

Indonesia Council Digest July 2009

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NEWS

Thushara Dibley, Michele Ford and the rest of the organising committee are looking forward to welcoming everyone to the **ICOC 2009 on 15-17 July at Sydney Uni**. Download the final version of the program at <http://indonesiacouncil.anu.edu.au/icoc2009.php>.

Excerpt from a letter from Bob Hefner (currently head of the AAS) to Southeast Asianists:
At most annual meetings, Southeast Asian studies doesn't fare too badly. But the AAS Executive feels that Southeast Asian studies still isn't quite as well represented as it could or should be in the annual meeting. As a result, Bob and Gil appealed to me to contact colleagues in Southeast Asia, and encourage them to encourage their friends and fellow-Southeast Asianists to submit panel proposals and also attend the meetings in Philadelphia. As several of you know, in recent weeks, I have also taken the liberty of approaching a few people to encourage the formation of specific panels on topics that colleagues have told me are of special timeliness in Southeast Asian studies, as well as Asian Studies generally. I have also contacted a few professional associations from outside of the AAS, with an interest in Southeast Asia, to encourage them to come to the meetings and play some role. As you probably have heard, there are a few other angles in which the AAS is especially interested. We're keen on drawing in scholars from Asia, Australia, and Europe, as well as Asianists who may happen to live in regions of the world like Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East, where one doesn't usually think of there being much Southeast Asian studies at all. The AAS is also keen on bringing in scholars who bridge the world of academia, policy debates, journalism, and public scholarship. One of our Foundation supporters is very keen on having the AAS expand its interest in environmental issues. Last but not least, and notwithstanding my partisan appeal for greater Southeast Asianist participation, the AAS program committee is especially fond of panels that transcend disciplinary and regional boundaries. I hope you might agree and perhaps help with this effort. The deadline for proposals to the AAS is **August 7th**. The AAS will be held in Philadelphia from **25-28 March 2010**.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Long, Nicholas. 2009. 'Fruits of the orchard: land, space, and state in Kepulauan Riau' *SOJOURN: Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia*, Volume 24, No. 1, pp. 60-88.

Drawing on recent re-theorizations of "space", this article dissects a dispute over the illegal settling of an abandoned orchard in the Indonesian province of Kepulauan Riau. It demonstrates how parallel "rights", "duties", and claims of "belonging" can emerge from the multiple webs of social relationships in which land is enmeshed. Local incarnations of the state are similarly embroiled in these parallel social and spatial networks, fracturing the authority of the state as arbiter, and giving rise to affects of cynical disaffection.

Richard Chauvel, *Between guns and dialogue: Papua after the exile's return*, *Austral Policy Forum 09-11A*, Nautilus Institute, 23 April 2009.

Richard Chauvel of Victoria University writes that although after half a century of exile Papuan politician Nicholaas Jouwe's visit to Jakarta and Jayapura reflected an "Indonesian strategy to persuade exiled Papuan political figures, refugees and asylum seekers to return to Indonesia", not all went according to plan. Chauvel argues that in light of the government's heavy handed military response to renewed violence in Papua, "the President's acknowledgement that the military approach is not appropriate for resolving problems in Papua" has done little to allay the fear among the Papuan community. Yet Chauvel concludes by arguing that an "optimistic reading of Nicolaas Jouwe's visit and the subsequent violence and destruction in Papua is that a re-elected Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono or a new President will feel sufficiently confident to engage in a dialogue with Papuan leaders to resolve peacefully Indonesia's last and most intractable regional conflict." <http://www.globalcollab.org/Nautilus/australia/apsnet/policy-forum/policy-forum/2009/nicholaas-jouwe/>

Katharine E. McGregor, *Confronting the Past in Contemporary Indonesia: The Anticommunist Killings of 1965–66 and the Role of the Nahdlatul Ulama* *Critical Asian Studies*, Volume 41 Issue 2, 195.

The collapse of authoritarian regimes and the emergence of new democratic spaces hold the promise of an opportunity to redress instances of past violence. Confronting violent pasts is never an easy task, however, especially when different interest groups stand to lose from such a process. This article explores the role of Indonesia's largest Islamic organization, Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) in the 1965 killings and shifting views about this past within the NU today. It examines the dramatic move in 2000 of young members of the NU to confront this past and to try to improve relations between members of the NU and former leftists. The article focuses on the reasons for the emergence of Syarikat (Masyarakat Santri untuk Advokasi Rakyat, Muslim Community for Social Advocacy), the nongovernmental organization behind this reconciliation effort, and on responses to its work. As Syarikat's experience shows, combining the dual goals of societal peace and historical revision has not been an easy task. In its efforts to reinterpret the past, Syarikat is trying to accomplish two somewhat antagonistic objectives: (1) rebutting dominant versions of history and raising awareness about the suffering of former political prisoners, and (2) producing a version of the past that senior members of the NU can live with. Its decision to confront one of the most delicate topics in the history of the NU has had a

mixed reception and these responses help us measure the extent of the NU's commitment to reform and tolerance.

Meitzner, Marcus (2009) "Political Opinion Polling in Post-Authoritarian Indonesia: Catalyst or Obstacle to Democratic Consolidation?", *Bijdragen tot the Taal-, Land, en Volkenkunde*, Volume 165/2, pp. 95-126.

This article discusses the implications of the rising importance of opinion polling for Indonesia's consolidating democracy. It shows that political actors are now increasingly forced to take the diverse aspirations of voters into account, much more so than at any other stage of Indonesia's history. This anticipation of the electorate's wishes has improved the responsiveness of Indonesia's political institutions and leaders, and has introduced an unprecedented level of competition between the elite for support from the previously neglected grassroots voters. On the other hand, however, the mushrooming of polling bodies has created a new set of problems. For example, elite figures have quickly discovered that by employing professional image experts and strategy consultants, they can artificially boost their popularity levels. This, in turn, has triggered an explosion in the costs of political activity, effectively barring the majority of Indonesians from running for office and aggravating politically motivated corruption.

Parker, Lyn. 2009 "Religion, Class and Schooled Sexuality among Minangkabau Teenage Girls," *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- en Volkenkunde*, Vol. 165, no.1, pp.62-94.

This paper examines the meanings attached to sexuality and femininity by Minangkabau teenage girls in schools in West Sumatra, Indonesia. Schools communicate a normative understanding of womanhood, and a moral consciousness of the female sexual body, to students. Different types of schools – academic, vocational and Islamic senior high schools – have a different 'curriculum of the body' (Lesko 1988) and differently shape sexuality. School girls practise their sexuality in ways that are characteristic of their class, gender and religiosity, mediated by their schools. They have a highly developed sense of their own sexuality, but, far from experiencing a sexual revolution as a result of globalization, most have developed a sexual awareness that is weighted with cultural and religious burdens. Minang female adolescent sexuality is a moral sexuality based on Islam and adat.

BOOKS

Arnscheidt, Julia. 'Debating' Nature Conservation: Policy, law and practice in Indonesia Amsterdam, Amsterdam University Press, 2008.

Based on rich empirical case material the book argues that a multitude of discourses have come to co-exist which enable actors to use arguments strategically, and that various actors have succeeded to mobilise discourses enabling them to participate in the debate without obligations. The result is that this study goes beyond participating in the debate on what element of sustainable development to focus on but link the policy debate to on governance and the rule of law.

Braucher, Birgit. *Reconciling Indonesia: Grassroots agency for peace*. Abingdon,

Routledge, 2009.

Indonesia has been torn by massive internal conflicts over the last decade. Covering different areas of Indonesia and bringing together scholars from all over the world, this multi-disciplinary volume analyses grassroots reconciliation initiatives and explores the ways in which reconciliation connects with issues like civil society, gender, religion, tradition, culture, education, displacement and performance. Promoting an interdisciplinary examination of Indonesia, this volume goes beyond a mere political and legal approach to reconciliation. It offers new understandings of bottom-up reconciliation approaches and the cultural dimension of reconciliation.

Warren, C. and McCarthy, J.F. (eds.) (2008) *Environment and Governance in Indonesia: Locating the Commonweal*. London: Routledge Press.

This book explores the forces reconfiguring local resource governance in Indonesia since 1998, drawing together original field research undertaken in a decade of dramatic political change. Case studies from across Indonesia's diverse cultural and ecological landscapes focus on the most significant resource sectors – agriculture, fisheries, forestry, mining and tourism –providing a rare in-depth view of the dynamics shaping social and environmental outcomes in these varied contexts.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Global Studies, Pusan National University, Busan, South Korea, 21-23 June 2010. The Global Studies Conference and Global Studies Journal are devoted to mapping and interpreting new trends and patterns in globalization. The Conference and Journal attempt to do this from many points of view, from many locations in the world, and in a wide-angle kaleidoscopic fashion. As well as impressive line-up of international plenary speakers, the Conference will also include numerous paper, workshop and colloquium presentations by practitioners, teachers and researchers. We would particularly like to invite you to respond to the Conference Call-for-Papers. Presenters may choose to submit written papers for publication in the *Global Studies* Journal. If you are unable to attend the Conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication in this refereed academic Journal. The deadline for the next round in the Call-for-Papers (a title and short abstract) is **9 July 2009**. Future deadlines will be announced on the Conference website after this date. Proposals are reviewed within two weeks of submission. Full details of the Conference, including an online proposal submission form, are to be found at the Conference website - <http://www.GlobalStudiesConference.com>.

Global financial crisis in the Asian Context: Repercussions and Responses, ACAS Fifth International Conference, 9 July 2010, Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights Campus, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines. ACAS invites individuals and institutions to submit paper/panel proposals to its fifth international conference "Global Financial Crisis in the Asian Context: Repercussions and Responses." As in the previous conferences, all sessions will be plenary, and only for a day, does enabling ACAS to choose only the best among the proposals. Selected papers that pass peer review will be

published. Many conferences, seminars, workshops and lectures have been held all over the world on this topic, but this conference aims to be different and unique by adopting both a broad and narrow approach. It is broad, in the sense that it will include papers that are theory-oriented and historical in approach and, the fresh theories and new historical approaches may include all the other past crises, such as the Great Depression of the 1930s, and other crises, such as the recent food crisis. Moreover, it will discuss the nature, causes, repercussions of, and reactions to these crises. It is narrow, in the sense that case studies of particular countries, specific communities, families, or individuals will also be taken up. And of course, it is narrow, because it focuses on Asia. We welcome individual scholars to propose either individual or panel proposals. Deadline for submission of the proposal is **December 31, 2009**. For inquiries please email acas@admu.edu.ph, or call Christl at 926-4202 or 426-6001, local 5285 and 5286.

Globalization and Economic Nationalism in Asia, Copenhagen, December 3-4, 2009. This conference calls for papers that directly address the significance of economic nationalism in Asia in an era of changing global capitalism. How economic nationalism has changed in the last 30 years in Asia and where and how it might be heading are central questions that this conference will try to address. Comparative, regional, and sectoral approaches as well as strong Asia-specific theoretical and empirical papers are most welcome. Given the nature of the theme, interdisciplinary, political- economic, sociological, and historically-sensitive analysis will be seen as the most appropriate. Scholars and policy-makers who wish to present at the conference are invited to submit an expanded abstract in pdf format electronically by **July 27, 2009** to arc@cbs.dk. For complete submission and conference details see <http://www.cbs.dk/gena>.

SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/RESEARCH/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

PhD Scholarships in Indonesian Economics: The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) is offering two, three-year PhD scholarships to conduct doctoral research on the Indonesian economy. Scholarships are to the value of \$25,000 per annum for up to three years. Successful applicants are required to participate in the activities of the Indonesia Project, which is administered by the Arndt-Corden Division of Economics at the ANU. Prospective PhD scholars from a well-established PhD program in Economics at any Australian university, who can demonstrate a strong commitment to work on Southeast Asian economies, are invited to apply for the PhD Scholarships. Successful applicants will be subject to the normal requirements for completion of a PhD program at the host university. Additional funding will be provided to undertake up to three months of fieldwork in Indonesia for the purpose of collecting data and other information for research. Applicants should send a letter of application, proof of acceptance into a PhD economics program at any Australian university, their CV and transcripts of academic record by **30 October 2009** to the Head of the Indonesia Project as Chairman of the AusAID–Indonesia Project PhD Scholarship Committee. Further Scholarship information and application requirements are at: <http://rspas.anu.edu.au/economics/ip/> Enquiries: Indonesia.Project@anu.edu.au

Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Indonesian Economics: The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) has assisted in establishing two postdoctoral research fellow positions to undertake analytical work on Indonesia's economic

development. Successful applicants are required to participate in the activities of the Indonesia Project, which is administered by the Arndt-Corden Division of Economics at the ANU. Funding is available to the amount of \$50,000 per annum per post for up to three years. Applications may be submitted either by individuals or Australian universities. Candidates need not have previous knowledge of Indonesia and its economy, but should hold a doctoral degree in economics or a closely related field. The Postdoctoral Research Fellows will be expected to visit Indonesia. In addition the Fellows will be required to produce at least four academic papers and to present one of their papers in an Arndt-Corden Division of Economics Seminar at the ANU. Individuals and universities interested in applying for these grants should send their CV and proposals before **30 September 2009** to the Head of the Indonesia Project as Chairman of the AusAID–Indonesia Project Research Fellowship Committee. Further Postdoctoral Research Fellowship information and application requirements are at: <http://rspas.anu.edu.au/economics/ip/> Enquiries: Indonesia.Project@anu.edu.au.

The Harvard Academy Scholars Program, 2010-2011. The Academy Scholars Program identifies and supports outstanding scholars at the start of their careers whose work combines disciplinary excellence in the social sciences (including history and law) with a command of the language, history or culture of non-Western countries or regions. Their scholarship may elucidate domestic, comparative, or transnational issues, past or present. The Academy Scholars are a select community of individuals with resourcefulness, initiative, curiosity, and originality, whose work in non-Western cultures or regions shows promise as a foundation for exceptional careers in major universities or international institutions. Harvard Academy Scholarships are open only to recent Ph.D. (or comparable professional school degree) recipients and doctoral candidates. Those still pursuing a Ph.D. should have completed their routine training and be well along in the writing of their theses before becoming Scholars; those in possession of a Ph.D. longer than 3 years are ineligible. Academy Scholars are appointed for 2 years by the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies and are provided time, guidance, and access to Harvard facilities. They receive substantial financial and research assistance to undertake sustained projects of research and/or acquire accessory training in their chosen fields and areas. Some teaching is permitted but not required. The Senior Scholars, a distinguished group of senior Harvard faculty members, act as mentors to the Academy Scholars to help them achieve their intellectual potential. Applications for the 2010-2011 class of Academy Scholars are due by **October 1, 2009**. Finalist interviews will take place in Cambridge on December 7. Notification of Scholarships will be made in January, 2010. For complete information on how to apply visit: www.wcfia.harvard.edu/academy

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer, Political Economy of Southeast Asia, Level B/C, Continuing, Full Time, Nathan campus. Reference: GBS0244/09. The Department of International Business and Asian Studies a strong and active research focus, with many staff in the discipline holding external research grants and a long history of successful PhD student completions. The successful applicant is expected to demonstrate the ability to produce high quality research publications and display excellent teaching in Southeast Asian politics with specific expertise in international security or comparative Asian politics. The appointment will be made at Lecturer or Senior Lecturer level depending on the level of

experience and qualifications. The position will be based on the Nathan campus, but the successful applicant may be required to teach on other campuses in any given semester. Obtain the position description and application requirements [online](#). You can download more information on the [Griffith Business School](#). Applications close: **10 August 2009**.

Asian Studies, Lecturer, Australian National University. The Faculty of Asian Studies is seeking to appoint a lecturer (level B) in the humanities, specializing in the history of people, society, culture or thought in Asia. Applicants should have a PhD, and native or near-native fluency in an Asian or Pacific language. While expertise in Asian history and historiography is preferred, knowledge of other fields, such as anthropology, sociology, linguistics, religions, and creative or performing arts, would also be advantageous. Extensive experience in using primary sources in their original form, for example through fieldwork or textual analysis, is highly desirable. The successful candidate would have a leading role in teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate level and, in particular, the interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate core courses in Asian studies. Applicants will demonstrate the ability and willingness to supervise students at Honours and Postgraduate levels. Applicants will be able to demonstrate a capacity to contribute to research excellence in their field of expertise. Closing date **30 July 2009**. Applicant Enquiries Contact: Professor Kent Anderson
Email: kent.anderson@anu.edu.au

The Department of Sociology at the National University of Singapore is presently inviting international applications for: Two year visiting fellow (January 2010-December 2011) open rank. The successful candidate must have a PhD from an internationally acclaimed institution; specialization in sociology of youth, popular culture and consumerism; a track record in research and publication, preferably with strong interest in Asian societies; excellent communication skills and dedication to academic teaching excellence and collegiality. Applications should include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae and names and contact details for 4 references. Send applications to: Ms Jane Ong at socijob@nus.edu.sg. The closing date for applications is on **30 September 2009**. Only short-listed candidates will be notified. For additional information about this vacancy, please consult our web site at http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/soc/faculty/job_opportunities.htm

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