

Indonesia Council Digest May 2007

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NEWS

STOP PRESS! The date for submitting paper and panel proposals for **ICOC 2007** (to be held on 24 and 25 September in Melbourne) has been extended to Tuesday, **15 May 2007**. Please email submissions to ICOC@arts.monash.edu.au. Registration is free. Further information is available at <http://indonesiacouncil.anu.edu.au/icoc2007.php>. **We urge all Indonesianists to support our biennial conference.**

Recently **Maila Stivens** drew the ASAA Council's attention to a program called "**Publish or Perish**" which may be useful in compiling your citation figures (for promotions etc). It is available at <http://www.harzing.com/>.

RECENT JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Margaret Kartomi, 'Aceh's body percussion: from ritual devotions to global *niveau*', in *Musiké: International Journal of Ethnomusicological Studies*, vol. 1, pp. 85-108.

This article focuses on select body percussion genres in areas where members of the *suku* Aceh, *suku* gayo and *suku* Aneuk Jameè are dominant. It argues that Aceh's percussive body music may be the most highly varied and developed of any body percussion music in the Muslim world.

Priyambudi Sulistiyanto, "Politics of Justice and Reconciliation in Post-Suharto Indonesia". *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, Vol. 37, No. 1, February 2007, pp. 73-94.

This article examines the politics of justice and reconciliation in post-Suharto Indonesia with particular focus on the unprecedented pressures on the government to deal with the past human rights abuses. Present Indonesian experience illustrates the complexity of dealing with past abuses and it needs to be examined in the context of the growing literature on the constraints and possibilities places upon new democracies to deal with the past abuses. The case study of the Tanjung Priok killings in 1984 that will be

presented here demonstrates the need to develop a strategy which combines the elements of prosecution and reconciliation in post-Suharto Indonesia.

BOOKS

Ananta, Aris and Lee Poh Onn (eds), *Aceh: A new dawn*. Singapore, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2007.

This book examines some issues faced by the people in the province of Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam after the tsunami. The focus is not only on the areas affected by the natural disaster, but also the areas torn by internal conflict. The tsunami was a catalyst for a new beginning for both prosperity and peace.

Michael Hitchcock and Nyoman Darma Putra, *Tourism, Development and Terrorism in Bali*. Ashgate.

The book investigates tourism as a form of globalization within the context of the island of Bali, which has been voted the world's top island destination for the third time running by American travellers. It takes off with the onset of the Asian Crisis, the largest stock-market crash since the Great Depression. The authors chart the turbulence that has afflicted the island at a time of market uncertainty and global political strife and analyse the responses of Bali's business and community leaders to the crises that have buffeted the island since the fall of Suharto. In particular, the book analyses crisis management with regard to the Bali Bombings, the impact of the bombings on the tourism development cycle and investigates the motives of the bombers. The authors argue that the actions of the bombers can best be understood with regard to the rise of political Islam as a global issue and the book breaks new ground with an analysis of the bombers' global experiences. The book also examines home-grown resistance to certain aspects of globalization, notably the attempt to turn Besakih, the island's mother temple, into a World Heritage Site and top tourist destination.

Van Klinken, Gerry. *Communal Violence and Democratization in Indonesia: Small town wars*. Abingdon, Routledge, 2007.

Through close scrutiny of empirical materials and interviews, this book uniquely analyzes all the episodes of long-running, widespread communal violence that erupted during Indonesia's post-New Order transition. Indonesia democratized after the long and authoritarian New Order regime ended in May 1998. But the transition was far less peaceful than is often thought. It claimed about 10,000 lives in communal (ethnic and religious) violence, and nearly as many as that in separatist violence in Aceh and East Timor.

Waterson, Roxana (ed) *Southeast Asian Lives: Personal narratives and historical experience*. Singapore, Singapore University Press, 2007.

This book presents life stories of ordinary people in a rapidly changing Southeast Asia, one of the most dynamic and developing regions in the world. The narratives illustrate the richness of life histories in revealing what it was like to live through the wrenching social

changes that have accompanied successive political transformations in Southeast Asia, from the period of colonialism through the wartime occupations of Southeast Asia by the Japanese to the emergence of new nation states.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Monash Asia Institute – Centre of Southeast Asian Studies. **Fourteenth Annual Workshop on Southeast Asian Women**, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria. Friday **22 June 2007**. The aim of the Workshop is to bring together researchers and others interested in the study of matters relating to Southeast Asian women, in any field, such as politics, geography, literature, the arts, history or health. Please send brief offers of papers to Associate Professor Susan Blackburn, School of Political and Social Inquiry, PO Box 11A Monash University, Victoria, 3800. Email address: sue.blackburn@arts.monash.edu.au telephone (03) 9905 2384. The deadline for offers is **1 June**.

Flinders Asia Centre and Flinders Institute Asia Pacific are holding a public forum and an international expert workshop on the topic “**East Java Mud Flow: Learning From An Un-Natural Disaster?**” at Flinders University, on **1-2 June 2007**. The Forum and Workshop are intended to help us to understand the causes, consequences and implications of the mud flow disaster which emerged in East Java on 29 May 2006 and the response to that disaster by those whose houses, agricultural lands, factories, shops, offices, jobs and schools were lost or threatened by local, regional and national organisations, Indonesian government, companies. The open forum on 1 June consists of five sessions examining the nature of the crisis, its impact in the first year, responses to the disaster, what remains to be done, and what can be learned from the mud flow. Possible Indonesian speakers include Kresnayana Yahya MSc (Institut Teknologi Surabaya); Drs Win Hendarso, District Head of Sidoarjo; Dr Emmy Susanto, Airlangga University; Sentot Setyosiswanto, Elsham.

2nd Singapore Graduate Forum - 26 to 28 July 2007. 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 the 2nd Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies on 26 – 28 July 2007. Postgraduate students working on Southeast Asia are invited to submit abstracts based either on work in progress that is at an advanced stage, or on completed work. NUS students are encouraged to take advantage of this unprecedented opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with students from ASEAN countries as well as those from other regions whose interests focus on Southeast Asia. This two-day workshop, the second 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. In addition to student presentations, experts of the region will also be invited to give keynote speeches, sharing their insights on challenges and issues facing contemporary social science scholarship. Registration fees and Singapore expenses will be covered for those whose abstracts are accepted for presentation. If necessary, students may also apply for some funding to cover regional travel costs. Marking the completion of the Asean Research Scholars' Programme 2007, the Forum will also facilitate communication and cooperation among the postgraduate students as they mature into the next generation of academic leaders. Graduate students should submit a 200-word abstract of their proposed paper using the attached PROPOSAL FORM

Successful applicants will be notified by 1 June 2007. 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 06 July 2007. Please send abstracts to Asia Research Institute at: aribox3@nus.edu.sg by **15 May 2007**.

Law and Orientalism in Colonial Southeast Asia. EuroSEAS 2007 Conference, Naples, Italy Sept 12-15, 2007. Conceptions of "the oriental" in law and the administration of justice. Papers in this panel will discuss the construction of conceptions of "the oriental" and the ways in which such conceptions impacted upon the law and the administration of justice by European or other colonial authorities in South East Asia and other parts of Asia. In particular, was there a link between harsh penalties and particular constructions of subject peoples as "unruly" and "lacking discipline", between more sympathetic regimes and subject peoples seen to be "law-abiding"? How far did the observation of the colonial subject as "cunning", "litigious", or "quiet", for instance, influence the way in which justice was administered? Was there a relationship between restraint in imposing foreign law and a pre-colonial legal tradition which was recognised by the coloniser? Papers on the administration of justice as a site for the observation and reporting of "the oriental" are also welcomed. E-mail: carol.tan@ncl.ac.uk

"Asia Pacific Region: Societies in Transformation" conference (8th Asia Pacific Sociological Association (APSA) conference) to be held in Georgetown (Penang) Malaysia, 19-22 November, 2007. Rapid globalization, coupled with economic liberalization and financial deregulation, has opened-up the economics of the Asia Pacific region. Increasing wealth generation is heralded as a sign of great personal and notional success, while large numbers of people remain marginalised in poor paying a insecure jobs. Youth are under extreme pressures in terms of successful education and gaining secure employment. The media glorifies the consumer revolution, and we see increasing use of new technologies which are changing forever the very fabric of work, family life, health and culture in the countries of the Asia Pacific. The region is seemingly now more integrated, with unprecedented levels of tourism, migration, and economic and cultural linkages. But, are the nations of the region, and their populations, becoming more divided, united or are they fundamentally unchanged over the past two decades? This conference aims to explore the various dimensions of the rapid social transformation of the Asia Pacific. Papers that empirically or theoretically address the themes of social transformation, in its diverse forms, are particularly welcome. **Abstracts are due by 30 June 2007** to Tim Scrase (tims@uow.edu.au). For more details, see the APSA website at: <http://www.asiapacificsociology.org>

International Conference on "Asian Heritages at the Crossroads", Centre for Anthropological Research, University of Hong Kong, Date: 4 – 5 December 2007. One of the consequences of the intensification of globalization and commodification in the 21st century is that many of our heritages are either fast disappearing in the wake of modernization or transforming into commodities for tourist dollars. Asian heritages are particularly vulnerable because of the abrupt social and cultural changes brought about by rapid economic growth, especially in China and India. In recent years, movements have

emerged that challenge the fallacies of rapid development and monetary gain and seek to preserve and conserve Asian heritages. This conference aims to interrogate the conceptual and ideological issues that surround the debates on heritage in the region; the relationship between development, conservation and preservation on one hand; the interaction of globalization, commodification and the disappearing heritages on the other hand; and revivalism and reinvention of heritages on the third front. Broad themes include: 1) Heritage, Memory & Identity; 2) Globalization, Commodification & Conservation; 3) Ethnicity, Lifestyle & Heritages; 4) Heritage & Tourism; 5) Religious & Environmental Heritages. **Submission: 1) Abstract by 15 June 2007; 2) Full paper by 30 October 2007.** For more information, see

<http://web.hku.hk/~anthro/conference%20on%20asian%20heritages.htm>

Power and the Gendered Imagery of Contemporary Global Politics, CAA, Dallas, 20-23 February 2008. Anyone watching the "news" must be aware of the extent to which contemporary global politics are increasingly played out in visual images. This session focuses on the intersection of these images, their relationship to power, and corresponding articulations of gender and sexuality. While these images play on received ideas about gender, they often complicate them, too: both women and men now figure as victims as well as combatants and politicians. Conversely, while the so-called US-led 'war on terror' claims to champion women's liberation from oppressive fundamentalisms, it continues to propagate regressive and homophobic gender politics. We invite papers from artists, art historians and cultural critics from a range of fields who address these and other intersections of gender and global image politics.

What political or social purposes do these images serve? What do they say about gender equality or access to power? Are there relevant historical precedents or contemporary responses in the fine arts and/or multiple areas of visual culture that demand our attention? Please submit abstracts of 250 words and brief bios no later than 10 May to Carol Duncan (cduncan@juno.com) and Hannah Feldman (h-feldman@northwestern.edu) no later than **10 May, 2007.**

Call for Papers: Migration, Diaspora, Ethnicity, and Nationalism in History, Baltimore, MD June 5-8, 2008. The relentless thrust of globalization and the unexpected termination of the Cold War have increased rather than reduced global tensions. These developments force us to reconsider some themes once thought to be exhausted. Migrations, the formation of diaspora communities, and the resurgence of ethnicities, both old and new, have transformed conventional conceptions of the nation-state.

Please send 6 copies of your proposal--no more than 2 pages—accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae to: 2008 Conference; The Historical Society; 656 Beacon Street, Mezzanine; Boston, MA 02215. Proposals will not be accepted via e-mail. The deadline for proposals is **May 20, 2007.** Questions? Email us at historic@bu.edu or call (617) 358-0260. See www.bu.edu/historic.

PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

Write for *Inside Indonesia*. After over twenty years in print, *Inside Indonesia* is set to become a 100% web-based magazine. We are in the process of redesigning our website

(www.insideindonesia.org) and will launch a new site later in the year. *Inside Indonesia* publishes articles on a wide range of political, social and environmental and cultural issues in Indonesia. We accept articles from all sorts of people – academics, journalists, students, travelers, NGO activists and others with an interest in Indonesia. **Many of our writers are academic researchers who want to write about an aspect of their research in a digestible and immediate way.**

Over coming months, *Inside Indonesia* wants to collate a good bank of articles in preparation for the launch of our website. Articles go through an expert editing and review process before they are posted on our website, which already receives tens of thousands of hits per month. Once our revamped site is up and running we plan to develop a free email subscription system which will automatically notify thousands of readers about new articles. Please note that as an entirely volunteer-run effort, *Inside Indonesia* is unable to pay for articles.

If you think you may have an idea for an article:

- First, check our existing website (www.insideindonesia.org) to get an idea of our typical format and approach.
- Then, get in touch with the coordinator of our editing team, Edward Aspinall, at editor@insideindonesia.org

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/RESEARCH/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NUS Arts and Social Sciences PhD and Masters programs, with Scholarships Available. Next Application Date: **15 May 2007** (for January 2008 intake). The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore, invites applications for admission to full-time and part-time graduate research-based and coursework-based programmes to begin in January 2008, Semester II, Academic Year 2007-2008. Masters and doctoral programmes by research are available in the Departments and Programmes of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. For a listing of the Faculty's Departments and Programmes, please visit: <http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/acad/grad/index.html>. More information can be found at: <http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/prospective/grad/research/scholarships.html> Research-based application materials can be downloaded from <http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/prospective/grad/index.html>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Program Officer - East Asia (Indonesia/Labour Rights) – Melbourne. We are seeking an experienced and committed individual with strong administrative and financial management skills to support our programs in East Asia. You will have excellent written and oral communication skills; strong analytical and research skills; knowledge and experience of development and program issues; knowledge and experience of program management. Please visit www.oxfam.org.au/jobs <http://www.oxfam.org.au/jobs> for a position description and application form or contact Chris Roberts via croberts@oxfam.org.au <mailto:croberts@oxfam.org.au> or 03 9289 9302. Thirteen

month contract based in our Melbourne office whilst incumbent on secondment. Salary \$44,200 plus benefits and access to salary packaging. Applications close **3 May**.

Applications are invited for appointment to the position of Associate Lecturer/Lecturer in Asian Studies at the University of Tasmania's Launceston campus, which will be offered on a full-time fixed-term basis for a period of 2 years, with the successful appointee being required to commence at the beginning of Semester 2 2007. Applicants should have a demonstrated ability to teach well with experience in teaching Asian Studies and one of the School's Asian languages (Indonesian, Chinese or Japanese) at tertiary level; have the ability to assist with the coordination of the inter-disciplinary Asian Studies program and to teach individual units; demonstrated ability to conduct scholarly research, and a PhD in Asian Studies, or a related discipline (level B), or near-completion of PhD degree (level A). For further information about the position please contact the Head of School, Associate Professor Pam Allen, on telephone (03) 6226 2357, fax (03) 6226 7813 or email Pam.Allen@utas.edu.au. Applications close on **11 May**.

The Department of Asian Languages and Cultures at the University of Michigan invites applications for the position of **Lecturer in Indonesian** beginning September 1, 2007. The position is a renewable one-year appointment, and is subject to final budgetary approval. Applicants should have a Master's degree in a relevant field such as the following: Indonesian language, literature, and linguistics; Indonesian Studies; second-language acquisition, TESL, education, communications, etc. Native or near-native proficiency in Indonesian and English is required; at least one year of experience teaching Indonesian at the college/university level is preferred. Duties will include 12 weekly hours of instruction in all levels of Indonesian language and active participation in teamwork and program affairs. The application dossier should include an application letter explaining your qualifications and teaching philosophy, a current CV, and three letters of recommendation. In addition, evidence of teaching excellence, a teaching demo videotape/DVD, and/or samples of self-developed teaching materials would be desirable. Kindly send your application packet to: Indonesian Lecturer Search Committee, Department of Asian Languages and Cultures, University of Michigan, Suite 6111 Thayer Building, 202 South Thayer, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-1608. Review of applications will begin on **May 1** and will continue until the position is filled.

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, is inviting qualified academics who possess a PhD, with a proven record of accomplishment in teaching and research, to apply for a faculty position at **Assistant Professor level in Southeast Asian History** (preferably modern Southeast Asian History in any of the following countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand). Applicants are expected to teach at the undergraduate level in English. In addition, the appointed faculty will be expected to play a crucial role in developing a minor programme in History. To apply, please refer to the Guidelines for Submitting an Application for Faculty. Appointment (http://www.ntu.edu.sg/hr/faculty_guidelines.htm) and send your application to: Office of Human Resources, Nanyang Technological University, Administration Building, Level 4 50 Nanyang Avenue, Singapore 639798, Fax: (65) 6791 9340, Email: Acad-talent@ntu.edu.sg.

Princeton University, Department of Religion, invites applications and nominations for a tenure-track position at the rank of assistant professor in the religions of South Asia, Southeast Asia, or the Himalayas, to begin September 2008. The candidate should be an expert in one or more of the religious traditions of one of these three areas, with interests that complement those of continuing faculty in the subfield of Asian Religions. Historical period, methodological approach, and particular tradition(s) of focus are open to consideration. Candidates must show evidence of excellence in scholarship and promise in teaching. It is expected that the candidate will have completed the Ph.D. by the time the position begins or will be very close to completing it. Applications from women and members of minority groups are especially encouraged. Princeton University is an equal opportunity employer committed to affirmative action. For information about applying to Princeton please link to: <http://web.princeton.edu/sites/dof/ApplicantsInfo.htm>. Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, bibliography, three letters of reference, and a writing sample to: Chair, Asian Religions Search Committee, Department of Religion, 1879 Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544-1006. The search committee will begin reviewing applications on October 1, 2007, and will continue doing so until the search is complete.