

Indonesia Council Digest July 2008

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NEWS

Congratulations to the following PhD candidates, who have been awarded ANRC travel fellowships for Indonesia-related topics:

Ms Antje Missbach (The Australian National University) whose PhD thesis is Aceh's *dispora in transition: Long distance political engagement during and after the conflict in Aceh (1976-2008)*. Antje will be making a two month trip to the Netherlands to conduct interviews, undertake research at KITLV and Leiden University libraries, and build collaborations.

Mr Paul Mason (Macquarie University) whose PhD thesis is *Fighting for Peace of Mind: A cross cultural comparison of fight-dancing in Indonesia and Brazil*. Paul will be making a 3 month trip to the Netherlands to undertake archival research at KITLV, meet with relevant dance groups and practitioners, and consult with academic experts.

Ms Vanessa Hearman (University of Melbourne) whose PhD thesis is *Experiences of the transition to Suharto's New Order regime (1965-1971) in East Java*. Vanessa plans a 6 week trip to access the archives at the International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam and conduct interviews.

RECENT JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Robert Cribb, 'The brief genocide of the Eurasians in Indonesia, 1945/46', in A. Dirk Moses, ed., *Empire, colony, genocide: conquest, occupation, and subaltern resistance in world history* (New York: Berghahn, 2008), pp. 424-439.

In late 1945 and early 1946, members of Indonesia's mixed-race Eurasian community suffered extensive massacres at the hands of Indonesian nationalist militias. Possibly 10% of the Eurasian community died in these killings, which were instrumental in persuading many that their futures lay outside the land of their birth. The event is one of the few cases of genocide against, rather than by, a settler community. The chapter argues that

Eurasians were constructed during the early 20th century as enemies of the welfare of Indonesians and of the idea of Indonesia. This construction arose partly from official anxiety over the overthrow of Spanish colonial rule in the Philippines by the mestizo elite there. fatal for the community, however, was the perception in 1945 that they were disloyal and dangerous to the new Indonesian Republic.

BOOKS

Azra, Azyumardi and Wayne Hudson (eds), *Islam and Beyond. Indonesian Islam and Western political theory*. Aldershot, Ashgate Publishing, 2008.

This volume explores the extent to which moderate Indonesian Islam is able to assimilate leading concepts from Western political theory. The essays in this collection explore how concepts from Western political theory are compatible with a liberal interpretation of Islamic universals and how such universals can form the basis for a contemporary approach to the protection of human rights and the articulation of a modern Islamic civil society.

Ian Campbell, *Contemporary Indonesian Language Poetry from West Java: National Literature, Regional Manifestations*, VDM-Verlag, Germany, May 2008. ISBN: 978-3-639-00952-1. Paperback 124 pages.

This book maps aspects of developments in contemporary Indonesian language poetry in West Java. While there have been various studies undertaken concerning the development of modern Indonesian literature, relatively few have focused on the regional setting of the modern Indonesian literature story. Those that have taken account of regional developments have tended to examine literature in the regional languages themselves, such as Javanese and Sundanese. Following research over the years 2002-2006, the author shows how a number of contemporary poets in West Java have considered their local environmental settings and developed creative literary responses that cross boundaries into the realms of mystery and the mystical, of allusion or hard-edged realism.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Call for Papers, Cornell University 11th Annual Southeast Asian Studies Graduate Conference, Cornell University, October 24-26, 2008. We welcome submissions from graduate students at any stage engaged in original research related to Southeast Asia. This year we are honored to announce that our keynote speaker will be Professor Benedict, the author of *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism* ([1983], rev. ed. 1991), *The Spectre of Comparisons: Nationalism, Southeast Asia, and the World* (1998), and *Under Three Flags: Anarchism and the Anti-Colonial Imagination* (2007). Papers related to Professor Anderson's interests are strongly encouraged. Submit a one-page abstract and curriculum vitae by **September 1, 2008** to: <seapgradconference@gmail.com> Final papers will be due by **October 10, 2008**. See <http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/southeastasia/symposium/2008fall.asp> for details on abstract format and submission, as well as further information and future updates. A

limited number of modest travel grants are available. Please indicate in your email when you submit the abstract if you would like to apply for a travel grant.

Globalising Religions and Cultures in the Asia-Pacific, 1-5 December 2008. Brought to you by the ARC Asia-Pacific Futures Research Network and the Adelaide Asian Studies Group. With religion and culture as the key themes, the conference covers areas central to understanding the current state, diffusion and evolution of religious beliefs in the Asia-Pacific as well as their cultural and other consequences. Conference organisers, The Adelaide Asian Studies Group, comprising scholars from each of Adelaide's three universities, welcomes participation of academics and post-graduates from all over the world to participate in conference proceedings related to the themes of: • The current state of religions in the Asia-Pacific • Manifestations of Religion and Culture • Islamic Thinking at the Grassroots • The spread of religions within and from the Asia-Pacific • Missionaries to and from Asia • Popular Religions, Little Traditions and Cults • The Asianisation of Western Traditions • Asian Religions shaping popular culture in Asia & around the world • Religious and Cultural Fundamentalisms • Religion, Violence and State Policies • Gastronomy, Religion and Culture in Asia. If you wish to attend, give a paper, organise a panel or know more, please feel free to contact the organisers at the University of Adelaide via email at: sigevent08@adelaide.edu.au. For more details see <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/sigevent08/>.

Postgraduate & Early Career Researcher Workshop on Leadership and Management in Research on Asia and the Pacific 2008, Sidney Myer Asia Centre at the University of Melbourne, 8th – 10th December 2008. The workshop will be convened by Professor Vera Mackie (Australian Research Council Professorial Research Fellow) and a team of early-to-mid career researchers, postgraduates and professional staff in Asia-Pacific studies at the University of Melbourne. Themes to be covered include: Emerging Trends in Asia-Pacific Research; Planning Your Research Career; Funding for Asia-Pacific Research; Preparing Grant Applications; Project Management; Developing Collaborative Research Relationships; e-Scholarship; Sustaining International Research Collaborations. Successful applicants will be funded for an advance purchase economy airfare to Melbourne and 2-3 nights of accommodation (depending on distance of home location from Melbourne). Applications close on Monday 14 July 2008. For further information, see <http://www.research.unimelb.edu.au/asiapacificfutures/>.

'Continuity and Change: (Re)conceptualising Power in Southeast Asia', March 26th-28th 2009. Hosted by CRASSH (Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities), University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK. 'Continuity and Change' will be a major interdisciplinary and international conference on Southeast Asia. Its key aim is to reopen the debate on the issue of 'power' - both in real life and academic scholarship - as it is manifest across the region. Submission of Proposal: **1st October 2008** Abstracts, 250 words in length, should be submitted to sea.continuity.change@googlemail.com For further details see our website: <http://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/events/542>

The Department of Fine Arts at the University of Hong Kong will host an international conference on Rethinking Visual Narratives from 8-9 June 2009. The conference will bring together approximately fifteen scholars presenting new and original research to discuss how visual narratives function in different cultures and exploring connections and

interactions between the arts of Asia and that of Asia and the West. The papers and discussion will consolidate academic understanding of visual narrative theories and augment them through analysis of their potential as a tool for exploring inter-cultural interactions and questioning cross-cultural assumptions. The focus will be on the visual with a cross-cultural dimension and dating to any time period within a broadly defined art historical discipline and material culture studies. Abstracts due on **5 September 2008** by email to - Dr. Alexandra Green greenar@hkucc.hku.hk

The International Conference of South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion (SSEASR) will be held at Denpasar from June 3 to 6, 2009 in collaboration with Institut Seni Indonesia (ISI) and Universitas Hindu Indonesia (UNHI), in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. See www.sseasr.org for more details.

PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Asia and Youth Culture Manuscripts: EAA Winter 2008. 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 that are submitted for consideration are evaluated by qualified referees. We are in the process of developing a special section in the winter 2008 issue entitled ³Teaching About Asia Through Youth Culture.² 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 how popular culture influences young people in Asia and perceptions of Asia among young people elsewhere. We are seeking manuscripts about all areas of Asia. Although we welcome manuscripts on various aspects of youth culture, we are particularly interested in the ways that digital communications, entertainment, and education are affecting Asian youth, intercultural contact, and globalization. We are most interested in manuscripts that are useful for survey-level courses. Prospective authors should be aware that approximately sixty percent of our readers are secondary or middle school teachers and the rest teach at the undergraduate level. Please consult the EAA guidelines that are available on the Web site under my signature before submitting a manuscript or media review 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 and reviews for this special section is **August 20, 2008**. We also are seeking short teaching resource essays, as well as DVD and book reviews related to the special section. These reviews are normally between 350 and 1,000 words. Web Site: <http://www.aasianst.org/>

Südostasien aktuell – Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs is an internationally refereed academic journal published by the GIGA Institute of Asian Studies, Hamburg. The quarterly journal focuses on current developments in Southeast Asia. It has a circulation of 750 copies and reaches a broad readership in academia, administration and business circles. Articles to be published should be written in German or English and submitted exclusively to this publication. Südostasien aktuell is devoted to the transfer of scholarly insights to a wide audience. The topics covered should therefore not only be orientated towards specialists in Southeast Asian affairs, but should also be of relevance to readers with a practical interest in the region. The editors welcome contributions on

contemporary Southeast Asia that are concerned with the fields of international relations, politics, economics, society, education, environment or law. Articles should be theoretically grounded, empirically sound and reflect the state of the art in contemporary Southeast Asian studies. All manuscripts will be peer-reviewed for acceptance, and the editors will respond within three months. Research articles should not exceed 10,000 words (incl. footnotes and references). For detailed submission guidelines see: www.giga-hamburg.de/ias/stylesheet. For submission of articles please contact: Dr. Marco Bunte/Dr. Howard Loewen (editors) Email: bunte@giga-hamburg.de

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/RESEARCH/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding Opportunity for Governance Research in Indonesia. The Australia Indonesia Governance Research Partnership (AIGRP) invites researchers to submit proposals for collaborative research projects addressing major governance issues in Indonesia. Teams must consist of at least one Indonesia-based and one Australia-based principal researcher. Proposals will be assessed on a competitive basis. Deadline for submission is **Monday 29 September 2008**. Funding guidelines and templates are available at: www.aigrp.anu.edu.au/funding For further information email: enquiries.aigrp@anu.edu.au

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The International Centre for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies (ICAIOS), newly established by cooperation between international and Aceh consortia of academic institutions with the support of the Reconstruction Agency (BRR), now seeks a Director who will be resident in Banda Aceh. The Director will be employed by and responsible to the International ICAIOS Board, but will also be affiliated with the Asia Research Institute in Singapore. ICAIOS is supported and governed by a board representing the three Aceh universities on one hand, and a group of International academic institutions with interests in Aceh on the other. The latter include the Asia Research Institute, NUS, Singapore; KITLV, Netherlands; EFEO, Paris; TUFS, Tokyo and the ARTI Consortium, Australia. The Director will be expected to reside in Banda Aceh for the duration of the appointment, apart from the agreed leave and travel on behalf of the Institute. For more information see http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/article_view.asp?id=261

Executive Director, Yayasan Inovasi Teknologi (Foundation for Technology Innovation). Yayasan Inovasi Teknologi (YIT) was established in January 2008 with the aims of a) facilitating the development of inventive and innovative technologies related to water, energy, health, agriculture and biodiversity that can improve productivity, efficiency and livelihood of communities and b) giving recognition to inventors/innovators whose technologies have proven to improve people's lives, and c) fostering the growth of students with inventive and entrepreneurial minds that can lead to the creation of employment and in creating new jobs. YIT is now recruiting an Executive Director with a minimum of 5 years experience in non-profit management as an executive director, director or senior manager; proven experience in working with international organizations; solid program and financial management skills including the ability to effectively invest in organizational development, improvements, programs and events; experience in developing organizational policies and procedures, strategic and business plans, and programmatic work plans; excellent communications skill, both written and verbal in both

Bahasa Indonesia and English; proven experience with fund development, either through an earned income operation and/or fundraising programs; ability to network and build relationships with local partners, corporations, donors, as well as grassroots communities to foster a mutually beneficial result; knowledge of budgeting, cost estimating, finance, accounting, and cost control procedures; proven self management skills including time management, problem solving and priority setting, and capable of working productively and efficiently; ability to foster a cooperative work environment and proven success with managing, leading and encouraging staff with very diverse backgrounds, cultures, and personalities; knowledge of computer applications and information systems and making presentations to external stakeholders; minimum Bachelor's degree in related subject with Masters preferred. The post will be based in Jakarta with frequent visits/trips domestically and internationally. The appointment is for a renewable term of one year starting immediately. Interested applicants should send application letters and full curriculum vitae that includes a recent photo to ed.yit2008@yahoo.com.

NUS Head of the Department of Sociology at the rank of Full Professor. The National University of Singapore is strategically located in the growing cluster of scientific and social scientific research institutions at the western edge of the cosmopolitan urban center of the city-state of Singapore. Applications should include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae and names and contact details for 4 references. Send applications to: Ms Jane Ong at socjob@nus.edu.sg. The closing date for applications is on **31 December 2008**. Only short-listed candidates will be notified. For additional information about this vacancy, please consult our web site at www.fas.nus.edu.sg/soc/headsearch

Nanyang Technological University - Nanyang Assistant Professorships. Singapore's science and technology university, the Nanyang Technological University, invites outstanding young researchers and exceptional scholars in their fields of science, engineering, social sciences, arts and humanities or business, to apply for appointments as Nanyang Assistant Professors. Up to 10 appointments will be made. To apply, please download the application form at <http://www.ntu.edu.sg/publicportal/nanyangprof.htm>.