

Indonesia Council Digest June 2006

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NEWS

A meeting of the Indonesia Council will be held next Monday at 1pm at the ASAA conference in Wollongong. Check the details in your conference program.

National Online Undergraduate Seminar - Indonesian Studies (NOUS - IS) 6 October 2006 – this time it's free, but you need to book your multi-media capable lecture theatres or classrooms now!!! The seminar is going to run from 11am-2pm Queensland time, so please check your calendars to find out what time that is in Our State (as the South Australian news reporters like to say) at that time of year. Some of you may remember that 2 years ago Phil Mahnken and I ran the first NOUS-IS. NOUS-IS is an innovative on-line, real-time seminar primarily aimed at undergraduates from Indonesian Studies, although students from related disciplines (e.g. politics, history, anthropology, community development, international relations) are very welcome.

Students sit in a lecture theatre or classroom on their own campus, and hear presentations and watch powerpoint presentations in live time. They then get the chance to ask live time questions of the speakers, which can be heard by all participants. The idea is that this builds a sense of community amongst Indonesian Studies students across Australia and to encourage some of them to think about doing research in related fields. Last time undergraduate and postgraduate students from about 9 unis listened to presentations from Prof Colin Brown, Dr Megan Jennaway, Dr Greg Fealy and Prof Arief Budiman.

This time around, they'll have the chance to hear Ed Aspinall, Barbara Hatley, Bob Elson and Michele Ford talking about community development, contemporary culture, the idea of Indonesia, and labour activism. If your students can't find the time to come to all four hours (20 minute presentations + 30 minute discussion for each presenter) you're welcome to join us for a couple of hours, or to have students moving in and out between presentations. If you're interested in having your students take part, please register interest with either Phil or myself. You can do so by return email to me, or contact Phil on mahnken@usc.edu.au.

BOOKS

'Voices of Islam in Southeast Asia: A Contemporary Sourcebook', Compiled and edited by Greg Fealy and Virginia Hooker, ISEAS, 2006.

The Muslim communities of Southeast Asia are diverse, complex and increasingly influential in the broader Islamic world. However, the extraordinary breadth of practices and views across the Muslim world is not widely understood outside the region, often because of the difficulty of locating and putting in context the material produced by Muslims themselves. This is the first sourcebook to present a wide selection of contemporary materials on Islam in Southeast Asia, most of which have not previously been available in English. The material covers six broad themes: personal expressions of faith; Islamic law; state and governance; women and family; jihad; and interactions with non-Muslims and the wider Muslim world. The book looks at the ideological and doctrinal content of Islam in Southeast Asia in all its facets, while also exploring the motivations underlying different interpretations and viewpoints. This is an essential book for anyone seeking to understand the concerns, language and objectives of the main Muslim groups in Southeast Asia.

Tanter, R., Ball, D and van Klinken, G. (eds), *Masters of Terror: Indonesia's Military and Violence in East Timor*.

The terror campaign by pro-Indonesian armed groups before, during, and after East Timor's independence referendum in 1999 was a blatant challenge to the international community as many of the acts of murder, political intimidation, destruction, and mass deportation took place before the eyes of the world. Yet still the ultimate responsibility has been denied and obscured. *Masters of Terror* provides an authoritative analysis and documentation of the brutal operations carried out by the Indonesian army and its East Timorese allies. The authors carefully assemble detailed accounts of the actions of the major Indonesian officers and East Timorese militia commanders accused of gross human rights violations. This indispensable work explores a horrific frontal attack on democracy and calls for the establishment of an international tribunal for crimes against humanity in East Timor.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

ICAS 5 Kuala Lumpur, 2nd-5th August 2007: The call for papers and abstracts are now open. The conference is expected to draw more than 2000 specialists in the field of Asian Studies to the city of Kuala Lumpur in the heart of Asia. Scholars, institutions, researchers and PhD students are invited to submit abstracts for: Individual panels, organized panels and Institutional panels. The deadline for submitting all abstracts are as follows: Individual papers **1 October 2006**, organised panels 15 December 2006 and Institutional panels 15 December 2006. ICAS 5 offers an excellent opportunity for networking with scholars and sharing in the latest developments in Asia research. Earlybird registration closes on 1 March 2007. Please register ON-LINE at <http://www.icas5kl.com/>

Call for Papers Symposium on Islamic Schooling in Indonesia 27th-28th October 2006
Institute of Advanced Studies and Centre for Muslim States and Societies. The University of Western Australia Perth. This symposium aims to improve Australian and international understanding of pesantren, madrasah and Islamic secondary education in Indonesia generally. It aims to advance public and academic knowledge of Indonesian Islam and the diversity of Islamic education in Indonesia. Participants in the Symposium will explore the inside workings of Islamic schools - their curricula, pedagogies, everyday life, student catchment, etc. The symposium is organized under the aegis of an ARC-funded project on Ambivalent Adolescents in Indonesia, which seeks to develop comparative knowledge about adolescence in Indonesian society. Scholars and practitioners (such as teachers) are invited to submit abstracts for papers, which will be presented at the Symposium and will later be considered for publication. Please contact Dr. Lyn Parker (lparker@arts.uwa.edu.au) or Dr Linda Bennett (L.Bennett@latrobe.edu.au) for enquiries, abstracts and/or proposals. Paper abstracts are due in **30th July**.

PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

The Centre for the Study of the Chinese Southern Diaspora at the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University, announces the appearance of a multidisciplinary annual electronic journal devoted to researching the Chinese southern diaspora in Southeast Asia and the southwest Pacific region, from the earliest times to the present. The journal aims both to facilitate the speedy publication of new research on this large field and to put into wider circulation important documentary materials, or primary sources and data, that illuminate the story of the Chinese in the Nanyang, including in particular their engagements with local peoples and cultures. The journal comprises 3 sections: internationally refereed, research articles; research data and notes (primary materials dealing with the Chinese southern diaspora, past and present); the CSCSD newsletter. For any additional information, please contact the editors directly, at the following addresses: tana.li@anu.edu.au or nola.cooke@anu.edu.au

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Pro Vice Chancellor (International) and Director, Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific, University of Sydney: The University seeks an outstanding leader who will be integral to the creation, support and promotion of the University's core international activities in research and innovation, learning and teaching, the student experience, community engagement and outreach. To be successful in this role you will have superior knowledge of international developments with an emphasis in higher education and research; a focus on Australia in the Asia Pacific region; high level personal networks nationally and internationally in universities, government, industry and international agencies; diplomatic, negotiation and entrepreneurial skills; cultural sensitivity and management skills that build teams, rewarding and encouraging excellence; a PhD in a relevant discipline with Professorial or equivalent achievement. International experience and a language other than English would be advantageous. Please submit your application quoting PVC1 to Allan Laurie at np.selection@norspartners.com.au.

University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, School of Historical Studies: Two Lectureships in History. The School of Historical studies is seeking two appoint two permanent Lecturers in History. Most Newcastle historians pursue research and teaching in social, cultural, gender, intellectual and economic history rather than traditional 'political' history. We are proud of our current distinctive 'brand' and are anxious to make appointments that will reinforce, complement and develop our current strengths and interests. Candidates with expertise in all fields and periods of history are welcome to apply, but preference may be given to candidates with proven research and teaching expertise in extra-European history (including the United States) and modern European History (including Britain). We would particularly welcome candidates with research and teaching expertise in the history of India of any period, modern East or Southeast Asian history, twentieth-century French or Italian history, twentieth-century British social history and the history of North America (any period except for the nineteenth century). Informal enquiries to Professor Jeremy Boulton, Head of School (0191 2226492, or email J.P.Boulton@ncl.ac.uk), Dr Tim Kirk (0191 222 5078, or email T.B.Kirk@ncl.ac.uk) or Dr Naomi Standen (0191 222 6490, or email naomi.standen@ncl.ac.uk). Closing date: **29/6/2006**. Interviews: 13-14/07/2006

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