

## Indonesia Council Digest January 2007

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### NEWS

**Trish van der Hoek** writes: The second issue of *Indonesia Project News* is up on the Indonesia Project website at: <http://rspas.anu.edu.au/economics/ip/newsletter.php>.

**Penny Graham** writes: In January-February 2007, ABC **Radio National** will broadcast three 3 x 54 minute programs that focus on Indonesia. The first two (broadcast in which order I am not sure) are edited versions of Dr Ruth McVey's Herb Feith Lecture and the Monash CSEAS/MAI - AIA Vic Inc.'s Annual Indonesia Lectures for 2006. The third is a program of Indonesian music taken from a concert in August by the Kwartet Punakawan featuring Jaya Suprana on piano. These three programs are scheduled for broadcast at the following times: Program # 1 - Tuesday 23rd. Jan 2007 at 1.05am and Saturday 27th Jan at 4.05am; Program # 2 - Tuesday 30th. Jan 2007 at 1.05am and Saturday 3rd Feb at 4.05am; Program # 3 - Tuesday 6th. Feb 2007 at 1.05am and Saturday 10th Feb at 4.05am.

### BOOKS

**Ramesh, M. and Michael Howlett (editors), DEREGULATION AND ITS DISCONTENTS. Rewriting the rules in Asia. Cheltenham, Edward Elgar Publishers, 2006.**

This book examines the different ways in which the issues related to deregulation and reregulation have been addressed in Asia. The role of government in business has gone through distinct, if overlapping, cycles; regulation, deregulation and reregulation. However, little is known about deregulation and even less about reregulation, particularly in relation to Asia. The contributors to this book examine the links between the cycles through detailed analysis of the electricity market, pensions and stock markets in the Asia Pacific. They also offer an explanation of regulatory cycles.

**Sidel, John T., RIOTS, POGROMS, JIHAD. Religious violence in Indonesia, Ithaca, Cornell University Press, 2006.**

In October 2002 a bomb blast in a Balinese nightclub killed more than two hundred people, many of them young Australian tourists. This event and subsequent attacks on foreign targets in Bali and Jakarta in 2003, 2004, and 2005 brought Indonesia into the

global media spotlight as a site of Islamist terrorist violence. Yet the complexities of political and religious struggles in Indonesia, the most populous Muslim country in the world, remains little known and poorly understood in the West. In this book, the author situates these terrorist bombings and other "jihadist" activities in Indonesia against the backdrop of earlier episodes of religious violence in the country, including religious riots in provincial towns and cities in 1995-1997, the May 1998 riots in Jakarta, and interreligious pogroms in 1999-2001.

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

**Second Call for Abstracts: The Eleventh International Symposium on Malay/Indonesian Linguistics. 6-8 August 2007, Manokwari, Indonesia.** Papers presented at ISMIL are concerned with the Malay/Indonesian language in any of its varieties. In addition to the standardized versions of Bahasa Melayu and Bahasa Indonesia, papers are particularly welcome dealing with non-canonical isolects such as regional dialects of Malay and Indonesian, contact varieties, and other closely related Malayic languages. Papers may be in any of the subfields of linguistics, and may represent variegated approaches and diverse theoretical persuasions. Presentations at ISMIL are delivered in English. Persons wishing to present a paper at the symposium are invited to submit a one-page abstract in electronic form (preferably pdf, but MsWord also acceptable) to David Gil at the following address: [gil@eva.mpg.de](mailto:gil@eva.mpg.de). Deadline for submission of abstracts: **1 March 2007**. Further information: <http://www.eva.mpg.de/~gil/ismil>. Inquiries: [gil AT eva.mpg.de](mailto:gil AT eva.mpg.de), ISMIL 11 will be immediately followed by a **Workshop on the Languages of Papua, 8-10 August 2007, Manokwari, Indonesia**. Further information: <http://www.eva.mpg.de/~gil/wlp>

**Australasian Universities Languages and Literatures Association (AULLA) 34<sup>th</sup> Congress** at the University of New South Wales in Sydney from **5 to 7 February** next. The Congress theme is "Cultural Interactions in the Old and New Worlds". AULLA's aim over its five-decade existence has been to bring together scholars from all fields of language and literature study to share insights and engage in academic discussion of research and scholarship that transcends specific disciplinary boundaries. We believe that it is critical that this cross-disciplinary engagement be maintained. For information on the Congress, please see the AULLA website <http://aulla.english.arts.unsw.edu.au> Registrations and paper proposal submissions close on **15 January 2007**.

**'Women in religion and discourses of identity'. Panel for the Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Minneapolis, June 12-15, 2008**

(<http://www.umass.edu/history/berks/index.htm>). Convenor: Ping-Yuan Wang. The theme of this panel is discourses of self-identity across cultural and geographical boundaries, 1400 to 1800. I am looking for papers that address non-European topics. The subjects of discussion are women grouped together by organized religion or devotional practices, which include both women in institutionalized religious communities and those in all sorts of religious groupings, such as participants in a distinctive type of devotional practice (mysticism, asceticism, hermitage, etc). The goal of this panel is to discuss and explore the processes in which images and sense of the self, both individual and collective, are crafted and shaped by these women through discursive practice. My own paper examines cloistered nuns's writing activities in letters, convent chronicles, (auto-) biographies, and visitation reports in the Brussels area in the 17th century. These texts are public texts

whose authors have particular audience in mind, whether or not they are meant for private or public consumption. I argue that the nuns set criteria for selecting, even censoring the contents that would be put into such texts. My project takes into account various social categories of identification -- gender, socio-economic status, familial connection, and faith -- and argues that nuns pick and choose certain specific images for presenting themselves when faced with particular circumstances. It is my contention that religiosity and gender are the two primary markers of self-identification that are often revoked in conjunction with other social categories. If anyone is interested in putting together this panel, please contact me at [pinyuan.wang@yale.edu](mailto:pinyuan.wang@yale.edu). The deadline for submitting a panel is **Feb 1st 2007**.

**International Conference on Syncretism in South and Southeast Asia: Adoption and Adaptation.** This is an SSEASR Conference dealing with South and Southeast Asia and is co-sponsored as a Regional Conference by International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), Member of CIPSH, a n affiliate organisation of the UNESCO. We plan to hold the Conference in **Bangkok from May 24 to 27, 2007**. We would be pleased if you would present paper on any subject covering the scope of the conference (at <http://www.sseasr.org/>). The pre-registration form can be filled in online. If you have any query, please do not hesitate to enquire. Sophana Srichampa, Ph.D. Chair, Organising Committee 2nd SSEASR Conference, 2007, Email: [conf2007@sseasr.org](mailto:conf2007@sseasr.org).

**5th EUROSEAS Conference in in Naples, 2007 "The Cold War in Southeast Asia: New Sources and Interpretations"** Chair: Anthony Reid, Director Asia Research Institute. The goal of this Panel is to bring together scholars working of diverse aspects of the history of the Cold War in Southeast Asia so as to explore new resources, new perceptions and new possibilities in this area. In the light of the emergence of hitherto closed archival materials in China, Russia and in Southeast Asia itself, the appearance of new memoirs by revolutionary strategists and fighters, and a willingness on all sides to examine anew the history of the years 1948-80, it is hoped that through new interpretations of the period it will be possible to better address and overcome the cleavages which emerged in Southeast Asia during those years. Papers could address any of the following areas of investigation: 1) The collection, translation and analysis of the fast-disappearing memories of key members of the Communist Party of Malaya and the Sarawak Communist Party, analogous figures in the labour movement and various fronts, and of the key figures involved in their suppression. We are looking particularly for hitherto obscure evidence of connections between Southeast Asia and China, and among SE Asian parties and peoples. 2) Ditto for communist and united front movements in Thailand, Indonesia and Burma and, if papers are offered, Vietnam, the Philippines, Laos and Cambodia. 3) Accessing the newly-opening archives of Beijing, and those of Taiwan, on the relations of the CCP and the KMT to Southeast Asian movements on both sides of the Cold War. 4) Documenting the cultural expressions of both the political left and the right in the 1950s-1970s, including the Southeast Asian expressions of socialist realism and the Cultural Revolution, and the invasion of US popular culture and its local adaptations. 5) The battle for history, in terms of the textbook constructions of the new states on both sides of the bamboo curtain of their respective histories and identities. 6) Analysis of the way in which the Cold War affected the longer-term adjustments of Asian states to modernity, including the international diplomatic and security systems, national integration and majority-minority relations, national culture, and the viability of the new states in themselves.

Please submit expressions of interest or proposals and short (up to 350 words) abstracts to: Geoff Wade, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, AS7, 5 Arts Link, NUS, Singapore 117570. Email: [arigpw@nus.edu.sg](mailto:arigpw@nus.edu.sg) <mailto:[arigpw@nus.edu.sg](mailto:arigpw@nus.edu.sg)>  
Tel: (+65) 6516 4562

**5th EUROSEAS Conference in in Naples, 2007 “CIVILITY AND SOCIAL RELATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA”**. Convenors: Timo Kortteinen (University of Helsinki), Alberto Gomes (LaTrobe University), Timo Kaartinen (University of Helsinki). At a time when violent conflict, terrorism, and civil strife emanating from ethnic and religious divisions are making the world we live in increasingly unsafe and unsecure, one can find many instances and places in the region where people of different ethnicity and/or religion coexist and cohabit in peace and harmony. The primary question we aim to address in the Panel is: What are the forms of civility practiced or observed by communities in multicultural settings that avert and avoid social tensions and conflict? The focus will be on what has been previously described as everyday forms of civic engagement or everyday or grass-roots multiculturalism, or thick or rooted cosmopolitanism. We invite papers that discuss such questions as: - How are inclusive spaces of civility created? What are the forces of inclusion into civil society based on? Are they based on, for example, the state, networks of social capital, kinship and/or tribal patterns of kinship? What sort of strategies do people employ to sustain peaceful, harmonious, and civil social relations with people they perceive to be different? To put it in another way: What measures do people take to avert or avoid conflict and misunderstandings in their interactions or encounters with people from different cultural backgrounds? How do factors such as economic conditions, divisive and exclusionary education and social policies, historical grievances, political manipulations ('ethnic outbidding') and abuses of ethnic/religious divisions as well as personal experiences and histories or perceived and real discrimination affect civility and social relations? How do people reconcile differences with other individuals and communities? How do people at the local level interpret, negotiate, and act on or against state policies of cultural diversity management?; - How do perceptions of cultural diversity affect interpersonal and social relations? Students of Southeast Asian societies from any of the social science and humanities disciplines are invited to submit an abstract (not exceeding 250 words) or their proposed paper by **March 1, 2007**, to:Dr. Timo Kortteinen ([timo.kortteinen@helsinki.fi](mailto:timo.kortteinen@helsinki.fi))

**5th EUROSEAS Conference in in Naples, 2007 “MEMORY, SOCIAL CREATION AND TRANSMISSION”**. The processes of transmission of knowledge in societies that do not use written forms of languages have too often been looked down by literate societies, as having no history. But recent theories in social memory as well as the popular memory approach in Western societies have challenged well-established methods of historians, recognizing specific roles of social frameworks in the processes of collective remembering. This opens then more ways in the study of memory and social transmissions in traditional societies. In this panel we want to focus on island communities of Southeast Asia, on cases where the means of knowledge transmission depart from written texts. Papers are sought that explore how communities are linked to their pasts, how and what they remember and care to transmit to the next generations, for example through oral texts, objects, sites, symbols and practices. The panel offers the opportunity of an interdisciplinary approach and an exchange of views on this issue. Please submit an abstract of your proposed paper to either co-convenor of this panel: Geneviève Duggan

Email: [gtduggan@singnet.com.sg](mailto:gtduggan@singnet.com.sg) or [mltotton@wmich.edu](mailto:mltotton@wmich.edu)

**5th EUROSEAS Conference in Naples, 2007 "LITERATURE – CINEMA – REPRESENTATIVE ARTS: VISUALITY AND TRANSFORMATION OF GENRES"**. PANEL CONVENORS: Prof. Dr. V. Braginsky, Dr. S. Hicks, PhD candidate M. Hijjas (all from SOAS, University of London). PANEL DESCRIPTION: The panel is intended to look upon visual images and the visuality in the construction of episodes, scenes and whole works in literatures of South East Asia (traditional and modern) and the changes which the visuality in various genres undergo, when literary works are transformed into films, or films into literary works, or literary works into pieces of representative arts (pictures, series of pictures, series of temple bas-reliefs and so on). Aspects of genre transformation, such as the change of poetics of the genre, its content, principles of characterisation of personages and mis-en-scene, and even of the complete restructuring of works in the process of passing from one genre into another will be discussed both in a descriptive and theoretical manner. Of particular interest will be the transformation of texts (literary, cinematic, etc.) across linguistic and national boundaries within South East Asia and beyond. SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDE: - Visuality in literature (visual images, representation of characters, scenes, episodes); Transformation of literary texts into cinematic works or vice versa; Transformation of literary texts into artefacts of representative arts and vice versa; Transformation of any of these genres when crossing national borders. We plan to produce an edited book deriving from the panel. We invite interested participants to send abstracts (200 words) of their papers to the panel convenors as soon as possible and by **1 MARCH 2007 AT THE LATEST**. CONTACT Prof. Vladimir Braginsky <[vb1@soas.ac.uk](mailto:vb1@soas.ac.uk)>

## **PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Graduate Journal of Asia-Pacific Studies: Call for Papers.** Submissions are invited from graduate students for a special issue of the Graduate Journal of Asia-Pacific Studies addressing the theme "Resisting, Reclaiming and Rewriting the Asia-Pacific". Contributions are welcome from all fields of the arts, social sciences, and humanities, including anthropology, literature, art history and visual culture, film and media, cultural studies, gender studies, geography, queer theory, history, linguistics, political studies, psychology, and sociology. Email submissions to the Editors, Ashley Remer and Imogen Neale, at [gjaps@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:gjaps@auckland.ac.nz) as attachments in RTF or DOC format using a standard word processor. Submissions should be received by **15 February 2007**. Visit the website at <http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/gjaps>

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**The Australian National University's Department of Political and Social Change seeks an outstanding scholar for appointment as Professor of Political Science.** The position is primarily for research. It carries only modest teaching responsibilities but the successful candidate will serve as Head of Department. Applicants should have a distinguished publication record, extensive experience in postgraduate education and supervision, and demonstrated achievement in academic leadership. Significant research experience on Southeast Asia as well as ability in one or more regional languages are also essential. In addition to pursuing his or her own research interests, the appointee will work with other

Department members and provide academic leadership; co-operate in the multidisciplinary environment of the School and the College of Asia and the Pacific; liaise with relevant bodies locally, nationally and internationally; and promote the work of the Department. For selection criteria, other details, and application procedure, please go to <http://info.anu.edu.au/hr/jobs/> or contact Gabrielle Cameron, T: +61 2 6125 4444, E: [Gabrielle.Cameron@anu.edu.au](mailto:Gabrielle.Cameron@anu.edu.au) or Professor Robin Jeffrey, T: +61 2 6125 2221, E: [director.rspas@anu.edu.au](mailto:director.rspas@anu.edu.au). Closing Date: **30 March 2007**.

**The International Crisis Group is seeking a Timor-Leste analyst**, to be based in Dili, starting in early 2007. Candidates should have a post-graduate degree; fluency in Tetun or bahasa Indonesia, field experience in Timor-Leste, and proven ability to write clearly and concisely in English. S/he will be expected to produce about four policy-relevant reports a year, with a particular focus on how to address some of the underlying issues that led to violence in 2006. Pre-election political developments, security sector reform, healing the east-west divide, and assessment of some of the martial arts groups/urban gangs are possible topics. Initial contract would be for one year, with possibility of extension. The analyst would report to the Southeast Asia office in Jakarta. Those interested should send cv and writing sample or queries to [icgjakarta@crisisgroup.org](mailto:icgjakarta@crisisgroup.org) by **January 6**.

**Australian Volunteers International Country Manager Indonesia**. 2-year contract, Based in Jakarta; Tax-free salary packaging (conditions apply). Location: AVI Jakarta Office Applications Close: Monday 22 January 2007. An opportunity exists to join the nation's leading international volunteer sending agency – a vibrant and agile contributor to the sustainable development of a wide range of communities. The Country Manager position is responsible for implementing the coordinated delivery of quality Volunteer Program Services in Indonesia. We seek applicants possessing sound experience in the development and management of international development projects and programs coupled with proven leadership and people management skills. Among the essential requirements are a successful track record of networking and representational activities at a broad range of levels in addition to well-developed administrative, financial and organisational skills. Previous experience living and working in Indonesia in addition to a working proficiency in Bahasa Indonesia will be highly regarded. **Application Procedure:** Please send a covering letter addressing the selection criteria (contained in the role profile downloadable at [www.australianvolunteers.com](http://www.australianvolunteers.com)), and a current resume to Denis Belleville at [hr@australianvolunteers.com](mailto:hr@australianvolunteers.com). The closing date for applications is 5pm, AEST Monday **22 January 2007**.

**JOURNALISM - FULL/ASSOCIATE/ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, 9-month basis, 100% time**. DUTIES: The School of Journalism seeks an outstanding colleague with expertise in research about the media in Muslim countries of Southeast Asia and/or South Asia, with a preference for Southeast Asia. The candidate will: produce significant research and scholarly publications on the media and press systems of the region; collaborate with scholars in the region, within the College of Communication Arts and Sciences and other MSU academic units, and in other U.S. and non-U.S. institutions; develop and teach undergraduate and graduate courses related to international journalism and press systems and practices in Southeast Asia and/or South Asia, as well as other courses

within the school's curriculum; and provide outreach/training for professionals and educators in the region and for U.S. journalists covering the region. The applicant is expected to actively take part in grant-supported research and actively participate as a core faculty member in MSU's Asian Studies Center and Muslim Studies Program. QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. or equivalent required. Record of interdisciplinary research and teaching interests in press and media systems and practices in Muslim countries of Southeast Asia and/or South Asia required, with Southeast Asia preferred. Fluency in at least one language of the region required. Familiarity and/or experience with media and communications industries in the region required. APPLICATIONS: **Review of applications will begin Jan. 30, 2007.** Position to begin Aug. 16, 2007. Mail application letter; CV, transcript of highest degree, copies of published research including research on Southeast Asia or South Asia press and media, and three letters of recommendation to Eric Freedman, Search Committee Chair, School of Journalism, 305 Communication Arts Bldg., Michigan State University, East Lansing MI 48824 USA.

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