

Indonesia Council Digest July 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.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Want to raise the profile of Indonesian Studies at your university? Write us up to 200 words on what staff and postgraduate students are working on and send it to michele.ford@arts.usyd.edu.au for inclusion in the digest (it'd be great to have one profile per digest over the next year or so). We're also looking for **experienced academics from a range of disciplinary perspectives to contribute lists of journals** less established scholars should be aiming to contribute articles to. We're interested in two categories: prestige journals and journals you should contribute to for other reasons.

NEWS

The Indonesia Council held its AGM at the ASAA biennial conference in Wollongong in late June. Those present at the meeting elected office-bearers for the 2007-2008 period and discussed a number of important Indonesia Council initiatives. Office bearers elected were: Michele Ford (President), Kate McGregor (Secretary), Brett Hough and Paul Thomas (ICOC convenors and treasurers) and Andy Fuller (Postgrad Rep). Brett and Paul will be hosting the 2007 ICOC at Monash University's Caulfield campus immediately after the Indonesia Update so that participants can attend both if they wish. As the Indonesia Council does not ask members to contribute financially to it, academics and students who benefit from its activities (such as the conference and this digest) are strongly encouraged to become financial members of the ASAA, the professional association with which the Indonesia Council is associated. The ASAA membership application form is available at <http://coombs.anu.edu.au/SpecialProj/ASAA/asaa-mship.html>.

Want to raise the profile of Indonesian Studies in the wider Asian Studies community and beyond?? Contribute to Asian Currents, the ASAA's monthly ebulletin. Asian Currents connects Australia's academic experts on Asia with policy makers, business people, journalists and other educators. Contributors receive exposure to a readership of over 1200 people from Australia and abroad. Contact the editor, Francesca Beddie at fbeddie@ozemail.com.au to contribute short analytical pieces in your area of study; identify people to be profiled (postgrads, ECRs, established academics); nominate websites and submit calendar items; alert the editor to important articles of interest to the readership.

BOOKS

ASAA is offering a 20% discount on two new books published in the ASAA Southeast Asia series:

Kahn, J., *Other Malays: Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism in the Modern Malay World*, <http://www.unireps.com.au/isbn/9971693348specd.htm>

Purdey, J., *Anti - Chinese Violence in Indonesia, 1996 – 1999*, <http://www.unireps.com.au/isbn/9971693321specd.htm>

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Opportunity to participate at a panel entitled “Labour Migration and Sustainable Development : Critical Issues in Southeast Asian cities” at the 8th Seaga Conference, 28 – 30 November 2006 in Singapore. This panel invites contributions that explore in particular various social and cultural issues at the intersection of labour migration and development, focusing on large cities in Southeast Asia as sites of destination of labour migrants. The following sub-themes serve as a guide to gauge the relevance of potential contributions to the theme of the panel and are by no means exhaustive. Please contact any of the panel conveners with an expression of interest and proposed title of paper by 31 July. Convenors: Noorashikin Abdul Rahman, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore. Email: geonar@nus.edu.sg; Shirlena Huang, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore. Email: geoslenna@nus.edu.sg; Brenda Yeoh, Department of Geography, National University of Singapore. Email: geoysa@nus.edu.sg.

Call for papers for “Global Communication of Fundamental Knowledge”, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, December 14-16 2006. Contact: global@hf.ntnu.no Global Communication of Fundamental Knowledge: Fundamentalism and globalisation are two widely contested concepts. While some analysts claim that both terms refer to increasingly powerful political forces, others argue that neither refers to anything empirically real. This conference seeks to address the following questions: What distinguishes modern fundamentalism from other forms of religious revivalism and political activism? How do global media communicate fundamentalist knowledge? Participants are invited to address these wider questions within the three thematic areas: community, people, state; fundamentalism and exegesis; media and fundamentalist knowledge. For detailed information and registration, visit the conference website www.hf.ntnu.no/cofu

Call for papers for “The Body in Asia “, 12-13 April 2007, ARI, Singapore. We wish to bring together first wave of Asian scholars who have explored the body as a topic of research. We want to explore a variety of ways in which East, Southeast and South Asianists can, learning from the works done by Western scholars, undertake the study of the body. We invite paper proposals focusing on the following themes: Sociological (fashions, food culture, weight-loss, tattoos, health fads and cosmetics); Religious (the sacred, purity, transgression, cleanliness and so forth); Artistic (dance, performance, martial arts, and representation) from East, Southeast and South Asian historians, sociologists,

anthropologists, political scientists and religious studies experts. We hope to publish most if not all conference papers in a volume tentatively titled "The Body in Asia". Closing date: **1 September 2006**.

Youth, Media and Culture in the Asia Pacific Region, Monash University, Melbourne 30th November and 1st December 2006. A two-day symposium exploring the practices and expanding field of research around youth and the media. The symposium conveners invite papers that address issues pertaining to youth media and culture in the Asia Pacific region, especially in regards to the symposium themes: 1. Youth consumption and production of media; 2. Hybrid cultures, subcultures and issues of globalisation; 3. The role of commercial media, public service broadcasting and community media; 4. The impact of new media, especially the manner in which it facilitates new formations of community and identity. Please send abstracts of no more than 300 words and a biography of no more than 100 words to belinda.smaill@arts.monash.edu.au no later than the 31st of July. Small travel and accommodation grants available for a limited number of Australian postgraduate researchers. Selected papers will be published as a 'special section' in the next edition of Asia Pacific Media Educator. Deadline for submitting papers for peer-review is the **27th of October**. Visit our website for more information and registration details:
<http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/humcass/youthmediaculture>

Melbourne Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies, University of Melbourne on Friday, 28th July. The Asia Institute and Department of Political Science of the University of Melbourne invites postgraduate students researching Southeast Asia to attend their session of the Melbourne Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies. The one day workshop will provide postgraduate students will an avenue to network and present with others researching Southeast Asia. The day will be organised into four sessions based around common themes. Each session will include a chance for presenters to present their work and receive questions and feedback from the other participants. Please submit a 200 word proposal as soon as possible. The abstract should include a brief outline of the issues covered and the central themes and argument to this paper. It should be in an area directly relevant to your own research area. In the abstract (but not included in word count) please include your name, affiliation, contact details (primary email address and another form of contact: postal address or alternative email). For enquiries and submissions please contact: Mr Alistair David Blair Cook at acook@unimelb.edu.au <<mailto:acook@unimelb.edu.au>>

Translating Islam in the Multicultural World, Universitas Islam Negeri (State Islamic University) Sunan Gunung Djati, Bandung, Indonesia on November 7-10, 2006. Annual conference of graduate schools of Indonesia's Islamic universities and institutes for Islamic studies invites scholars from around the globe to present their papers on "Translating Islam in the Multicultural World for peace, justice and welfare." This year's conference~Wto be held at -- will address the interplay between Islamic values and their various applications in the contemporary context. The committee invites papers on, but not limited to: religion and human rights; religion and democracy; religion and gender issues; religion and science; religion, environment and health; and religion and pluralism. The committee will provide lodging and local transportation for those who wish to participate in the conference. Proposals should be electronically submitted by August 1,

2006. The full version of the paper should be submitted by **October 1, 2006**. Registration fee: \$60 and accommodation: \$250. A limited support for accommodation and local travel in Indonesia are available. For more information, contact Dr. Shalahudin Kafrawi at E-mail: skafrawi@moravian.edu.

PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate Journal of Asia-Pacific Studies is a peer-reviewed electronic journal that showcases the original work of graduate students. Taking advantage of online publishing, GJAPS aims to be at once dynamic, interdisciplinary and innovative. GJAPS will publish thought-provoking interdisciplinary articles, reviews, commentary and visual works that engage critical issues, themes and debates related to the Asia-Pacific region and its peoples. Visit the website at <http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/sites/index.cfm?P=9931>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Chinese University of Hong Kong - Associate Professor(s) / Assistant Professor(s), Department of Sociology (Ref. 06/119(328)/2). Applicants should have a Doctoral degree in Sociology. Preference will be given to those who have a strong research interest in Chinese or other Asian societies, although proficiency in the Chinese language is not required. Fields of specialization are open. Appointment(s) will normally be made on contract basis for up to three years initially, preferably commencing August 2007, leading to longer-term appointment or substantiation later subject to mutual agreement. Website: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/personnel>

Xavier University, a Catholic institution in the Jesuit tradition, invites applications for a tenure track assistant professor position in the Department of History to begin Fall 2007. Ph.D. or imminent receipt of doctoral degree required. Area of research, specialization, and time period open. Candidates should be able to teach Asian history within a broad, comparative framework. Fluency in at least one Asian language is required. For information regarding the Department of History, please refer to our website at www.xavier.edu/history. Xavier University has a strong commitment to diversity and, building upon recent success, seeks a broad spectrum of candidates including women and minorities. Send application letter, c.v., copy of graduate transcript, two letters of reference, and other supporting documentation postmarked by **October 20, 2006** to Dr. John Fairfield, Chair, Department of History, Xavier University, 3800 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45207-4444. Preliminary interviews of selected candidates will be conducted at the AHA annual meeting.

The Department of History at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse invites applicants for a tenure-track assistant professorship, with a specialty in Asian history, beginning Fall 2007. Our department seeks foremost an engaging teacher and scholar who can inspire students in History. The successful candidate will be able to teach World History and Asian History courses. Teaching responsibilities include three courses per semester, including one or two sections of General Education World History, a sophomore level Asian survey, and upper level courses in the area of expertise. Minimum qualification: Ph.D. required by July 15, 2007, teaching experience and a record of scholarship preferred. UW-La Crosse is an ideal location for faculty who seek to integrate their

teaching, research, and service activities. To find out more about our department, visit www.uwlax.edu/History. To learn more about the position and the university, visit www.uwlax.edu. To apply for this position, send a letter of application along with current vita, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to Professor Deborah Buffton, History Department, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, 1725 State Street, La Crosse, WI 54601 by **November 1, 2006**.

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