

## Indonesia Council Digest January 2008

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**. **You can now join online** at <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?ID=594>.

The Indonesia Council Digest is circulated monthly. If you have information about conferences, Indonesia-related news, resources, job opportunities, new books etc, send it in at any time by replying to this email. Older copies of the digest can be downloaded from the Indonesia Council website (<http://indonesiacouncil.anu.edu.au/digest.php>). 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@usyd.edu.au](mailto:michele.ford@usyd.edu.au). **There is now also a real-time interactive electronic version of the Digest on Facebook – the Indonesia Council Group.**

### NEWS

**There are now 88 people in the Indonesia Council Facebook group** – quite a number from outside Australia. The Facebook group has discussion topics for conferences, jobs, publication opportunities etc that have some overlap with the email version of the Digest, but allows for items with a shorter lead time. There are also topics where you can post information about your research interests or recent publications.

Those of you who have not joined Facebook and wish to can do so at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) – once you have a profile you can join the Indonesia Council Group by clicking on “groups” and then typing in “Indonesia Council” in the search box.

### RECENT JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Edward Aspinall, 'The Construction of Grievance: Natural Resources and Identity in a Separatist Conflict', *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 51, No. 6, 2007, pp. 950-972.

This article extends social constructivist approaches to the study of grievance in natural resource conflicts. It does this by analyzing the separatist conflict in Aceh, Indonesia, which is often portrayed as a paradigmatic resource conflict. It is argued here, however, that natural resource exploitation promoted conflict in Aceh only because it became entangled in wider processes of identity construction and was reinterpreted back to the population by ethnic political entrepreneurs in a way that legitimated violence. The key factor was the presence of an appropriate identity-based collective action frame. The argument is strengthened by comparison with two other resource-rich Indonesian provinces where resource extraction patterns were similar to Aceh but where no protracted violence occurred because similar identity resources were not available to local actors.

Sanjaya N Senanayake and Brett C Baker, 'An outbreak of illness in poultry and humans in 16<sup>th</sup> century Indonesia,' *The Medical Journal of Australia*, vol 187, number 11/12 (3/17 December 2007), pp 693-695.

A Portuguese account from 16<sup>th</sup>-century Indonesia describes an illness that destroyed poultry before causing widespread illness and death in the human population of the Maluku region. The cause of the illness remains unresolved; it may have been infectious or non-infectious. Isolation of the region because of trading practices probably prevented spread of the illness, reinforcing the value of quarantine or isolation as a public health measure.

## **BOOKS**

Baulch, Emma, *Making Scenes: Reggae, Punk, and Death Metal in 1990s Bali*, Durham, Duke University Press, 2007.

In 1996, the author went to live in Bali to do research on your culture. Her chats with young people led her to an enormously popular regular outdoor show dominated by local reggae, punk and death metal bands. In this rich ethnography, she takes readers inside each scene: hanging out in the death metal scene among unemployed university graduates glad in black T-shirts and ragged jeans; in the punk scene among young men sporting mohawks, leather jackets, and hefty jackboots; and among the remnants of the local reggae scene in Kuta Beach, the island's most renowned tourist area. Baulch tracks how each music scene arrived and grew in Bali, looking at such influences as the global extreme metal underground, MTV Asia, and the internationalization of Indonesia's music industry.

Broadbent, Kaye and Michele Ford, *Women and Labour Organizing in Asia: Diversity, Autonomy and Activism*, London, Routledge, 2007.

This edited volume explores the dynamic and different ways in which women engage in labour organizing in South, East and Southeast Asia. Contributors based in Asia, Australia and the UK examine women's labour activism within union movements and outside them in nine Asian countries, focusing on the relationships between women union members and activists and male officials and union members, links with other social movements – particularly the broader women's movement – and the details of specific labour campaigns and struggles.

## **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

The Asia Research Institute (ARI) of the National University of Singapore (NUS) invites applications from postgraduate students who are engaged in research on Southeast Asia to attend the 3rd Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies on 24 – 25 July 2008. Marking the completion of the Asia Research Institute's ASEAN Research Scholars Programme 2008, the Forum provides a platform for communication and cooperation among the postgraduate students as they mature into the next generation of academic leaders. Postgraduate students working on Southeast Asia are invited to submit abstracts based either on work in progress that is at an advanced stage (i.e. already completed data

collection and analysis), or on completed work. NUS students are encouraged to take advantage of this unprecedented opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with students from ASEAN as well as those from other regions whose interests focus on Southeast Asia. This two-day workshop, the third of an annual series of forums for graduate students who work on Southeast Asia, will be organised thematically. Themes will include (but are not limited to) issues in religion, politics, economy, gender, culture, migration, and population and social change. 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.

**SUBMISSION OF PAPER PROPOSAL** Graduate students should submit a 400-word abstract of their proposed paper using the PROPOSAL FORM (<http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/showfile.asp?eventfileid=363>) to Ms Valerie Yeo at [valerie.yeo@nus.edu.sg](mailto:valerie.yeo@nus.edu.sg) no later than **16 May 2008**. Successful applicants will be notified by 2 June 2008. The abstract should clarify the substantive issues which your paper will address and be firmly grounded in your own research project. Using the format given, the abstract should include information on objectives, methods, and findings, as well as explain the original contribution the research makes to the field of study. 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 11 July 2008.

**Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference, "Talking Across Borders", Seattle, University of Washington, April 4-6, 2008.** We seek submissions for an interdisciplinary graduate student conference the purpose of which is to challenge the divisions present within discipline of History and between History and other disciplines. This conference seeks to stimulate dialogue by bringing scholars from a wide variety of disciplines together to enrich each other's work with outside perspectives and methodologies. While papers that focus on crossing these inter- and intradisciplinary divides are ideal, the thematic and interdisciplinary structure of the conference itself will help to put the various papers in dialogue with each other. We therefore invite proposals on all historic topics, regions, and time periods from historians and non-historians. Papers will be on panels of 3-4 other papers with a commentator. Presentations will be limited to 20 minutes. Possible topics of proposals may include but are not limited to: Religious Encounters and Exchanges; Imagined Communities, Imagined Borders; Defining Masculinity and Femininity; Systems of Power; The Performance of History; History as Literature/Literature as History; Borderlands and Cultural Contact; Gendered Space and Power; Social Networks and Nexuses; Interpreting Artistic Expression Historically. Papers selected for their exceptional merit and interest will be submitted to and published by Istorica, the Department of History's electronic journal. Please submit an abstract of no more than 250 words and a title by **January 18th, 2008** to [TalkingAcrossBorders@gmail.com](mailto:TalkingAcrossBorders@gmail.com) or by mail to: Christopher Herbert, Conference Committee Chair, Department of History, University of Washington, 315 Smith Hall, Box 353560, Seattle, WA, 98195-3560, USA.

**Call for papers Fifth Global Conference on War, Virtual War and Human Security, Budapest, Hungary, 5-7 May 2008.** Is war an extension of politics by other means? The locomotive of technology? Is it humankind in its most natural state; or is human society - despite perceptions and ongoing conflict around the world today - actually moving toward an aversion to war and a state of peace? This inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary conference seeks to provide a challenging forum for the examination and evaluation of the nature, purpose and experience of war, and its impacts on all aspects of security, human security and to communities across the world. Viewing war as a multi-layered, multi-factorial phenomenon, the conference series seeks to explore the historical, legal, social, human, religious, economic, and political contexts of conflicts, and assess the place of art, journalism, literature, music, the media and the internet in representation and interpretation of the experience of warfare. The Steering Group particularly welcomes the submission of pre-formed panel proposals. Papers will also be considered on any related theme. 300 word abstracts should be submitted by Friday 18th January 2008. If an abstract is accepted for the conference, a full draft paper should be submitted by Friday 18th April 2008. For further details about the conference please visit: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/ptb/www/www5/cfp.html>

**24th ASEASUK Conference Liverpool John Moores University 21-22 June 2008.**

Provisional 7 panels for the conference are: The middle class in Southeast Asia: consumption, lifestyles and identities (Terry King, [V.T.King@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:V.T.King@leeds.ac.uk)); Indonesian/Malay manuscript studies (Annabel Gallop [Annabel.Gallop@bl.uk](mailto:Annabel.Gallop@bl.uk)); Southeast Asian arts in transnational perspective (Dr Matthew Isaac Cohen and Dr Laura Noszlopy [Matthew.Cohen@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:Matthew.Cohen@rhul.ac.uk)); Civil society in Southeast Asia (Dr Gerard Clarke [G.Clarke@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:G.Clarke@swansea.ac.uk)); Sinful pleasures: attitudes towards and depictions of vices in Southeast Asia (James Warren [jameswarren23@googlemail.com](mailto:jameswarren23@googlemail.com)); Emerging scholars panel (Dr Ben Murtagh [bm10@soas.ac.uk](mailto:bm10@soas.ac.uk)) Liverpool and Southeast Asia (Dr Nick White [N.J.White@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:N.J.White@ljmu.ac.uk)) Please send expressions of interest asap to the panel convenors followed by abstracts by **31 Jan 2008**. Please note that all conference participants need to join Aseasuk if they are not yet members.

**Foodscares of Southeast Asia, York University Toronto, February 29, 2008.** This event will explore the relation between food consumption and food production in Southeast Asia. The afternoon consists of two panels of academic papers from different disciplinary perspectives with ample time for discussion. Attention will also be drawn to the multi-sensorial aspects of food. While the academic discourse on food is often text-based, knowledge about food is also coded in taste and vision; and our personal experiences with food reflect the integration of these different approaches to knowledge production. We will have at least one multimedia presentation entitled "Doing Lunch in Salaya." The afternoon ends with a presentation by photographers and cookbook writers, Jeff Alford and Naomi Daguid, best-selling authors of *Seductions of Rice*, *Hot Sour Salty Sweet*, and *Mangoes and Curry Leaves*. They will present "Hot Sour Salty Sweet: A Culinary Journey along the Mekong River," followed by a special Southeast Asian meal. If you would like to present a paper, please send a title and short abstract to [ycar@yorku.ca](mailto:ycar@yorku.ca) by **January 18, 2008**. Works in progress by graduate students are particularly welcome. For information about the program, please contact Professor Penny Van Esterik at [esterik@yorku.ca](mailto:esterik@yorku.ca), or 77782. If you are interested in attending, please email [ycar@yorku.ca](mailto:ycar@yorku.ca) for more details.

**GENDER AND BORDERS/BOUNDARIES Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Conference At Manchester University June 27, 2008.** This one day postgraduate conference seeks to examine issues of gender and borders/boundaries across a range of critical perspectives. We want to encourage innovative and interdisciplinary dialogues and welcome postgraduate students from a variety of disciplines, such as anthropology, cultural studies, gender studies, religion, sociology, psychology, politics, geography and social work. Borders/boundaries are sites for exclusion, control and dominance, but they are also sites for exchange, transgression and creativity. With this postgraduate conference we want to focus on gender and the ways in which it interacts with the forces and powers of national borders and/or the boundaries of the body. We invite papers that focus on the dynamics between gender and borders/boundaries both from ethnographic and theoretical perspectives. We would welcome papers addressing (but not limited to) the following key themes of the conference: \* Boundaries, space and liminality \* Borderlands, identity and gender \* Intersectionality of gender, globalisation and borders \* Gendered migration across borders \* The body as a site of boundaries and contestation \* Questioning category boundaries \* Contesting borders/ LGBTQ anti-border activism \* Gender and transnationalism \* Transgression of borders/boundaries o Sex work and trafficking across borders \* Sex tourism o Migrant sex work Abstracts should be no more than 300 words sent to: Amy M. Russell and Susanne Hofmann at: [genderbordersboundaries@hotmail.com](mailto:genderbordersboundaries@hotmail.com) Deadline **1st February 2008**. Please include your title, name, institutional affiliation and a brief (100 words) outline of your work.

**Global Conference on Peace and Development, Leuven, Belgium 15-19 July 2008.** Concurrent with the Conference's theme "Building Sustainable Development: Enacting Peace and Development", the panels will focus on issues connecting the fields of peace and development. Four specific themes are presented in more detail below. Please send an abstract of 200-250 words no later than **15 February 2008** to Tome Sandevski (tome.sandevski@inef.uni-due.de). Please indicate for which panel you would like to have your abstract considered and include your institutional affiliation and full contact information (postal and email address, phone, fax) in your submission. We aim to inform you about our decision by 29 February 2008. Academics from developing countries are particularly encouraged to apply. Thanks to the support of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, partial or full funding for travel and accommodation expenses can be provided. Panel 1: The Internal Dynamics of Hybrid Political Orders. Panel 2: Donors' Responses to Hybrid Political Orders Hybrid political orders (see panel #1). Panel 3: The Role of Youth in Development and Peace-Building. Panel 4: The Role of Regional Organizations in Conflict Resolution. For further details, contact Tome Sandevski Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter / Research Fellow Institut für Entwicklung und Frieden / Institute for Development and Peace Universität Duisburg-Essen E-Mail: [tome.sandevski@inef.uni-due.de](mailto:tome.sandevski@inef.uni-due.de) Homepage: <http://www.inef.de>

**Human Rights, Individualism and Globalization April 10-12, 2008, Bethany College, Bethany, WV.** Some Suggested Topics: Cultural Narcissism; The Lonely Planet-Literature; Film and Art; Alienable Vs Inalienable Human Rights; Documenting Human Rights Abuse; Film; Art; Literature; Imagining a Human(e) Community; Common sense and Common Selves; Self Reflection and the Reflected Self; Global Orders Private Lives; The Law and Practice of Human Rights; Abolition of Slave Trade; Refugees and Forced Migration; Nationalism and Ethnicity; Diplomacy and Human Rights; Human Rights and Religious

Expression ;Trafficking in Persons and Drugs; Human Rights and Globalization; Democracy; Political Rights and Human Rights; Democracy and Political Activism; NGOS and Human Rights; Rights of Women; Rights of Children; Human Rights and Diversity in the Workplace; Preventing Harassment and Discrimination in the Workplace; Human Rights and Labor Exploitation; Human Rights and the Environment; War Crimes and Terror; Transnational Politics and Globalization; Gandhi's view on Globalization; Poverty and Globalization; Globalization as a Sophisticated Form of Colonization; Outsourcing; Capitalism and Worker's Union; Anti-terrorist Measures and International Human Rights; Gangs; Violent Crime and Security; Racism and the Multicultural Self; Social Responsibility and Labor Rights; Objectivist Framework of Individualism; Privacy Rights and Communications Technology; Genetic Engineering and Human Rights. Selected papers from the conference will be published (subject to editorial review) We will also have a session for undergraduate research paper competition. Please encourage your students to join the competition. There will be an award for the best undergraduate paper. Deadline for submission of 150 words abstract: **January 31, 2008**, Email to [cchakrabarti@bethanywv.edu](mailto:cchakrabarti@bethanywv.edu), [cchakrabarti@yahoo.com](mailto:cchakrabarti@yahoo.com) Please contact: Dr. Chandana Chakrabarti, Professor of Philosophy, Director Center for Spirituality, Ethics and Global Awareness, Phone: 304-829-7525

## **PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Call for World History manuscripts for Education About Asia special issue on Asia in World History 1750-1914.** Education About Asia (EAA) is the peer-reviewed teaching journal of the Association for Asian Studies. Our readers include undergraduate instructors as well as high school and middle school teachers. Our articles are intended to provide educators, who are often not specialists, with basic understanding of Asia-related content. Manuscripts submitted for consideration for publication in EAA are evaluated by qualified referees. We are in the process of developing a special section in the fall 2008 issue entitled "Asia in World History: 1750-1914." This special section is the fourth in an EAA series and the dates in the title correspond to the National World History Standards "Eras." In this special section, it is hoped that articles will be published where authors develop manuscripts that will enable teachers and students to better understand Asia in modern world history. We are seeking manuscripts about all areas of Asia. We are also interested in Asia-related manuscripts on maritime, environmental, and economic history. All manuscripts should be written for high-school and undergraduate world history and social science instructors. We are most interested in manuscripts that are useful for survey-level courses. Prospective authors should consult the EAA guidelines, available on the Web site under my signature, before submitting a manuscript for this special section. Prospective authors are also encouraged to share possible manuscript ideas with me via email. The deadline for initial receipt of manuscripts for this special section is **May 20, 2008**.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**Chair in Asian Studies, Continuing Appointment School of History and Politics, University of Wollongong.** The Faculty of Arts is seeking an outstanding scholar to lead and coordinate its Asian Studies, undergraduate interdisciplinary major, and its postgraduate coursework and research programs. The position will be formally located in the School of

History and Politics so disciplinary expertise in either/or both of these disciplines is needed (though a capacity for theoretically informed and interdisciplinary research is essential), as is a capacity to provide innovative and effective leadership (at Centre, School and discipline level). A high level language skill in at least one major Asian language (preferably Japanese, Mandarin and Indonesian) is also necessary. Above all, the Faculty is seeking a research scholar with an outstanding track record of publications, grants and postgraduate supervision and an international reputation. Contact Professor Andrew Wells phone + 61 (2) 42213369 How to apply: Please go to our website <http://employment.uow.edu.au/> to submit your application online & for more information about the position and UOW. Applications must be in by **20 January 2008**.

**SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES University of London Lecturer in the History of South East Asia Department of History.** Vacancy No: 100331. Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in the History of South East Asia in the Department of History commencing on 1 September 2008. Candidates need to demonstrate an internationally recognised research and publication record. The ability to carry out research in at least one of the indigenous languages of the region is required. A PhD in a relevant subject is required, although those who are close to completing a PhD will also be considered. The successful applicant 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. 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 or the Head of Department, Dr Benjamin Fortna, on bf7@soas.ac.uk. An application form and further particulars can be downloaded from <http://www.soas.ac.uk/jobs>. Alternatively, write to the Human Resources Department, SOAS, University of London, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London, WC1H 0XG, fax no: 020 7074 5129 or e-mail recruitment@soas.ac.uk stating your name, address and the vacancy reference number. Closing date: **Friday 11 January 2008**. Interviews are scheduled for week commencing 25 February 2008.

**College of Wooster - Visiting Assistant Professor of South Asian History or Southeast Asian History.** The College of Wooster invites applications for a one-year leave replacement as an Assistant Professor. Period and specialization are open. The successful candidate will teach survey courses in either South Asian or Southeast Asian History, topical courses in his/her area of specialization, and supervise undergraduate research in the College's required Independent Study Program. Ph.D. expected. Please send a letter of application, CV, graduate transcripts and three confidential letters of recommendation to Peter C. Pozefsky, Chair, Department of History, The College of Wooster, 1189 Beall Ave., Wooster, OH 44691. Additional evidence of research and teaching interests is also welcome (e.g., prospectuses, sample chapters, articles, sample syllabi, course descriptions, teaching philosophy). Applications received by **February 1, 2008**, will receive full consideration.