Thailand Tel: 662-441-9184 / 662-441-9515 Fax: 662-441-9515 Ext 112

Curtin University is hosting the Asia Pacific Futures Research Network Signature Event for 2006 convened by Professor Krishna Sen. The conference and associated activities will take place on 27-29 November in Perth and is titled "Media: policies, cultures and futures in the Asia Pacific Region." A call for papers will be circulated in due course, but in the mean time please note these dates in your diaries. There will be a series of visiting international speakers moving around the country during the weeks leading up to and following the conference itself.

**Women's Worlds 2008 (Message from Convenor):** The 10th International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, (July 3-9).will be held in Spain. We are determined that our MMWW08 edition be the consolidation and expansion of initiatives for social justice, equality in policy laws and human rights for women. We are committed to reuniting a very

large and diverse representation of the international community in our 2008 edition of the congress. We need your participation to continue consciousness rising on issues that affect women particularly in ALL fields of knowledge and to continue strengthening our fight so that equality stops being a utopia.

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

**CRISE (University of Oxford) – PMB-LIPI Call for Research Proposals:** Ethnicity, Inequality and Conflict in Southeast Asia The Centre for Research in Inequality, Human Security and Ethnicity (CRISE) of the University of Oxford, UK, in collaboration with the Research Centre for Society and Culture, the Indonesian Institute of the Sciences (PMB-LIPI) is proposing to fund a number of research projects on the theme of 'ethnicity, inequality and conflict in Southeast Asia', with a particular focus on Indonesia and Malaysia. In 2006, CRISE is seeking to broaden the research areas it has investigated so far and is seeking to finance fresh research projects on the following topics: The Military, Police and Political Stability; The Relationship between Religious Institutions; Cultural Inequalities/State Discrimination; Gender, Ethnicity and Conflict; Liberalisation Policies, Inequality and Conflict; and Communal Rights, Territoriality and Conflict. This call is open to social scientists at large. This call and further details on CRISE can be found on CRISE Website: [www.crise.ox.ac.uk](http://www.crise.ox.ac.uk) Applications should be emailed simultaneously to Dr. Riwanto Tirtosudarmo of PMB-LIPI ([tirtosudarmo@yahoo.com](mailto:tirtosudarmo@yahoo.com)) and Dr. Graham Brown of CRISE ([graham.brown@qeh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:graham.brown@qeh.ox.ac.uk)) by **15 May 2006**.

**Australia - Malaysia Fellowships \$20,000:** The Australia-Malaysia Institute (AMI) announces a new scheme of Fellowships for academics, postgraduate students and other researchers, in three categories, including: Malaysian Studies - for Australian researchers to visit Malaysian tertiary educational and research institutions. The Australia-Malaysia Institute seeks to promote Australia's relationship with Malaysia by increasing linkages between people and institutions and promoting mutual understanding of our counterpart societies. These fellowships are also intended to promote excellence in research. Applicants should forward descriptions of projects which further the above objectives, containing a brief research proposal, brief curriculum vitae (including relevant research track record), proposed itinerary, estimated budget and expected scholarly outcomes. Two fellowships of up to \$20,000, tenable for six to twelve weeks, will be awarded in the first round and must be taken up by **30 June 2006**. Download further details and application form at <http://www.dfat.gov.au/ami/news.html> or contact the Fellowship Secretariat, Dr Wendy Smith on (03) 9905-9250 or [wendy.smith@buseco.monash.edu.au](mailto:wendy.smith@buseco.monash.edu.au)

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**The Australian National University College of Asia & the Pacific Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Economics Division** seeks to appoint an economist with an applied research interest on Indonesia and a strong analytically economic background. She or he will be expected to contribute actively to the work of the Indonesia Project by undertaking research of international significance on the Indonesia economy in the context of economic reform and economic development. She or he will be expected to have first hand research experience of Indonesia, and an established record of scholarship, including PhD, or alike, and the supervision of graduate students.

Demonstrated experience related to the production of an academic journal, fundraising for research on Indonesia and management of public conferences on Indonesia is desirable. The successful applicant will be prepared to assume responsibility in organising some Indonesia Project activities. Further particulars:

[http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/Jobs/Academic\\_Positions/\\_PDF/PA3179.pdf](http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/Jobs/Academic_Positions/_PDF/PA3179.pdf) Contact:

Hal.Hill@anu.edu.au Closing Date: **31 May 2006**.

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