

## Indonesia Council Digest May 2006

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### NEWS

William Nessen has released a film called "**The Black Road: On the front line of Aceh's war**". The 52-minute documentary will be screened in Australia on SBS later in the year. The film is intended for a general audience (funded by SBS and Australian Film Finance Corporation), but is already being used in undergraduate classrooms and graduate seminars at UC Berkeley, Cornell, NUS and other universities. It is available now on DVD for your universities, institutes, classroom use and personal libraries. Institutional cost is Aus\$150; personal, \$35. Postage not included. Please contact the filmmaker directly at [wanessen@yahoo.com](mailto:wanessen@yahoo.com) if you or your department might be interested in getting a DVD copy (or two).

### BOOKS

**Davies, M. *Indonesia's War over Aceh: Last Stand on Mecca's Porch*, Routledge, London and New York, 2006.**

Matt Davies has recently published a book with Routledge entitled *Indonesia's War over Aceh: Last Stand on Mecca's Porch*. What follows is an extract from the promotional material: "Using military doctrinal references and extensive, original research, Davies reconstructs reported events, combatant forces, terminology and statistical data to expose many of the war's sensitive issues. He challenges others' preceding research by detailing the Indonesian military's mission, structures, combat strains, and activity within the political, operational and paramilitary realms. Drawing on Indonesian-Malay sources normally unseen by the English-speaking world, *Indonesia's War over Aceh* will be essential reading for regional specialists and those interested in contemporary conflict. "

### CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

**Call for Papers: ICAS5 (entitled *Sharing a Future in Asia*) will be held in Kuala Lumpur from 2-5 August 2007.** Intending paper-givers are to submit a 200-word Bio Data and a 500-word Abstract for each paper by **1 October 2006**. They will be advised whether or not their abstract has been accepted by 15 December 2006. Online registration is already possible.

**Call for Papers: ARC Asia Pacific Futures Research Network 2006 Signature Event: Media: policies, cultures and futures in the Asia Pacific region, Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Australia, 27-29 November, 2006.**

There is little doubt that in the 21st century our understanding of ourselves and our surroundings are overtly and covertly shaped by the media. But what determines the form and content of media remains an open and important question. Is media content shaped by ownership? By the state and its policies? Or by the more abiding features of cultures and societies? In an era of global broadcast, on the one hand, and the capacity for highly targeted narrowcasting on the other, how do we begin to draw the parameters within which we think about the media?

The Asia Research Institute (ARI) of the National University of Singapore (NUS) invites applications from advanced postgraduate students who are engaged in research on Southeast Asia to attend its inaugural **Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies on 28 - 29 July 2006**. The two-day workshop, the first of an annual series of forums for graduate students who work on Southeast Asia, will be organised thematically around issues that include religion, international relations, politics, gender, and language. Advanced postgraduate students working on Southeast Asia are invited to submit abstracts based on work in progress as well as polished final drafts. Fees and Singapore expenses will be covered for those whose abstracts are accepted for presentation. Some funding is also available to cover regional travel costs, on application. Submission of Paper Proposal: Graduate students should submit a 200-word abstract of their proposed paper using the PROPOSAL FORM no later than 30 May 2006. Successful applicants will be advised by 12 June 2006. The abstract should clarify the substantive issues which your paper will address and be firmly grounded in your own research project. Please include your name, institutional affiliation, e-mail address and other contact information. One confidential letter of recommendation from a supervisor should also be forwarded to this address by the same date. Those selected have to submit full-length papers, of around 5,000 words in length, by 7 July 2006. Please send abstracts to Miss Alyson Rozells at: [ariaar@nus.edu.sg](mailto:ariaar@nus.edu.sg) by **30 May 2006**.

**Workshop on Understanding the Internet in the Asia-Pacific 25 September – 26 September 2006.**

University of Wollongong The Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies (CAPSTRANS), with the support of the Asia-Pacific Futures Research Network (APFRN), is calling for applications from PhD students and Early Career Researchers at Australian universities to participate in a workshop on the theme of understanding the Internet in the Asia-Pacific region. The purpose of this one-and-a-half-day ECR seminar on "Understanding the Internet in the Asia/Pacific" is to acknowledge that Internet use and Internet studies take place "elsewhere" in various national and international contexts. The aim of the Workshop is to: bring together four leading Internet experts working on Asia/Pacific Internet cultures who will offer a seminar on their region of expertise, discuss their work and highlight some of the difficulties and particularities of researching the Internet in the region; give Australian postgraduate students and ECRs working on Asia/Pacific Internet cultures and histories the opportunity to present their work and receive feedback from leading experts in the field lead to an edited book or special journal edition or refereed online publication of papers, thus adding to our understanding of the specificities of the Internet as a medium of communication in the region and contributing to the career development of the ECR participants. Further enquiries about application details to Mark McLelland ([markmc@uow.edu.au](mailto:markmc@uow.edu.au))

<mailto:markmc@uow.edu.au>) with Subject: Asia-Pacific Internet Workshop. CLOSING DATE for applications and referee's reports: 5pm, Friday **30 June 2006**.

## **PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES**

*Journal of Indonesian Islam* invites you all to submit an article. Journal of Indonesian Islam is a twice yearly Journal newly established by the State Institute of Islamic Studies (IAIN) Sunan Ampel Surabaya, Indonesia. The first edition of the Journal will be printed in August 2006. The Journal is interested in any investigation and examination of multi-faceted expressions of Islam in Indonesia in relation to the following areas of study: culture (popular culture, indigenous culture etc.); politics (party politics, democracy, democratisation etc.); human rights (child protection, violence, etc.); society (social movement, social institution, inter-religious; relationship etc.); economics (political economy, business etc.); history (historical development of the past and the present); doctrines (theology, ideology, etc.). The submission is open to those who have a scholarly concern about Indonesian Islam. Articles can be submitted in English or Arabic on the attached form. The submission for the first edition of the journal is expected to be emailed to the editor by the end of June 2006 at this address: (jiis@sunan-ampel.ac.id). Further details on submission guidelines can be found on IAIN Sunan Ampel Website: [www.sunan-ampel.ac.id/submission.html](http://www.sunan-ampel.ac.id/submission.html)

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

**University of Sydney Postdoctoral Research Fellowships 2007.** 15 new postdoctoral fellowships are being offered to attract outstanding researchers within 5 years of the award of their PhD to conduct full-time research in any of the schools and departments at the University of Sydney. These will be available from January 2007 for a maximum duration of 3 years, with a starting salary of A\$65,605 and a research support grant of A\$25,000. Applications close: 15 September 2006. PLEASE NOTE: Applicants must contact the head of the host school/department before 11 August 2006. For eligibility and application details see [www.usyd.edu.au/research/fellowships](http://www.usyd.edu.au/research/fellowships). Contact Chris Robinson for more information Tel: +61 2 93514795, email: [chris.robinsin@usyd.edu.au](mailto:chris.robinsin@usyd.edu.au)

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**ANU Research Fellow/Fellow Level B or C in the Department of Linguistics** in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, RSPAS. Fixed term appointment of 3 years, Applications Close: **30 June 2005**, enquiries to Professor Andrew Pawley, [Andrew.Pawley@anu.edu.au](mailto:Andrew.Pawley@anu.edu.au).

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