

Indonesia Council Digest March 2009

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NEWS

Recordings of all episodes of the Radio National feature *An Indonesian Journey: Democracy and Diversity* are available as audio on demand and to podcast at abc.net.au/rn/360 until mid-March.

As most of you know, there has been a flood of articles in the Australian media about Indonesian Studies (and Indonesian language in particular) since the Australia-Indonesia conference in mid-February. If you have any ideas about how to best use the opportunity we now have to capitalise on this interest, please drop me a line and I'll pass it on to the people spearheading the campaign.

RECENT JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

The Muria peninsula nuclear power proposal: state of play, Richard Tanter and Arabella Imhoff, Austral Policy Forum 09-1A, 19 January 2009
<http://www.globalcollab.org/Nautilus/australia/apsnet/policy-forum/2009/muria-nuclear-power/>

Rudnyckyj, Daromir. 2009. "Spiritual Economies: Islam and Neoliberalism in Contemporary Indonesia." *Cultural Anthropology*. 24(1): 104-141.

The author analyzes the growth of popular, middle-class forms of Islam in Indonesia that seek to merge religious practice with business management, life-coaching and self-help principles. Drawing on 18 months of ethnographic research, the majority of which took place at Krakatau Steel in Banten, the essay argues that the convergence of Islamic ethics and business management knowledge illustrate the formation of what are termed "spiritual economies."

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

International Conference and Summer School on Indonesian Studies, Faculty of Humanities University of Indonesia, Depok, 21st - 29th July 2009. ICSSIS is a week-long

program of intensive research activities designed to bring together scholars, researchers, and students from around the world as well as gathering to attend the International Conference for Indonesian Studies. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for students to present their theory or argument in a friendly and professional environment and to develop an international and inter-disciplinary network. Individuals who wish to participate in the ISSC need to express their interest by completing the online application form. Applications close on **3 April 2009** and applicants will be advised of a result of their application by early May 2009. For further information, please contact : icssiscomitte@yahoo.com or visit website www.icssis.wordpress.com

The 1965-1966 Indonesian Killings Revisited, 17-19 June 2009, National University of Singapore. This conference will bring together scholars from a range of academic disciplines, including history, anthropology, political science and law, as well as practitioners in Indonesia. The conference will include panels on the 30th of September Movement, the roles of the military and mass organisations in the violence, regional studies of detention and mass killing, communist resistance to the pogroms, the impact of the violence on women and families, and contested views of the past in contemporary Indonesia. Website: http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/events_categorydetails.asp?categoryid=6&eventid=879

Call for papers, 25th Association of Southeast Asian Studies UK conference, Swansea University, 11-13 September 2009. Please send abstracts (200-500 words) to the panel convenors. The deadline for abstract submissions is **1 April 09**. (1) Environment, sustainability and livelihoods - Chris J. Barrow (c.j.barrow@swansea.ac.uk) (2) Creating resilient tourism in Southeast Asia - Janet Cochrane (J.Cochrane@leedsmet.ac.uk) (3) Creativity and gender in Southeast Asia - F. Hughes-Freeland (f.hughes-freeland@swansea.ac.uk).

Pancasila's Contemporary Appeal: Re-legitimizing Indonesia's Founding Ethos, 2nd International Yale Indonesia Forum Interdisciplinary Conference, July 1-2, 2009, Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The aim of this conference is to address questions and issues exploring to what degree Pancasila, as the founding ethos of Indonesia, continues to be relevant in a global and modern Indonesian society? To what degree can Pancasila and its followers address the various challenges of the centrifugal forces of globalization and modernity? True to the multidisciplinary goal of the Yale Indonesia Forum (YIF), this topic will be approached by scientists and researchers from various intellectual and academic disciplines in order to highlight and question the different aspects of Indonesia's founding ethos of Pancasila. Abstracts are therefore invited for papers from scholars focusing on any social, economic, cultural, or religious aspect of this issue. Yogyakarta has again been chosen to host this year's YIF conference because of its nature as center of academic excellence in Indonesia, and as such, capacity to bring together intellectually and ethnically diverse people from all parts of Indonesia. Persons wishing to present papers at the conference are invited to submit a one-page abstract in electronic form (PDF and MSWord) to Frank Dhont at the following address: frank.dhont@yale.edu. All papers will be presented in English. Deadline for submission of abstracts: **March 31, 2009**. For more information, see <http://www.yale.edu/seas/YIF-Yogyakarta09.htm>.

RESEARCH WORKSHOP, 'Asia Pacific Transculturalisms: New Theoretical Perspectives' Monday & Tuesday, June 8 & 9, 2009, University of Wollongong. The workshop is aimed specifically at scholars (including ECRs and doctoral students) working in the field of cultural analysis involving Asia Pacific cross-cultural relations. It offers an opportunity to explore current theoretical discourses in transcultural studies, and to debate the relevance of these to research dealing with the Asia Pacific. The workshop brings together Australian and overseas scholars from diverse but related disciplines (literary studies, cultural studies, media and cinema studies, art history) with the aim of developing interdisciplinary approaches to transcultural analytical practice. The workshop will include a group of around 10 postgraduate students and ECRs who are in the process of writing up a major piece of research (e.g. research thesis or monograph), and will make a significant contribution to their research training. Participants will be expected to contribute to the workshop by: a) reading short scholarly articles that address the workshop theme and engaging in critique and discussion of these approaches with workshop facilitators and peers; b) making brief presentations of their own projects and workshop theoretical and methodological approaches to their research question; c) providing feedback to their fellow participants. Junior researchers will also have the opportunity to contribute to a publication based on the workshop to be co-ordinated by the organising team. Scholars (including ECRs and doctoral students) seeking an invitation to the workshop are asked to email an application to Dr Broinowski, including a brief outline of their research. Replies to this invitation should reach Dr Broinowski at the address below by **Friday, 13 March 2009**. Accommodation for participants from outside Wollongong will be at the Ibis Hotel in Wollongong. Travel costs by the cheapest reasonable means will be covered.

Call for papers: Conference on "Historical Knowledge in/on East and South-East Asia, Tallinn University. September 13-15, 2009. We invite to the conference scholars and PhD candidates from all involved fields and methodological background (history, history of ideas, anthropology, philosophy, cultural studies, literary studies, social geography, education, etc.) to submit papers related to the nature and role of historical discourses and historical knowledge in the cultures of China, Japan, Korea and mainland Southeast Asia, both in the past and in current affairs. Abstracts (no longer than 300 words) should be sent in electronic form to Ms. Katja Koort (gejia@tlu.ee) by **30 March 2009**. Papers will be circulated in advance so that brief presentations can take place at the workshop, followed by extensive discussion. Notification will be sent to prospective presenters by 8 April 2009. Draft versions of papers are to be submitted in advance of the workshop, by 10 June 2009. Geir Sigurdsson Icelandic Centre of Asian Studies University of Akureyri Solborg v/Nordurslod IS-600 Akureyri.

PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

The Journal for International and Global Studies is seeking articles that address today's global world. In particular, it seeks high-quality, original work that is based on both theory and practice. We encourage submissions from all fields, but pay particular attention to anthropology, education, geography, history, international relations, international management, political science, religion, and sociology. For details on Submission of Manuscripts see <http://www.lindenwood.edu/academics/humanities/cigs/submissionGuidelines.pdf> The deadline for the submission of essays and book reviews for the first issue of the journal is **July 1, 2009**.

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/RESEARCH/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Kartomi PhD in Music Scholarship Scholarship period: 3 years full-time. Annual stipend AUD\$26,640 (2008 rate). The School of Music-Conservatorium, Monash University is pleased to offer the Kartomi PhD in Music Scholarship. The scholarship is available to Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and international applicants who have completed a four year undergraduate, masters preliminary or masters degree at H1 level or equivalent and who propose to undertake a PhD in music. The scholarship may be held in any field of music compatible with the research plans of the School. An outstanding background in a relevant discipline is required. Award holders will receive a generous stipend and may also be eligible for allowances for establishment, relocation, research and thesis production. Funding for fieldwork may also be available. For further details, please contact: Dr Made Hood: made.hood@arts.monash.edu.au. Applications close **31 October 2009**.

Australia-Netherlands Research Collaboration Overseas Travel Fellowships for PhD Students. Closing date for 2009 round: Friday **15 May**. For individuals currently enrolled in a PhD program at an Australian university and researching Southeast Asia, to conduct specific, defined tasks in the Netherlands related to their PhD - fieldwork, consulting an archive or library, engaging in language or disciplinary study, or consulting academic experts. Funds cover economy class return travel between Australia and the Netherlands plus a living allowance for a period of between one and six months. Please see funding guidelines at <http://www.aust-neth.net>

The Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Sydney is encouraging Australian students and academics to attend the International Conference and Summer School on Indonesian Studies (ICSSIS). To support Australian representation at the Conference, we are offering funding for one participant to attend. This will cover return airfare, visitor visa and conference registration fee. To be eligible for Consulate funding you must be a resident of New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia and selection will be at the discretion of the Consulate. To apply for Consulate funding to attend please complete the online application form at www.icssis.wordpress.com and then submit your details to infokjri@gmail.com before **3 April 2009**.

Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore is inviting applications for 3-Month Visiting (Senior) Research Fellowships and Visiting (Senior) Research Fellowships under the ARI Sabbatical Leave Scheme for commencement in October 2009, January 2010 and April 2010. The positions are intended for outstanding researchers whose work focus on Asia, with a balance anticipated between senior and junior scholars. Interested applicants should have at least a PhD with a few years of postdoctoral research experience. Applicants are to indicate which of the ARI clusters they like to be affiliated with. Interdisciplinary interests are also encouraged. The position is essentially a writing fellowship, and at least one published outcome is expected. Applicants who do not normally publish in English will be encouraged and assisted to do so. The application closing date is 1 April 2009. For more on the positions, clusters and application procedure, see: <http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg> or email joinari@nus.edu.sg for more information.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Yale University - Post Doctoral Associate, Ethnicity, Race and Migration. The Program in Ethnicity, Race, and Migration at Yale University seeks to appoint at least one Postdoctoral Associate for a renewable one year position in the field(s) of Asian American Studies, Latina/o Studies, Native American Studies, or Comparative Ethnic Studies beginning July 1, 2009. Candidates who will complete their doctorates by July 1, 2009, or who have completed their doctorates since 2004, will be considered. Successful applicant(s) will be jointly sponsored by the Ethnicity, Race, and Migration Program and the American Studies Program. Scholars are expected to be in residence throughout the term of their appointment and to contribute to the intellectual life of the University. Postdoctoral Associates will teach one undergraduate seminar per year. Salary for postdoctoral associates will be \$55,000 per year. Yale University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Yale values diversity among its students, staff and faculty, and strongly encourages applications from women and underrepresented minorities. Send a cover letter (indicating qualifications and plans for research and writing), a CV, one or more writing samples up to a total one hundred pages in length, a syllabus of a proposed course, and three letters of reference to Ethnicity, Race, and Migration Scholars Program, the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, P.O. Box 208206, New Haven, CT 06520-8206. Inquiries may be directed to erm@yale.edu. All application materials must be postmarked by **March 6, 2009**. Contact Info: Ethnicity, Race, and Migration Scholars Program, The MacMillan Center, 34 Hillhouse Avenue, P.O. Box 208206, New Haven, CT 06520-8206, Inquiries may be directed to erm@yale.edu. Website: <http://www.yale.edu/macmillan>.