

Indonesia Council Digest December 2008

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NEWS

The organising committee of the **Indonesia Council Open Conference (ICOC)** in 2009 is keen to hear from panel organisers. Please email panel titles and speakers' names to icoc2009@gmail.com. Submissions close in February, but please let us know at your earliest convenience if you have a panel on the boil.

RECENT JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

David Jansen (2008), "Relations among Security and Law Enforcement Institutions in Indonesia". *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, Vol. 30, No. 3.

This article looks at relations among security and law enforcement actors in a regional case study (Yogyakarta). Arguing that the dominant perceptions of cooperation among security actors in Indonesia tends to stress dysfunctionality, this article instead lays out a different picture. The evidence presented in this article suggests that coordination and an effective division of labour does exist among government security agencies in a 'normal'/low conflict security environment, potentially adjusting some of our previous assumptions.

BOOKS

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

The essays in this collection explore how concepts from Western political theory are compatible with a liberal interpretation of Islam 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.

Bulbeck, Chilla. *Sex, Love and Feminism in the Asia Pacific: A Cross-Cultural Study of Young People's Attitudes*. London: Routledge, 2008.

This book explores feminism, the women's movement and gender relations in the Asia Pacific region. Through a comparative analysis of ten countries, both Asian and Western, it examines important issues such as attitudes towards feminism, family relations, sex and same sex sexual relations, abortion rights, nudity and pornography.

Jones, Russell et al. *Loan-words in Indonesian and Malay*. Leiden, KITLV Press, 2008, (incl. DVD with Amoy dictionary and supplemental pages).

This is a register of twenty-thousand loan words in Indonesian and Malay, deriving from Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian, Hindi, Tamil, Chinese, Portuguese, Dutch, English, and Japanese. Given for each are the Indonesian or Malay headword, the word in the source language, and, for foreign scripts, the page where it is to be found in a bilingual dictionary.

McCarthy, John and Carol Warren (eds). *Community, Environment and Local Governance in Indonesia. Locating the commonweal*. Abingdon, Routledge, 2008.

Drawing together studies undertaken in the decade following Indonesia's rapid political reforms, this book explores the forces reconfiguring resource governance, providing a rare in-depth view from the grassroots up of the dynamics shaping outcomes in different contexts. Original case studies from across this diverse cultural and ecological archipelago focus on the most significant resource sectors - agriculture, fisheries, forestry, mining and tourism. The cases demonstrate the challenges and the dynamics at play in efforts to build the "commonweal" - sites of shared welfare and common interest - in a context driven by decentralizing and globalizing forces.

Miller, Michelle Ann. *Rebellion and Reform in Indonesia. Jakarta's Security and Autonomy Policies in Aceh*. London, Routledge, 2008.

This book examines Jakarta's capacity to contain secessionist forces in Indonesia's north-westernmost province of Aceh. Unlike other studies of separatism in Indonesia, this book concentrates on the responses of the central government rather than looking only at the separatist forces. It shows how successive governments have tried a wide range of approaches including military repression, offers of autonomy, peace talks and a combination of these. It discusses the lessons that have been learned from these different approaches and analyzes the impact of the tsunami, including the successful accommodation of former rebels within an Indonesian devolved state structure and the expanding implementation of Islamic law.

van Klinken, Gerry. *Communal Violence and Democratization in Indonesia: Small Town Wars*, London: Routledge, 2007. [Now in paperback]

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 again in separatist violence in Aceh and East Timor. Taking a comprehensive look at the communal violence that arose after the New Order regime, this book will be of interest to students of Southeast Asian studies, social movements, political violence and ethnicity.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

The sixth EuroSEAS Conference will be held on 26-28 August 2010 in Gothenburg, Sweden. All scholars with an interest in Southeast Asia are cordially invited to propose panels for the conference. In line with previous EuroSEAS conferences, the meeting in Gothenburg will cover a wide range of topics in all fields of social sciences and humanities. There are no limits concerning topics with Southeast Asia as a focus. Participants are encouraged to contribute to no more than one panel. Experience from earlier conferences shows that panel discussions gain tremendously from having a critical mass of participants that stays for the whole panel. Dead line for panel proposals 1 June 2009. For practical information, please have look at our website www.globalstudies.gu.se.

"First International Graduate Student Conference on Indonesia", Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta 1- 4 December 2009. The theme of the Conference is "(Re)Considering Contemporary Indonesia: Striving for Democracy, Sustainability, and Prosperity, A Multidisciplinary Perspective". We invite all Graduate Students from various disciplines working on Indonesia to submit abstracts and papers on the basis of current research on the contemporary issues of Indonesia. We also welcome any proposal to organize a panel on a particular theme with its panels' coordinators (scholars), a number of students' abstracts under the same theme, and discussants for each session in the panel (if any). The Steering Committee would review both the individual abstracts and the proposed panel/s. The best-selected papers in each panel will be considered for publication in edited manuscripts. The conference will be held bilingually (English and Indonesian). Deadline for submission of a 350-word abstract: 28 February 2009 (Abstract senders must be registered as graduate students at the time of submission). 3. Deadline for full-papers' submission (maximum 6000 words): 30 October 2009. Please send the abstract to Andy Wahyu Widayat: igsc.indo1@gmail.com and Siti N. Hidayah, M. Endy Saputro & Esti Anantasari: figcindonesia@gmail.com. The Abstract form can be downloaded from <http://www.api.pasca.uqm.ac.id>.

PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

Studies in Asian Security - Competitive Solicitation of Manuscripts. The Studies in Asian Security series published by Stanford University Press and sponsored by the East-West Center has secured a grant to make up to eight awards of six to nine thousand dollars each for proposals or manuscripts in progress judged by the committee to be suitable for the series. The series editorial committee is looking for high quality, theoretically oriented single author proposals or manuscripts on Asian security. Edited volumes and doctoral research will not be supported. The awards are open to younger and senior scholars. Details of the series including purpose, orientation, advantages of publishing in the series, manuscript length, screening and review process, and recent publications are available at

www.eastwestcenter.org/studiesinasiansecurity. The final amount for each award will be determined by the editorial committee on the basis of the research required to complete the manuscript and the availability of funds. Awards will be paid in three installments: the first upon acceptance of the proposal, the second upon receipt of the complete manuscript, and the third and final installment upon completion of all work necessary for publication. The completed manuscript should be ready for peer review within 20 months of the award date. Only manuscripts that pass peer review will be published in the series. Proposals should run 10 to 20 pages, set out the issue, problem, or puzzle investigated, the scholarly and policy significance of the study, methodology employed, likely findings of the study, indication of the target date for completing the book manuscript, and how the research funds will be used. For manuscripts in progress, the proposal should indicate the present stage of the manuscript and when it is expected to be completed. A CV listing relevant qualifications and publications should accompany all submissions. Submissions must be original and not published elsewhere. The series does not accept simultaneous submission to more than one press. The deadline for receiving proposals is **January 15, 2009**. Proposals should be forwarded to: Series Editor, Studies in Asian Security, East-West Center, 1819 L Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20036, USA. An electronic version of proposals and manuscripts should also be sent to ewcwpubs@eastwestcenter.org.

Call for abstracts for special issue of *Gender & History on Historicizing Sexuality and Gender* (eds. Kevin P. Murphy and Jennifer M. Spear). Over the past two decades, historians writing across period and region have, by and large, taken up the call of Rubin and her interlocutors to produce delineated analyses of "sexuality" and "gender." Yet, these efforts have produced anything but a stable or coherent sense of how "sexuality" and "gender" have functioned throughout human history. Indeed, many scholars – especially those focusing on the pre-modern and non-western worlds – have productively questioned the conceptualization of and distinction between these categories, demonstrating that sexual desire and practices have intersected with gendered identities and norms in complicated, sometimes inextricable ways. Some scholars have suggested, in particular, that "sexuality" as a category of identity and a technology of governance applies only to the modern West. This special issue of *Gender & History* examines the historical relationship between sexuality and gender writ large. We solicit work that explicitly examines the possibilities and limitations of these categories for analyzing the past. We especially encourage comparative analysis, scholarship that focuses on the nonwestern world, and work that contributes to the theorization of these categories and their relationship to one another. We invite potential contributors to explore the following topics, among other possibilities, and we encourage submissions in nontraditional formats:

- * The historical configuration of "gender" and "sexuality" in different global regions (including, but not limited to, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America)
- * Historical shifts in the relationship between categories of gender and sexuality
- * Histories of third-sex, transgender, and transsexual subjectivities and politics
- Historical experiences of "sexuality" for men, women, and those occupying other gender categories
- * Intersections of racial formations and ideologies with categories of gender and sexuality
- * The politics of sexuality and gender in relation to histories of empire and colonialism
- * The reception and contestation of Western concepts of gender and sexuality throughout the world
- * The political economy of sexuality and gender across space and time
- * Gendered histories of same-sex practices, identities, and politics
- * Histories of the production of knowledge

about gender and sexuality * Religious constructions of gender and sexual norms & Gender and sexuality in relation to governmental and political discourse * The association and disassociation of gender and sexuality with reproduction Procedures for submission of articles: By **January 15, 2009**, please submit a 1-2 page abstract as an attachment to gendhist@umn.edu with "Issue 22:3 abstract submission" in the subject line. By **February 20, 2009** authors will be notified whether they should submit a full version of their article for peer review. The due date for complete articles is June 15, 2009. Those articles selected for publication after the peer review process will be included in issue *Gender & History* 22:3, scheduled to appear in **November 2010**.

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/RESEARCH/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation donation enables outstanding graduate students from outside the United Kingdom to study at the University of Cambridge; scholarships are awarded on the basis of a person's intellectual ability, leadership capacity and desire to use their knowledge to contribute to society throughout the world by providing service to their communities and applying their talents and knowledge to improve the lives of others; applicants must be citizens of any country outside the United Kingdom, and must apply to study any subject available at the University of Cambridge. Closing Date: **14 December 2008**.

The 2009/2010 Darmasiswa round is now open. Students can apply for the REGULAR PROGRAM (one year), which runs from the first week of September 2009, or the SHORT PROGRAM (six months), which runs from the first week of September 2009 OR from first week of February 2010. Students must be in Indonesia a week prior to the commencement of the course for an orientation program. Interested Applicants should first register online at <http://darmasiswa.diknas.go.id> After registering online, you MUST inform the closest Indonesian Embassy/Consulate General to be approved. Completed application forms and other documents should be submitted to the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Sydney for applicants in NEW SOUTH WALES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA & QUEENSLAND. The deadline for applications to be lodged with the Consulate General in Sydney is **MONDAY, 30 MARCH 2009**.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Michigan State University invites nominations and applications for the Director of the Asian Studies Center who provides leadership in shaping and implementing innovative initiatives to advance strategic international engagement. The Director provides intellectual, organizational and programmatic leadership to advance and promote excellence in MSU's diverse research, teaching, and outreach activities relating to Asia. For more information about the position and required qualifications, see the full position announcement at www.isp.msu.edu. More information about the center can be found at: www.asianstudies.msu.edu. MSU will begin reviewing applications on **10 December 2008**, however, applications will be received and reviewed until the position is filled. Website: <http://www.apply-for-job.net/c/jobclick.cfm?site=6085&job=4921311>

The Department of Anthropology at the University of Sydney is seeking to appoint two anthropologists who will enhance the Department's position as an international leader in teaching and research focussed on societies and cultures of the Asia Pacific region including Australia. Competence in an Asia Pacific language is desirable. These positions are full-time continuing, subject to the completion of a satisfactory probation period for new appointees. Membership of a University approved superannuation scheme is a condition of employment for new appointees. Specific enquiries about the role can be directed to the Chair of the Department, Neil Maclean: neil.maclean@usyd.edu.au. Closing Date: **3 December 2008**.

The School of Letters, Art and Media (SLAM) at the University of Sydney is seeking to appoint a Level B Lecturer in Linguistics. Given the Department's current staffing profile, preference may be given to a specialist in Sociolinguistics and/or Applied Linguistics. The appointee will be required to work independently and collaboratively in course design, development and coordination; teach senior-level units in his or her area of Linguistics; contribute to cross-discipline units at undergraduate and postgraduate level; take an active role in administration, including WebCT and teaching administration; and maintain an active research profile. He or she will also work to maintain close contacts already established between the Department and the national and international community. Applicants are invited to indicate other areas in which they are most equipped to contribute to the current and future teaching of the Department. The position is full-time continuing, subject to the completion of a satisfactory probation period and is available from 1 March 2009. Applicants should be available to commence teaching in Semester 2, 2009. Membership of a University approved superannuation scheme is a condition of employment for new appointees. Academic enquiries can be directed to Dr Ahmar Mahboob, ahmar.mahboob@usyd.edu.au, or Associate Professor Jane Simpson, jhs@mail.usyd.edu.au. Closing Date: **3 January 2009**.

Durham University Lecturer in Southeast Asian Politics School of Government & International Affairs. As part of its planned expansion and in conjunction with the launch of its new BA in International Relations, the School of Government and International Affairs invites applications from outstanding candidates for a Lectureship in Southeast Asian Politics. This full-time, non-fixed term position is available from 1 May 2009. This new post will play an important role in the development of research and teaching in Southeast Asian Politics within the School of Government and International Affairs. Conducting and publishing research in the field, including pursuing research funding, the post-holder will also play an important role in the delivery of Southeast Asian politics in the new BA in International Relations and in the School's other undergraduate and taught postgraduate degree programmes. Further details of the post and an application form are available on our website (<https://jobs.dur.ac.uk>) or Tel: 0191 334 6499; fax: 0191 334 6495. Reference number: 2924 Closing date: **9 January 2009**.

The Australian National University wishes to appoint an outstanding leader to hold the newly established Freilich Foundation Chair. The Herbert and Valmae Freilich Foundation is an endowment to The Australian National University established in 1999 to promote the study of, and research into, the causes, the histories and the effects of ethnic, cultural, religious and sexual bigotry and animosity, and the exploration of how such intolerance can be combated and co-existence promoted by educational and social programs. The

Foundation wishes to appoint a senior academic to substantially develop the research component of the Foundation's work whilst being involved in the current operation and activities of the Foundation. Applications are invited from women and men with a recognised record of achievement in any disciplinary field which addresses the research interests of the Foundation. You will provide leadership for the Foundation, participate and build upon the existing program of activities, participate in graduate teaching and supervision, and develop relationships with relevant units within the ANU and external organisations. The level of appointment will depend on qualifications and experience. Further information on this position can be obtained at <http://jobs.anu.edu.au/PositionDetail.aspx?p=312>