

## Indonesia Council Digest October 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>.

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### NEWS

**Congratulations to Kate McGregor** who has been promoted to Senior Lecturer in the latest promotions round at Melbourne.

**A network for scholars (academics, professionals and postgraduates) working on social issues in the Asia Pacific** is being established (separate PDF attached). More information can be obtained by emailing Dr Nadine Kavanagh at [nadine.kavanagh@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:nadine.kavanagh@newcastle.edu.au)

**Don't forget to start organising your panels for ICOC 2009**, which will be held in Sydney from 15-17 July, straight after ASILE (see the announcement below). Panels are a great way to guarantee a good audience and the company of fellow paper-givers who are familiar with your area, and will be given priority in the conference programming. A **facebook group** (called Indonesia Council Open Conference) has been set up for those of you who are looking to widen your academic networks. Feel free to post your advertisements for panel participants on the relevant discussion list. There's also one where you can publicise your research interests.

### RECENT JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

**Zane Goebel (2008). Enregistering, Authorizing and Denaturalizing Identity in Indonesia. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*, 18 (1): 46-61.**

This article focuses on one aspect of processes of enregisterment in Indonesia, namely the ways in which institutional representations of language use formulate semiotic registers linking language use to performable social categories of personhood and relationship. I examine three types of institutional and thus authorized speech events: schooling, census practices, and television. Of particular interest are three patterns of representation which I exemplify with excerpts from three television series. The first is the language-ethnicity link long established in colonial practices and found in all three institutional representations of language use. The second pattern relates primarily to some

of the new inflections created as part of the first pattern, namely the representation of Indonesian as an index of the ethnic other. The third pattern of representation resembles a type of competing ideology where language-ethnicity links are denaturalized through practices of adequation.

Marcus Mietzner 2008. "Soldiers, Parties and Bureaucrats: Illicit Fund-Raising in Contemporary Indonesia", *South East Asian Research*, Volume 16/2, pp. 225-254.

This article discusses illicit fund-raising efforts in Indonesia's armed forces, political parties and bureaucracy after the fall of Suharto in 1998. It argues that while personal self-enrichment remains a key motivation for military leaders, party politicians and bureaucrats to collect off-budget funds, they also aim to control independent funds in order to maintain or strengthen their autonomy from other state institutions, such as parliamentary budget commissions, executive monitoring bodies or official auditing boards.

Marcus Mietzner 2008. "Comparing Indonesia's Party Systems in the 1950s and the Post-Soeharto Era: Centrifugal versus Centripetal Inter-Party Competition", *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, Volume 39/3, pp. 431-453.

This article compares Indonesia's party systems of the 1950s and the post-Suharto period. It explores the question of why the party system of the 1950s collapsed quickly, while that of the contemporary polity appears stable. The article argues that while inter-party contestation in the 1950s took place at the far ends of the politicoideological spectrum and thus undermined the party system, the competition between parties in the contemporary democracy exhibits centripetal tendencies, stabilising the polity as a whole.

## BOOKS

Carey, Peter. *The Power of Prophecy. Prince Dipanagara and the end of the old order in Java, 1785-1855*, Leiden, KITLV Press, 2008.

National hero, Javanese mystic, pious Muslim and leader of the 'holy war' against the Dutch between 1825 and 1830, the Yogyakarta prince, Dipanagara (1785-1855) (otherwise known as Diponegoro), is pre-eminent in the pantheon of modern Indonesian historical figures. The book presents a detailed analysis of Dipanagara's pre-war visions and aspirations as a Javanese Ratu Adil ('Just King') based on extensive reading of his autobiography, the Babad Dipangara as well as a number of other Javanese sources, Dutch and British records, in particular the Residency Archives of Yohyakarta and Surakarta, provides the background of this scholarly work.

Heryanto, Ariel, *State Terrorism and Political Identity in Indonesia. Fatally belonging*. Singapore, Taylor and Francis Asia, 2008.

Investigating the profound political consequences of the mass killings in Indonesia in 1965 to 1966 upon public life, the author highlights the historical specificities of the violence and comparable incidents of identity politics in more recent times.

Liow, Joseph C., *The Politics of Indonesia-Malaysia Relations*. Singapore, Taylor and Francis Malaysia, 2008.

This book provides a comprehensive overview of the relationship between Indonesia and Malaysia, focusing especially on how the relationship has developed in the last fifty years. It argues that the political relationship between the two countries has been largely defined by rivalry, despite the fact that the processes of national self-determination began by emphasising Indo-Malay fraternity. It shows how the two countries have different, contested interpretation of Indo-Malay history, and how the continuing suspicion of Javanese hegemony which defined much of the history of the Indo-Malay world is also a key factor in this relationship.

Sodhi, Navjot, Greg Acciaioli, Maribeth Erb, Alan Khee-Jin Tan (eds), *Biodiversity and Human Livelihoods in Protected Areas: Case Studies from the Malay Archipelago*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2008.

Protected areas constitute major arenas for contestation, often marked by disputes between conservation interests and human rights' advocates for local peoples. This book examines such contestations in the region that has been labelled, following Wallace, as the Malay Archipelago, encompassing Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore. The book's 21 essays, thirteen of which concentrate upon Indonesia, provide a variety of perspectives upon the dilemmas concerning protected areas in the region, as contributors include anthropologists, biologists, conservation practitioners and planners, NGO activists, government and transnational conservation organisation administrators, lawyers, and policy and management analysts.

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

**Maju bersama - Working together to build Australia's Indonesian language potential**  
**Australian Society of Indonesian Language Educators Biennial Conference Sydney 14 - 15 July 2009.** Papers and workshops will demonstrate the conference theme of Working together to build Australia's Indonesian language potential. Teachers of Indonesian at all levels are encouraged to consider presenting a workshop or paper on Indonesian teaching and learning experiences, projects, strategies and research. Suggested topics include: collaborative language projects collaborative international projects (eg sister school arrangements, in-country study) collaborative learning activities in languages classrooms working together across sectors (primary, secondary, tertiary) working across the curriculum working with the Indonesian community the future of Indonesian language teaching in Australia Papers will be allotted 45 minutes including 10 minutes for questions. Workshops (55 minutes including 10 minutes for questions) are intended to be interactive smaller group sessions Submissions should include: presentation type (paper or workshop) title of the presentation author's affiliation and full contact details author's biodata not exceeding 100 words abstract of the presentation not exceeding 300 words equipment required **Expressions of interest due: Friday 28 November, 2008 Submissions due: Friday 6 February, 2009** . Please send expressions of interest & submissions to: Andrea Corston ([acorston@internode.on.net](mailto:acorston@internode.on.net)). The website with further conference details, and online registration, will soon be available.

**The 18th New Zealand Asian Studies Society International Conference, Victoria University of Wellington, 6-8 July, 2009.** This will be an open, multidisciplinary conference.

Participants are invited to submit panel or paper proposals presenting original research on any Asia-related topic. Proposals for panels are welcome. We can accept only one paper submission per person. Emerging scholars and postgraduate students are particularly welcome. For more information, please see the conference website:

<http://www.nzasia.org.nz/conference.html>. Paper presentations will be allocated 30 minutes (20 minutes presentation and 10 minutes discussion). Shorter papers with more time for discussion are welcome. Panels will normally comprise three paper presentations. Submission of Abstracts: Paper abstracts, single spaced and no longer than 200 words, must be submitted electronically as Microsoft Word email attachments before **15 March** to the chair of the organising committee: [stephen.epstein@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:stephen.epstein@vuw.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.

Following a successful 'First International Conference of Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies in Banda Aceh' in February 2007, the participants endorsed the establishment of an International Centre for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies in Aceh (ICAIOS). ICAIOS will join with the Asian Research Institute of NUS, Singapore, and an Aceh-based institution to host a second conference in **February 2009 entitled 'International Conference on Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies II. Civil Conflict and Its Remedies'**. Those wishing to present papers, in either English or Bahasa Indonesia at the conference are invited to submit a Paper Proposal which includes a title, a 250-word abstract, and a short paragraph of personal self-description by **31 October 2008**. The Workshop website is located at: [http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/events\\_categorydetails.asp?categoryid=6&eventid=842](http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/events_categorydetails.asp?categoryid=6&eventid=842).

**Race and Nation, Family and Economy: Malayness and Its Debates (20 - 21 January 2009, Singapore).** The overall theme of the book is the deconstruction of the issue of Malayness, with its conflicts and contentions investigated through a methodological focus on personalities, texts, collectives and family life. Papers are expected to fall into one of the four themes identified below. However, the organizers are open to proposals that explore other appropriate themes as the basis for study, as well as multiple themes that interconnect. The four themes that should be considered in the preparation of papers are discussed below: 1. Personalities Within this theme, papers are expected to look at the question of Malayness through a study of personalities. 2. Texts Under this rubric papers are expected to refer to sources such as fictional works, vernacular and English newspapers, political newsletters, and other non-conventional sources such as the websites and political and cultural blogs to explore the Malayness discourse. 3. Collectives Aside from looking at prominent movements such as UMNO, PAS and other influential civil societies, we invite papers that can uncover how the lesser explored groups such as cultural and literary collectives contribute to the debates and activism on Malayness and the implications on race, nation, family and economy. 4. Family Life. In exploring this dimension we welcome papers that can extensively include family studies in the deconstruction of debates on Malayness. Paper proposals should include a 250-word abstract. A complete biodata (CV) and short biography should also be submitted on the attached form by **15 October 2008**. Please submit and address all applications to Miss Alyson Rozells ([alysonrozells@nus.edu.sg](mailto:alysonrozells@nus.edu.sg)) of the Asia Research Institute. Successful applicants will be notified by 30 October 2008 and will be required to send in a completed

paper by 15 December 2008. Based on the quality of proposals and availability of funds, partial or full funding will be granted to successful applicants.

"Popular Movements in World History" (Graduate Workshop in World History, University of Oxford, 3 Dec 2008). 2009 will see the 50th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution. The workshop will take that anniversary as a starting point to look more broadly at popular movements throughout world history. These can range from the social, cultural, ideological and religious aspects of political mobilisation, to broader themes examining concepts such as democracy, liberty, or justice and their role in revolutions. We are particularly interested in papers which focus on trans-national and cross-border movements. There is no limit on the time period or scope of the paper. Paper presentations should last no longer than 20 minutes. The Graduate Workshop in World History is a postgraduate seminar held at the Modern History Faculty, University of Oxford, UK, and aims to be a forum for the free exchange of ideas between postgraduate students. We strongly encourage submissions from postgraduate students at any stage of their studies. We regret travel grants are not available. Please submit a short abstract of no more than 300 words to M. Ali Raza at [muhammad.raza@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:muhammad.raza@sant.ox.ac.uk) by **November 15, 2008**. Please include your name, institutional affiliation, e-mail address and other contact information.

"Language, Culture, and Globalization in Southeast Asian Countries", Airlangga University, Surabaya, December 11th 2008. This symposium seeks to bring analyses in the field of humanities to bear on the complex relationship between language, culture and history, and the process of globalization in Southeast Asian countries. It also seeks to explore questions concerning commonalities and differences among Southeast Asians, who often come from radically different social, cultural and political contexts and yet who live in a world that is increasingly globally connected. The symposium has identified several sub-themes to explore under this main theme. There are, among others, linguistics, literary works, translation studies, and cultures of Southeast Asia as regional identity markers in the domain of globalization, linguistic genocide, ethnography, and media in the era of globalization, indigenous studies and regional history: challenges and responses. In particular, participants are encouraged to engage with multidimensional and multidiscipline perspectives to share the researches in linguistics, literature, history, and culture in the domain of hegemonic globalization in Southeast Asian countries. This symposium will use Indonesian, Malay, and English languages. The symposium invites experts, journalists, researches, lecturers, graduate students and others to present papers in the symposium. The deadline for abstracts is **October 31, 2008**. Abstracts should include (1) author's name, mail and email address; (2) an indication (if appropriate) of the "site of inquiry" for which the contribution is intended; (3) the length is around 300 – 500 words. The deadline for full papers (not more than 15 pages single-spaced) is **December 3rd 2008**. The deadline of presenter registration is **December 7, 2008**. Contacts: [fib.seminar@gmail.com](mailto:fib.seminar@gmail.com) or [fib.seminar@unair.ac.id](mailto:fib.seminar@unair.ac.id).

## **PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES**

The *Journal of Indonesian Islam* is calling for submissions for next following edition, Vol 2, No. 1 2009. The papers should deal with aspects of Indonesian Islam especially in relation to the following areas of study: culture (popular culture, indigenous culture etc.); politics

(party politics, democracy, democratisation etc.); human rights (child protection, violence, etc.); society (social movement, social institution, inter-religious relationship etc.); economics (political economy, business etc.); history (historical development of the past and the present); doctrines (theology, ideology, etc.). The papers can be sent electronically to the following address: [masdar\\_hilmy@yahoo.com](mailto:masdar_hilmy@yahoo.com).

**Call for Manuscripts: The Construction of "Memory" in Asia, EAA Spring 2009.** 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 are evaluated by qualified referees. We are in the process of developing a special section in the spring 2009 issue entitled "History, Literature, and the Construction of "Memory" in Asia." It is hoped that articles will be published where authors develop manuscripts that will enable teachers and students to better understand how academic and popular historical narratives and works of literature influence the way Asians perceive their past and those of other cultures. We are especially interested in obtaining more manuscripts that focus upon South and Southeast Asia. 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. Therefore, 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 December 20, 2008. Cordially, Lucien Ellington ([l-ellington@comcast.net](mailto:l-ellington@comcast.net)), Web Site: <http://www.aasianst.org/>.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/RESEARCH/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**The Weatherhead East Asian Institute invites applications for its 2009-2010 Postdoctoral Fellowship in Modern Southeast Asian Studies.** Candidates from all social science disciplines, including history, are welcome to apply. The fellowship will cover a 10 or 12-month period beginning July 1, 2009 or September 1, 2009. The Fellow will devote half time to his or her own research and will teach one graduate-level course on Southeast Asia per semester. The stipend for 2009-2010 is \$44,000, plus benefits. Applicants must have completed all Ph.D. degree requirements (completed and filed the dissertation) between July 2005 and July 2009. Applicants must have completed their Ph.D. in a social science discipline, including history, working on modern Southeast Asia. Applications from individuals who hold or have held regular faculty positions will not be considered. Complete information and an application form are available at <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/weai/postdoctoral-fellowship.html>

**Applications are being sought from potential doctoral candidates interested in enrolling in a PhD at the Australian National University or the University of Sydney, within the framework of the project 'Understanding Indonesian: developing a machine-usable grammar, dictionary and corpus'.** The objective of this ARC project is to develop a good computationally tractable lexicon and grammar for modern Indonesian. The rigorous analysis and testing required for this will result in empirically robust and linguistically well-

grounded analyses of Indonesian. The grammar and lexicon are being built within the framework of the Parallel Grammar project (<http://www2.parc.com/istl/groups/nlt/Pargram/>), based on the Lexical Functional Grammar (LFG) model of grammar. This project would suit students interested in computational linguistics, or in corpus building, or in the descriptive grammar of Indonesian, or in Lexical Functional Grammar. Applicants should state which of the above projects they would be interested in working on, and on which university they would prefer to be based at. Facilities and support Project applicants should apply for regular scholarship funding through the Australian National University and the University of Sydney. Some stipend support is available through the project. In addition, the project has support for participation in national and international project meetings. Applicants should possess a strong background in Linguistics or Computational Linguistics or Computer Science, to Honours Level (in the Australian system) or Master's Level (in the European and American systems). Native speakers of varieties of Indonesian or Malay are particularly encouraged to apply. Interested applicants should contact Wayan Arka ([wayan.arka@anu.edu.au](mailto:wayan.arka@anu.edu.au)) Avery Andrews ([avery.andrews@anu.edu.au](mailto:avery.andrews@anu.edu.au)) or Jane Simpson ([jane.simpson@usyd.edu.au](mailto:jane.simpson@usyd.edu.au)), and then apply for admission to the programmes as well as for scholarships.

**The Australian National University PhD Scholarship: Being Muslim in Eastern Indonesia: Practice, Politics & Cultural Diversity.** Three years full-time with a possible six month extension We are seeking a suitably qualified applicant to participate in an ARC-funded research project that explores the poorly understood Islamic cultures of Eastern Indonesia (Sulawesi, Maluku and the lesser Sunda Islands). The successful applicant will join a research team in the Department of Anthropology, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, which is Australia's leading centre for Indonesian studies. The PhD will be based around twelve months field work in an Islamic community in Maluku or the lesser Sunda Islands. The stipend is \$20,007 per annum. Applicants should have at least an honours degree or equivalent in Anthropology, Asian Studies or a related discipline, have demonstrated research capacity and be capable of conducting field research in Bahasa Indonesia. Closing date: **Friday 31 October 2008**  
Information: [http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/scholarships/arc\\_eastindonesia.php](http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/scholarships/arc_eastindonesia.php)

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**The Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto invites applications for a full-time tenure stream position at the rank of Assistant Professor in Asian Modernities, starting July 1, 2009.** This position is a 49% appointment in the **Asian Institute** and a 51% appointment in either the **Departments of East Asian Studies** or **Sociology**. The Asian Institute is a research and teaching centre located in the Munk Centre for International Studies, specializing in all geographical areas of Asia, including, among others, Southeast and Northeast Asia (see [www.utoronto.ca/ai](http://www.utoronto.ca/ai)). The position will involve teaching responsibilities in the undergraduate and Master's degree programs in Asia Pacific Studies. These programs emphasize a comparative, interdisciplinary, and transnational approach to contemporary issues in both Southeast and East Asia. The ideal candidate would advance interdisciplinary, interregional and comparative scholarship on Asian modernities. Research and teaching interests should engage emerging and novel ways of understanding modernity, its various forms, and its consequences in Asia. Topics can be

far-ranging and could include such issues as the city, gender and sexuality, emerging configurations of labour, land and capital, or media, science and technology. Scholars whose work focuses on Southeast and/or Northeast Asia are encouraged to apply. Only applicants with Ph.D. in hand by July 1, 2009, excellence in research and teaching, and demonstrated proficiency in at least one Asian language will be considered. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. The closing date for applications is **October 15, 2008**. Please apply with a full C.V., a chapter/article length writing sample and teaching dossier to the administrator of the search: Eileen Lam, Institute Manager and Project Officer, Asian Institute at the University of Toronto, Munk Centre for International Studies, 1 Devonshire Place, Toronto, Canada M5S 3K7. Please arrange for three letters of reference to be sent to the address above, under separate cover, and to arrive by the closing date.