

Indonesia Council Digest April 2007

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NEWS

The first **Indonesian Studies Working Paper** is now available at <http://www.arts.usyd.edu.au/departs/indonesian/series/2007.shtml>. It is "Don't Forget to Remember Me: An Audiovisual Archive of Everyday Life in Indonesia in the 21st Century" by **Henk Schulte Nordholt and Fridus Steijlen**. Thanks to Henk and Fridus for getting the ball rolling. See 'publishing opportunities' (below) for information on how to submit a paper.

Helen Creese from UQ reports: Staff numbers in the Indonesian program in the School of Languages and Comparative Cultural Studies at UQ have doubled (there are now two of us!) with the arrival in late January of **Darma Putra** from Universitas Udayana as UQ Postdoctoral Fellow. Darma will be here for three years. His research centres on Balinese literature, media and identity. His email contact is d.putra@uq.edu.au.

Tim Lindsey spoke on learning Indonesian for Lingua Franca on ABC Radio National recently. If you're interested in listening to it, you can download an mp3 recording from <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/linguafranca/>

John Noyce johnnoyceau@rediffmail.com has developed a browser toolbar, specifically designed for those in Asian Studies, which some people might find useful. It can be downloaded from: <http://asianstudies.ourtoolbar.com/>

The Icelandic Centre for Asian Studies was formally founded on 16 December 2005 by the University of Akureyri and the University of Iceland. As the name of the Centre suggests, its role is to initiate and coordinate research and education concerning the Asian region. Until the foundation of ASIS, there has been no particular venue to conduct Asian research and studies in Iceland, which has had the unfortunate consequence that the region has gained scarce attention by Iceland-based scholars. A seminal task of ASIS is to change this fact. [...] Until very recently, very little material belonging to the field of Asian studies was purchased at the libraries, which therefore suffer from a rather embarrassing scarcity of basic sources in Asian studies. If there are libraries out there

eager to get rid of room-taking duplicate books in the field, the Icelandic libraries would be happy to provide them with a permanent home. While the focus is presently on East-Asia, material on other parts of Asia, especially SE-Asia and S-Asia would be most appreciated. I would also be grateful for any other tips or suggestions as to how to effectively furnish our libraries. - Geir Sigurdsson, PhD, Director, Icelandic Centre of Asian Studies, University of Akureyri, Iceland. URL <http://vefir.unak.is/kinverska/>. **Maybe a good home for Australian library downsizing and/or the books of retiring academics?**

DEPARTMENT PROFILE

Indonesian Studies at Murdoch University is taught within the Southeast Asian stream of the Asian Studies Program. Murdoch also founded the Australian Consortium for 'In-Country' Indonesian Studies (ACICIS) in 1995 and is the host institution for the Consortium. Murdoch offers two Asian Studies undergraduate degrees: a three-year BA in Asian Studies and a four-year B.Asian Studies (Indonesian specialist) degree, with an additional Honours year available for both. Students are encouraged to spend one semester in Indonesia for the 3 year degree and are required to spend one year in Indonesia for the specialist degree. Forty-seven students are currently in first year tapering off to 13 in third year, with five studying in Indonesia this semester with ACICIS.

Contemporary Asia is one of Murdoch University's designated research strengths and the Asia Research Centre has a significant research concentration on Indonesia. Murdoch staff with Indonesian expertise include Irianto Tedja, who has developed extensive web-based text and audio (including interactive) materials on WebCT for all three years of Indonesian. Together with John McCarthy (now at ANU), Carol Warren is co-editing a collection of case studies for Routledge based on an ARC project titled 'Locating the Commonwealth: Communities, Environments and Local Governance in Indonesia'. Carol's other recent publications include 'Balinese Adat in Discourse and Practice' in David Henley and Jamie Davidson, eds., *The Revival of Tradition in Indonesian Politics* (Routledge 2007) and 'Made Lebah: Reminiscences from Jaman Setengah Bali', in Roxana Waterson, ed., *Southeast Asian Lives: Personal Narratives and Historical Experience* (Singapore University Press, 2007). David Hill has recently completed a year as a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, working on a biography of Mochtar Lubis, and editing a supplement on Indonesian biography for the Taylor & Francis journal *Life Writing* (due out in September). His earlier books, *The Press in New Order Indonesia* and *Media, Culture and Politics in Indonesia* (co-authored with Krishna Sen) were re-published earlier this year by Equinox, Jakarta, as part of their 'Classic Indonesia' series. Richard Robison has recently returned as Emeritus Professor after several years as Professor of Political Economy at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague. He is continuing work on an EU-funded project on neo-liberalism and governance. Other staff working on Southeast Asia more generally with occasional reference to Indonesia include James Warren and Anne-Marie Medcalf.

Current doctoral students working on Indonesia include: Carolin Liss, 'Piracy - Crime on the Seas in Southeast Asia'; Julia Perkins, 'Reclaiming a Cultural Aesthetics: JAKER (Jaringan Kerja Kebudayaan Rakyat) and an Indonesian Radical Cultural Tradition'; Kurt Stenross, 'The culture and economy of the maritime transport communities of the island of Madura, Indonesia'(submitted); Delys Craig on 'Decentralisation and Local Participation in

Cirebon; and Chris Majors on 'Marine Conservation and Bajo Fishers in Sulawesi'. Jill Birt is doing an MPhil on 'Ethnography and Literary Journalism: Approaches to Writing Culture Change in a Rejang Community', and Elfansuri Chairah is working on an MA in Development Studies under an AusAID scholarship with a special focus on Indonesia's National Human Rights Commission, where he works as an investigator.

RECENT JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Edward Aspinall, "From Islamism to Nationalism in Aceh, Indonesia", *Nations and Nationalism*, 13 (2), 2007, 245-263

This article examines the secularisation of rebellion in Indonesia's Aceh province, whereby an Islamist, non-separatist revolt, the Darul Islam, evolved into a separatist, essentially secular, movement, the Free Aceh Movement (GAM). The article argues that several factors account for the transformation, the most important being a process of identity differentiation.

Helen Creese 'A Puputan Tale: The Story of a Pregnant Woman during the 1906 Badung Puputan,' *Indonesia* 82:1-37.

A discussion and English translation of one account of the Dutch conquest of South Bali, originally published in 1970, of the battle seen through the eyes of Jero Nuraga, a pregnant minor wife of the Raja of Badung. One of the *puputan* photos is on the front cover of this issue of *Indonesia*).

Michele Ford and Lenore Lyons (2006) "The Borders Within: Mobility and Enclosure in the Riau Islands", *Asia Pacific Viewpoint*, 47 (2): 257-271

The border studies literature makes a case against claims for unfettered transnationalism and 'borderlessness' in our 'globalizing world'. However, its focus on movement *across* borders means that it fails to address bordering practices that occur *within* the nation state as a result of transnational activity. In this paper we extend Cunningham and Heyman's concepts 'enclosure' and 'mobility' to confront the different layers of bordering (both physical and non-physical) that have occurred in Indonesia's Riau Islands since they became part of the Indonesia-Malaysia-Singapore Growth Triangle (IMS-GT).

Jim Schiller, "Jebara Civil Society: Fractious but Inclusive" in *Renegotiating Boundaries: Local Politics in Post-Soeharto Indonesia*.. Edited by Henk Schulte Nordholt and Gery van Klinken (Eds) KITLV 2007.

This article argues that Jebara's unusual conditions have led to a strong network of civil society organisations centred on Nahdlatul Ulama. NU is a powerful Muslim-based organisation able to be critical or supportive of the local state. The combination of a locally dominant religious organisation able to enter or withdraw from politics, a strong/ pribumi/ (indigenous Indonesian) entrepreneur community built on the furniture industry and a rather accommodative state. This has been good for local government responsiveness and performance. Civil Society has also been able to build a degree of civic trust that has minimised political violence.

BOOKS

Helen Creese, Darma Putra Henk & Schulte Nordholt, (eds), *Seabad Puputan Badung: Perspektif Belanda dan Bali*. Denpasar: KITLV-Jakarta/Pustaka Larasan/Faksas UNUD.

This volume, which we produced to commemorate the centenary of the Dutch conquest of South Bali known as the *puputan* Badung, is a collection of Dutch and Balinese sources translated into Indonesian. Includes approximately 40 photographs of the Dutch military expedition of 1906 from the KITLV collection. Online orders available from Inibuku at <http://www.inibuku.com/display.php?d=cb-kbk&bkp=K06HSNO02>

Davidson, Jamie and David Henley (eds), *The Revival of Tradition in Indonesian Politics: The deployment of adat from colonialism to indigenism*. Abingdon, Routledge, 2007.

The Indonesian term adat means 'custom' or 'tradition', and carries the connotations of sedate order and harmony. Yet in recent years it has suddenly become associated with activism, protest and violence. This book investigates the revival of adat in Indonesian politics, identifying its origins, the historical factors that have conditioned it and the reasons behind its recent blossoming. It considers whether the adat revival is a constructive contribution to Indonesia's new political pluralism or a divisive, dangerous and reactionary force, and examines the implications for the development of democracy, human rights, civility and political stability.

McGregor, Katharine E. *History in Uniform: Military Ideology and the Construction of Indonesia's Past*. Singapore, Singapore University Press and the Asian Studies Association of Australia together with KITLV and the University of Hawaii Press, 2007.

Under the New Order regime (1967-98), the Indonesian military sought to monopolise the production of official history and control its contents. The goal was to validate the political role of the armed forces, condemn communism and promote military values. In this detailed examination of the Indonesian military's image-making efforts, Katharine E. McGregor explores the formulation of nationalist history under Suharto and shows how this effort affected the Indonesian people. The study highlights the role of the Armed Forces History Centre and its chief historian, Nugroho Notosusanto, in promoting controversial representations of the military as a self-sacrificing people's force, guarding of the spirit of independence and protecting the official national philosophy, the Pancasila. The extraordinary attention paid to image-making calls into question views of the military as an all powerful institution. Based on a unique set of sources that includes interviews, museum records, guidebooks, collections of military doctrine, seminar proceedings, films, textbooks, historical reenactments and commemorative volumes, *History in Uniform* offers fresh insights into the significance of history to Indonesia's politicised military and to this relatively new nation.

Nas, Peter J.M. (ed), *The Past In The Present. Architecture in Indonesia*, Leiden, KITLV Press/NAI Publishers, 2007.

The NAI has a collection of many Indonesian archives. This is the first time these archives of Ghijssels, Cuypers, Aalbers, Liem Bwan Tjie and Van Oyen have been brought together

and presented to a wide audience in a single exhibition. It presents drawings, scale models, and photographs of remarkable buildings built in Indonesia between 1850 and 1950.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Indonesian Language Teaching in the Age of Uncertainty: ASILE Conference, Sunshine Coast 5-8 July. Join Indonesian educators from around Australia for the 9th Biennial Australian Society of Indonesian Language Educators (ASILE) conference to have your say on this pressing issue, or simply come along to build networks and listen to some of the enlightening speakers already on the program. For further information see the ASILE website: <http://intranet.usc.edu.au/wacana/ASILE/index.html> To make an inquiry or register for the conference email Phillip Mahnken asile@usc.edu.au.

The ASAA wishes to encourage members to consider organising panels for the **17th New Zealand Asian Studies Society International Conference 2007, University of Otago, 22-25 November 2007.** Participants are invited to submit panel or paper proposals presenting original research on any Asian-related topic (one paper submission per person). Proposals for panels are welcome. Emerging scholars and postgraduate students are particularly welcome. Paper presentations will be allocated 30 minutes (20 minutes presentation and 10 minutes discussion). Panels will normally comprise three paper presentations. Paper and panel abstracts (paper abstracts are single spaced and no longer than 200 words) must be submitted electronically as Microsoft Word email attachments before **1 June 2007** to nzasia.conference@stonebow.otago.ac.nz. On your abstract please indicate the following: title of paper or panel; author(s) and/or panelists; contact details for the author(s) and panelists; three to four keywords. Further information is available at <http://www.nzasia.org.nz/conference/call.html>

Fifth Conference, Asian Studies Center of Ateneo de Manila University, "Religions, Regionalism and Globalization in Asia" February 1, 2008. The Ateneo Center for Asian Studies invites scholars, academicians, and Ph.D. students to submit paper proposals on the theme "Religion, Regionalism and Globalization in Asia". The registration fee will be waived for paper presenters. Early bird fee, payable until 7 January 2008 is 800 pesos. Regular fee of 1,000 pesos applies from 1 January 2008. Selected papers will be published. Religion is a pervasive presence in Asia. Asia is the birthplace of religions and a site of religious tensions. Asia is also today the stage where efforts towards regional integration are happening. Asia is experiencing the impact of globalization. Is the multiplicity of religions a hindrance to regional integration? Have the secularizing features of globalization diminished the role of religion in the economy, politics and societies of Asia? What are the positive and negative impacts of religion on development? Are religions in Asia objects or agents of globalization? **Call for Papers Date: 3 July 2007.** Email: acas@admu.edu.ph Visit the website at <http://www.ateneo.edu/offices/acas>.

PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to submit a working paper to the new **Indonesian Studies Working Paper series**, see <http://www.arts.usyd.edu.au/departs/indonesian/series/index.shtml>.

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/RESEARCH/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

IIAS invites young and promising postdoctoral researchers to apply for Rubicon grants at the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) for twelve months fellowships in the Netherlands. Fellowships are open to postgraduates who are currently engaged in doctoral research or who have been awarded a doctorate in the twelve months preceding the relevant deadline. The 2007 Rubicon application deadlines are **2 April, 30 September and 3 December**. IIAS offers Rubicon grantees affiliated fellowships at the IIAS in Leiden or Amsterdam. We also offer to mediate in finding a suitable Dutch host university or research institution for Rubicon applicants conducting research on Asian Studies. IIAS Rubicon fellows are offered office facilities, while the institute will assist in gaining access to libraries, archives and other institutions in the Netherlands. Fellows are expected to be productive in writing, possibly give a lecture or organise a workshop, remain in contact with European researchers, and make due reference to IIAS and NWO in (future) publications, (partly) made possible through research done during your stay. For specific information on IIAS fellowships, please contact Marise van Amersfoort: iiasfellowships@let.leidenuniv.nl. For specific information on the Rubicon grants, please refer to rubicon@nwo.nl.

Applications are invited for a 3-month Visiting (Senior) Fellowships at the Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore to commence on 1 October 2007, 2 January 2008 and 1 April 2008. The positions are intended for outstanding active researchers on Asian topics, with a balance anticipated between senior and junior, the Asian region and the world. At least one published outcome is expected, and applicants who do not normally publish in English will be encouraged and assisted to do so. Interdisciplinary interests are encouraged. "Asia" as a research field is defined loosely in terms of the region in which Singapore is positioned. ARI has six research clusters and applicants should mention which category they are applying in, and which term. For more information on the terms and conditions of the fellowship, clusters and application procedures, please visit our website at <http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg>. The application closing date is **2 May 2007**.

Applications are invited for Visiting (Senior) Fellowships (under ARI Sabbatical Leave Scheme) at the Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore to commence on 1 October 2007, 2 January 2008 and 1 April 2008. The positions are intended for researchers who would like to devote the sabbatical term from their home institutions in conducting work in ARI, NUS. ARI has six research clusters and applicants should mention which category they are applying in, and which term. For more information on the terms and conditions of the fellowship, clusters and application procedures, please visit our website at <http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg>.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Applications are invited for the post of **Lecturer in the History of South East Asia in the Department of History at SOAS, University of London**. Candidates need to demonstrate an internationally recognised research record supported by high-quality publications, which would maintain the Department's high standing in the Research Assessment

Exercise. The ability to carry out research in at least one of the languages of the region is required. The person appointed will be expected to contribute to teaching at both BA and MA levels, for all periods, and to supervise research students working on the history of South East Asia. The ability to teach the history of all periods is required. Prospective candidates seeking further information on the Department and the School may contact the Head of the South East Asia History Section, Dr Michael Charney, on mc62@soas.ac.uk. This post commences on 1 September 2007. Application forms and further particulars can be downloaded from www.soas.ac.uk/jobs.

The department of Asian History in College of Humanities, Seoul National University of Korea, invites applications for a full-time lecturer. The applicant must have a Ph.D. in South or Southeast Asian history, and preference is given to candidates who can lecture on both regions' comprehensive history. Candidates should have specialization in one or more countries in the region, and should be able to lecture in English. Also, teaching experience at university level will have an advantage. Responsibilities include teaching three courses every semester, instructing graduate and undergraduate students, participating in faculty governance, and other duties stipulated by the College. The initial appointment will be for two years of full-time lecturer, four years of assistant professor, and six years of associate professor. Each step's promotion will take place provided that the appointed faculty doesn't have any reasons for disqualification. After six years of associate professor, the appointed faculty will be guaranteed for employment until retirement age. For detailed information about the application, please see our website <http://www.useoul.edu/>. All materials must be received by **30 April 2007**.