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Vision

To be a world-leading hub for research on Asia.

Mission

Inspiring new knowledge and transforming insights into Asia.

The cover image depicts a butterfly, which, through metamorphosis, results in growth. The positive transformation that this symbolises portends a better future for a dynamically changing Asia.



Management





Prof Tommy Koh
Chair
International Advisory Board

Message from Chair of International Advisory Board

I am very pleased to congratulate the Asia Research Institute for an eventful year of many achievements. This is an opportune moment to look back on the last five years and to thank Tony Reid for his leadership and extraordinary contributions. Tony completed his tenure as Director in June 2007 and has returned to full-time research. Within the short span of five years, he has established the Institute as a prominent and respected research institute for interdisciplinary work on Asia. As founding Director, Tony charted the Institute's directions and shaped its growth with the singular aim, "to understand our place in the world, and to encourage the highest level of analysis of it".

Asia Research Institute is now a premier research institute of global reputation built around a vibrant community of researchers ranging from those at the dawn of their careers to distinguished academics with high international reputations. It has become the humanities and social sciences research hub for Asia.

Two years ago, the International Advisory Board made some key recommendations to the Institute. Among the

most important were: to nurture a productive tension between innovation and continuity; to intensify engagement with Law, Business and Public Policy; and to expand ARI's regional outreach to scholars in the region. These recommendations have been effected in various ways, among them, through the open cluster in ARI which has been fostered as a space for innovation and exciting new work; through strengthening ties with the NUS family; and through the ASEAN Research Fellowship programme.

As ARI moves into its next phase, let me, on behalf of the International Advisory Board, acknowledge our debt to Tony Reid, and to Gavin Jones for so ably holding the fort as Acting Director for the second half of 2007. I am confident that in the years to come, the Asia Research Institute will continue to play a vital role in the academic world in stimulating "encounters between global ideas and Asian contexts". On this note, let me welcome ARI's new Director, Lily Kong, an old friend and colleague, whom I have admired for many years. I am confident that she will consolidate Tony Reid's achievements and take ARI to a higher peak.

International Advisory Board

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Prof Tommy Koh

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Director, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore (Till 30 June 2007)

Prof Gavin Jones

Acting Director, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore (From 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007)

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Chairman
Board of Management



Message from Chair of Management Board

The end of 2007 saw a transition in the leadership of ARI. Professor Anthony Reid completed his five-year term in July as Director and returned to pursuing scholarship full time. Professor Gavin Jones was Acting Director for half a year while the University initiated a search for the next Director. The first five years were challenging but fulfilling times for ARI, having grown from a humble beginning of a unit with a skeleton administrative and research staff, to its present setup as a major research institute in Asia on Asia. In the year 2007, ARI had 16 regular research staff, 19 postdoctoral fellows and appointed 39 visiting fellows to conduct seminars, engage in collaborative research, or to interact with counterparts in Singapore. There were also many more affiliates from around the world who found a base in ARI while they enjoyed leave from their own institutions, or came to this part of the world to conduct fieldwork. In addition, many conferences and workshops were organised. ARI has done well during the last five years.

The new Director, Professor Lily Kong, brings with her a wealth of administrative experience, having been Dean

of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, as well as Vice Provost for education at the National University of Singapore. She is also a leading scholar in human geography, enjoying high international reputation. So the Institute will grow from strength to strength under her charge, and there is promise that ARI will establish itself as one of the world's leading centres in Asian research. Considering the geographical location of Singapore, and the emergence of Asia as a key player in world stage, ARI faces a greater and even more exciting challenge in the next five years to move towards realising this promise. But it is one, I believe, that ARI will set its sights on.

On behalf of the Management Board, I thank Professor Anthony Reid for his outstanding service, and Professor Gavin Jones for the hard work he has put in. I also wish Professor Lily Kong all the best for the tasks ahead.

Management Board

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Head, Department of Mathematics,
Faculty of Science,
National University of Singapore

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National University of Singapore
(Till 30 June 2007)

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Acting Director, Asia Research Institute,
National University of Singapore
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National University of Singapore

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National University of Singapore
(Till 30 June 2007)

Prof Christopher Earley
Dean, NUS Business School,
National University of Singapore
(Till 30 June 2007)

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Dean, School of Design and Environment,
National University of Singapore
(From 1 July 2007)

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National University of Singapore

Prof Tan Cheng Han
Dean, Faculty of Law,
National University of Singapore
(Till 30 June 2007)

Assoc Prof Tan Tai Yong
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences,
National University of Singapore

Prof Wang Gungwu
Director, East Asian Institute,
National University of Singapore



Prof Lily Kong
Director, ARI
Concurrently, Vice-President
(University & Global Relations)
And Professor of Geography

Director's Foreword

The last year has been an important one for ARI, with the search for a new Director as Tony Reid concluded his five years at the helm of an institution he built from the beginning. My foremost and most pleasant duty therefore is to place on record grateful thanks to Tony for having given five energetic years to building ARI. Tony came to Singapore and NUS in 2002 with the expressed responsibility of developing a world-leading centre for research on Asia. Within this time, he has established ARI as a place to be for researchers from around the world who want to study Asia. The large number of applications for various kinds of fellowships, the requests to spend sabbatical time at ARI, and the general flow of visitors passing through Singapore who make it a point to come to ARI bear testimony to this. Tony's vision and networks have established a firm place for ARI and NUS in the world of research on Asia.

The activities and publications of the last year, as captured in this annual report, are the result of the hard work of

many people: the research leaders, the research fellows, the visiting fellows, the postdoctoral fellows, the research assistants, the administrative team, and others. Apart from the personal scholarly achievements and general satisfaction this must represent, the collective effect is an institute that is abuzz with intellectual and social life.

I look forward to the challenges of further building ARI as a key node in the world for the study of Asia. This challenge I do not undertake alone. The combined strengths of the Faculties/Schools of Arts and Social Sciences, Design and Environment, Law, Public Policy, and Business, and all the expertise at the various research institutes at NUS should mean that research on Asia at NUS is not something that can simply be ignored; it will be instantly recognisable as cutting-edge and outstanding.



Steering Committee

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Prof Anthony Reid
(Till 30 June 2007)

Acting Director

Prof Gavin Jones
(From 1 July to 31 December 2007)

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Prof Chua Beng Huat
Prof Heng Chye Kiang
Prof Gavin Jones
Prof Anthony Reid
Prof Bryan Turner
Prof Brenda Yeoh

Deputy Director

Dr Chee Heng Leng

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Assoc Prof Michael Feener
Dr Lai Ah Eng (From 1 July 2007)
Dr Stephen Teo (Till 30 June 2007)
Dr Mika Toyota (From 1 April to 1 June 2007)

Postdoctoral Fellows

Dr Michelle Miller (From 15 October 2007)
Dr Teo You Yenn (Till 12 October 2007)

Manager (as Secretary)

Ms Verene Koh

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Institute Manager

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Noorhayati Bte Hamsan

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Alyson Adrienne Rozells

BA (Murdoch)
Management Assistant Officer (Events/PR)

Kalaichelvi Sitharthan

Management Assistant Officer

Kristy Won Tien Min

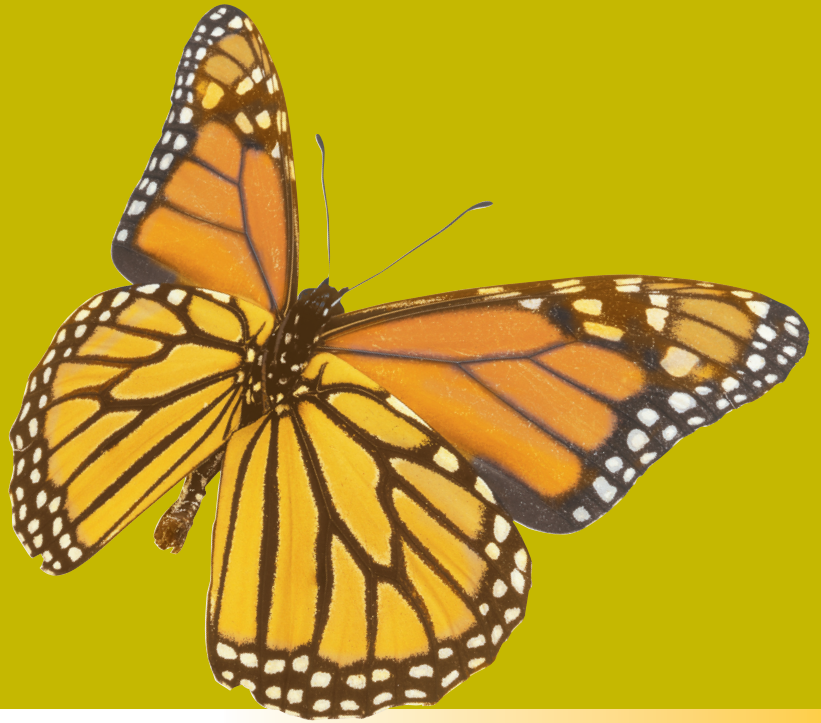
BSc (London)
Management Assistant Officer, and
Secretary to Director

Valerie Yeo Ee Lin

Diploma (Singapore Polytechnic)
Management Assistant Officer (Events/PR)

Henry Kwan Wai Hung

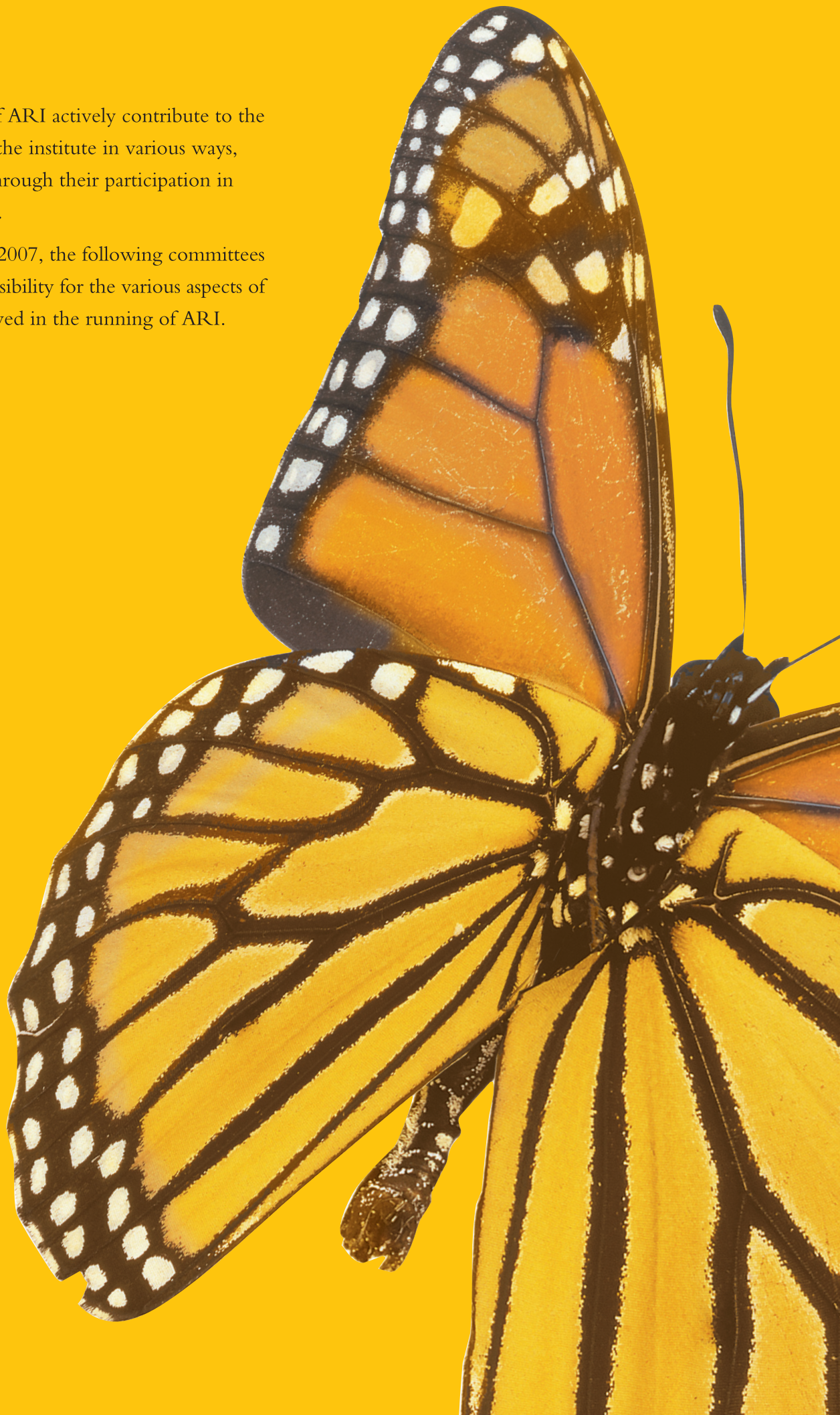
Diploma (Singapore Polytechnic)
Specialist Associate



ARI Committees

Members of ARI actively contribute to the running of the institute in various ways, including through their participation in committees.

In the year 2007, the following committees took responsibility for the various aspects of work involved in the running of ARI.





ASEAN Research Scholars Committee

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(*Till 31 July 2007*)
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Ms Kristy Won

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(*Till 15 August 2007*)
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(*From 15 August 2007*)
Dr Liew Kai Khiun
(*From 15 August 2007*)
Dr Maung Aung Myoe
(*Till 16 October 2007*)
Ms Jiang Na
(*Till 16 August 2007*)
Ms Joyce Zaide
(*From 1 October 2007*)
Ms K. Kalaichelvi C. Krishnan

Publications (Working Paper Series)

Dr Geoff Wade (*Chair*)
Dr Barbara Nowak
Dr Stephen Teo
Dr Michelle Miller
(*From 1 August 2007*)
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(*Till 31 July 2007*)
Ms Deborah Chua
(*From 1 August 2007*)
Ms Valerie Yeo

Newsletter and Outreach Committee

Dr Barbara Nowak (*Chair*)
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Dr Lai Ah Eng (*Chair*)
(*From 1 November 2007*)
Dr Nicola Piper
(*From 3 January 2007 to 30 April 2007*)
Dr Julius Bautista
Dr Maznah Mohamad
(*From 17 August 2007*)
Dr Francis Collins
(*From 16 October 2007*)
Dr Barbara Nowak
(*Till 30 April 2007*)
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(*From 17 August 2007 to 31 October 2007*)
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(*From 17 August 2007*)
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(*From 17 August 2007*)

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(*From 1 July 2007*)
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(*From 1 July 2007*)
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(*From 16 October 2007*)
Dr Andara Schwingel
(*From 16 October 2007*)
Prof Duncan McCargo
(*Till 30 June 2007*)
Dr Anne Raffin
(*Till 30 June 2007*)
Dr Patrick Daly
(*Till 30 June 2007*)
Dr Lai Ah Eng
(*From 1 July 2007 to 22 October 2007*)
Ms Rina Yap
Ms Valerie Yeo

Social and Staff Welfare Committee

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(*From 19 June 2007*)
Ms Jiang Na (*Chair*)
(*Till 31 July 2007*)
Dr Patrick Daly
Dr Liew Kai Khiun
(*From 25 June 2007*)
Dr Yasuko Kobayashi
(*From 25 June 2007*)
Dr Andara Schwingel
(*From 25 June 2007*)
Prof David Hill
(*Till 31 January 2007*)
Dr Leong Chan Hoong
(*Till 31 January 2007*)
Dr Jennifer Connolly
(*Till 31 January 2007*)
Dr Noboru Ishikawa
(*Till 31 January 2007*)
Dr Tran Thi Que Ha
(*Till 31 January 2007*)

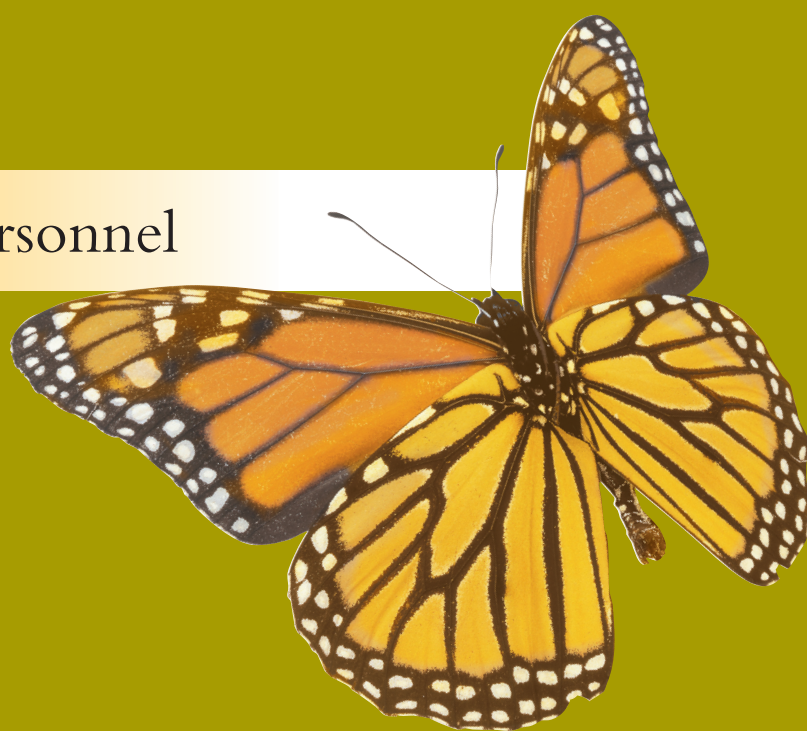
Website Committee

Dr Stephen Teo (*Chair*)
(*Till 17 August 2007*)
Dr Geoff Wade (*Chair*)
(*From 20 August 2007*)
Dr Bina Gubhaju
(*From 1 July 2007*)
Ms Joyce Zaide
(*From 1 October 2007*)
Dr Hiroko Matsuda
(*From 16 October 2007*)
Dr Leong Chan Hoong
(*Till 13 October 2007*)
Dr Noorhaidi Hasan
(*Till 3 September 2007*)
Mr Henry Kwan
Ms Valerie Yeo

Art Committee

From 7 February 2007
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Mr Henry Kwan
Ms Kristy Won

Research Personnel



The Asia Research Institute aims to be the hub for high-quality social science and humanities research on Asia, and to be the preferred choice for researchers and academics. The research personnel in ARI are diverse; they vary in terms of research foci, nationalities, international experience, and duration of appointments. ARI further maintains a good balance between established scholars and those who are at the start of promising careers.



The major building blocks of the research personnel are the six distinguished research leaders, each heading a research cluster. Half of the research leaders are tenured faculty members, part-seconded on joint appointments from their home departments in NUS, while the others have been recruited after exhaustive international searches. ARI has also awarded two-year (senior) research fellowships to well-established researchers as well as researchers in early career stages. The research leaders and (senior) research fellows provide the stability and experience necessary for implementing longer-term plans of the Institute, while other shorter-term members add agility and vibrancy to the ARI community.

A high proportion of appointees in ARI are visiting fellows who are with ARI for one year or less. These are usually established scholars on leave from their home institutions, and are recruited internationally on a competitive basis. ARI introduced the short-term three-month visiting fellowship in 2005, to bring to NUS a mix of well-established scholars and younger researchers from the region. In 2006, the Institute formalised a sabbatical leave scheme for established scholars on paid sabbatical leave from their home institutions, a few of whom are listed below among the (senior) visiting research fellows.



Postdoctoral fellows are also appointed through an annual international competition. The postdoctoral fellowships engage promising young scholars in their research fields, allowing them space and time to build up their research and publishing capacities in their early career development. Outstanding performers often succeed in securing higher or tenured positions in NUS or other universities worldwide.

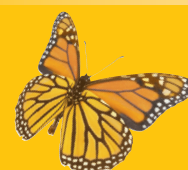
This year, pending arrival of a new director and new initiatives in future years, the recruitment of (senior) research fellows made way for several one-year postdoctoral fellows and more visiting research fellows.



In 2007, ARI continued to interact constantly with the faculties of NUS through the Writing Fellowship scheme, designed to enable assistant professors to devote six months primarily to completing publications needed for tenure review. It awarded three writing fellowships to assistant professors in NUS in the first half of the year. In the second half of the year, funding the scheme was relinquished by the Institute, but a similar scheme was established by the faculties. The NUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences funded the appointment of one fellow for a writing semester at ARI in the second half of the year.



A proportion of the research staff was appointed by externally-funded programmes or projects. The Asian MetaCentre in ARI has appointed a research assistant since 2006 and a new postdoctoral fellow in 2007. A project on effectiveness of tsunami relief programs funded by the World Vision International led to the establishment of a research fellowship and part-appointment of a research assistant from 2006 to 2007. Funding from the University's Office of Research's Urban Studies Research Program for ARI's Asian Cities Cluster supported the appointment of two postdoctoral fellows through 2007.





Director

Reid, Anthony, Professor. BA (Victoria University of Wellington), MA (VUW), PhD (Cambridge). Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities (FAHA) 1987, Corresponding Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. *Professor/Director from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2007; Southeast Asia-China Interactions Cluster Research Leader from 1 July 2002; joint appointment with Department of History, FASS.* Pre-colonial and economic history of Southeast Asia; shaping of identities in modern Indonesia and Malaysia; Aceh.

Acting Director

Jones, Gavin, Professor. BA (New England), PhD (Australian National University). Fellow of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences (FSSA). *Acting Director from 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007; Changing Family in Asia Cluster Research Leader from 5 August 2003; joint appointment with Department of Sociology, FASS.* Delayed marriage and non-marriage in Southeast Asia; megacities of Asia.

Research Leaders

Chua Beng Huat, Professor. BSc (Acadia), MA (York), PhD (York). *Cultural Studies in Asia Cluster Research Leader from 1 January 2004; Asian Cities Cluster Research Leader from 1 April 2006; joint appointment with Department of Sociology, FASS.* Public policy research in Singapore, politics in Southeast Asia; consumerism across Asia.

Heng Chye Kiang, Professor. Architecte D.E.S.A (Ecole Speciale d'Architecture), C.E.S (Ecole Nationale des Travaux Publics de l'Etat), PhD (University of California at Berkeley). *Asian Cities Cluster Research Leader from 1 April 2006; joint appointment with Department of Architecture, SDE.* History of Chinese cities and architecture; urban design and conservation in Asia.

Turner, Bryan, Professor. BA (Leeds), PhD (Leeds), DLitt (Flinders). *Religion and Globalisation in Asian Contexts Cluster Research Leader from 1 February 2005; joint appointment with Department of Sociology, FASS.* Religion, conflict and the modern state; religious authority and electronic information; religious consumerism and youth cultures.

Yeoh Saw Ai, Brenda, Professor. BA (Hons) (Cambridge); MA (Cambridge), PhD (Oxford). *Asian Migration Cluster Research Leader and Asian MetaCentre Principal Investigator from February 2000; joint appointment with Department of Geography, and Southeast Asian Studies Programme, FASS.* Politics of space in cities; gender migration and transnational communities.

Other Joint

Appointments/Secondments

Bautista, Julius, Visiting Fellow. BA (University of Sydney), Certificate in Adult Literacy Education (South Sydney College of Technical and Further Education), PhD (Australian National

University). *Joint appointment with Southeast Asian Studies Programme, FASS, since 20 July 2005.* Folk Catholicism and religious iconography in the Philippines.

Feener, Michael, Associate Professor. BA (University of Colorado at Boulder), MA (Boston), PhD (Boston). *Joint appointment with Department of History, FASS, since 28 June 2006.* Intellectual and cultural history of Islam in the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

Widodo, Johannes, Assistant Professor. Ir (Parahyangan Catholic University, Indonesia), M.Arch.Eng. (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium), PhD (University of Tokyo). *Joint appointment with Department of Architecture, SDE, since 1 October 2005.* Architecture, urban history and morphology of Southeast Asian cities; Asian modernity; and heritage conversation in Southeast Asian context.

Deputy Director

Chee Heng Leng, BA (Hons) (Wellesley), MS (Harvard), PhD (Malaya). *Senior Research Fellow from 1 October 2005; Deputy Director from 1 July 2006.* Health and health care; health and migration.

(Senior) Research Fellows

Daly, Patrick, BA (State University of New York at Buffalo), PhD (Oxford). *Research Fellow from 1 December 2006.* Cultural heritage management and politics in contemporary situations.

Lai Ah Eng, B. Soc. Sci (Universiti Sains Malaysia), M. Phil (Sussex), D.Phil (Cambridge). *Senior Research Fellow from 3 January 2007.* Family and gender; multiculturalism, ethnicity and religion; and local histories and heritages.

Nowak, Barbara Sue, BA (Bard College), MA (State University of New York at Buffalo), PhD (State University of New York at Buffalo). *Senior Research Fellow from 7 September 2006.* Gender relations, kinship, family and household, land tenure and work among Btsisi; World Vision project on post-tsunami Asia.

Piper, Nicola, BA (Sophia), MA (Sheffield), PhD (Sheffield). *Senior Research Fellow from 3 January 2005 to 30 April 2007.* Political organising of migrant labour and transnational activism to promote the rights of migrants.

Teo Kian Teck, Stephen, PhD (RMIT). *Research Fellow from 17 October 2005.* Film industry and film culture in Singapore.

Toyota, Mika, BA (Sophia), MA (Hull), PhD (Hull). *Research Fellow from 28 October 2004.* Transnational networks underpinning labour migration in East and Southeast Asia.

Wade, Geoffrey, BA (Australian National University), PhD (Hong Kong). *Senior Research Fellow from 6 January 2005.* China-Southeast Asian historical interactions; Asian historical expansions.

Zheng Yangwen, BA (Oberlin College), M.Phil (Université Strasbourg), PhD (Cambridge). *Research Fellow from 1 September 2004 to 31 January 2007.* Cultural history of communism in China.

Postdoctoral Fellows

Bräuchler, Birgit, PhD (Munich). *From 16 January 2006.* Conflict and peace studies, cyberanthropology, revival of tradition, Indonesia, Moluccas.

Chen Yu, PhD (National University of Singapore). *From 12 June 2006.* Architecture, urban history of Chinese cities, and heritage conservation.

Collins, Francis, PhD (Auckland). *From 27 September 2007.* Urban studies, everyday geographies, migration and international education, in Asia-Pacific, New Zealand and South Korea.

Connolly, Jennifer Leigh, PhD (The New School for Social Research). *From 3 January 2006 to 2 January 2007.* The cultural meaning and social consequences of Christian conversion in Indonesia.

Gaetano, Arianne Marie, PhD (Southern California). *From 9 December 2005 to 8 December 2007.* Significance of gender relations and ideologies, gendered conceptions of space and mobility, moral agency and value and citizenship and rights in China.

Gubhaju, Bina, PhD (Pennsylvania). *From 23 October 2006.* Comparative analysis of several demographic and health surveys from the Southeast Asian region on issues pertaining to marriage and family.

Hasan, Noorhaidi, PhD (Utrecht University). *From 4 September 2006 to 3 September 2007.* Various manifestations of political Islam in contemporary Indonesia and other Muslim-populated countries in Southeast Asia.

Kobayashi, Yasuko, PhD (Australian National University). *From 12 February 2007.* Malay community as an urban minority Muslim community.

Kwee Hui Kian, PhD (Leiden). *From 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.* The processes and theories of colonialism, capitalism, Chinese ethnicity, migration and networks in maritime Southeast Asia from the eighteenth century to the present.

Leong Chan Hoong, PhD (Victoria University of Wellington). *From 3 January 2006 to 13 October 2007.* Singaporeans' perceptions of foreigners in Singapore.

Liew Kai Khiun, PhD (University College London). *From 14 May 2007.* Medical history, labour histories, cultural studies pertaining to film and popular music in East and Southeast Asia.

Matsuda, Hiroko, PhD (Australian National University). *From 10 August 2007.* Social History of the 20th century Northeast Asia, colonialism, migration and gender studies, covering areas in Northeast Asia, in particular Taiwan and Japan.

Maung Aung Myoe, PhD (Australian National University). *From 2 November 2005 to 1 November 2007.* Myanmar's relation with China since 1948.

Miller, Michelle Ann, PhD (Charles Darwin University). *From 2 July 2007*. Decentralisation, democratisation, political development, armed separatism, security sector reform, state and nation-building, capacity building, civil and political rights, in the areas of Southeast Asia, Indonesia and Aceh.

Rahman, Md Mizanur, PhD (National University of Singapore). *From 10 January 2005 to 9 January 2007*. Social organisation of remittance: a study of migrant workers' remittance transfer from East and Southeast to South Asia.

Rinaldo, Rachel, PhD (Chicago). *From 5 September 2007*. Gender, religion, globalisation and the nation-state.

Schwengel, Andiara, PhD (University of Tsukuba). *From 30 May 2007*. Public health, well-being of immigrants and ethnic minorities, prevention of non-communicable diseases, and lifestyle.

Teo You Yenn, PhD (Berkeley). *From 6 February 2006 to 12 December 2007*. How family policies in Singapore generate relationships and expectations between state and society, producing particular citizen subjects with specific orientations toward the developmentalist state.

Tran Thi Que Ha, PhD (Tokyo Metropolitan University). *From 7 August 2006*. Architectural history, traditional architecture and heritage conservation.

Wongsurawat, Wasana, PhD (Oxford). *From 3 September 2007*. History of the overseas Chinese in Thailand during the Cold War period; China and Thailand.

Research Assistants

Abubakar, Saharah, B.Soc.Sci (Hons) (National University of Singapore), MA (National University of Singapore). *From 10 July 2007*. Social networks and resilience of divorced Malay mothers.

Cholil, Suhadi, BA (Sunan Kalijaga Institute of Islamic Studies), MA (Gadjah Mada University). *From 3 July 2007 to 2 October 2007*. Interreligious marriage in Indonesia; polarisation and politisation in Javanese society.

Chua Fengyi, Deborah, BA (Hons) (National University of Singapore). *From 2 July 2007*. Child language development, the writing-cognition link and genre studies.

Jiang Na, BA (Peking), MA (National University of Singapore). *From 6 May 2005 to 17 August 2007*. Southeast Asia-China Interactions Cluster.

Kathiravelu, Laavanya, B. Soc.Sci (National University of Singapore), MA (Goldsmiths College). *From 4 July 2005 to 5 February 2007*. The performance of transnational cultural flows, diasporic movement, and the sociology of dance, movement and the body. Cultural Studies Cluster.

Lacson, Windel Anne Barizo, BA (University of the Philippines), MA (National University of Singapore). *From 21 June 2006*. Urban development, urban planning in the context of developing Asian nations, mass media and body image.

Lam, Theodora, B.Soc.Sci (Waikato), BA (Hons) (National University of Singapore), M.Soc.Sci (National University of Singapore). *From 15 November 2005*. Transnational migration, population, gender, geographical education. Asian MetaCentre.

Somasundaram, Shamala Sundaray, BA (National University of Singapore), Postgraduate Diploma in Education (NIE-NTU), MA (National University of Singapore). *From 1 December 2005 to 31 May 2007*. Child language acquisition, communication disorders, language attrition, and multilingualism. Asian Migration Cluster.

Zaide, Joyce Iris Solomon, BA Communication Research (Cum Laude) (University of the Philippines-Diliman), MA (National University of Singapore). *From 24 September 2007*. Media, communication and gender studies.

Distinguished Visiting Scholars

Jomo, Kwame Sundaram, PhD (Harvard). *2007, University of Malaya*. Political economy of economic development in Southeast Asia, economic growth and governance in Asia.

Kirby, William C., PhD (Harvard). *From 24 June 2007 to 30 June 2007, Harvard University*. China's economic and political development in an international context; China's relations with Europe; the evolution of modern Chinese business; the history of freedom in China; the international socialist economy of the 1950s; U.S.-China relations; and relations across the Taiwan Strait.

Visiting (Senior) Research Fellows

Andaya, Leonard, PhD (Cornell). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 18 September 2007 to 7 December 2007, University of Hawaii at Manoa*. Early modern history of Southeast Asia, with specialisation in Malay-Indonesian archipelago.

Cheng, Dennis, PhD (National Taiwan University). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 9 October 2007, National Taiwan University*. Yijing and intellectual history of late imperial China.

Cheng Yinghong, PhD (Northeastern University). *Visiting Research Fellow from 28 May 2007 to 24 August 2007, Delaware State University*. Interactions between Chinese communism and global communism/radical social movements.

Chin Chong Cham, BA (Nanyang University of Singapore). *Visiting Research Fellow from 21 February 2007 to 20 March 2007, Independent Researcher*. Southeast Asian Chinese political history, studies on the Malayan Communist Party.

Chun, Allen, PhD (Chicago). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 10 September 2007, Academia Sinica, Taiwan*. Socio-cultural theory, national identity, colonial formations, globalisation and Chinese societies.

D'Costa, Anthony Promotes, PhD (Pittsburgh). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 2 July 2007 to 1 October 2007, University of Washington*. Political economy of development and industrialisation, globalisation

innovation studies, the movement of technical talent, in India, East Asia, and Japan.

Erman, Erwiza, PhD (Amsterdam). *Visiting Research Fellow from 15 January 2007 to 14 April 2007, Indonesian Institute of Sciences*. Labour relations and political economy of the mining sector.

Formoso, Bernard, PhD (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 4 July 2007 to 2 October 2007, Nanterre University*. Ethnicity and the study of religious institutions in the context of globalisation.

Grieve, Gregory Price, PhD (Chicago). *Visiting Research Fellow from 18 April 2007 to 17 July 2007, University of North Carolina*. Ethnographic study of lived religion in Nepal, with a focus on "prosaic religion".

Hill, David Tom, PhD (Australian National University). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 24 February 2006 to 23 February 2007, Murdoch University*. Indonesian media, literature, politics and culture.

Hilsdon, Anne-Marie, PhD (Queensland). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 16 July 2007 to 15 October 2007, Curtin University*. Gender, ethnicity, migration, Islam, human rights and sustainability, in the Philippines and East Malaysia.

Hossain, Naomi, PhD (Sussex). *Visiting Research Fellow from 5 November 2007, BRAC Research and Evaluation Division, Dhaka*. Poverty, governance, social policy, social protection, gender, human security, in South Asia.

Ishikawa Noboru, PhD (City University of New York). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 1 August 2006 to 30 June 2007, Kyoto University*. Japanese-Chinese transnational corporate networks in Southeast Asia and commodity chains between Southeast and East Asia.

Johnson, Marshall, PhD (Chicago). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 10 January 2007 to 9 April 2007, University of Wisconsin*. The Bourdieusian problematic of the mutual constitution of field and habitus in practical action.

Kaptein, Nicolaas Jan Gerrit, PhD (Leiden). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 9 October 2006 to 7 January 2007, Leiden University*. The relationship between Southeast Asia and the Middle East; the well-known scholar of Hadrami descent Sayyid 'Uthman of Batavia (1822-1914).

Khadria, Binod Kumar, PhD (Jawaharlal Nehru University). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 13 May 2005 to 12 May 2007, Jawaharlal Nehru University*. The high-skill generic migration: emergence of Asia in the global labour market.

Kitiarsa, Pattana, PhD (Washington). *Visiting Research Fellow from 5 January 2006 to 4 January 2007, Suranaree University of Technology*. Cultural agencies of Thai boxers, Buddhist monks, Molam performers, and spirit mediums.

Kozok, Ulrich, PhD (Hamburg). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 3 July 2007, University of Hawaii at Manoa*. Sumatran philology (Batak, Kerinci, Bengkulu, Malay), palaeography of Southeast Asia, and prehistory of Sumatra.

Kulke, Hermann, PhD (Freiburg). *Visiting Research Fellow from 15 January 2007 to 14 April 2007, Kiel University*. History and state formation in India and Southeast Asia.

Legomsky, Stephen, PhD (Oxford). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 29 June 2007 to 28 December 2007, University of Washington, St. Louis*. Immigration, refugee, and citizen law and policy.

Manguin, Pierre-Yves, PhD (Sorbonne). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 22 February 2007, EFEO, French School of Asian Studies*. History and archaeology of the coastal states and trade networks of Southeast Asia.

McCargo, Duncan James, PhD (SOAS). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 3 July 2006 to 2 July 2007, University of Leeds*. Patani: religion, conflict and the politics of identity.

McKeown, Adam, PhD (Chicago). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 15 June 2007 to 14 September 2007, University of Columbia*. World history since 1500, especially globalisation, migration and passports.

Mohamad, Maznah, PhD (Malaya). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 2 October 2006, Universiti Sains Malaysia*. The changing political-economy and history of the Malay family, while relating this to the issues of contested nationalisms, cultural fragmentation and institutionalised religiosity in contemporary society.

Mori, Yoshitaka, PhD (London). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 17 December 2007, Tokyo National University*. Sociology, media studies, cultural studies and contemporary art.

Newberry, Janice Carol, PhD (Arizona). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 13 September 2007, University of Lethbridge*. The state and governance, economic anthropology, domesticity and gender, and urban studies, in Java, Indonesia.

Pakir, Anne, PhD (Hawaii). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 12 March 2007 to 11 August 2007, Department of English and Literature, NUS*. Language situation in Singapore, bilingual education, English knowing bilingualism, and the development of global English in Asia.

Qin Dashu, PhD (Peking). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 25 January 2007 to 24 April 2007, Peking University*. Excavated Chinese ceramics shards found in Singapore and collect export Chinese ceramics found in Southeast Asia.

Ray, Himanshu Prabha, PhD (Jawaharlal Nehru University). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 2 July 2007 to 1 October 2007, Jawaharlal Nehru University*. History of Archaeology in South and Southeast Asia and

the archaeology of religion.

Rozario, Santi, PhD (New South Wales). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 1 October 2007 to 31 December 2007, Cardiff University*. Gender, religion (especially Islam), modernity and sustainability; Islam, genetics and identity; women, development, NGOs, microcredit, health (childbirth) and education; inter-religious communal relations; migration and identity, in Bangladesh, South Asia in general, Australia and UK.

Rutten, Mario Adrianus F., PhD (Amsterdam). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 15 January 2007 to 14 April 2007, University of Amsterdam*. Rural entrepreneurship and labour relations in India, Indonesia, and Malaysia and on Indian migrants in Europe.

Sarkar, Mahua, PhD (John Hopkins). *Visiting Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 12 February 2007 to 11 June 2007, University of Binghamton*. Muslim identity formation in colonial Bengal, gender, nationalism, historiography (including oral histories), the politics of knowledge production, statehood and public authority, and migration.

Sedana, I Nyoman, PhD (Georgia). *Visiting Research Fellow from 27 August 2007, University of Hawaii at Manoa*. Asia traditional (puppet) theatre in its socio-cultural context; its role in cross-cultural interaction, along with the values of humanism and multiculturalism in puppet theatre; and Bali as the meeting point of cross cultural movements and the link between India and Chinese culture.

Shin Hyun Joon, PhD (Seoul National University). *Visiting Research Fellow from 21 December 2006 to 20 March 2007, Sunkonghoe University*. Cultural industries.

Souza, George Bryan, PhD (Cambridge). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 20 March 2006 to 19 March 2007, University of Texas*. The importance of the colonial port city of Batavia and Java and Asian commodities in local, regional and inter-regional markets, the economies of Southeast, China, and South Asia and in the global economy.

Thung Ju Lan, PhD (La Trobe). *Visiting Research Fellow from 2 January 2007 to 1 April 2007, Indonesian Institute of Sciences*. Ethnicity and nation building in Indonesia.

Tjoa-Bonatz, Dorothea M Mai Lin, PhD (Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany). *Visiting Research Fellow from 16 October 2006 to 15 January 2007, Free University of Berlin*. Shophouses in Penang/ Malaysia, housing in historic city centres of Southeast Asia.

Truong Huyen Chi, PhD (Toronto). *Visiting Research Fellow from 8 January 2007 to 7 April 2007, Harvard Yenching University*. Methodological issues of auto-ethnography and knowledge production.

Vu Tuong Huu, PhD (California, Berkeley). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 10 September 2007, University of Oregon*. State formation, revolution, nationalism, rural development, Cold War foreign policy, politics of scholarship, research methods, in Southeast Asia especially Indonesia and Vietnam.

Waghorne, Joanne Punzo, PhD (Chicago). *Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 1 August 2007, Syracuse University*. Interrelation of globalisation and religion in the context of contemporary Hindu organisations and movements in India and the diaspora.

Wu Xiao An, PhD (Amsterdam). *Visiting Research Fellow from 27 June 2007 to 26 July 2007, Peking University*. Modern history of Southeast Asia and the Chinese overseas.

Xiang Biao, PhD (Oxford). *Visiting Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 3 April 2007, Oxford University*. Migration in China, India, Japan, South Korea, Singapore and other parts of Southeast Asia.

Zahnd, Markus, PhD (Stuttgart). *Visiting Research Fellow from 29 June 2007 to 28 September 2007, Soegijaprana Catholic University, Indonesia*. Urban design, urban development, urban planning, architecture, urbanism, in Indonesia and Southeast Asia.

Assistant Professors on Writing Semester Scheme

Asato, Saito, PhD (LSE). *At ARI 23 July 2007 to 31 December 2007; from the Department of Japanese Studies, FASS*. Urban and regional development of Japan, focusing on the role of global economy and the state policy.

Avenell, Simon Andrew, PhD (California, Berkeley). *At ARI 2 January 2007 to 30 June 2007; from the Department of Japanese Studies, FASS*. Postwar history focusing on citizens' movements and civil society; environment and environmentalism; social movement theory.

Ng Guat Tin, PhD (Washington). *At ARI 3 January 2007 to 30 June 2007; from the Department of Social Work, FASS*. Family caregiving, with a special focus on spousal caregiving, and older persons living alone in the community.

Raffin, Anne, PhD (New School for Social Research). *At ARI 2 January 2007 to 30 June 2007; from the Department of Sociology, FASS*. Ethnic relations and urban development in Vietnam and Pondicherry XIX and XX centuries.



Research Programmes and Activities





Research Clusters

The research clusters in ARI focus on a particular feature of Asian society for research and analysis. They serve as platforms to bring people together in a collective effort to produce useful interactions. Individual scholars in clusters also have independent areas of interest which may overlap and flow between clusters.

A number of scholars from NUS and beyond contribute as cluster associates. The “Open” cluster serves as a platform for hosting researchers conducting work on topics related to Asia that fall outside of designated clusters. The full diversity and heterogeneity of work carried out at ARI are reflected in its members and their publications.



Asian Cities

Professor Heng Chye Kiang



Professor Chua Beng Huat



The Asian Cities Cluster has been established as part of ARI since 1 October 2005, after it was transferred from NUS Office of Research's Urban Studies Research Project (USRP). Within the first three months, this new cluster has been able to recruit twelve interdisciplinary associates, and to expand the cluster members from the initial three to the total seven, including the recruitment of two postdoctoral fellows. In 2007 the Asian Cities Cluster organised six seminars, one roundtable, and one major workshop. In the same year the cluster hosted two international visiting scholars. The Asian Cities Cluster has been able to fulfill its mission to build collaborative and interdisciplinary connections, especially among scholars from ARI, School of Design and Environment, FASS, and beyond NUS (e.g. NIE/NTU, and international scholars). Beyond 2007, the cluster will focus on sustainable cities in Asia, examining issues of environmental, social and cultural sustainability.

Research Cluster Members

Prof Heng Kiang (Research Leader): History and design of Chinese cities; Asian urban design and public spaces

Prof Chua Beng Huat (Research Leader): Comparative studies in public housing policy and urban planning

Dr Johannes Widodo: Southeast Asian urban history and morphology; heritage conservation

Prof Brenda Yeoh Saw Ai: Transnational migration, globalising cities

Prof Gavin Jones: Mega-urban regions in Southeast and East Asia

Dr Chen Yu: Urban transformation in Semi-Colonial China

Dr Tran Thi Que Ha: Traditional timber houses and history of Japanese architecture; Vietnam traditional architecture; urban planning and design of the new housing estates in Hanoi

Prof Marshall Johnson: UNESCO World Heritage; post colonial memory

Dr Marcus Zahnd: Traditional urban quarters in Semarang and Yogyakarta, Indonesia

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Asian Migration

Among the wide range of issues arising from increased levels of human mobility 'in' and 'out' of Asia, the Asian Migration Cluster began work in 2007 on a new priority area for the next three years, from 2007 to 2009, on *Transnational Migration and Global Cities*. This research theme draws attention to the material processes and discourses of globalisation and transnationalism as they intersect in Asian cities. It includes transnational flows, including both 'migration' and 'return migration', of the skilled, professional, managerial and entrepreneurial elites to the low-waged contract migrant workers filling unskilled and low-skilled niches in the urban economy (other groups include students and 'middling transnationals'), and examines questions of transnational-local tensions, societal faultlines and fissures, spatial politics, social, economic and political integration, and the management of the 'multicultural', 'cosmopolitan' and/or 'creative' cities. Two conferences were organised along this theme – the first, *Mobile City Singapore* in March 2007, concentrated on Singapore while the second, *In and Out of Asia: Migrating Talent, Globalising Cities* in November 2007, casts the net wider to include transnational flows to major globalising cities in Asia and beyond. Both conferences were jointly held with the migration research cluster of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, a strategy which not only pools resources but encouraged exchange and collaboration between ARI and FASS members interested in migration and mobility issues.

Cluster members also continued their longstanding interest in gender, family and migration issues as evidenced in both individual and collective projects. The latter included *Transnational Careworkers, State Policies and Gender Dynamics in Ageing Societies: A Comparative Study of Singapore and Japan* in collaboration with a research team from various Japanese universities under the NUS-JSPS scheme. Work on the Wellcome Trust-funded project *Children and Migrant Parents in Southeast Asia* (CHAMPSEA for short) which examines migration, gender dynamics and the impact on left-behind children's health and well-being in four Southeast Asian countries also began in January 2007. Gender and migration issues were also central to the cluster's main conference of the year *Female Labour Migration in Globalising Asia: Translocal/Transnational Identities and Agencies* held in September 2007.



Professor Brenda Yeoh

Research Cluster Members

Prof Brenda Yeoh (Research Leader): The politics of space in colonial cities; heritage issues and tourism studies; place histories and landscape studies; the geography of gender, with particular reference to women and migration; global cities, transnationalism and diaspora

Dr Chee Heng Leng: Health, health care and international migration; marriage, family, migration and the state

Dr Francis Collins: Migration and transnationalism; the 'everyday' in urban experience; international education and the experiences of international students; the role of cities in globalising processes; social and cultural geographies; ethnicity, race and racism

Prof Anthony D'Costa: Movement of Asian talent to Japan; 'Adjusting to Globalisation: Japan and the Mobility of Asian Technical Talent'

Dr Arianne Gaetano: Gender and migration; rural-urban migration in China; migration and cultural identity; agency; migrant rights

Dr Anne-Marie Hilsdon: Gender, ethnicity and migration; human rights, conflict and resilience in the Philippines and East Malaysia

Prof Gavin Jones: Role of migration in relation to changing population dynamics; mega-urban regions in South-East and East Asia

Dr Lai Ah Eng: Migration and multiculturalism; migration and family; multiculturalism and social cohesion; ethnicity, culture and religion; family and gender; local histories and heritages

Ms Theodora Lam Choy Fong: Transnational migration, population, gender, geographical education

Prof Stephen Legomsky: Migration and legal constraints; normative implications of disparities in asylum approval rates; comparative asylum policy and the rule of law

Dr Leong Chan Hoong: Socio-psychological adjustment of sojourners and immigrants; acculturation orientations among recipient nationals; attitudes toward foreign talents and Singaporean's intention to emigrate; understanding the role of corruption and bribery in Asian cities and its influence on expatriate's job satisfaction and performance

Dr Hiroko Matsuda: Colonialism/Post-Colonialism in Northeast Asia; migration from/to Okinawa and Taiwan; migration and formation of colonial Taipei City; memory and history in postcolonial/Cold-War Taiwan

Dr Nicole Piper: Governance of migration; transnational political activism and migrant rights; gender; social development and migration

Dr Andriana Schwingel: Migration and health; international public health; burden of chronic disease and preventive policy among immigrants

Ms Maria Andrea Medina Soco: PhD student

Dr Mika Toyota: Border minority migration; transnational networks; gender

Dr Xiang Biao: Migration and state/governance; international labor recruiters; return migration

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Professor Gavin Jones

Changing Family in Asia

Throughout Asia, the family is seen as the cornerstone of society, but everywhere its traditional forms and functions are facing challenges. The Changing Family in Asia Cluster explores the dimensions of family change in the region, their causes and implications. These dimensions include rising ages at marriage and increasing non-marriage, rise in international marriage, declining fertility and declining size of the nuclear family, increase in one-person households and alternative family forms, changing gender roles within families, and changes in family structure consequent on ageing. They have implications for gender relations, the life patterns of

the post-adolescent unmarried, the role of the elderly in the family, child raising patterns and social policy.

The Ford Foundation-funded project on changing marriage patterns in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines continued in 2007. It is focusing particularly on aspects of marriage and marital dissolution that are affected by poverty and in turn have implications for poverty. A workshop was held in December to take stock of findings to date and to plan the remainder of the project.

The cluster conducted an international conference on *The Changing Asian Family as a Site of (State) Politics* on 26-27 April 2007. Experts from a number of countries and disciplines presented papers. A selection of papers from this conference is being prepared for publication as a special issue of a leading journal. A selection of papers from the 2006 cluster conference on international marriage has been accepted for publication in *Citizenship Studies* and will be published in January 2008.

On 22-23 February 2007, the cluster also jointly organised the *Comparative Workshop on Low Fertility* with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. This dealt mainly with the decline in fertility to among the lowest levels in the world in countries such as Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and Singapore, and to very low levels in China, and related policy issues. A book based on the revised papers is forthcoming with Routledge.

ARI's collaboration with World Vision, one of the world's largest Christian non-governmental organisations, continued in 2007. The joint collaboration was designed to produce learning papers on post-tsunami Asia. The originally envisioned two-year project was shortened with World Vision's earlier than expected withdrawal from their tsunami programmes in all affected countries. Dr Barbara Nowak produced a learning paper on gender and livelihoods and another on how well NGOs linked together, and the transition from relief to rehabilitation to development.

Research Cluster Members

Prof Gavin Jones (Research Leader): Delayed marriage and non-marriage; international marriage; divorce trends

Dr Chee Heng Leng: Health and health care policy; gender, family, state, and migration

Dr Bina Gubhaju: Family planning policies and women's contraceptive choices in Nepal; changing patterns of marriage and family in Southeast Asia

Prof Binod Khadria: Migration and the family; family investment decisions in education and human capital formation

Dr Lai Ah Eng: Changing family in Southeast Asia; intercultural and interreligious marriages and families; family-work issues

Dr Maznah Mohamad: Gender and Islam; Malay family, Islam and state; social movements; political trends in Malaysia

Dr Janice Newberry: Community and state in Indonesia; state formation, gender and the domestic; the child and childhoods; urban neighbourhoods and class

Dr Barbara S. Nowak: Gender, the household, domestic cycle; impact of development on gender and the household

Dr Teo You Yenn: Family as a site of state-society interactions; family policies in Singapore

Dr Mika Toyota: Delayed marriage and non-marriage in Myanmar and Japan; international marriage and citizenship

Prof Brenda Yeoh: Gender, globalising households and transnational families

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Cultural Studies in Asia

Cultural Studies in Asia is an emerging field of academic research that is challenging conventional disciplinary boundaries to rethink received knowledge on existing issues and to address new topics and concerns thrown up by the rapid changes and impact on cultural practices brought about by new technologies and the new phase of global capitalism. Focusing on popular cultural practices in contemporary Asia, practitioners in Cultural Studies have re-examined these practices from new angles engendered by multidisciplinary perspectives. They have questioned the very idea of 'Asia' and its current reconfiguration in view of the intense traffic of cultural products and cultural practices, crisscrossing national and cultural boundaries within the continent and beyond. The Cultural Studies in Asia programme at ARI seeks to add scholarly research and publishing to this emerging field by hosting outstanding researchers, workshops, conferences and publications.



Professor Chua Beng Huat

In 2007, the Cultural Studies Research Cluster organised two international workshops in March. In the first, *Workshop on Asian Cinematic Practice*, participants reflected on the greater integration of the different Asian film cultures, examined the question of an Asian cinema paradigm as an alternative mode to Hollywood, and had an opportunity to interrogate Malaysian filmmaker Amir Muhammad who showed his latest film *Village People Road Show*. The second workshop on *Asian Pop Music in Transition: New Economy, New Subjectivities and Inter-Asia Perspective* investigated new subjectivities associated with new 'technoscape' and 'mediascape' and critically analysed music-cultural industries with the development of digital technology.

In July, an international conference, *In Search of Reconciliation and Peace in Indonesia and East Timor*, was held. Presenters critically analysed the ways in which grassroots concepts of reconciliation connects with civil society, gender, religion, tradition, language, social memory, education, displacement, performance, public space, and the media. In November, a workshop on *Mutating Postcolonial Cultural Modalities in Contemporary Southeast Asia* was held. Participants, drawn largely from the Faculty of Arts and Social Science at National University of Singapore, addressed the question of absence of postcolonial discourse in Southeast Asia and how the concept may be deployed to analyse current local conditions.

During August through October, the Cultural Studies Research Cluster partnered the Asian Film Archive to host a Roundtable Series on *Southeast Asian Digital Cinema*, focusing on short films from five ASEAN countries; Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore. Films by the visiting filmmakers were screened and discussions on filmmaking practices, from funding to camera work to international distribution channels and finally, audience receptions were generated in dialogue with the filmmakers. The Series drew filmmakers, students and scholars into questions of the development of film theories and practices.

Research Cluster Members

Prof Chua Beng Huat (Research Leader): East Asian pop culture; multiculturalism

Dr Birgit Bräuchler: Cultural dimension of conflict resolution; religious conflict in cyberspace

Prof Allen Chun: Transnationalism; cultural identity in contemporary Chinese-speaking societies

Dr Liew Kai Khiun: Asian pop culture; media and medicine

Dr Stephen Teo: Hong Kong and other Asian cinemas

Dr Yoshitaka Mori: Sociology, media studies, cultural studies and contemporary art

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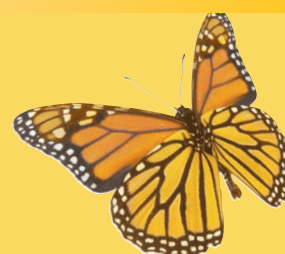
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Religion and Globalisation in Asian Contexts



Professor Bryan Turner

Religion and Globalisation in Asian Contexts explores the changing patterns of religious practice, belief and identity in recent times, particularly in Southeast Asia, China and South Asia. The title implies a particular interest in transnational and diasporic interactions, the engagement with modern technologies and values, and new global forms of religious expression.

The cluster has a strong theme relating to the notion of religious piety, especially in terms of religious revivalism. Recent research and conferences have examined the issue of women and piety. The increasing level of religious activity (or 'pietisation') forms a common dimension to our work on *Islam in Southeast Asia* and *Roman Catholicism in Asia*. The cluster also has a parallel interest in the growth of so-called popular religion and 'spirituality'. Although our research strength is in the study of Islam, the cluster also hosts scholars working on different religious traditions such as Buddhism and Hinduism.

The cluster has sought to develop close linkages with universities in the region through the exchange of ideas and mutual visits by members of staff. In April 2007, Professor Turner and Dr Bautista were invited to the Ateneo de Davao, Philippines by the Director of the Mindanawon Initiatives for Cultural Dialogue, Professor Albert Alejo, S. J. who had previously been invited by Dr Bautista to speak at an ARI seminar in 2006. In their 'exchange' visit to Mindanao, Professor Turner and Dr Bautista gave a seminar at the Ateneo in which they described the research interests of the cluster and sought collaboration with local scholars, particularly on the issues of reconciliation and piety. As a result of this dialogue, Dr Leah Vidal of the Mindana Won Institute accepted an invitation to participate in the 2007 *Asia Trends Conference*, during which she delivered the paper *Intimacy, Identity and Power: Women in the Interstices of the Philippine Catholic Church*. During their visit to the Philippines, Professor Turner and Dr Bautista had also made a visit to the Ateneo de Zamboanga under the invitation of the Director of the Institute of Cultural Studies for Western Mindanao, Dr Robert Panaguiton.

The religion and globalisation cluster has been and will continue to be the home ground for research projects funded by both the Asia Research Institute itself, as well as other university funding bodies, such as the NUS Academic Research Fund. In 2007, we have seen the genesis of research on interreligious and intercultural marriage in Singapore. We have also witnessed the ongoing progress of faculty collaboration examining how deep religiosity may translate into greater self-exclusion from secular and multicultural public life.

In greater detail, Dr Lai Ah Eng has an ARI funded project on *Public and Private Management of Religion in Cross-cultural Marriages and Families in Singapore*. This project will examine the dynamics and negotiations between state, community and public organisations on the one hand, and private individuals and families on the other regarding such marriages in Singapore.

A second research project, also funded by ARI, has been undertaken by Dr Maznah Mohamad. This project focuses on Islam in Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore. These societies have three different legal and institutional models of syariah control, contest and administration. Primarily, this research seeks to explain how the politics of the syariah affect interreligious and inter-gender relations, the extent to which the politics of syariah impact the workings of democracy in society or vice versa, and if state policies around the syariah can in fact make a difference as to how Islamic religiosity is constructed and practised within each national state.

A third project by Prof Bryan Turner and A/P Alexius Pereira on *Measuring Social Distance in Plural Societies – The Singapore Case* has been funded by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The *Social Distance* project seeks to understand whether deep religiosity may translate into greater self-exclusion from secular and multicultural public life in a plural society such as Singapore. This is because deeply religious individuals are more likely to perform 'rituals of intimacy' to maintain religious purity and as a result, choose to 'distance' themselves from secular public life. The research involves interviews with self-declared 'deeply religious' individuals to find out their views on public dining, schooling choice (for their children), choice of close friends and interreligious marriage.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, ongoing work with the arrival of Professor Joanne Waghorne on cosmopolitanism highlights developing religious/spiritual movements which are purposely confluent with current secular values or which see themselves as augmenting and articulating a sense of 'unity' in both a religious and a social sense. These early developments provide an excellent opportunity to work with Dr Justin McDaniel from the University of California on different types of globalisation and cosmopolitanism.

The cluster was active in organising a variety of conferences, workshops and lectures through the year. These included the *International Conference on Christianity and the State in Asia: Complicity and Conflict*; *The Sacred in a Global City: Symposium on Religion in Singapore*; and the *Conference on the Body in Asia: Human Cosmos and Culture Canvas*.

In 2007 the cluster took major responsibility for organising the *ARI Asia Trends 2007* conference on *Women and Religion in Asia* which attracted two major international figures: Prof Barbara Andaya and Prof Sabah Mahmood. The cluster has organised a total of thirteen seminars over the year touching on a spectrum of issues from local issues, such as religious education in Singapore and the attitudes of Singapore youths towards religion, to those that concern the broader trends of globalisation, such as religious cosmopolitanism. A great deal of attention has been paid to the role of religion in political and legal systems. In line with one of the cluster's theme of examining religious piety among women, a couple of seminars have looked specifically at gender relations and spirituality, and the role of Muslim women in public discourse.

Research Cluster Members

Prof Bryan Turner (Research Leader): Social theory of religion; sociology of piety

Dr Julius Bautista: Catholicism in the Philippines; religious studies

Prof Dennis Cheng: Yijing; intellectual history of late imperial China

Mr Jayeel Serrano Cornelio: PhD student

Mr Joseph Nathan Cruz: PhD student

A/P Michael Feener: Intellectual and cultural history of Islam in the Middle East and Southeast Asia

Prof Bernard Formoso: Ethnicity and the study of religious institutions in the context of globalisation

Dr Noorhaidi Hasan: Political Islam in contemporary Indonesia and other Muslim-populated countries in Southeast Asia

Dr Rachel Rinaldo: Gender, religion, globalisation and the nation-state with a focus on Indonesia

Dr Santi Rozario: Gender, religion (especially Islam), modernity and sustainability; Islam, genetics and identity; women, development, NGOs, microcredit, health (childbirth) and education; inter-religious communal relations; migration and identity

Prof Joanne Waghorne: Interrelation of globalisation and religion in contemporary Hindu organisations; movements in India and the diaspora

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Southeast Asia–China Interactions



The revival of the links which long tied Southeast Asia with China is one of the most striking regional developments since the Cold War. Understanding the changes now taking place, as well as the growing interdependencies and alliances which are emerging, requires both historical depth of analysis and a broad cross-disciplinary approach.

In the early part of 2007, the key members of the cluster prepared a bid for the Singapore Ministry of Education (MoE) Tier 2 Research Funding on *The Cold War in Asia (1945-1990): Understanding and Overcoming Historical Cleavages*. Although the decision making process

is a lengthy one with no outcome possible in 2007, we nevertheless continued much of the momentum of the bid. A *Cold War in Asia* website has been developed with increasing amounts of documentary material. Following the roundtable on the subject in November 2006, the chief planners of the funding bid, Prof Anthony Reid, Dr Geoffrey Wade, A/P Huang Jianli and Mr Chin Chong Cham visited China in early March to consolidate our partnerships there. A second planning Roundtable was held on 28 June, developing our cooperation on the one hand with the China team - Prof Niu Dayong and Prof Li Danhui of Peking University and Prof Shen Zhihua of East China Normal University - and on the other with Harvard University through Prof William Kirby. On 14 September, the project convened a multi-session panel on the Cold War in Southeast Asia at the *Fifth EuroSEAS Conference* in Naples, as a means to tap into European revisionist work on the basis of newly-opened archives. The Russian historian Larissa Efimova joined other Europe-based scholars such as Ruth McVey (Italy), Gabriele Sinigoj (Austria), Harry Poeze (Netherlands), and Karl Hack (UK), as well as a few Southeast Asian collaborators able to find funding.

The cluster suffered the loss of crucial junior staff in late 2006 and early 2007, Dr Zheng Yangwen and Dr Kwee Hui Kian going to tenure-track positions at Manchester and Toronto respectively, Dr Maung Aung Myoe returning to Myanmar at the end of his postdoctoral fellowship, and research assistant Ms Jiang Na leaving for greener pastures. The new postdoctoral fellow, Dr Wasana Wongsurawat, focused particularly on Chinese–Thai relations.

We were also blessed with a number of prominent short-term visitors who gave the cluster a high profile despite their short stays. Prof Herman Kulke inspired (with help from ex-ARI members A/P John Miksic and Dr Tilman Frasch) a conference in March that brought South and Southeast Asian scholarship together after 50 years of alienation to consider early state formation in the two regions. On a similar intra-Asian front, the three-month visit of Prof Qin Dashu (Peking University) was timed to reinforce the beautifully bilingual *Symposium on Chinese Export Trade Ceramics in Southeast Asia* in March, which brought the new Chinese research on kiln sites together with the Southeast Asian archaeological finds for the first time. The year-long visit of Prof Pierre-Yves Manguin not only reinforced our cooperation with the *Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient*, but also made possible another boundary-crossing conference (with ISEAS) on *Early Indian Influence in Southeast Asia*, in November. Among other visitors, Prof Himanshu Ray (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi), showed connections between the colonial constructions of the Indian and Southeast Asian pasts; Prof Adam McKeown established connections between Chinese emigration and migration control globally; Dr George Souza explored the commercial interactions between East and Southeast Asia in the 17th/18th centuries; A/P Uli Kozok shed new light on the oldest known Malay manuscript, written in a post-Pallava script in 14th Century Sumatra; and Prof I Nyoman Sedana explored the connections between puppetry traditions in China, Indonesia and India.

On the specific Cold War front, A/P Cheng Yinghong joined us for three months from the University of Delaware to work on the effects of the Cultural Revolution on the Left in Malaysia–Singapore, Dr Vu Tuong Huu worked on Vietnam's place in Cold War ideological battles, and Mr Chin Chong Cham helped prepare the bid for MOE funding in February.

The cluster also oversaw specific projects on Aceh, and on *Southeast Asian Archaeology and Heritage*, which was largely carried by Dr Patrick Daly, who also taught a new course in the NUS University Scholars' Programme on preserving heritage in conflict zones.



Research Cluster Members

Prof Anthony Reid (Research Leader): Sino-Southeast Asian identities

A/P Cheng Yinghong: Interactions between Chinese communism and global communism/radical social movements

Mr Chin Chong Cham: Southeast Asian Chinese political history and studies on the Malayan Communist Party

Dr Patrick Daly: Later prehistoric cultural interaction around the South China Sea from a ceramics perspective; the relationship between cultural heritage management and politics in Department of History contemporary situations

A/P Noburu Ishikawa: Political economy and human-environment relationships in insular Southeast Asia

A/P Ulrich Kozok: Sumatran philology (Malay, Batak, Kerinci, Rejang, Lampung) and palaeography of Island Southeast Asia; archaeology

Prof Hermann Kulke: History of Asia with focus on India and Southeast Asia, particularly earlier history of cultures and societies and their importance in the current development of Asia and a rapidly changing world

Ms Jiang Na: Research Assistant

Prof Pierre Manguin: History and archaeology of the coastal states and trade networks of Southeast Asia

Dr Maung Aung Myoe: Politics and international relations of the Southeast Asian region in general and the government and politics of Myanmar in particular

Dr Hiroko Matsuda: Japanese imperialism and human movements; colonial memory and Cold War in Taiwan; modern Okinawa's history

Prof Adam McKeown: World history since 1500, globalisation, migration, and passports

Prof Qin Dashu: Song, Yuan and Ming Dynasties' archaeology (10th to 17th Century); ceramics archaeology

Prof Himanshu Ray: History of archaeology in South and Southeast Asia and the archaeology of religion

Prof I Nyoman Sedana: Bali-China cross-cultural interaction; comparative study between Balinese and Chinese religious aesthetic expressions; Indian and Chinese cultural elements in Balinese puppet theatre

Dr George Souza: On sea, on land: The political economy and material culture of Asia and the early modern world, c.1500-1800

Dr Thung Ju Lan: Ethnicity and nation building

Dr Vu Tuong Huu: State formation, revolution, nationalism, rural development, Cold War foreign policy, and politics of scholarship

Dr Geoffrey Wade: Sino-Southeast Asian historical interactions and Chinese texts as sources for Southeast Asian history

Dr Johannes Widodo: Chinese diaspora culture, architecture and urban morphology in Southeast Asia

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Aceh Project

Over the past three years, ARI has taken a number of research and development initiatives in response to the catastrophic damage wrought by the earthquake and tsunami of 26 December 2004. Singapore was the first country to provide emergency assistance to Aceh following the tsunami, serving as the vanguard of the largest international aid effort ever organised. In March 2006, Dr Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, Director of the Body for the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Aceh and Nias (BRR) invited Prof Anthony Reid and ARI to organise *The First International Conference on Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies*, which was held in Banda Aceh in February 2007. Preparation for this conference was led by an ARI team comprised of Prof Reid, A/P Michael Feener and Dr Patrick Daly. These three ARI researchers are currently editing two volumes of conference proceedings for publication. The conference also served to consolidate momentum for reinvigorating academic work on and in Aceh. One major initiative in this direction has been work on the establishment of an International Centre for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies. Anthony Reid, Michael Feener and Patrick Daly are the ARI representatives on a working committee preparing for the opening of the Centre in 2008.

Although eventually unsuccessful, the team benefitted from the experience of working together to navigate the uncharted waters of an ARC Tier 2 grant application. Project member Michael Feener, however, will continue work on religious and legal change in Aceh through the grant award for Islam and Social Dynamics in Indonesia (Principal Investigator Merle Ricklefs).

In 2007, members and associates of the ARI Aceh project team continue to pursue their own individual studies, producing a number of conference papers and publications, including preparations for the posting of papers on a new *Aceh Section* of the online ARI working papers series. The Aceh team also submitted a major grant proposal to the Ministry of Education titled *Reconstituting Society in a Traumatized Environment: Multi-disciplinary Investigations of Law, Economy and Society in Post-conflict, Post-tsunami Aceh* (Principal Investigator: A/P Feener).

Project Members

Dr Eduardo Araral: Political economy of property rights, decentralisation, public bureaucracies, foreign aid and common pool resources

Dr Caroline Brassard: Economic development research, poverty alleviation, strategies, labour market and social policy, data analysis, baseline survey questionnaire design, and rural development project evaluation

Dr Patrick Daly: Cultural heritage management in crisis situations

A/P Michael Feener: The implementation of syariah law in contemporary Aceh

A/P Daniel Fitzpatrick: Law and development, land tenure in developing countries, land and conflict studies, Indonesian law, law in East Timor, and land law in the South Pacific

Dr Boyd Fuller: Resolution of difficult water, environmental and land conflicts

Dr Jonathan Marshall: Perception of public on its leaders, acquisition of leadership skills and applied leadership studies

Dr Michelle Miller: Decentralisation and post-conflict governance

Dr Barbara Sue Nowak: Emergency relief and economic development; gender

Prof Anthony Reid: Social and economic history of Aceh



Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis

Established in 2000 with funding from The Wellcome Trust's *Major Awards for a Centre of Excellence in Asia*, the Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis (AMC) was constituted through a collaborative effort between the Asia Research Institute (ARI), NUS; the College for Population Studies (CPS) at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Austria. The National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH), at the Australian National University joined as a principal collaborator in 2002. AMC's headquarters is situated at the Asia Research Institute at NUS in Singapore. Its research foci includes: population-development-environment-health interactions at the regional level, rapid urbanisation, urbanism and health in Asia, and demographic change, migration and the 'Asian family', and their impacts on social and psychological well-being.

One of the major aims of the Asian MetaCentre is to improve the synergy between existing population studies centres around Asia through an internet platform, training courses, topical workshops, support for project development and a general enhancement of the interaction among scientists working on population, health and sustainable development. It brings together Asian centres, fostering international collaborations and skills transfer. It also aims to consolidate the Asian Population Network (APN), organise relevant workshops, provide training for skills development, develop high quality proposals, engage in research proposals and subsequently publish research papers and books. The series of conferences, workshops and seminars organised through the Asian MetaCentre had served as a platform for strengthening demographic research and the analysis of population dynamics in the Asian context in relation to health and well-being.



In 2007, AMC continued its research focus around themes relating to population studies with a heightened focus on migration issues especially those pertaining to gender and age. These themes are central to its research project, *CHAMPSEA* (Child Health and Migrant Parents in South-east Asia), a study examining the gender effects of migration as well as the impacts of migration on children left-behind in their home country by migrant parents. This project, funded by The Wellcome Trust (UK), commenced officially in January. The research team also welcomed two new members

on board the project, postdoctoral fellows Dr Lucy Jordan (based at the University of St Andrews) and Dr Andiara Schwingel (based at the AMC, ARI). During the past year, the research team held two productive project meetings and a training meeting for representatives from the four study countries, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, in Singapore. Pilot study in each of these countries also concluded successfully in December. In the coming year, the research team will continue to work on this project by conducting both quantitative and qualitative studies in the four countries.

In line with its research focus, AMC jointly organised a *Workshop on Female Labor Migration in Globalising Asia: Translocal/Transnational Identities and Agencies* with the Asia Research Institute. Helmed by Dr Arianne Gaetano, the workshop focused on gender and migration issues in East and Southeast Asia.

It was also a fruitful year for AMC in terms of publications. Selected papers from the *International Workshop on The Impacts of Migration on the Left-Behind in Asia*, organised in March 2005, have been published in a special issue of *Population, Space and Place*, volume 13, Issue 3 (May/June 2007) with Mika Toyota, Brenda S. A. Yeoh and Liem Nguyen as guest editors.

Several special issues containing papers presented at the *International Conference on Population and Development in Asia: Critical Issues for a Sustainable Future* that was held in March 2006 have also been published.

Programme Members

Prof Brenda Yeoh (Principal Investigator): Gender, globalising households and transnational families

Dr Andiara Schwingel: Migration and health; international public health; burden of chronic disease and preventive policy among immigrants

Ms Theodora Lam: Transnational migration, population, gender, geographical education



Other Externally Funded Projects

Feener, Michael

- Co-Investigator on Merle Ricklefs' (PI) project "Islam and Social Dynamics in Indonesia", focusing on non-legal aspects of Muslim cultural revival in Aceh, S\$143,000 funded by ACRF Tier 2 (Ministry of Education, Singapore), for 2007-2010.

Jones, Gavin

- "Changing Marriage in Southeast Asia", US\$140,000 funded by The Ford Foundation, 13 April 2006 – August 2008.

Manguin, Pierre-Yves

- "Franco-Indonesian Archaeological Mission of Tarumanagara", Directors: Agustijanto and Pierre-Yves Manguin, 80,000 Euros funded by the National Research Centre of Archaeology of Indonesia, the Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, approved in January 2002 for 2002-2008.

Toyota, Mika

- "Single Japanese Women in Southeast Asia: Rethinking Gender, Age and Self in a Regionalised Asia", S\$46,651.50 funded by NUS Academic Research Fund, 2007-2010.
- "A Cultural Anthropological Study on Ageing Societies and the International Migration of Retirees: With a Specific Focus on Southeast Asia and Oceania", JPY 6,354,000 funded by Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, 2005-2008.

Yeoh Saw Ai Brenda and Chee Heng Leng

- "Transnational Migration in SE Asia and the Health of Children Left Behind", Brenda Yeoh and Elspeth Graham (Co-PIs); Chee Heng Leng, Wong Mee Lian and Paul Boyle, S\$1,377,370 funded by The Wellcome Trust, UK, awarded in 2006 for 2007-2010.

Yeoh Saw Ai Brenda and Toyota, Mika

- "Transnational Care Workers, State Policies and Gender Dynamics in Ageing Societies: A Comparative Study of Singapore and Japan", Researchers: Brenda Yeoh (PI), Shirlena Huang and Mika Toyota, S\$76,000 awarded by JSPS-NUS for April 2006-April 2008.





Events

Conferences and Workshops

ARI continues to be a place of encounters between the region and the world, hosting seminars, workshops and conferences aimed at the exchange and generation of ideas.

During the year of 2007, the Institute organised 20 conferences and workshops, and provided financial support to three others that were organised by departments in the National University of Singapore. Most of these conferences were driven by ARI's research fellows and postdoctoral scholars. The participants came from diverse academic communities in Singapore and throughout the world. The events team comprising three administrative staff members, led by Ms Rina Yap, provided crucial support for planning and organising these conferences and workshops.



International Conference on Christianity and the State in Asia: Complicity and Conflict

10–12 Jan 2007, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: Dr Julius Bautista and Dr Francis Lim

This conference brought together scholars from diverse disciplinary and institutional backgrounds in Asia, including participants from USA and Europe. The conference culminated in a roundtable which comprised of specialists in Christianity in Asia, focusing on how Christian churches and followers in the region negotiate their public roles and identities vis-à-vis various forms of states, particularly in the context of nation-building and socio-economic development. A major area of discussion during the conference was the social and political ramifications of Christian conversions and the ways in which apostasy rates impacted upon state policies on religion and ethnic relations. The discussions were contextualised in a number of examples and these papers, in various ways, raised important questions on the fluid relationship between Christianity and various state and non-state apparatuses. In doing so, however, the papers also effectively questioned the changing nature of the state in Asia, and cast a critical gaze on the extent of their efficacy particularly at a local level.



Workshop on Moments in the Making of Southeast Asian Islam

5–6 Feb 2007, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: A/P Michael Feener and Dr Michael Laffan

This workshop marked the initial phase of a long-term research project of mapping the complex histories of Islam in the region. Aiming to take stock of the international state of the field and to explore diverse views of what might be considered as key historical “moments” in the making of Southeast Asian Islam, this workshop invited scholars from around the region to comment on what they saw to be as some of the most significant developments in the Muslim histories of areas that are today parts of Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei and Thailand. Participants selected one or more primary texts that could be used to anchor discussions of the cases presented and engaged in lively discussions around issues of determining some broad outlines for a history of the moments that they feel merit further research and analysis.



Comparative Workshop on Low Fertility

Jointly organised with Department of Sociology, NUS

22–23 Feb 2007, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: Prof Gavin Jones, A/P Pauline Tay Straughan and Dr Angelique Chan

In this workshop, population experts from Japan, Singapore, China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan and Australia gathered and focused on the determinants of marriage and fertility decisions in Asia; discussing the influence of gender roles, changing labour markets, migration, the idealisation of marriage and the impact of cultural values attached to the “child” on marriage and fertility decisions in Asia.

With population decline not very far into the future and with existing pro-natalist policies appearing not to have much effect in encouraging fertility, this workshop investigated the factors that motivate people in Asia to marry, and to have or not to have children once married. Much of the discussion focused on the factors that might have led to such low fertility, and what policy responses might have an impact in raising fertility.



The First International Conference on Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies

Jointly organised with the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Executing Agency for Aceh and Nias (BRR)

24–27 Feb 2007, Banda Aceh, Indonesia

Convenors: Prof Anthony Reid, A/P Michael Feener and Dr Patrick Daly

As the first International Conference on Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies, this conference celebrated the importance of Aceh for its historical significance and its current position as a valuable source of information on conflict resolution and post disaster reconstruction efforts. Thirty academic papers were presented by a range of speakers from 15 nations, representing different academic institutions, as well as government and non-government organisations. The programme also included film screenings, dinners, cultural events, tours around the tsunami affected areas of Aceh and a special exhibit of manuscripts and old photographs donated by British, Dutch, Malaysian, Turkish, French, Danish and Portuguese institutions. Overall, the conference was remarkably successful in bringing a rich concentration of interested parties together both to evaluate the progress of the past few years of change in Aceh and to focus on ways to expand the scope of academic research in Aceh.



Workshop on Mobile City Singapore

Jointly organised with Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS

1–3 Mar 2007, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: Prof Brenda Yeoh, Dr Leong Chan-Hoong and Dr Natalie Oswin

This workshop's major themes included the cultural politics of migration, projected trends and changes in Singapore's migration landscape, and how out-migrants and in-migrants negotiate their identity in the midst of their cross-cultural transitions. Papers presented were organised along seven thematic panels which include national narratives, histories and geographies of labour migration, Japanese women at work in the global city, theorisation of the mobile city, diaspora and transnationalism, emigration-sojourn-return, and gender and mobility. The papers were contributed by participants from various disciplines including sociology, anthropology, architecture, psychology, history, and business studies, with each academic field providing a unique and distinctive lens to explore the concept of global city and the daily and social discourses engaged by people living in Singapore. Professor Wang Gungwu, director of East Asian Institute, NUS, also delivered a keynote address based on his observations of the historical connections and developments between mobility, dynamic ideas and the formation of nationhood. The workshop was attended by a total of 37 speakers and chairpersons and 48 observers from various institutions and agencies.



Workshop on Asian Pop Music in Transition

3–4 Mar 2007, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: Prof Chua Beng Huat and Dr Shin Hyun-joon

Motivated by the increasing transnational flows, exchanges and consumption of pop music across national and cultural boundaries in East and Southeast Asia, this two-day workshop brought together young scholars from the two regions who are not only engaged in academic research but also active in promotion of local music and musicians. Eleven papers were presented at the workshop, covering popular music, production, distribution and consumption in Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, the People's Republic of China, Thailand, and Singapore.



Workshop on Asian Cinematic Practice – Towards an Alternative Paradigm

6–7 Mar 2007, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenor: Dr Stephen Teo

This workshop presented an opportunity to reflect on the developments of the disparate Asian cinemas while deliberating over the question of an Asian cinema paradigm. Participants also examined questions of how to formulate a pedagogical concept of an Asian cinema, proposing methods through active analyses of film texts, history, theory and criticism in the East Asian region. In discussing the very existence of Asian cinema, or of 'Asian-ness' itself, the workshop aimed to identify an Asian cinematic paradigm vis-à-vis the Hollywood cinema, and also sought to expose the difficulties of how an Asian cinema is to be understood given the religious, cultural and political variety in the region.

Participants included leading scholars in the field of Asian cinema who were invited from the United States, South Korea, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore. Malaysian filmmaker Amir Muhammad was specially invited where he showed his latest film Village People Road Show, a sequel to The Last Communist.





Workshop on A Quarter Century of Physical and Institutional Transformation in Urban China

Jointly organised with Department of Architecture, NUS

8–10 Mar 2007, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: Prof Heng Chye Kiang and Dr Chen Yu

A total of eighteen participants were invited, comprising of scholars, officers, urban planners and developers to debate on physical and institutional transformation of urban China in the last 25 years. Chinese cities have experienced unpredictable changes in the Reform and Liberalisation era. In order to bridge the gap between academia and industry, and to understand China's urbanisation and its effect on the world, this workshop brought together researchers, officers, urban planners and developers, with differing theoretical and empirical approaches to this issue. Many key issues were discussed at the lively two-and-a-half-day workshop, such as, the effect of institutional reform on the urban transformation of Chinese cities; practical problems faced in urban development of Chinese cities; as well as the challenges and opportunities facing Asian cities in globalisation.

The workshop enriched our understanding of China's changing pace and rapid development and received generous sponsorship from CapitaLand Ltd, Ascott Group, Huahui Design Inc. (China), and the Lee Foundation.



The Sacred in a Global City: Symposium on Religion in Singapore

Jointly organised with Humanities and Social Sciences Research Centre, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

10 Mar 2007, National Museum of Singapore

Convenors: Dr Julius Bautista and Dr Francis Lim

This symposium was held to discuss the new perspectives on the study of religion in Singapore, hoping to contribute to a broader inquiry into the experience of the sacred in the context of urbanism and globalisation. This symposium brought together researchers from both institutions and beyond to provide a comprehensive survey of new religious movements, religious innovations, and sacralisation of urban spaces in Singapore. By taking into account factors such as Singapore's policies on religion, changing demography, processes of globalisation, and migration, speakers at the event addressed questions such as: What are the new religious movements that are currently gaining momentum in the context of the Singapore government's promotion of religious tolerance and harmony? How have advances in communications technology such as the Internet changed the ways religions are practised in a 'globalised' Singapore? How have religious practices of diverse migrant groups impacted upon existing religious practices and dynamics?

The symposium was a greatly successful event, attended by over 120 people from academic institutions, the media, government agencies, religious groups and the public sector.



Symposium on Chinese Export Trade Ceramics in Southeast Asia

12–14 Mar 2007, National Library Board, Singapore

Convenors: A/P John N. Miksic and Dr Qin Dashu

This symposium brought together archaeologists from China and Southeast Asia to discuss recent discoveries at the producing and consuming ends of a trade network which formed around the 9th century. In recent years, Chinese archaeologists have begun to focus more attention on the south Chinese kiln sites and these were some of the first large-scale industries in the world, using mass production techniques. Southeast Asia also formed one of the main centres of demand for this commodity. At the end of the symposium, the speakers went on a three-day trip to Jakarta, Indonesia where they visited the National Research Centre for Archaeology and the National Museum. Other sponsors for this symposium included National Library Board, Lee Foundation, Helu-Trans (S) Pte Ltd and Mr Ho Lien Fung.



Conference on the Body in Asia: Human Cosmos and Culture Canvas

15–16 Mar 2007, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: Prof Bryan Turner, Dr Julius Bautista and Dr Zheng Yangwen

This two-day conference presented a unique opportunity for ARI, bringing together a number of scholars who work on East, Southeast and South Asia to present original and cutting-edge research on the body in various Asian cultures. Reflecting on the body as code (representation), experience and practice, the conference presentations were organised around a number of important questions to which in various ways they present original and striking answers. The principal themes were: How has the body been represented in Asian cultures?



Workshop on State Formation and the Early State in South and Southeast Asia Reconsidered

21–23 Mar 2007, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: A/P John N. Miksic and Prof Hermann Kulke

Initiated by Prof Hermann Kulke of Kiel University, Germany and co-organised with Dr John Miksic of National University of Singapore, scholars working on early state formation in the two regions were brought together to a fresh impetus to future research in South and Southeast Asia through 'trans-regional cross-fertilisation'. During the British colonial period, scholars based in India and Southeast Asia frequently exchanged information and discussed issues of common interest, focusing on the ancient relations between the two regions. However, they have drifted apart since decolonisation. The workshop's outcome is expected to be preliminary in nature and it is hoped that further meetings can be convened to follow up on this workshop, in order to re-establish a tradition of dialogue between the scholars in the two subcontinents.



Conference on the Changing Asian Family as a Site of (State) Politics

26–27 Apr 2007, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: Dr Teo You Yenn and Dr Shen Hsiu-Hua

This conference was a timely engagement in this global conversation about key tensions facing contemporary societies. Scholars have acknowledged the family as an important site of state action within the context of the many socioeconomic and demographic changes in contemporary Asia. The tendency thus far has been to conceptualise state-family relationship in terms of a 'public' state stepping in to interfere with the 'private' family. In contrast to these tendencies, over the lively two-day conference, historians, sociologists and anthropologists discussed the ways in which the very definitions and boundaries of 'family' are shaped through state actions and state-society interactions. Drawing from empirical contexts across Southeast and East Asia, participants also highlighted the complex and sometimes contradictory power struggles and negotiations that render possible or impossible particular definitions of the contemporary Asian family, as well as the consequences of these processes on larger questions of political culture and state-society relationships.



Planning Roundtable on the History of the Cold War in Asia

28 Jun 2007, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: Prof Anthony Reid and Dr Geoff Wade

The Cold War in Asia Project continues to gain momentum, as recent events brought together researchers working on Cold War Asia - and particularly Southeast Asia - from around the world. The second planning Roundtable included speakers such as William Kirby from Harvard University and other scholars from China, Vietnam, Thailand and Burma. Issues addressed were those slated for future conferences, including the importance of 1948 in defining the Southeast Asia Cold War, the roles of Southeast Asians of Chinese descent, new archival sources, decolonisation and its relationship with the Cold War, cultural revolutions during the Cold War, and Southeast Asia and China in the overall international framework during the period.



Conference on In Search of Reconciliation and Peace in Indonesia and East Timor

18–20 Jul 2007, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenor: Dr Birgit Bräuchler

This highly interdisciplinary conference went beyond a mere political and legal approach to reconciliation to offer new understandings of bottom-up reconciliation approaches and the cultural dimension of reconciliation. Scholars from Asia, Australia, Europe and the United States analysed grassroots reconciliation initiatives and explored the ways in which reconciliation connects with issues like civil society, gender, religion, tradition, culture, language, social memory, education, displacement, performance, public space and the media. Contributions covered a wide range of conflicts such as the 1965 tragedy and the 1984 Tanjung Priok massacre, secessionist conflicts, struggles for independence, communal conflicts and localised small-scale conflicts. Reflecting on problems and challenges accompanying grassroots concepts for reconciliation such as the emergence of extremist civil society groups or the instrumentalisation of religious concepts or traditions by political elites, it was also highlighted that these alternative approaches not only facilitate, but can also inhibit reconciliation.



Workshop on Female Labor Migration in Globalising Asia:

Translocal/Transnational Identities and Agencies

Jointly organised with Asian MetaCentre

13–14 Sep 2007, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenor: Dr Arianne Gateano

Workshop participants from the United States, Australia, Japan, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, and Singapore presented interesting papers that addressed the myriad ways in which gender, as it intersects with other forms of inequality, conditions women's incorporation into global capitalism as well as local and regional economies. They considered, for example, how gender figures into personal and family migration decisions and expectations, labour recruitment and production processes, the global stratification and commodification of care work, and national and regional policy. At the same time, their papers considered Asian migrant women workers' experiences, identities and agencies, and lessons to be learned from this 'looking through their eyes' perspective that helps better theorise gender and power in globalising Asia.



Workshop on Evaluating Affirmative Action:

Malaysia in International Comparative Perspective

Jointly organised with Centre for Research on Inequality, Human Security and Ethnicity (CRISE), University of Oxford, UK

22–23 Oct 2007, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenor: Dr Maznah Mohamad

This workshop was co-hosted with Oxford University's Centre for Research on Inequality, Human Security and Ethnicity (CRISE). Aimed at bringing together a range of scholars working on issues of affirmative action in different countries and with different disciplinary perspectives, it considered the experiences of India, South Africa, Brazil, the United States, and Northern Ireland. The workshop also drew on CRISE's extensive research in Malaysia, a country which has had an unusually long, explicit and comprehensive affirmative action programme.

Leading the 15 paper presentations was the keynote paper by Professor Frances Stewart, Director of CRISE, Oxford University. There were eight papers on Malaysia and a paper each on South Africa, Northern Ireland, and Brazil as well as two each on India and the United States.





Workshop on Mutating Postcolonial Cultural Modalities in Contemporary Southeast Asia

1-2 Nov 2007, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: Prof Chua Beng Huat and Dr Yasuko Kobayashi

This workshop was an attempt to bring together scholars working on this region with different disciplinary backgrounds and to approach our understanding of postcoloniality in contemporary Southeast Asia. Southeast Asia is one of the most colonised regions in the world and projects of colonisation were undertaken by different imperial powers with different styles of governance, and started at different times across the region. Despite this the idea of 'postcolonial' is seldom invoked as a frame for analysing contemporary Southeast Asia, with the possible exception of studies of literature. During this workshop, some interesting characteristics of postcoloniality in Southeast Asia were revealed and it provided a ground to approach this little studied field in this region.



Forum on the Past in the Present: Histories in the Making

Jointly organised with National Museum of Singapore

17 Nov 2007, National Museum of Singapore

Convenor: Prof Anthony Reid

This Forum took place in the current context where history is poised to capture the popular imagination. Held at the Gallery Theatre of the National Museum at Stamford Road, it attracted approximately 200 participants. The Forum comprised of the keynote address on *Singapore History through the Looking Glass: Some Reflections on Museums, Memory, History and the Arts*, delivered by Professor James Francis Warren from Murdoch University followed by three different panels of speakers presenting papers on *History and Museum, Writing of History: Inventing, Problematising, Contesting the Past* and *History and Novel*.

The closing remarks were delivered by Professor Anthony Reid who summed up discussions in the context of the museum's 120th Anniversary celebrations and the pervasiveness of history which can be found in academia, museums, novels, films, movies, musicals and others and brought home the point that factors in the present affect how we think about the past. He also pointed out that the 'consumers keep us honest' and remarked that all in the fields related to history – whether as academics, educationists, museum curators, novelists or others – contribute to history and public memory. With a combination of established and eminent historians and writers, and up-and-coming scholars, this event indeed provided a platform to share ideas about history and historiography with the public.



International Conference on In and Out of Asia: Migrating Talent, Globalising Cities

Jointly organised with Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS

19-21 Nov 2007, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: Prof Brenda Yeoh, A/P Shirlena Huang, Dr Lai Ah Eng and Dr Leong Chan-Hoong

This conference explored the intertwining economic, social, cultural and socio-psychological issues of global talent in-migration in Asia through three themes: *Attraction of Places and Policies, Socio-psychological dimensions of Global Talent Management* and *Cultural Politics of Everyday Encounters*. Twenty-two papers were presented at this conference, with the geographical spread covered for discussion and comparison including countries such as Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore and Taiwan; and cities such as Bangalore, Delhi, London, Shanghai, Singapore, and Tokyo. Categories of talent discussed included scientists, business people, professionals, nurses and tertiary students, while expatriate and cosmopolitan communities examined included Americans, Asians, Chinese, Indians, Singaporeans, and Taiwanese.



Conference on Early Indian Influences in Southeast Asia:

Reflections on Cross-Cultural Movements

Jointly organised with Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, National Library Board and Institute of South Asian Studies

21-23 Nov 2007, Holiday Inn Atrium Hotel, Singapore

Convenor: Prof Anthony Reid

In collaboration with National Library Board, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and Institute of South Asian Studies, this major international conference invited more than 50 paper writers, from all over the world, to take part and present their papers on the following sub-themes: Chola naval expeditions, archaeological and inscriptions evidence, ancient and medieval commercial activities and regional cultures and localisation. The purpose of the conference was to ascertain the nature of Indian influences in the Southeast Asia region in from the 7th to 11th centuries. Discussion during the conference suggested that Indianisation of Southeast Asia is an area of study that requires much primary research. A particular highlight of the conference was the papers on the Chola naval expeditions, especially during the reign of King Rajendra Chola in the 11th century A.D.





Public Lectures

As part of Asia Research Institute's public outreach initiative, ARI organises public lectures to reach out to the greater Singapore and regional community. The lectures are presented by distinguished scholars of Asian affairs, visiting ARI in various capacities.

The lectures provide up-to-date analysis and assessments of contemporary issues and long-term trends, not only to decision makers but also to all who are concerned and seek to be informed about regional and world events.

China's Partners: China, the United States and the Soviet Union in War and Cold War

Prof William Kirby

Geisinger Professor of History; Distinguished Service Professor and Director, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies at Harvard University, USA

25 Jun 2007, Asian Civilisations Museum

Food and Diaspora: Western Expansion and 'Chinese' Foods

Prof Sidney Mintz

Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, The John Hopkins University, USA

Jointly organised with NUS Press

31 Oct 2007, Asian Civilisations Museum



ARI-ACM Lecture Series

Collaborating with the Asian Civilisations Museum, this series of lectures aim at educating and informing the public on topics relating to the cultures and civilisations of Asia or relating to the special exhibitions organised by the museum. Academics at ARI provide up-to-date analysis and assessments of contemporary issues and long-term trends to members of the public who seek to be informed about regional and world events.

The Study and Imitation on Ancient Bronze Ritual Objects during Song Dynasty (960 – 1276 CE)

Prof Qin Dashu

Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Professor, School of Archaeology and Museology, Peking University, China

28 Mar 2007, Asian Civilisations Museum

A Superpower, or Only by Half: India in a Century of Uncertainty?

Prof Binod Khadria

Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

3 May 2007, Asian Civilisations Museum

Universalism and Diversity in the History of Islamic Art

A/P Michael Feener

Associate Professor, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Department of History, NUS

4 Dec 2007, Asian Civilisations Museum





Bukit Timah Campus Public Lecture Series

The Bukit Timah Campus Public Lectures are jointly organised by the occupants of the Bukit Timah campus -- the Faculty of Law, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Asia Research Institute, East Asian Institute and Institute of South Asian Studies. These lectures feature high-profile speakers, and sometimes debates between two or more speakers, from the world of international scholarship. The style is lively and accessible, and the topics addressed are timely ones, dealing with the great issues of our day.

The EU Approach to International Crisis Management

Mr Pieter Feith

Former Head of Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM)

28 Feb 2007, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Gender Equality in Islamic Law – New Prospects?

Prof Ziba Mir-Hosseini

London Middle Eastern Institute, SOAS, University of London, UK

20 Sep 2007, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Malay Ethnic Identity: Unravelling the Historical from the Discursive

Prof Leonard Andaya

Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Hawai'i at Manoa, USA

15 Nov 2007, NUS Bukit Timah Campus



Asia Trends 2007

Women and Religion in Asia

29 June – 2 July 2007

National Library Board

Convenors: Prof Bryan Turner and A/P Michael Feener

Each year, the Asia Research Institute holds *Asia Trends*, bringing together leading speakers to present cutting edge academic research findings and analysis to a general audience.

Asia Trends 2007 was organised around the theme of *Women and Religion in Asia*. It was presented through a workshop, a roundtable and a public lecture featuring leading international and national women speakers on the topic of the historical and contemporary role of women in religion. The two keynote speakers were Professor Barbara Watson Andaya, Director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and Associate Professor Saba Mahmood from University of California, Berkeley.

Professor Andaya's lecture defended a tradition of comparative research which she thought was essential for studying women in different Asian societies. At the end of her lecture, Professor Mahmood gave an arresting and provocative talk on western images of Muslim women in novels, the press and film, arguing that aspects of religious reform in Islam are not necessarily anti-women and the deep secular prejudice of much western scholarship prevented western academics from understanding pious Muslim women in particular.

Other speakers involved in the workshop were Euis Nurlaelawati (State Islamic University (UIN), Jakarta, Indonesia) who talked about women in the Islamic courts, Samia Huq and Sabina Rashid (BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh) who spoke about elite women and piety, Noor Aisha Bte Abdul Rahman (NUS) who considered the discourse of women in Southeast Asia, Leah Vidal (Mindanao Institute for Cultural Dialogue, Philippines) who lectured on women consorts of priests in the Philippine Catholic Church, Coeli Barry (Mahidol University, Thailand) who considered religious community and identity, and Cheng Wei-Yi (Department of Religious Studies, Hsuan Chuang University, Taiwan) who spoke about rethinking the study of women in Buddhism.

The event as a whole illustrated the diversity and importance of women's spirituality in Asia, and also underlined the common problems women face in getting their voices heard within the religious communities and institutions of the region.

29 June 2007

Workshop on Women and Religion in Asia

2 July 2007

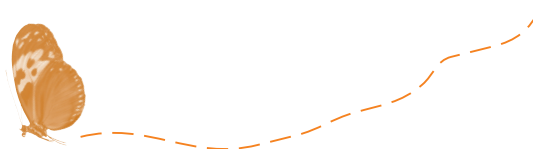
Academic Roundtable: Issues and the Study of Women and Religion

2 July 2007

Lecture on Secular Feminism and Politics of Empire: Islam and the War on Terror

Prof Saba Mahmood, University of California, Berkeley





ARI Seminar Series, 2007

The Asia Research Institute Seminar Series features seminars that are broad and conceptual, and are able to appeal across various academic disciplines. Seminars are usually scheduled on a Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30pm at the NUS Bukit Timah Campus.

Series I

9 Jan 2007

Indonesia in Exile: Indonesia's Literary Left Abroad Some Possibilities for Future Research

Prof David Hill, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Murdoch University, Australia*

16 Jan 2007

The World Bank of Cultural Capital: UNESCO Applications in Asian Memory Markets

Prof Marshall Johnson, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Wisconsin-Superior, USA*

23 Jan 2007

Inside East Timor's Truth Commission

Mr Patrick Walsh, *Timor-Leste Truth Commission, CAVR, East Timor*

30 Jan 2007

Roundtable - Asian Cities, Urbanisation: Scale, Speed and Intensity

Prof Heng Chye Kiang, *Department of Architecture, NUS*
A/P Ho Kong Chong, *Department of Sociology, NUS*
Dr Johannes Widodo, *Asia Research Institute; and Department of Architecture, NUS*
Dr Chen Yu, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

6 Feb 2007

Do Poor Peasants Adopt Only 'Weapons of the Weak' in Their Everyday Existence? Critical Issues Arising from the Evidence on South and Southeast Asia

A/P Shapan Adnan, *South Asian Studies Programme, NUS*

13 Feb 2007

Roundtable - State and Family Welfare: Intergenerational Support or Conflict?

Prof Gavin Jones, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*
A/P Peggy Teo, *Department of Geography, NUS*
Dr Mika Toyota, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

27 Feb 2007

Love and Dread in the Ritual Revolution: Conscripted into Marriage by the Khmer Rouge

Dr Peg LeVine, *University of Tasmania, Australia*

6 Mar 2007

The Margin Contextualised: Nguyen Tu Chi (1925-1995) and an Alternative Ethnography in Socialist Vietnam

Dr Truong Huyen Chi, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Harvard Yenching Institute, USA*

13 Mar 2007

Imagining the Nation State in Rural India

Prof Frank Heidemann, *University of Munich, Germany*

20 Mar 2007

Asia and the Future of Europe: Middle Class Interests and Labour Relations in Comparative Perspective

Prof Mario Rutten, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Universiteit van Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

27 Mar 2007

Roundtable - Human Rights: Media, Communication and Representation

A/P Cherian George, *School of Communication & Information, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*
Dr Coeli Barry, *Mahidol University, Thailand*
Ms Sim Chi Yin, *The Straits Times, Singapore*
Dr Javed Nazir, *School of Communication & Information, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*

29 Mar 2007

Playing Catch-up: Agrarian Transitions and Academic Research in Southeast Asia

Prof Jonathan Riggs, *Department of Geography, University of Durham, UK*

3 Apr 2007

Nationalism in East Asia in Global Perspectives

Prof Prasenjit Duara, *Department of History, University of Chicago, USA*

3 Apr 2007

Invented Traditions: Case Studies from Contemporary and Medieval India

Prof Hermann Kulke, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Kiel University, Germany*

10 Apr 2007

Roundtable - Intimacy, Language and Networks: Everyday Experiences of Foreign Workers in Singapore

Dr Noorashikin Abdul Rahman, *Department of Geography, NUS*
Dr Pattana Kitiarsa, *Southeast Asian Studies Programme, NUS*
Ms Beatriz Paredes Lorente, *Language and Communication Centre, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*

17 Apr 2007

From Borneo to Russian Far East: The Place of Timber in Global Ethnography

Dr Noboru Ishikawa, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Kyoto University, Japan*

24 Apr 2007

Roundtable - Piety and Politics in Modern Asia

Prof Bryan Turner, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*
Dr Julius Bautista, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*
Dr Noorhaidi Hasan, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*
Dr Pattana Kitiarsa, *Southeast Asian Studies Programme, NUS*

8 May 2007

Mandala: Local and Global Perspectives

Dr Gregory Price Grieve, *University of North Carolina, USA*

Series II

2 July 2007

On the Best Uses of Traditional Scholarly Data in Computer Studies of Transport, Travel, Pilgrimage, and Postal Routes of Mediaeval Asia, North Africa and Europe

Dr T. Matthew Ciolek, *Australian National University, Australia*

17 Jul 2007

Empire in World History: Designing Large-scale Social Control

Prof Patrick Manning, *University of Pittsburgh, USA*

14 Aug 2007

Roundtable - Striking a Balance: Language Policy and National Identity in Southeast Asia

A/P Anne Pakir, *Asia Research Institute; and Department of English Language and Literature, NUS*

Prof Saran Kaur Gill, *Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia*

Dr T. Ruanni F. Tupas, *Centre for English Language Communication, NUS*

21 Aug 2007

Economic Nationalism in Motion: Steel, Auto and Software Industries in India

Jointly organised with South Asian Studies Programme, NUS
Prof Anthony P. D'Costa, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Washington, USA*

28 Aug 2007

Interethnic Relations and Shared Cultural Idioms: The Case Study of the Xiu Gu Gu (Ritual Refining of the Restless Ghosts' Bones - 修孤骨) in Mainland China and Overseas

Prof Bernard Formoso, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Nanterre University, France*

4 Sep 2007

Asian Migration and the Globalisation of Borders, 1840-1930

Jointly organised with Department of History, NUS
Prof Adam McKeown, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Columbia University, USA*

11 Sep 2007

Roundtable – Malayness in Singapore

Dr Yasuko Kobayashi, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*
A/P Syed Farid Alatas, *Department of Malay Studies, NUS*
Mr Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied, *Department of Malay Studies, NUS*
Dr Iza Hussin, *University of Washington, USA*

18 Sep 2007

Global Gurus and the 'De-Ethnisation' of Hinduism in the United States and Singapore

Prof Joanne Waghorne, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Syracuse University, USA*

25 Sep 2007

Bonds of History: Cultural Interaction across the Bay of Bengal in the Pre-Colonial Period

Jointly organised with South Asian Studies Program, NUS
Prof Himanshu Prabha Ray, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*

2 Oct 2007

Racialised Sexualities: The Case of Filipina Migrant Workers in East Malaysia

Prof Anne-Marie Hilsdon, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Curtin University, Australia*

9 Oct 2007

Roundtable – Being 'Chinese' Outside China: Problems of Research and Analysis

Prof Allen Chun, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Academia Sinica, Taiwan*
Prof Anthony Reid, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*
Mr Gan Cheng Soon, *University of California Berkeley, USA*

16 Oct 2007

Roundtable – Secondary Refugee Movements and the Return of Asylum Seekers to Third Countries

Jointly organised with Faculty of Law, NUS
Prof Stephen H. Legomsky, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Washington University in St. Louis, USA*
Ms Chris Lewa, *Arakan Project (Burma)*
Dr Carl Grundy Warr, *Department of Geography, NUS*

30 Oct 2007

Roundtable – Social Reconstruction in Aceh: Three Perspectives

Dr Barbara Nowak, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*
Dr Patrick Daly, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*
Dr Michelle Miller, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

6 Nov 2007

Humanism and Multicultural Elements in Balinese Arts

Prof Sedana I. Nyoman, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Indonesian Art Institute, Indonesia*

13 Nov 2007

Race and Ethnic Divisions in Malaysia: 50 Years after Merdeka

Prof Charles Hirschman, *University of Washington, USA*

27 Nov 2007

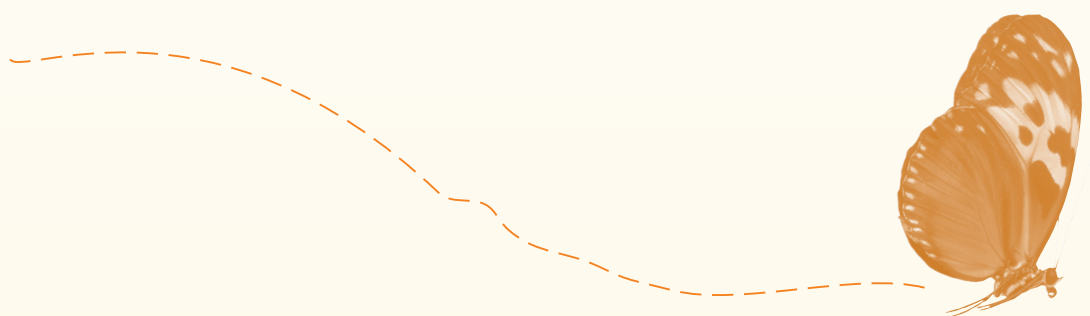
Roundtable – New Directions in the Study of Religion

Prof Joanne Waghorne, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Syracuse University, USA*
Prof Dennis Cheng, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and National Taiwan University, Taiwan*
Dr Santi Rozario, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Cardiff University, UK*

4 Dec 2007

Conceptualising the Maritime World of Eastern Indonesia

Prof Leonard Y. Andaya, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Hawaii, USA*





Joint Seminars, 2007

With the move to the new NUS Bukit Timah campus, ARI increased efforts to organise joint seminars with the faculties of the National University of Singapore. These seminars brought together people from across the campus, in keeping with ARI's mandate as a multidisciplinary institute interacting with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Kent Ridge campus.

25 Jan 2007

Jointly organised with Department of Sociology, NUS

Cultural Solutions to Religious Conflicts? The Revival of Tradition in the Moluccas, Eastern Indonesia

Dr Birgit Bräuchler, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

15 Feb 2007

Jointly organised with Department of Sociology, NUS

Gender Disarmed: How Gendered Policies Produce Gender-Neutral Politics

Dr Teo You Yenn, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

11 Apr 2007

Jointly organised with Department of History, NUS

The Merchant, the Soldier, the "Writer" (Clerk), their Lovers, and the Trouble with "Native Women's" Histories in Colonial India

A/P Mahua Sarkar, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

12 Apr 2007

Jointly organised with Department of Sociology, NUS

Changing Faces of Indonesian Islam: Agency, Intermediacy, and the Dynamics of Provincial Towns

Dr Noorhaidi Hasan, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

22 May 2007

Jointly organised with Department of History, NUS

Osaka University-NUS Roundtable on Asian and World History: "Beyond National History"

Prof Momoki Shiro, *Osaka University, Japan*

Prof Akita Shigeru, *Osaka University, Japan*

Prof Takenaka Toru, *Osaka University, Japan*

Dr Fujita Kayoko, *Ritsumeikan Asia-Pacific University, Japan*

Prof Anthony Reid, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

A/P Greg Clancey, *Department of History, NUS*

Prof Wang Gungwu, *East Asian Institute, NUS*

Dr Ota Atsushi, *Department of History, NUS*

2 July 2007

Jointly organised with Department of Sociology, NUS

The Politics of Globalisation: Civil Society to the Rescue

Prof Henry Veltmeyer, *Saint Mary's University, Canada; and Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas, Mexico*

20 Aug 2007

Jointly organised with Southeast Asian Studies Programme, NUS

Creating Religious Identities: Buddhist Monuments in Colonial and Pre-Colonial Monsoon Asia

Prof Himanshu Prabha Ray, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*

8 Sep 2007

Jointly organised with Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society (MBRAS), Malaysia

Creating Greater Malaysia: Decolonisation and the Politics of Merger

A/P Tan Tai Yong, *Department of History, NUS*

12 Sep 2007

Jointly organised with Department of History, NUS

Extracting Individuals: The Origins of International Identity Documentation, 1898-1907

Prof Adam McKeown, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Columbia University, USA*

19 Sep 2007

Jointly organised with Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore

Malaysia: From Kampung to Twin Towers: 50 Years of Economic and Social Development

Dr Richard Leete, *Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam*

5 Oct 2007

Jointly organised with Department of Japanese Studies, NUS

Rethinking 'Dōka' (Assimilation) in the Japanese Colonial Empire: On Experiences of Okinawan Migrants in Colonial Taiwan

Dr Hiroko Matsuda, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*





24 Oct 2007

Jointly organised with Faculty of Law, NUS

Locking Up Asylum Seekers

Prof Stephen Legomsky, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

30 Oct 2007

Jointly organised with Department of Sociology, NUS

Intergenerational Transmission of Resources and Children's Well-being

Prof Wei-Jun Jean Yeung, *New York University, USA*

6 Nov 2007

Jointly organised with Department of Sociology, NUS

Internal Labor Migration and Gendered "Development" in Contemporary China

Dr Arianne M. Gaetano, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

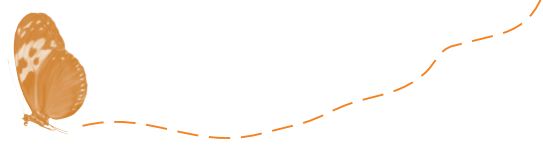
22 Nov 2007

Jointly organised with Department of Psychological Medicine, NUS

A Strategy for Promoting Healthy Aging: The USA National Blueprint

Dr Wojtek Chodzko-Zajko, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA*





Study Groups

While ARI seminars are designed to address a wide academic audience, ARI also acts as host to a number of different study groups, bringing together NUS scholars and others to discuss interdisciplinary issues. There are currently seven such groups that provide the nuclei for scholars working on particular areas or themes. The members include our own research staff working in collaboration with other faculty members, and the convenors vary from year to year. This is a listing of the seminars that were organised by each of the study groups in 2007.

Study Group on Indochina

Convenor:

Dr Tran Thi Que Ha, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

24 Oct 2007

Compatibility of Vietnam's Anti-Dumping Regime With the WTO Anti-dumping Agreement

Mr Tran Viet Dung, *Ho Chi Minh University of Law, Vietnam*

7 Nov 2007

From Cheering to Volunteering: Vietnamese Communists and the Coming of the Cold War, 1940-1951

Dr Vu Tuong, *University of Oregon, USA*

Study Group on Indonesia

Convenors:

Dr Birgit Bräuchler, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

Dr Davidson Jamie Seth, *Department of Political Science, NUS*

29 Mar 2007

The Jakarta Post Newspaper and Tempo Magazine Coverage of the 2002-2005 Terrorist Bombings in Indonesia

Ms Sonia Ambrosio de Nelson, *BBC- Brazil Section and Rádio Eldorado de São Paulo, Brazil*

22 Aug 2007

Brown Bag Screening - "I want to produce my own seeds" Bisa Dèwek (We Can Do it Ourselves)

20 Sep 2007

Will Indonesia Reject Neo-Liberalism: Globalisation and New Nationalisms

Mr Max Lane, *Freelance Writer, Translator and Academic, Australia*

26 Oct 2007

Conceptualising the Indonesia-Singapore Borderlands

A/P Lenore Lyons, *University of Wollongong, Australia*

Dr Michele Ford, *University of Sydney, Australia*

15 Nov 2007

Jointly organised with Department of Political Science, NUS

History, Ideology and the Left in Indonesia

Dr Hilmar Farid, *Institute of Social History, Indonesia*

16 Nov 2007

Reconstruction in Aceh: Building Whose Capacity?

Prof Sue Kenny, *Deakin University, Australia*

A/P Ismet Fanany, *Deakin University, Australia*

12 Dec 2007

Jointly organised with the Study Group on Religion & Contemporary Thought

Cockfights – Notes on the Roots of the Current Political and Socio-Economic Crisis in Timor Leste

Mr Henri Myrntinen, *Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies Programme, University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa*

Study Group on Malaysia

Convenors:

Dr Maznah Mohamad, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

A/P Goh Beng Lan, *Southeast Asian Studies Programme, NUS*

Ms Alice Nah, *Department of Sociology, NUS*

8 Mar 2007

Multiculturalism and Nation-state Dilemmas

Mr Amir Muhammad, *Independent Film-Maker, Malaysia*

Mr Malik Imtiaz Sarwar, *Interfaith Council (IFC), Malaysia*

A/P Azmi Sharom Law, *University of Malaya & Columnist, The Star Newspaper, Malaysia*

Dr Ooi Kee Beng, *Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore*

Dr Maznah Mohamad, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

15 Aug 2007

Jointly organised with Southeast Asian Studies Programme, NUS

The State of Malaysia: 50 Years On

Dr Heng Pek Koon, *American University, USA*

Mr Gan Cheong Soon, *University of California, Berkeley, USA*

Study Group on Family and Life Cycle Changes

Convenor:

Dr Bina Gubhaju, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

10 Jan 2007

Understanding Women's Contraceptive Choices in Nepal: The Role of Gender-Based Constraints and Policy Interventions

Dr Bina Gubhaju, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

24 Sep 2007

Muslim-non-Muslim Marriage, an Indonesian Town Style

Mr Suhadi, *Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia; and Asia Research Institute, NUS*

5 Dec 2007

Who is at 'Risk' of Poor Health in Later Life? Marital Status and Gender among Older Singaporeans

Dr Santosh Jatrana, *University of Otago, New Zealand*

Study Group on Migration and Diaspora

Convenors:

Prof Brenda Yeoh, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

Dr Lai Ah Eng, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

Dr Arianne Gaetano, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

17 May 2007

Labor Transplant and Transnational Encapsulation in East Asia

Dr Xiang Biao, *Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Oxford, UK*

30 July 2007

Moving Between Legal Systems: Narratives of 'Run-Away' Domestic Workers in UAE

Dr Bindhulakshmi Pattadath, *University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

Study Group on Religion and Contemporary Thought

Convenors:

Prof Bryan Turner, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

Dr Julius Bautista, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

Dr Lai Ah Eng, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

24 Jan 2007

The Role of Thai Buddhism in Violence

Mr Michael Jerryson, *University of California, USA*

28 Feb 2007

Buddhism, Democracy and Identity in Thailand

Prof Duncan McCargo, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

7 Mar 2007

Hope Filipino (Singapore): Commitment-formation in New Paradigm Christianity

Mr Jayeel Serrano Cornelio, *Department of Sociology, NUS*

28 March 2007

Re-Islamising the Malaysian Legal System: The Family as Collateral Damage

Dr Maznah Mohamad, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

4 Apr 2007

Woman, Nation, Other: Some Thoughts on Muslim Women in the Public Discourse of Contemporary India

Dr Mahua Sarkar, *Binghamton University, USA*

25 Apr 2007

Re-reading Emile Durkheim's The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life: Defending the Classics in Sociological Theory

Prof Bryan Turner, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

16 May 2007

From Cross-identification to Political Manipulation of Religion: Indochina during World War II

Dr Anne Raffin, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

29 May 2007

Jointly organised with Faculty of Law, NUS

The Constitutionalisation of Islamic Law in the Contemporary World and the Rise of Judges as a New Voice in Islamic Law

Prof Clark Lombardi, *University of Washington, USA*

29 Aug 2007

Religious Education in Singapore: Exploring the Options

Dr Charlene Tan, *National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*

26 Sep 2007

A Wishful Thinking Claim to Global Expansion? The Case of De Jiao (德教)

Prof Bernard Formoso, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

3 Oct 2007

Kartosuwiryo and the Darul Islam in West Java - Linking 19th Century Messianism and Late 20th Century Islamic Terrorism

Ms Chiara Formichi, *School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK*

9 Oct 2007

Embryonic Machine Politics in Indonesian District Elections: The Role of Shari'a By-laws

Mr Michael Buehler, *London School of Economics and Political Science, UK*

17 Oct 2007

Taoist Youths in Singapore: Attitudes, Beliefs and Language Choice

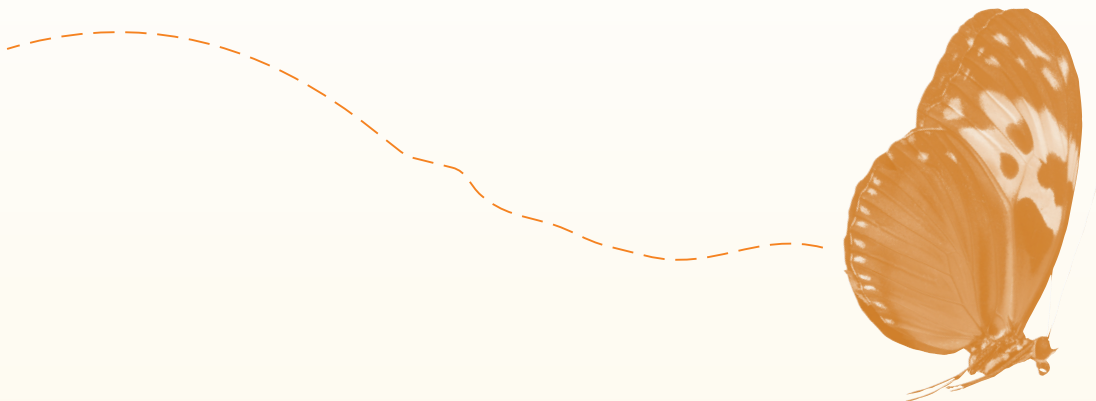
AVP Phyllis Ghim-Lian Chew, *National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*

4 Dec 2007

Religious Cosmopolitanism: Ethnicity, Oppression and Religion

Dr Joanne Waghorne, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

Prof Bryan Turner, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*



Other Events

Cultural Studies in Asia Cluster Seminars

11 June 2007

"We Were China's Guests": Intimate Internationalism and Histories of the Socialist Self

Dr Böröcz József, *Rutgers University, USA*

Southeast Asia Digital Cinema Seminar Series

Jointly organised with Asian Film Archive, Singapore

In partnership with the Asian Film Archive, the Cultural Studies in Asia Cluster hosted a roundtable discussion with filmmakers. This discussion series examined film research - on looking at film from an academic point of view and how this could be developed into film theories and practices. Participants also discussed the different types of films being made around the region and its impact and significance.

24 Aug 2007

The Philippines

Khavn de la Cruz, *Filmless Films*

7 Sep 2007

Malaysia

Tan Chui Mui and James Lee, *Da Huang Pictures*

21 Sep 2007

Thailand

Thunskas Pansittivorakul, *Thaiindie*

5 Oct 2007

Indonesia

Riri Riza, *Miles Films*

19 Oct 2007

Singapore: Local Documentarians

Chan Kah Mei, Joycelyn Khoo, Lo Hwei Shan, Eng Yee Peng, Chew Tze Chuan, Martyn See, *Singapore*

Southeast Asia-China

Interactions Cluster Seminars

15 August 2007

The Chinese Cultural Revolution in the "Singapore Story"

Dr Cheng Yinghong, *Asia Research Institute, NUS;*
and *Delaware State University, USA*

Asian Cities Cluster Seminars

12 Jan 2007

Shophouses of Penang

Dr Mai Lin Tjoa-Bonatz, *Asia Research Institute, NUS*

9 Apr 2007

Enclosure of the Urban Commons

Prof Chris J. Webster, *Cardiff University, UK*

2 May 2007

Asian Cities and their Countrysides as One Space Not Two

Adjunct Prof Tay Kheng Soon, *Department of Architecture, NUS*

21 Sep 2007

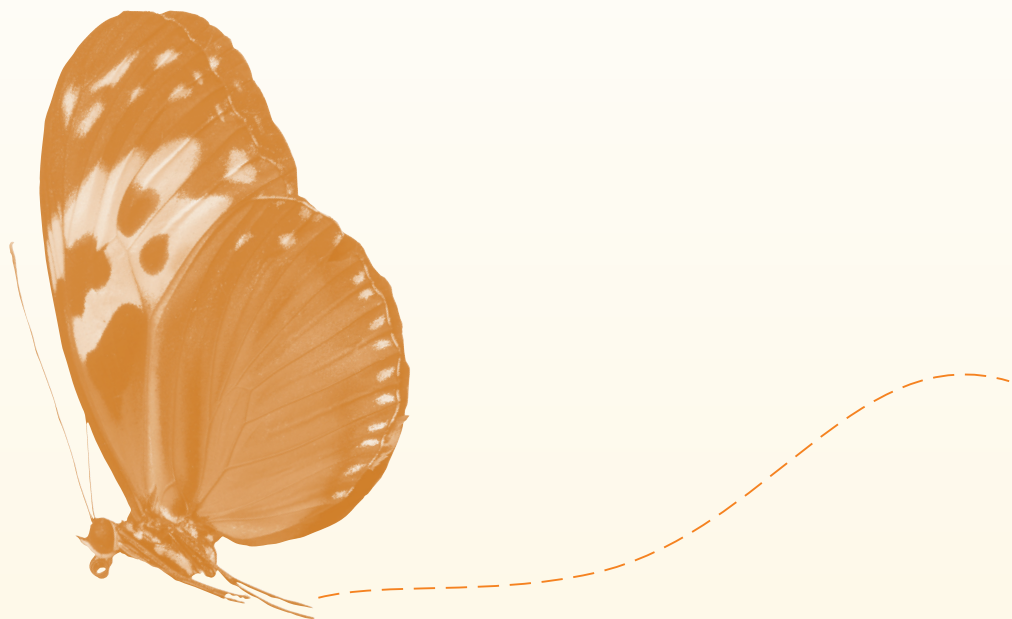
'Top-down' Contra 'Bottom-up' Approach in Research Method: A Case Study from a Indonesian Context

Dr Markus Zahnd, *Asia Research Institute, NUS;* and *Soegijaprana Catholic University, Indonesia*

31 Oct 2007

Contesting Urban Spaces

Prof William S.W. Lim, *RMIT University, Australia*





Publications

Publications

The ways in which scholars engage with society are diverse, but the publishing of research ranks as one of the most prominent modes for disseminating ideas and addressing issues. This is of course an even more key aspect for members of research institutes such as ARI.

In the publications sphere, members of ARI have been notably prolific over the last year. From preliminary publishing of works in the Institute's online working paper series to more formal publication in journals and as monographs or edited volumes, ARI staff have contributed to the Institute's growing international profile through the range of publications detailed in the following pages.

New Books

The disciplines and specialities of ARI members are remarkably diverse, a diversity which is reflected in the books they produce. Those they published in 2007 are detailed below. In some cases, the terms of ARI appointees are shorter than the period required for seeing a book through to publication, and in such instances, two codes are used:

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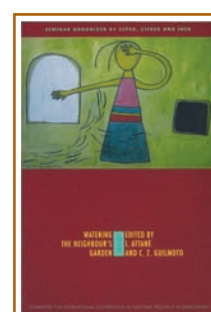
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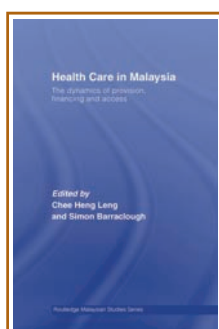
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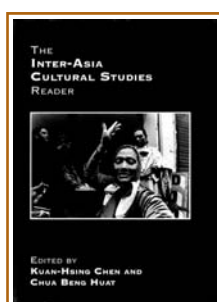
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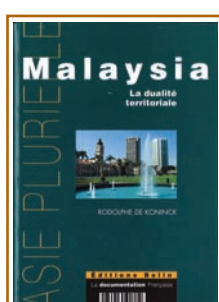
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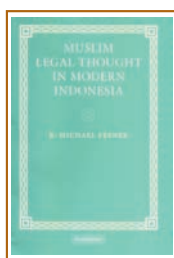
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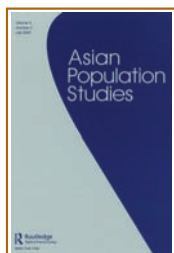


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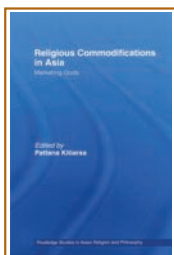
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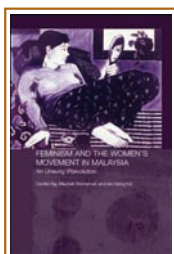


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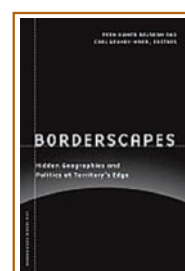
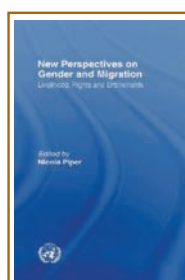
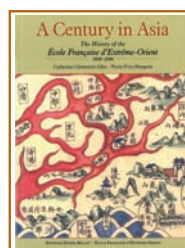
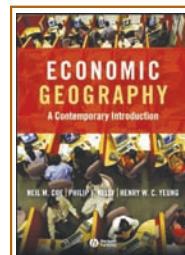
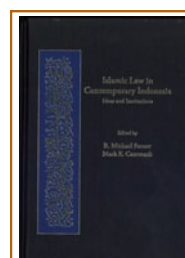
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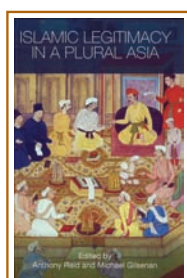
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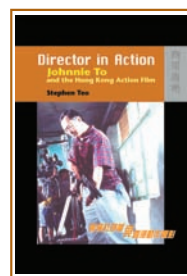




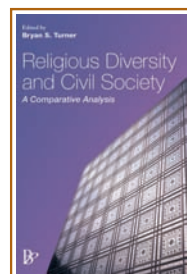
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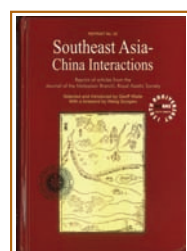
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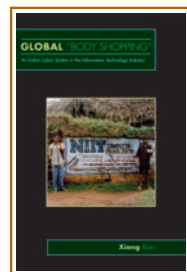
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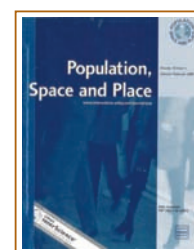
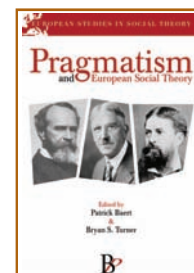
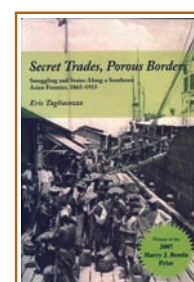
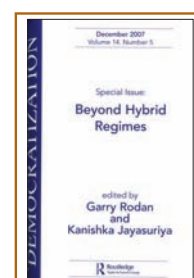
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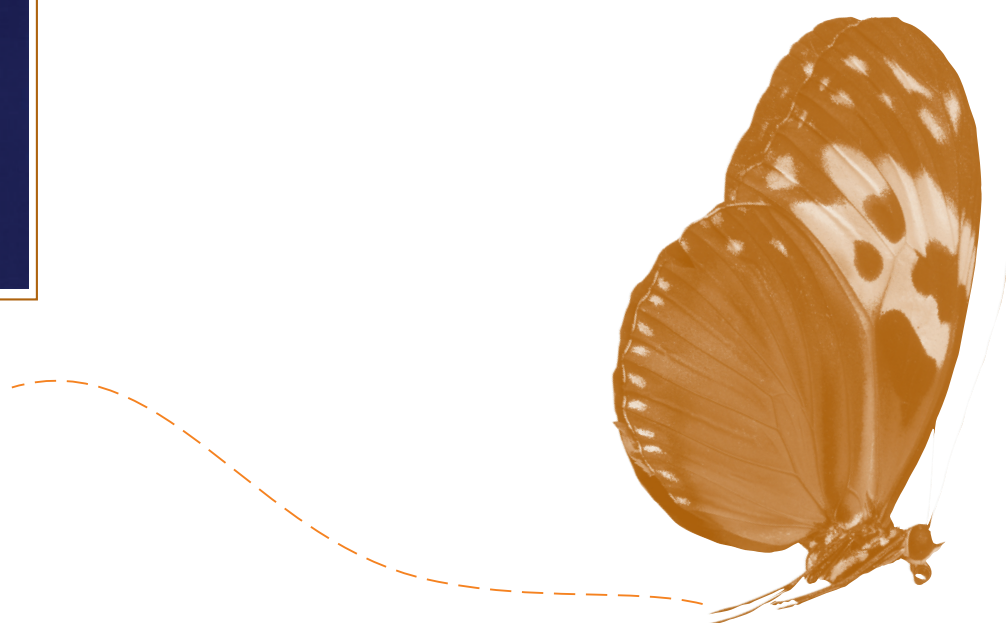
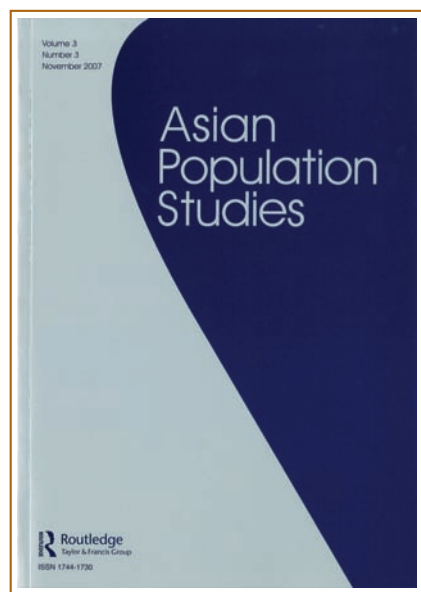
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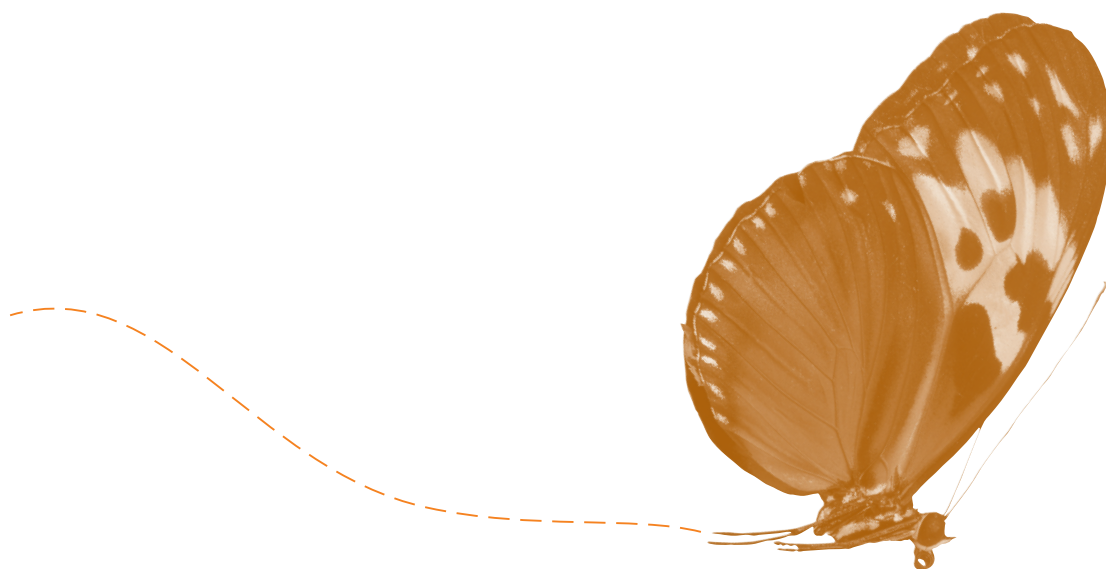
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"From Small Objects to Cars: Consumption Expansion in East Asia", keynote address at the *International Workshop on Globalising Lifestyles between McDonaldisation and Sustainability: The Case of the New Middle Classes*, University of Bremen, Germany, 4-5 October 2007.

"Culture against Nation: Malaysia and Singapore Cultural Continuities", keynote address at *Heritage, Identity and Nation Building*, 11th Malaysia-Singapore Forum, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 23-25 October 2007.

Manguin, Pierre-Yves

"Was Southeast Asia Indianised before 'Indianisation'?" plenary lecture at *Conference on Early Indian Influences in Southeast Asia: Reflections on Cross-Cultural Movements*, ISEAS-ARI-NLB, Singapore, 22 November 2007.

Mohamad, Maznah

"Islam in Malaysia Today: Between Peace and Conflict", keynote address at the *International Conference on Religion and Culture*, organised by the Institute of Religion, Culture and Peace, Payap University, Chiangmai, Thailand, 25 June 2007.

Reid, Anthony

"Understanding Nationalism and Political Identity in Southeast Asia", keynote address at the *Second International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities (ICOSH)*, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi, Malaysia, 13 March 2007.

"Internationalising Knowledge in Asia: The Problems and the Prospects", keynote address at the first *POSCO Asia Forum, Asia for Us: Vision for Future Prosperity*, sponsored by the POSCO TJ Park Foundation, Seoul, Korea, 16 May 2007.

"Nationalism and Political Identity in Southeast Asia", keynote address at the *2nd Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies*, Asia Research Institute, NUS, Singapore, 26 July 2007.

"'Glocalisation' in Asia's Past and Present", keynote lecture at the *12th Shizuoka Asia-Pacific Forum*, Shizuoka, Japan, 8 December 2007.

Sedana, I Nyoman

"Conceptualizing Humanism in Wayang Puppet Show", keynote address at the joint-production forum by the Department of Puppetry and Department of Fine Arts, Indonesian Arts Institute, Bali, Indonesia, 9 June 2007.

Teo, Stephen

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"Goods Not Gods: New Spiritualities, Consumerism and Religious Markets", keynote address at a conference on "*Consumption and Generational Change*" sponsored jointly by the Economic and Social Science Research and Humanities Councils, London, UK, 26 February 2007.

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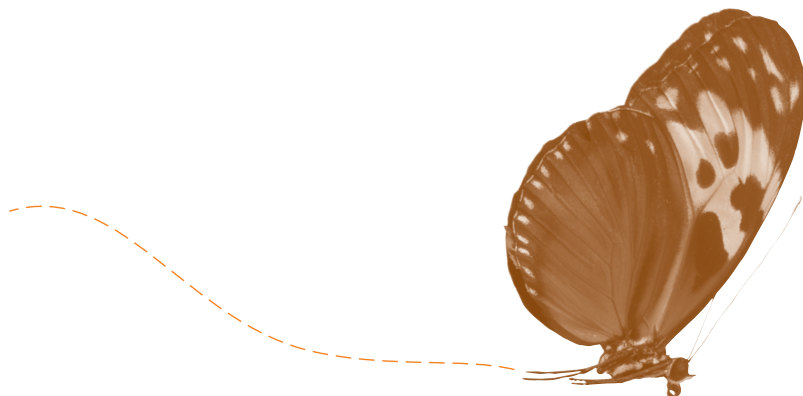
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Yeoh Saw Ai Brenda

"Gender and Migration: Negotiating 'Family', the 'Nation-State' and 'Civil Society'", keynote address at the *2nd Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies*, Asia Research Institute, Singapore, 26-27 July 2007.

"Transnational Migration and Women on the Move in Southeast Asia", plenary speech at the session on The Asia-Pacific Region at the *12th International Metropolis Conference: Migration, Economic Growth and Social Cohesion*, Melbourne, Australia, 8-12 October 2007.



Lectures and Papers Presented

Bautista, Julius

"The Discursive Underpinnings of the Sinulog Festival", paper presented at the *SEATrip Conference on Ritual and Festivity in Southeast Asia*, University of California, Riverside, USA, 16 February 2007.

"The Syncretic Body of Filipino Catholicism", paper presented at the *Conference on Syncretism in South and Southeast Asia*, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand, 26 May 2007.

"Crafting Holiness: The Dissemination of Catholic Icons in the Philippines", paper presented at the *Conference on Ubiquitous Media: Asian Transformations*, University of Tokyo, Japan, 16 July 2007.

Bräuchler, Birgit

"Cultural Solutions to Religious Conflicts?" Invited lecture at Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 25 January 2007.

"From Conflict to Reconciliation? The Revival of Tradition in Eastern Indonesia", paper presented at *International Convention of Asia Scholars*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2-5 August 2007.

"The Revival Dilemma: Reflections on Human Rights and Self-Determination in Eastern Indonesia", paper presented at *Euroseas Conference*, Naples, Italy, 12-15 September 2007.

"Transforming Society through the Transformation of the Media Scene? From War to Peace in the Moluccas, Eastern Indonesia", paper presented at *Conference of the German Anthropological Association*, Halle/Saale, 1-4 October 2007.

"Mobilising Culture and Tradition for Peace: Reconciliation in the Moluccas", paper presented at *International Conference on Contemporary Conflict in Anthropological Perspective* organised by PACSA (Peace and Conflict Studies in Anthropology), Halle/Saale, 5 October 2007.

"Mobilising Culture and Tradition for Peace – Reconciliation in the Moluccas", invited lecture at Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV), Leiden, Netherlands, 31 October 2007.

"The Revival Dilemma: Reflections on Human Rights and Self-Determination in Eastern Indonesia", invited lecture at Van Vollenhoven Institute, Leiden, Netherlands, 14 November 2007.

"Culture for Peace in the Moluccas: The Hatuhaha Case", invited lecture at Moluks Historisch Museum, Utrecht, Netherlands, 18 November 2007.

"Integration und Ausgrenzung: Islam Adat in den Zentralmolukken", paper presented at *Symposium on Islam in Eastern Indonesia*, Frankfurt University, 30 November 2007.

Chee Heng Leng

"The Status of Medical Tourism in Malaysia and its Impact on Public Health", paper presented at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Expert Group Meeting on *Regional Trends in Trade in Health Services, and Their Impacts on Health System Performance in the Asian and Pacific Region*, UN Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand, 9-11 October 2007.

"Between Rhetoric and Reality: A Comparison of Healthcare Financing and Provision in Malaysia and Singapore", paper presented at *Social Policy in a Globalizing World: Developing a North-South Dialogue*, the Annual Academic Conference of the International Sociological Association Research Committee 19 on Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy, University of Florence, Florence, Italy, 6-8 September 2007.

Chen Yu

"Conflicts and Compromises in Housing Foreigners on China's Soil: A Glimpse at Xiamen Maritime Customs' Residence on Gulangyu (1862~1949)", paper presented in the *Workshop of Researching Modern Chinese History BICC/AHRC*, Bristol, UK, 3-4 February 2007.

"Foreigners' Land Acquisition and Urban Development of Treaty Ports in China: Case Study on Xiamen", paper presented at the *International Conference on China's Urban Land and Housing in the 21st Century*, Hong Kong, 13-15 December 2007.

Chua Beng Huat

"Issues in East Asian Pop Culture Research", invited lecture at National Dong Hua University, Hualien, Taiwan, 22 March 2007.

"Short Films: Conceptualizing an Emerging Field of Screen Practices in Asia", paper presented at the *International Conference on Media, Culture and Industry in Asia* hosted by iCat, Hallym University, sponsored by Media 2.0 Network, Seoul, Korea, 15-17 November 2007.

Chun, Allen

"The Postcolonial Alien in Us All: Identity in the Global Division of Intellectual Labor", invited lecture at the Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya, 19 September 2007.

"On the Geopolitical and Discursive Origins of Cosmopolitanism in Hong Kong", invited lecture at Contemporary China Research Center, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, 29 November 2007.

Feener, Michael

"The Salman Mosque Movement: Campus Activism and Religious Revival in New Order Indonesia", paper presented at the *Moments in the Making of Southeast Asian Islam Workshop*, ARI, Singapore, 6 February 2007.

"'Islam and the West': Looking at the 'Conflict' and 'Bridging the Gap'", paper presented at the *International Conference on Islam and the West – Bridging the Gap*, Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations, Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kuala Lumpur, 14 June 2007.

"Islam in South and Southeast Asia: Issues and Ideologies in the Study of Regional Muslim Cultures", Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore, 4 June 2007.

"'Syiar Islam' in Contemporary Aceh", paper presented at the *European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EuroSEAS) Conference*, Naples, 12 September 2007.

"Muslim Legal Thought in Modern Indonesia", invited book discussion at the Centre for Religion and Cultural Studies, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 29 November 2007.

"Re-defining 'Religion' in Contemporary Acehnese Qanun", paper presented at the Centre for Islamic Law and Society International Colloquium, Melbourne, Australia, 12 November 2007.

"Universalism and Vernacular Trends in the History of Islamic Art", public lecture at the Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore, 4 December 2007.



Gubhaju, Bina

"Trends in Age at Marriage in the Provinces of Indonesia", (with Gavin Jones) paper presented at the *Workshop for Marriage Research Project*, Ford Foundation, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 10-11 December 2007.

Jones, Gavin

"Results from a Recent Study on Low Fertility in Singapore", (with Angelique Chan and Paulin Tay-Straughan), paper presented at *Comparative Workshop on Low Fertility*, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 22-23 February 2007.

"Policy Approaches to Fertility under High Fertility and Low Fertility Regimes", paper presented at the *Conference on Where Next for Policy Studies? Making the Connections across Disciplines and Domain*, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 22-23 March 2007.

"Very Low Fertility in East Asian Countries: Causes and Policy Responses", paper presented at *Shanghai Forum*, Crown Plaza Hotel, Shanghai, China, 24-27 May 2007.

"Education, Gender and Socio-demographic Change in Pacific Asia: Some Emerging Issues", paper presented at *Beijing Forum*, Peking University, China, 2-4 November 2007.

"Trends in Age at Marriage in the Provinces of Indonesia", (with Bina Gubhaju), paper presented at the *Workshop for Marriage Research Project*, Ford Foundation, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 10-11 December 2007.

Lai Ah Eng

"Management of Multiculturalism and Religion in Singapore", presentation for visiting delegation from Muhammadiyah, Indonesia at Institute of Policy Studies organised by Muhammadiyah and Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore, 11 April 2007.

"Building a Multicultural Global Community in Singapore: Sharing the Joys and Responsibilities", paper presented at *Singapore-Expatriates Dialogue* organised by Singapore International Foundation and American Association, Singapore, 12 April 2007.

"Multiculturalism in Singapore", presentation at Harvard College in Asia, Singapore Conference organised by NUS University Scholars Programme, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 26 March 2007.

Manguin, Pierre-Yves

"The Settlement of the Peneplain", paper presented at the *5th International Conference of the European Association of Southeast Asian Studies*, Oriental University, Naples, Italy, 11-15 September 2007.

"Southeast Sumatra in Protohistoric and Srivijaya Times", panel coordinator (with Muriel Charras) on "Pre-Modern Settlement Processes in Southeast Asia", *5th International Conference of the European Association of Southeast Asian Studies*, Oriental University, Naples, Italy, 11-15 September 2007.

Introductory speech in the *International Conference of the European Association of Southeast Asian Studies*, Oriental University, Naples, Italy, 13-16 September 2007.

Mohamad, Maznah

"Textile and Identity", lecture at a module series on *Asian Emporiums: Exploring Our World from Within*, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur organised and sponsored by the UM-SEASREP Foundation Programme, 4 May 2007.

"Country Report: Malaysia", paper presented at a sub-regional conference on *Gaining Power or Losing Ground? Muslim Women in Political Parties and Politics* organised and sponsored by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Regional Gender Program in Southeast Asia and LEAD Institute, Paramadina University, Jakarta, Indonesia, 29 May 2007.

"Postcoloniality and the Malay/Malaysian/Islamic Condition", presentation at Joint Departmental (Southeast Asian Studies and Malay Studies) Seminar Series, Malay Studies Seminar Room, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 26 September 2007.

Resource Person at a *Roundtable Discussion On Women's/Gender Studies Programme in Asean Countries: The Present And The Future* organised by the Women's Development Research Centre, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia; 17-18 December 2007.

Nowak, Barbara

"Women and Land Issues in Aceh Following the December 2004 Tsunami", presentation at the *Workshop on Strong Foundation*, Shelter Conference, World Vision, World Vision ATRT, Singapore, February 2007.

"Environmental Degradation and its Gendered Impact on Coastal Livelihoods Options among Btsisi' of Peninsula Malaysia", invited conference paper, 8th Asian Fisheries Forum for the Second Global Symposium on Gender and Fisheries: Solutions Through Gender Research, Kochin, India, 23 November 2007.

"Decision Making among Btsisi' of Peninsula Malaysia: Women, Men, Titled Elders and Their Changing Roles", paper presented on the panel "Law in Tribal Societies of Southeast Asia", American Anthropological Association, Washington D.C., USA, 28 November 2007.

Reid, Anthony

"Religious Pluralism and Indonesian Civilisation", public lecture at *Conference on The Value of Religious Studies in Indonesia*, Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 15 January 2007.

"Chinese on the Mining Frontier in Southeast Asia", presentation at *Conference on Chinese Traders in the Nanyang: Capital, Commodities and Networks*, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, 19 January 2007.

"In Praise of Hybridity", lecture at Peranakan Association of Singapore, 25 January 2007.

"Cosmopolitanisme dan ke-Acehan dalam sejarah Aceh", presentation in Bahasa Indonesia, Universitas Malikussaleh, Lhokseumawe, 22 February 2007.

Opening Remarks and Round Table Address, at *First International Conference of Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies*, Banda Aceh, 24 and 27 February 2007.

"Family Names in Southeast Asian History", presentation at Seoul National University, Korean Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Seoul, Korea, 21 May 2007.

"Religious Pluralism in Asia", Chairman's address at the opening of South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion (SSEASR) in Bangkok, Thailand, 25 May 2007.

Launched exhibition "Picturing Relations" by Simryn Gill and Tino Djumini, as Guest of Honour, University Museum, 7 June 2007.

"A Tentative Typology of Colonial State Formation and Political Identities in Southeast Asia", in panel on "Mobility and Identity in SE Asia", paper presented; and commentator on panel "Indian Ocean, Southeast Asian and East Asian Connections: Intra-Asian Trade during the 13th – 18th Centuries", *5th International Convention of Asian Scholars*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 4-5 August 2007.

Address at book launch and symposium, *130th Anniversary of the Malaysian Branch*, Royal Asiatic Society, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 4 August 2007.

Panel Co-convenor on "Cold War in SE Asia", and presented paper on "Cultural Revolution in a time of (Cold) War", *5th EuroSEAS Conference* at L'Oriental University in Naples, 14 September 2007.

"Revolutionary State Formation and the Unitary National State", lead paper for *Conference on Multinational States: East and West*, sponsored by Multi-campus Ethnicity and Democratic Governance Project, Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, Canada, 21 September 2007.

"Singapore between Nation and Cosmopolis", University Scholars Seminar, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 18 October 2007.

Closing reflections at the *Forum on The Past in the Present: Histories in the Making*, National Museum of Singapore, 17 November 2007.

"Sources of the Aceh Conflict and its Resolution", opening presentation at a seminar on *The Story of Aceh: Insights*, Colombo, Sri Lanka, sponsored by Muslim Aid and UMCOR, 11 December 2007.

Schwingel, Andiarra

"O Estilo de Vida dos Brasileiros no Japão (The Lifestyle of Brazilians Living in Japan)", presentation at the seminar on *Vida Saudável*, Oizumi, Japan, 14 January 2007.

"Quality of Life, Ageing and Physical Activity", presentation at the Simpósio Internacional sobre Atividade Física para a Terceira Idade (SIAFT), Florianópolis, Brazil, 23 May 2007.

"Traffic and Travails: Documenting ASEAN's Moves", presentation at Asian Civilizations Museum, Singapore, 18 August 2007.

"Health Implications of Transnational Migration Movements", presentation at Department of Community Health, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA, 8 October 2007.

Teo, Stephen

"Post-1997 Hong Kong Cinema: Recent Trends and Developments", paper presented in the regional seminar on Asian Cinema *Recent Trends and Developments in Cinema and Film Education in Asia*, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore, 8-10 February 2007.

"Promise and Perhaps Love: Pan-Asian Production and the Hong Kong-China Interrelationship", paper presented at the *2007 Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Shanghai Conference on Conditions of Knowledge and Cultural Production*, Shanghai University, China, 15-17 June 2007.

"The Valiant Lady and Lady Valiant: Xianü and Nüxia, Two Versions of Female Knight-errant Archetype in Chinese Cinema and Literary Texts", paper presented at the conference on *Hong Kong Culture: Word and Image*, Hong Kong University, 6-7 December 2007.

Toyota, Mika

"Non-marriage and Gender Ideology: The Case of Burmese Care Workers in Singapore", paper presented at University of Ochanomizu, Tokyo, Japan, 28 January 2007.

"Remittances for Social Reproduction: The Case of Burmese Care Workers in Singapore", paper presented at the *Symposium on Social Networks and Identity*, Second International Symposium of the Afrasian Centre for Peace and Development Studies, Ryukoku University, Melbourne, Australia, 23-24 February 2007.

"Care Work and Intra-regional Migration", paper presented on the panel "Japan's Ageing Society and Transnational Migration" at the *Symposium on Transnational Movement of People in East Asia*, The National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, Japan, 31 May-1 June 2007.

"Japan-Philippines EPA regarding Migrant Nurses: Different Perspectives", paper presented at the *Workshop on Migration Policy and Human Security*, Tokyo University, Japan, 9 June 2007.

"Intra-region Mobility of Health Care Workers and the Politics of Qualification", paper presented at the *Fifth International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS)*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 3-5 August 2007.

"Non-marriage, Migration and Elderly Care in Myanmar", paper presented at the *International Workshop on Financing Issues for an Ageing Society in Southeast Asia*, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, ISEAS, Singapore, 3-5 September 2007.

"Ageing and Foreign Health Care Workers for the Elderly in Singapore", paper presented at *Migrant Women's Forum* organised by Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, 27 September 2007.

"Migration of the Elderly: Patterns in Asia", paper presented at *Migration and Development Series Seminar on Migration and Social Security in Ageing World*, United Nations Institute for Training and Research, United Nations Headquarter, New York, USA, 1 October 2007.

"Bringing the 'Left-behind' Back into View in Asia: A Framework for Understanding the 'migration-left Behind Nexus'", paper presented at *Regional Policy Dialogue on Transborder Migration Policy Implementation and Monitoring: Its Effectiveness and Current Policy Gaps in the Greater Mekong Subregion* organised by Mekong Institute, Khon Kaen, Thailand, 15-17 November 2007.

"Medical Tourism Development in Asia: The Cases of Singapore and Thailand", paper presented at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Tokyo, Japan, 1 December 2007.

"Care Chain or Care Circuit: Burmese Migrant Healthcare Workers in Singapore", paper presented at the *International Conference on Globalization of Reproductive Arena in Asia: Migrant Workers, Family, State and Capital* organised by Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan, 7-9 December 2007.

"Practicing 'Nurturing Roles' Away from Home?: Non-marriage Trend among Tertiary Educated Females in Myanmar", paper presented at the seminar organised by Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, 19 December 2007.

"Who Cares for the Elderly in Singapore?: Policies and Migrant Care Workers in Singapore", paper presented at *RCAPS Seminar* organised by APU, Beppu, Japan, 20 December 2007.

Turner, Bryan

"Body Piety and Practice: Modern Forms of Global Religion", lecture at the *Conference on Syncretism in South and Southeast Asia: Adoption and Adaptation*, Bangkok, Thailand, 24-27 May 2007.

Lectures on modern sociological theory to Masters students in the Department of Sociology, University of Nanjing, China, 3-8 July 2007.

"Media and Low Intensity Religion: From the Age of Revelation to the Age of Information", lecture at the *Conference on Ubiquitous Media*, University of Tokyo, Japan, 13-16 July 2007.

"Piety and Religious Revivalism in Southeast Asia", lecture at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 22-24 July 2007.

"Globalisation and Cultural Survival", lecture at Institute of Cultural Studies, Hanoi, Vietnam, 25 July 2007.

Lecture on managing religion, *Workshop on Public Policy and Multiculturalism*, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Israel, 7-9 August 2007.

"Managing Religions", lecture in a panel on "Muslims in Modern Societies" at the *American Sociological Association Conference*, New York, 12 August 2007.

"Human Vulnerabilities: On Individual and Social Rights", lecture at a conference on *Human Rights and Sociology*, Columbia University, New York, 15 August 2007.

"Rituals of Intimacy", lecture at a conference at Chiang Mai University, Thailand, 30 September 2007.

"The Price of Piety", lecture at the *Amsterdam Conference* organised by Springer Publishers to launch the new journal *Contemporary Islam*, 26 October 2007.

"Secularism and the Management of Religion", lecture at the Bob Hawke Institute for Sustainable Societies, University of South Australia, Australia, 20 December 2007.

Vu Tuong Huu

"Politics of Epidemics: Explaining Responses to Livestock Disease Outbreaks in Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam," presentation at the *Conference on Agriculture as Business* co-sponsored by Universiti Sains Malaysia and Universiti Putra Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia, 28-29 November 2007.

Wade, Geoff

"Quanzhou and Southeast Asian Islam in the 14th Century", paper presented at *Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Boston, USA, 22-25 March 2007.

"Suppression of the Left in Singapore 1945-1963", paper presented at *European Association of Southeast Asian Studies Triennial Meeting*, Naples, Italy, 12-15 September 2007.

Xiang Biao

"Making Order from Transnational Migration: Labor, Recruitment Agents and the State in Northeast China", paper presented at Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, 1 February 2007.

"Migration, the Left-behind, and Development", paper presented at UNICEF Regional Consultation on Children and Migration, Baku, Azerbaijan, 27-28 March 2007.

"Migration, Development and Governance", paper presented at Caucasus Research Resource Centers Program, Baku, Azerbaijan, 27 March 2007.

"Labor Transplant and Transnational Encapsulation", paper presented at the *International Conference Transnational Movement of People in East Asia: Japan in Comparative Focus*, National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, Japan, 31 May-1 June 2007.

Yeoh Saw Ai Brenda

"Migration and Social Diversity in Singapore", invited paper for *Singapore Perspectives 2007: A New Singapore*, Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore, 11 January 2007.

"Negotiating Gender Ideologies and Identities: PRC Women as Transnational Migrants in Global-City Singapore", (with N. Yap) invited paper for *Australia and Asia in the 21st Century (Theme 1: Labour, Migration and Economic Restructuring)*, Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia, 15-16 March 2007.

"'Gateway Singapore': Immigration Policies, Differential (Non)incorporation and Identity Politics", (with N. Yap) paper presented at the *Association of American Geographers Annual Conference*, San Francisco, USA, 17-21 April 2007.

"People of Color Negotiate the Academy Part I: The Challenges of Building an Anti-racist and Inclusive Discipline" panelist in the session at the *Association of American Geographers Annual Conference*, San Francisco, USA, 17-21 April 2007.

"Transnational Migration and Education (I) and (II)", (with S. Huang) Organiser and Chair of the session at the *Association of American Geographers Annual Conference*, San Francisco, USA, 17-21 April 2007.

"Negotiating Terrains of Transnational Education: Children of China's 'Study Mothers' in Singapore", (with S. Huang) paper presented at the *Association of American Geographers Annual Conference*, San Francisco, USA, 17-21 April 2007.

"Singapore's Chinatown: Race Definition, Nation Building and Heritage Tourism", invited paper for the *Workshop on Ethnic Neighborhoods as Places of Leisure and Consumption*, Rabat, Morocco, 10-12 May 2007.

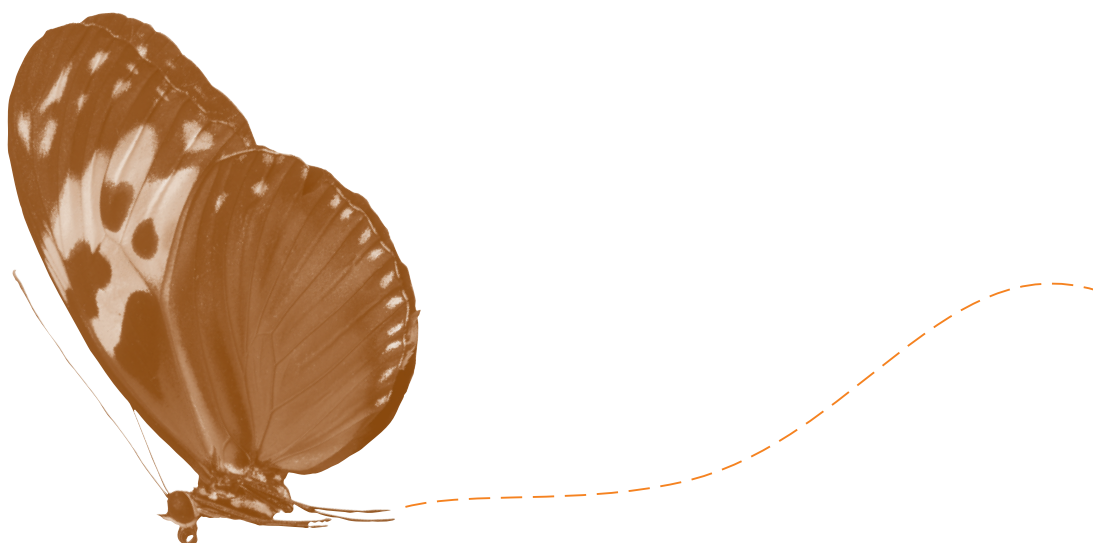
"Singapore's Cupid Goes to Vietnam: The 'Foreign Bride' Industry in Singapore", (with S. Huang) paper presented at the *Fourth International Conference on Population Geographies*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 10-13 July 2007.

"Humanities Education in the 21st Century: Changes and Innovations in the Tertiary Landscape", invited paper for the Staff Seminar at Raffles Girls' Secondary School, Raffles Girls' School, Singapore, 9 November 2007.

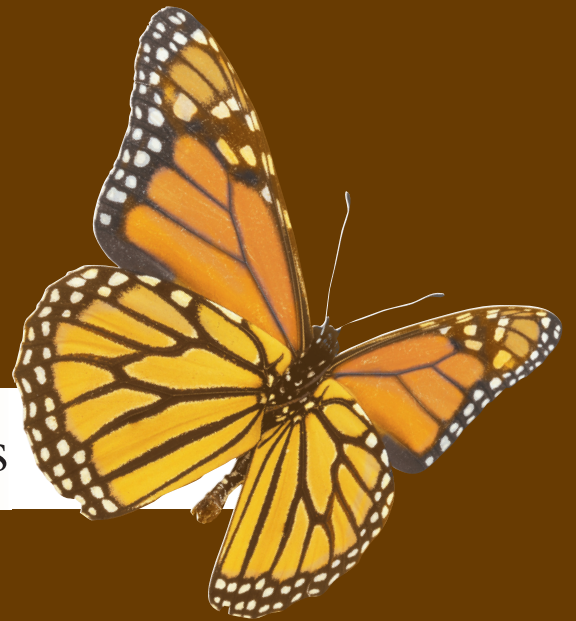
"Filipino Domestic Workers in Singapore as Working-class Cosmopolitans?", (with M.A.M. Soco) paper presented at *Transnational Lives: Feminist Perspectives on Citizenship, Home and Belonging*, Symposium of the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography, Department of Geography, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, 23-26 November 2007.

"State Policies, Eldercare and Migrant Healthcare Workers in Singapore", (with S. Huang and M. Toyota) paper presented at *Transnational Lives: Feminist Perspectives on Citizenship, Home and Belonging*, Symposium of the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography, Department of Geography, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, 23-26 November 2007.

"Foreign Domestic Workers and Home-based Care for the Elderly in Singapore", (with S. Huang) invited paper for *Symposium of the Globalization of the Reproductive Sphere and Asia: Migrants, Family, State, Capital*, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan, 7-9 December 2007.



Support for Graduate Studies



Scholarships

Some NUS scholarships have been allotted to ARI, although administration, coursework and assessment of graduate students remain with the relevant departments. In the reporting period, 13 students were on ARI scholarships, supervised in ARI through different departments.

Alice Nah Han Yuong, Department of Sociology
 Didi Kwartanada, Department of History
 Jayeel Serrano Cornelio, Department of Sociology
 Joseph Nathan Villamonte Cruz, Department of Sociology
 Jun Guarin Cayron, Southeast Asian Studies Programme
 Kim Ji Youn, Department of Sociology
 Lim Poh Im, School of Design and Environment
 Maria Andrea Medina Soco, Department of Sociology
 Naoko Iioka, Department of History
 Walter Strach, Department of History
 Wong Wai Yee, Southeast Asian Studies Programme
 Zhang Leiping, Department of History
 Zhou Wei, Department of Sociology



Graduate and Other Teaching at NUS

Some ARI members as joint appointees undertook some undergraduate and graduate teaching, and supervised students in faculties.

Bautista, Julius: Southeast Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught GEK1045 Introduction to World Religions; and XD2101 Theory and Method in the Study of Religion.

Thesis panelist of two PhD students, Department of Sociology and an MA student, Southeast Asian Studies Programme.

Chua Beng Huat: Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught SC4201 Contemporary Social Theory; and SC5209 Sociology of Everyday Life.

Supervised two PhD and two MA students, Department of Sociology, NUS; and an MA student, Department of History, NUS.

Feener, R. Michael: Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught HY6670 Graduate Research Seminar.

Supervised an MA student, Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Supervised an MA student during the absence of A/P Ian Gordon and taught a Masters level directed reading module on The History of Islam and African-American Religious Movements.

Gave a guest lecture on contemporary Muslim culture in Southeast Asia in the Southeast Asian Studies Programme GEK1045 Introduction to World Religions.

Gave a guest lecture in Prof van der Putten's Malay Studies seminar on modern literature.

Gave a series of lectures for the section of the syllabus on Islamic law at Faculty of Law, NUS, LC5001 Comparative Legal Traditions in Asia in Semester I, 2007.

Jones, Gavin: Supervised a PhD student, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS.

Co-supervised a PhD student, School of Design and Environment, NUS.

Mohamad, Maznah: Malay Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught MS3211 Malay Political Culture.

Reid, Anthony: Taught on "Singapore between Nation and Cosmopolis" for University Scholars Program seminar-based course, NUS, 18 October 2007.

Supervised three PhD students and committee member for a PhD candidate, Department of History, NUS.

Turner, Bryan: Supervised three PhD students, and two MA students, Department of Sociology, NUS.

Yeoh Saw Ai Brenda: Supervised three MA students, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS.

Supervised three PhD students, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS.

Member of Thesis Committee for two PhD students, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS.

External Member of Thesis Committee for a PhD student, Department of Architecture, NUS.

Four ARI members, being joint appointments with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, also taught and supervised students in the faculty.

In addition, other ARI staff members made various contributions:

Daly, Patrick: University Scholars Program, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS, taught UCV2207 Politics of Heritage.

Committee Member for a PhD student, Department of Geography, NUS.

Hiroko Matsuda: Department of Japanese Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS, tutored JS1101E Introduction to Japanese Studies.

Teo, Stephen: Department of Chinese Studies Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS, taught CH2292A Understanding Modern China Through Cinema.

Wade, Geoff: Member of PhD supervisory committee for a PhD student, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS.



Graduate Forum and Workshops

2nd Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies

Convenors: Dr Chee Heng Leng, Dr Kwee Hui Kian, Dr Teo You Yenn, with the assistance of Ms Alice Nah, Mr Diganta Kumar Das and Dr Jan Mrazek
26-27 Jul 2007, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

The Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies is a yearly opportunity for graduate students to present their work-in-progress or completed work at a forum. This year, 70 graduate students presented papers, including 29 ASEAN scholars who were already at Asia Research Institute for their three-month programme. Participants came from Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Myanmar, China, India, United States, Australia, and the United Kingdom. A total of 163 people participated, including graduate students, research fellows, faculty staff and members of the public.

The keynote speakers were Professor Anthony Reid who kicked off the forum with a lecture on *Nationalism and Political Identity in Southeast Asia*; Professor Brenda Yeoh who spoke on *Gender and Migration: Negotiating 'Family', the 'Nation-state' and 'Civil Society'*; Dr Geoffrey Benjamin whose lecture was on *Indigenism, Indigeneity, Exogeny: What's the Difference and Why does it Matter?*; and finally, Prof Barbara Watson Andaya who delivered the lecture *Am I really a "Southeast Asianist"? The Dilemmas and Potentialities of Regional Studies*.

Papers presented by the graduate students were organised around 24 themes, such as Southeast Asia-China interactions, socio-cultural survival strategies in a globalising world, gender representation, state-society interactions in resource management, ethnic and indigenous identities, language development and politics, Islam in contemporary Indonesia, and space and politics. Paper topics included disease prevention, religion, local communities and human rights, gender, historiography, cyberworld, terrorism and resource management. There was also a pedagogical panel *On Writing*, where three scholars in their early academic careers shared their experiences in writing and publishing.

Asia Research Institute Seventh Graduate Students' Workshop: Piety and Pietization in Asia

Convenors: Prof Bryan Turner and Dr Noorhaidi Hasan
9-10 Jul 2007, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

This graduate workshop brought together postgraduate students from the humanities and social sciences who are working on all aspects of religion, spirituality and piety in modern societies. The workshop explored various forms of religious renewal and revival in Asia, particularly in the case of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and various popular religious movements.

To set the scene for a rich variety of stimulating student presentations, Professor Turner gave a stimulating keynote speech on the idea of piety in modern research and the complex relationships between piety and politics. Subsequently, the postgraduate students' presentations revealed a common enthusiasm to pursue this more nuanced way of conceptualising piety and religion.



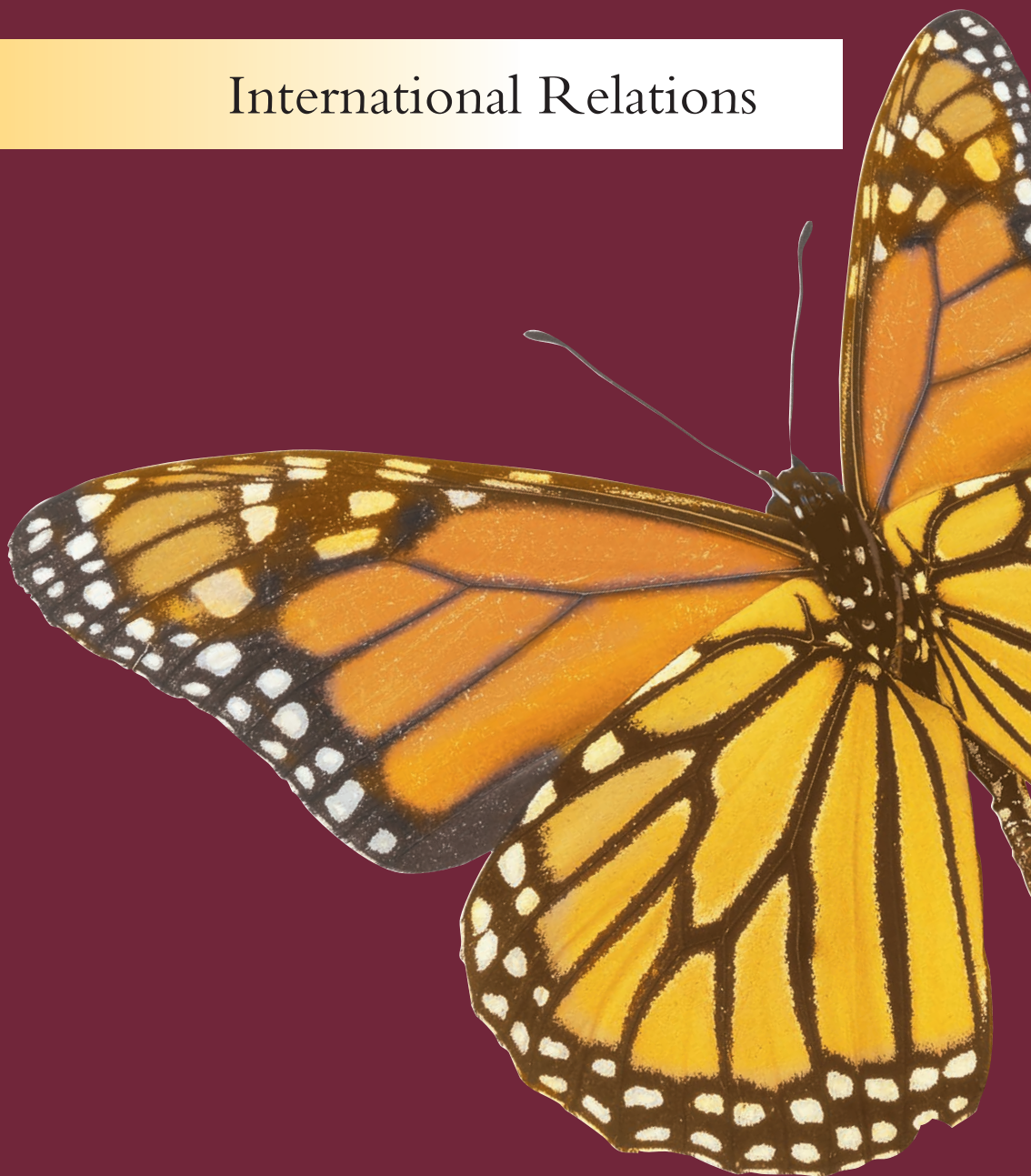
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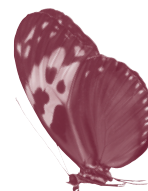
	Name	Affiliation	Research Topic
1	Aranya Siriphon	PhD candidate, Philosophy of Social Science, Social Science Faculty, Chiang Mai University, Thailand	Weaving the Tai imagined world: Border, Modernity and the Tai Traders along the Burma-Yunnan Frontier
2	Chandra Utama	MA candidate, Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies Graduate School, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia	Waiting for the Vibration of <i>Rasa</i> : Sapta Dharma Movement in Indonesia
3	Darsita S	PhD candidate, Linguistics, Sam Ratulangi University, Manado, Indonesia	Ranau Malay Language Maintenance at Banding Subdistrict in South Ogan Komering Ulu South Sumatera Province
4	Dina Marie B. Delias	PhD candidate, Political Sciences, University of the Philippines at Diliman, Philippines	Indigenous Peoples (IPS) in the Philippines
5	Fina Itriya	MA candidate, Social Work Program of Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies, Sunan Kalijaga Islamic State University, Indonesia	Flea Market and Urban Poor (A Study on Coping Strategies of Flea Market Traders in Yogyakarta, Indonesia)
6	Hamam Supriyadi	PhD candidate, Linguistics, Institute of Language and Culture for Rural Development, Mahidol University, Thailand	A Comparative Study of Sanskrit Loanwords in Standard Thai and Javanese from Socio-cultural Perspective
7	Haula Noor	MA candidate, Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Program, State Islamic University Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta, Indonesia	Experiences of the Stigmatised (The Case of Indonesian Terrorists' Families)
8	Herry Yogaswara	PhD candidate, Psychology, University of Indonesia, Indonesia	Indigenous Peoples, States and Land Tenure Problems in Indonesia: An Ethnography of Kasepuhan Peoples of Halimun Mountains
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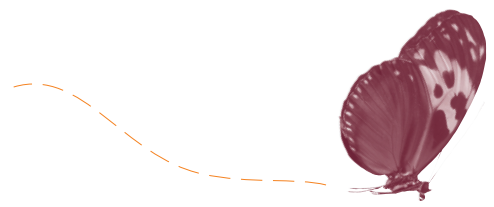
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Tony's Farewell (as ARI Director)

Let me thank you all again for your wonderful support, advice, buoyancy, good humour, hard work, intelligence and wisdom during five years. I look forward to playing my humble part in a wonderful institution in a different way.

I am writing to thank you for your cooperation with ARI and with me during the past five years of my Directorship. It has been a pleasure to work with you and learn from you. I feel very privileged to have been entrusted with the task of building such a wonderful resource for NUS and for the region.



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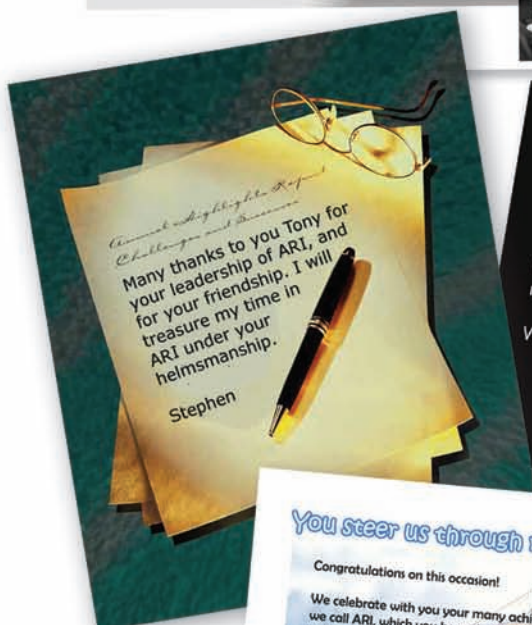


Dear Tony,
It has been a real pleasure to work with you; thanks for appointing me in the first place. I think you were quite courageous but it appears to have worked well. I think you have created something really interesting and important. You have been an effective leader, but I guess you are anxious to get on with your own work. I keep telling myself that the best is yet to come - I'm sure that is also true for you.

Best wishes for your return to intellectual productivity,
Bryan



Courageous Leadership



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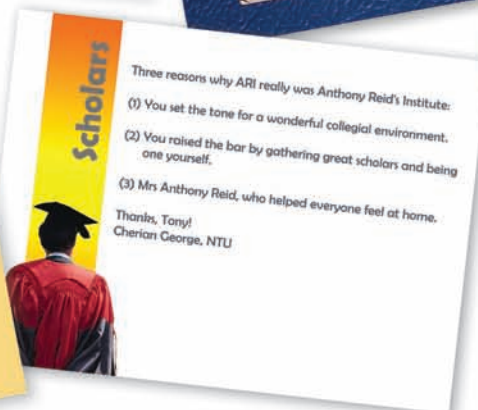
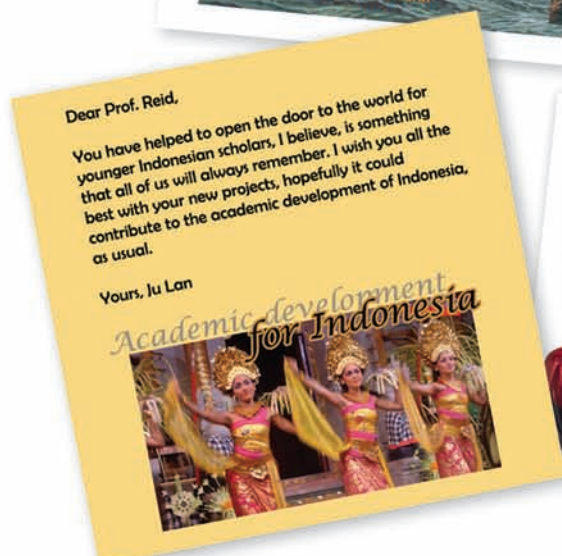
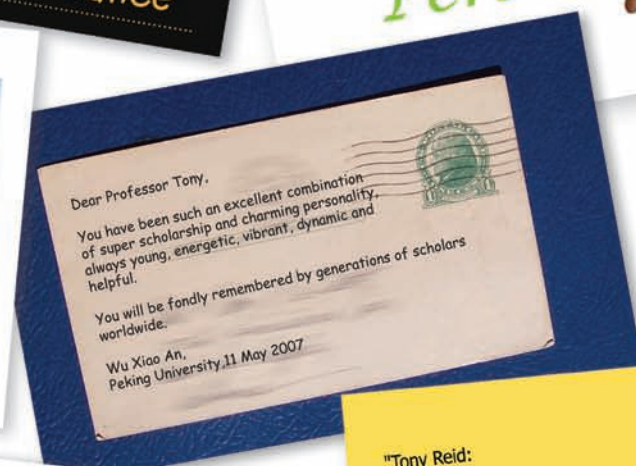
Working with you at conferences and at NUS, albeit all too briefly, has been one of the most warmly remembered aspects of doing SE Asian history.

Your combination of sweeping intellect and originality with sincere humility and sympathy for others make you a truly remarkable person whom I feel very privileged to have known.

Hopefully we'll see each other again.

With warm best wishes and congratulations.
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