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ARI's logo depicts rice grains in star-like formation. Rice has been the main staple food for many of Asia's peoples since the 15th century. It forms the basis of communal bonds, an element of ritual in many Asian societies, and a common cultural thread across nations and societies. Rice cultivation, as one of the major agricultural activities in Asia, has implications for population, sustainability and ecology. In symbolic as well as material ways, rice touches upon many of the key socio-economic and cultural issues in Asia, and is fitting emblem of the Asia Research Institute.



The cover design shows the stylised contours of a rice terrace, a scene familiar throughout different regions of Asia. Although patterns of rice cultivation, economies and ecologies vary from region to region, rice has been the main staple for many of Asia's peoples since the 15th century. The rice terrace in its various permutations is thus an apt design metaphor for ARI's study of the key socio-economic and cultural issues in Asia.

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MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

Time flies. In the twinkle of an eye, ten years have gone by. I still remember meeting the former President of NUS, Prof Shih Choon Fong and Prof Wang Gungwu, at a reception at the French Embassy. They pulled me aside and shared with me their vision to found the Asia Research Institute. I shared their vision and expressed my support. Prof Shih asked whether I could chair the board of the new Institute. I agreed. Subsequently, the university bureaucracy intervened and decided that it would prefer one of the university administrators to chair the Board. I was asked, instead, to chair the International Advisory Board.

On the happy occasion of ARI's tenth anniversary, I would like to look briefly at ARI's past, present and future.

First, I would like to pay a tribute to Prof Shih Choon Fong and Prof Wang Gungwu for their vision in founding ARI. Although an engineer by training and a man of science, Prof Shih believed in the value of research in the humanities and social sciences. He was prepared to put his money where his mouth was. Prof Wang Gungwu, the paradigm of a modern day renaissance man, helped to recruit Professor Anthony (Tony) Reid, a world class scholar, to take the job. Many years ago, Professor Reid had worked under Professor Wang, at the University of Malaya.

Second, under the leadership of Prof Tony Reid and Prof Lily Kong, ARI has succeeded in its mission. It has made important contributions to the understanding of Asian migration, Asian urbanism, the Asian family, Asian culture, religion and globalisation, and science, technology and society. It has nurtured a new generation of young scholars. It has published important books, journals and learned articles, convened conferences, seminars, workshops, roundtables and reached out to external stakeholders. To sum up, ARI has put itself on the map and earned the respect of scholars throughout the world in ten short years.

Third, I am very pleased that ARI's new director is a world class historian, Prof Prasenjit Duara. I am confident that under his leadership, ARI will ascend to a higher peak.

PROFESSOR TOMMY KOH
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MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF MANAGEMENT BOARD

This annual report records another year of impressive achievements by a major research institute now firmly established as a leader in its field of research on Asia. Researchers continue to work on key issues in migration, population and sustainable development, Asian urbanisms, transnational marriages and other aspects of changing families in Asian societies, Islam and social dynamics in Indonesia, the relation between religion, law and the state, and diverse aspects of Asian cultures. In addition, the new Science, Technology, and Society research cluster was awarded a set of grants amounting to over \$1 million to study Biopoleis in Asia.

ARI's many interesting publications include topics of vital concern to the region as well as the world. Books published by ARI researchers in 2010 include *New Cambridge History of Islam, Vol. 3: The Eastern Islamic World, Eleventh to Eighteenth Centuries*; *The New Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Religion*; *Politics and the Media in Twenty-First Century Indonesia: Decade of Democracy*; *Cultural Transformations: Perspectives on Translocation in a Global Age*; *Asian Cross-Border Marriage Migration: Demographic Patterns and Social Issues*. The first monograph in the ARI-Springer Asia Series is in progress and scheduled for release in 2011.

The Inter-Asia Roundtable enters a successful second year with the theme, *Transnational Migration and Children in Asian Contexts*. *Asia Trends*, in its ninth year, has been attracting an increasing audience from various sectors of Singapore. There was also a new initiative in 2010 to organise an annual series of public lectures in partnership with the Asian Civilisations Museum, which will no doubt become another popular flagship event that enhances the institute's community outreach.

ARI co-organised the *21st Conference of the International Association of Historians of Asia (IAHA)* with NUS History Department. Among its conferences and workshops, some highlights include *Inter-Asian Connections II*; *International Conference on Economic Stress, Human Capital, and Families in Asia*; *Culture and Cognition in Asia*; *Shi'ism and Beyond: "Alid Piety" in Muslim Southeast Asia*; *Global Urban Frontiers: Asian Cities in Theory, Practice and Imagination*; *East Asian Perspectives on Legal Order*; *Proselytising and the Limits of Religious Pluralism in the Era of Globalisation*; *Domestic Violence in Asia*; *Men in Black or White: History as Media Event in Singapore*; and a graduate workshop on *Secularisation, Religion and the State*. Many of its events were also opportunities to collaborate with various Faculties and institutes in NUS, other universities, such as University of Toronto and University of Tokyo, local government ministries and organisations such as the National Library and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, and overseas

organisations including the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education and the Kartini Asia Network for Women's and Gender Studies.

Besides scholarly books by well-known academic publishers, special issues in prestigious journals, articles and book chapters, the institute shares its research outcome with the academic community and larger public through its newsletter, occasional reports, and a working paper series. ARI also shares its research findings and enhances its social connectivity with effective use of IT, adding *YouTube* and *iTunesU* to its media sharing platforms in 2010. Researchers and members of the public will be able to access ARI public lectures, seminars, and working papers through state of the art technology.

ARI has come a long way in one decade, with contributions from many talented researchers, dedicated administrative staff, and support of many organisations, but most of all thanks to the vision and energy of its first two Directors – founding Director Emeritus Professor Tony Reid and Professor Lily Kong. Professor Kong completed her three-year term in December 2010 and has requested to be relieved of her duty as ARI Director to take on other major responsibilities. Many of the key initiatives mentioned above were launched during her tenure as Director. On behalf of the Management Board, I wish to record here its appreciation of the significant contributions made by Professor Kong. Through her leadership and trademark vision, energy and enthusiasm, ARI has made great strides over the past three years.

Prasenjit Duara, Raffles Professor of Humanities, has been appointed Director from January 2011. Professor Duara is a renowned historian of China and Asia, and his appointment as Director promises the continued vibrant growth of the Institute. We look forward to ARI taking the next step in the coming years.

PROFESSOR CHONG CHI TAT

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DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD

As the new Director of ARI, I am humbled to read through the profusion of activities and achievements of ARI as an advanced research institute. Looking through these activities, I can only marvel at the well-oiled infrastructure that keeps the institute running so efficiently. Indeed, it is an organisation in which the visiting scholars and researchers cooperate well with the small, but superb administrative staff. I am deeply grateful to inherit this legacy and my major goal will be to keep the structure humming along as best as I can.

2010 has been a good year for all the clusters. There is no need for me to visit the statistics compiled in this report, but I am impressed that we have published more than 30 books and many more journal papers in one year given our short history. Our series of almost 150 working papers has attracted about 174,000 internet hits since its inception. The new STS cluster started with a big bang with the award of a MOE Tier 2 and supplementary grants yielding well over a million Singapore dollars for their ambitious project about Biotechnology research in Asia. Another major initiative was the further development of our Community Outreach projects, in particular, the new *Inter-Asia Roundtable* and the partnership with the Asian Civilisations Museum to introduce joint lectures for the general public and intellectual community. Our

service to the region, particularly through the Indonesian Academic Writing Fellowships and the Asian Graduate Student Fellowships with the *Graduate Forum* have not only been kept up with as much enthusiasm as when it started, but has in fact expanded to include students from China and elsewhere in Asia. Finally, our first publication in the new ARI-Springer Asia series was shepherded to the final stages and will appear soon in 2011.

A careful reading of the Annual Report will reveal that we are moving to a more integrated understanding of Asia: viewing the different countries as an emergent region with connections, interdependencies and challenges that need to be investigated in scholarly depth. Not only did we introduce the *Inter-Asia Roundtable*, but we also held the international conference on *Inter-Asian Connections II*, from December 8-10, 2010. This was part of a series co-sponsored by ARI and NUS, the University of Hong Kong, and the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York. Scholars came to Singapore from Southeast Asia, the Middle East, South Asia, East Asia, Europe, Australia and America to present papers and discuss the state of Asian connections. We expect ARI to stay ahead of this curve in future years and look forward to the new research and knowledge we will harvest.

PROFESSOR PRASENJIT DUARA

DIRECTOR

Concurrently, Director of Research, Humanities and Social Sciences,
Office of the Deputy President (Research and Technology),
Raffles Professor of Humanities, and Professor of History



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Assoc Prof Michael Feener

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Assoc Prof Tan Sor Hoon (From 1 January 2011)

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Dr Liang Yongjia (From 1 October 2010)

Dr Melody Lu (Till 31 December 2010)

Prof Thongchai Winichakul (From 1 December 2010)

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ARI COMMITTEES



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

In the year 2010, the following committees took up responsibility for various aspects of work involved in the running of ARI as a resource for research on the Asian region for researchers from around the world and graduate student researchers.

Asian Graduate Students Committee With Summer Institute and Graduate Students Forum

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A/P Michael Feener
Dr Chee Heng Leng
Dr Patrick Daly (Till 30 August 2010)
Dr Peter Marolt (Till 30 August 2010)
Dr Premchand Dommaraju (Till 31 August 2010)
Dr Ronit Ricci (Till 8 January 2010)
Dr Titima Suthiwan
A/P Vedi Hadiz (Till April 2010)
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Ms Kristy Won

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A/P Robbie Goh (Till 31 December 2010)
Ms Kristy Won
Ms Alyson Rozells (Till 31 December 2010)

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Dr Premchand Dommaraju (Chair)
(From 2 February 2010 to 31 August 2010)
Dr Zhang Yanxia (Chair)
(From 19 August 2010; Member from
8 February 2010 to 18 August 2010)
Ms Joyce Zaide
Ms Kalaichelvi Sitharthan

Publications (Working Paper Series)

Dr Maznah Mohamad (Chair)
Prof Venni Venkata Krishna (Till 14 November 2010)
A/P Gregory Clancey
A/P Timothy Bunnell
Dr Liang Yongjia (From 3 March 2010)
Dr Peter Marolt (From 1 January 2010)
Dr Michelle Miller (From 27 May 2010)
Ms Joyce Zaide
Ms Valerie Yeo

Newsletter and Outreach Committee

Dr Melody Lu (Chair) (Till 30 August 2010; Member from
31 August 2010)
Dr Peter Marolt (Chair) (From 30 August 2010)
Dr Julius Bautista
Dr Dinah Sianturi (From 19 August 2010)
Dr Juliana Finucane (From 25 January 2010)
Dr Philip Cho (From 25 January 2010)
Ms Saharah Abubakar
Ms Alyson Rozells (Till 31 December 2010)

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 A/P Timothy Bunnell (From 15 November 2010)
 A/P Zhu Jieming (Till 30 April 2010)
 Dr Julius Bautista
 Dr Patrick Daly (Till 30 November 2010)
 Ms Alyson Rozells (Till 31 December 2010)
 Ms Sharon Ong
 Mr Jonathan Lee (From 15 November 2010)

Social and Staff Welfare Committee

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 Dr Cho Younghun (Till April 2010)
 Dr Patrick Daly (Till 30 November 2010)
 Dr Maureen Hickey (From 7 October 2010)
 Dr Choo Kukhee
 (From 25 January 2010 to 29 July 2010)
 Ms Deborah Chua
 Ms Kristy Won (From 26 August 2010)

Website Committee

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 Mr Henry Kwan
 Ms Valerie Yeo

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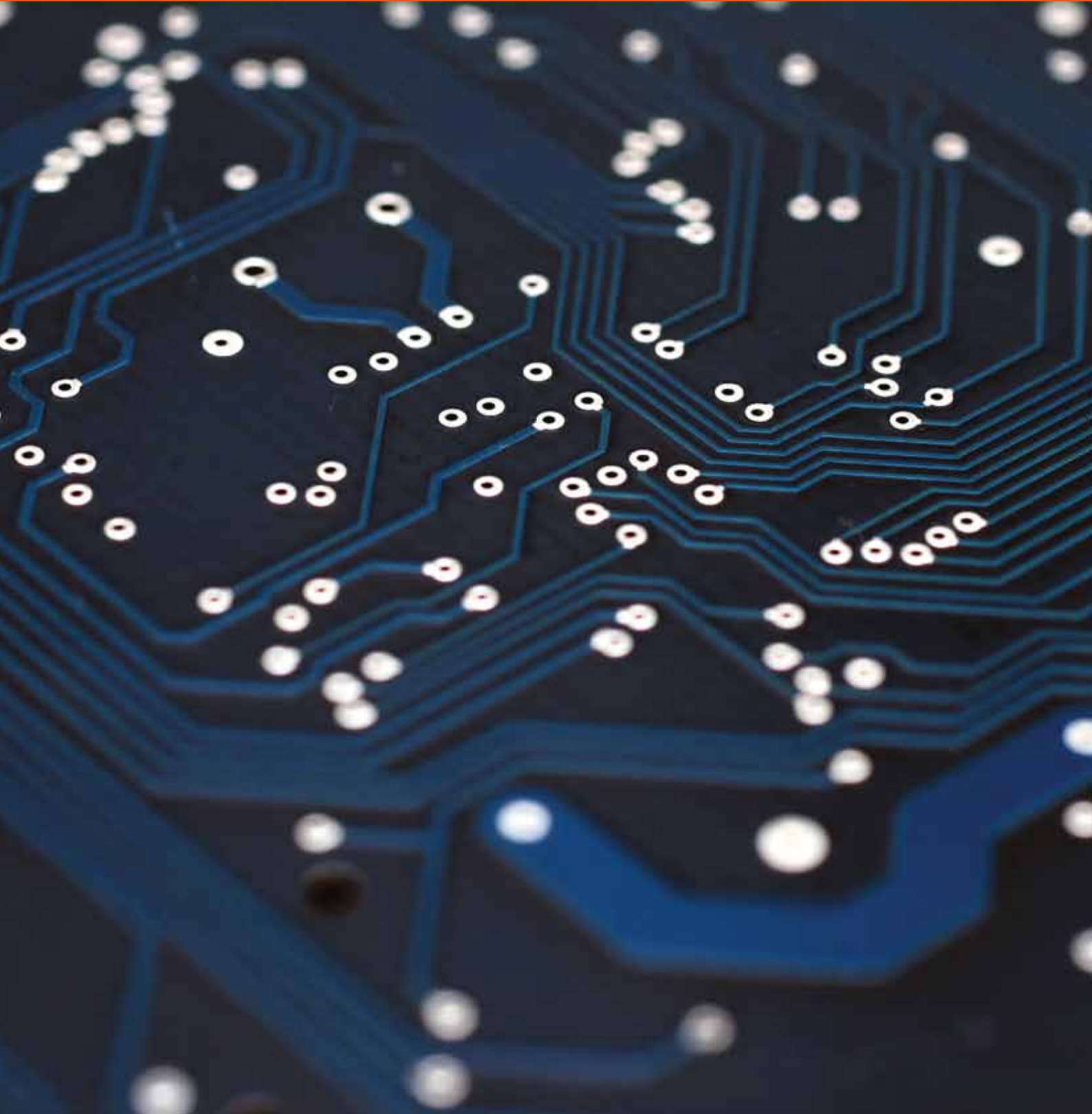
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 Dr Chee Heng Leng
 Ms Noorhayati Bte Hamsan
 Ms Valerie Yeo
 Mr Henry Kwan

Art Committee

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 Dr Patrick Daly (Till 30 November 2010)
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 Ms Valerie Yeo
 Mr Henry Kwan
 Ms Kristy Won

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RESEARCH PERSONNEL



RESEARCH PERSONNEL

The Asia Research Institute aims to be the hub for high-quality social science and humanities research on Asia, and attracting high quality researchers is paramount to the success of the institute.

The increasing number of applications to its various research programmes each year is a clear indication of ARI becoming 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 research personnel are led by distinguished research leaders, each heading a research cluster. Most 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 also awards two-year (senior) principal/research fellowships to well-established researchers as well as researchers in early career stages. The research leaders and (senior) principal/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. In 2010, a principal research fellowship was awarded for the first time to an outstanding scholar specialising on cultural and intellectual history of Thailand and Southeast Asia.

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. They assume short-term visiting fellowships ranging from three months up to a year. ARI's profile was further heightened by the appointments of two distinguished scholars as visiting research professors in the year 2010 – Professor Kenneth Dean, jointly appointed to the Department of Chinese Studies, and Professor Michael Fischer.

Since 2005, ARI has brought to NUS a mix of well-established scholars and younger researchers from the region. The Institute has also attracted many established scholars on paid sabbatical leave from their home institutions to spend time conducting research and establishing connections in ARI and NUS. They are listed below among the visiting research professors/(senior) research fellows.

Postdoctoral fellows are 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 tenure-track positions in NUS or other universities worldwide.

In 2010, ARI continued to interact with the faculties of NUS in different ways. Apart from co-organising events and collaborating in research, the FASS Writing Fellowship scheme, designed to enable assistant professors to devote six months primarily to completing publications needed for tenure review, awarded a writing fellowship to an assistant professor in the faculty to spend time writing in ARI.

A proportion of the research staff was appointed under externally-funded programmes or projects. The Asian MetaCentre in ARI which is funded by the Wellcome Trust in United Kingdom had supported the appointment of three research assistants, a postdoctoral fellow and partially funded a senior research fellow. A project on commercially-arranged international marriages with a grant awarded by the Ministry of Education (MOE), Singapore, provided full or partial support for a senior research fellow and two research assistants. Another new MOE-funded project on Asian Biopoleis supported the appointments of two research assistants, a research fellow and a visiting research professor. Two new research project grants awarded by the NUS Global Asia Institute provided full or partial support for three research assistants. Last but not least, a start-up grant for a senior hire awarded by the Office of the Provost provided support for another research assistant.

DIRECTOR

Kong, Lily, Professor. BA (Hons) (NUS), MA (NUS), PhD (University College London). Director from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2010; joint appointment with Department of Geography, FASS, and concurrently Vice-President (University and Global Relations), NUS. Geographies of religion; cultural economy and cultural policy; constructions of "nation" and national identity; and constructions of "nature" and environment.

RESEARCH LEADERS

Bunnell, Timothy, Associate Professor. BA (Nottingham), PhD (Nottingham), Asian Urbanisms Cluster Research Leader from 1 November 2009; joint appointment with Department of Geography, FASS, since 1 July 2009. Landscape symbolism and national identity; politics of urban infrastructure development; network conceptions of landscapes, places and the city; Malay communities beyond the "Malay World".

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

Clancey, Gregory Kevin, Associate Professor. BA (Hons) (Oxford), MA (Boston), PhD (MIT). Science, Technology, and Society Cluster Research Leader from 1 August 2009; joint appointment with Department of History, FASS. History and anthropology of science and technology; architecture and cities; natural disaster; Japan.

Feener, Michael, Associate Professor. BA (University of Colorado at Boulder), MA (Boston), PhD (Boston). Religion and Globalisation in Asian Contexts Cluster Research Leader from 1 February 2009; joint appointment with Department of History, FASS, since 28 June 2006. Intellectual and cultural history of Islam in the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

Jones, Gavin, Professor. BA (New England), PhD (Australian National University). Fellow of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences (FSSA). Changing Family in Asia Cluster Research

Leader from 5 August 2003; joint appointment with Department of Sociology, FASS. Role of migration in relation to changing population dynamics; mega-urban regions in Southeast and East Asia.

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 concurrently Dean, FASS. 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.

OTHER JOINT APPOINTMENTS/SECONDMENTS

Bautista, Julius, Visiting Fellow. BA (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, from 20 July 2005. Folk Catholicism and religious iconography in the Philippines; religious studies.

Dean, Kenneth, Visiting Research Professor. BA (Brown), MA (Stanford), PhD (Stanford). Joint appointment with Department of Chinese Studies, FASS, from 6 January 2010 to 5 September 2010. Asian studies; Chinese culture and religion.

Jeffrey, Robin Bannerman, Visiting Research Professor. BA (Victoria), PhD (Sussex). Joint appointment with Institute of South Asian Studies from 3 November 2009. Kerala, Punjab and Indian media.

Yeung Wei-Jun, Jean, Professor. BA (Soochow), MA (Illinois State), PhD (Alberta). Joint appointment with Department of Sociology, FASS, from 15 July 2008. Intergenerational studies, family and children's well-being and policies, poverty, fatherhood, and China's economic and demographic transition.

Zhu Jieming, Associate Professor. Bachelor (Tongji), Masters (Tongji), PhD (Strathclyde). Joint appointment with Department of Real Estate, SDE, from 1 May 2009 to 30 April 2010. Institutional analysis of urban development in the transitional economy; urban planning in high-density low-income Asian cities.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Goh Boon Hua, Robbie, Associate Professor. BA (Hons) (NUS), MA (NUS), PhD (Chicago). Joint appointment with Department of English Language and Literature, FASS, from 15 January 2008 to 31 December 2010. Nineteenth century English Literature (particularly R. L. Stevenson, Rudyard Kipling, fin de siècle gothic writing); speculative fiction; urban landscapes; Christianity in Asia; advertising; and related topics.

(SENIOR) PRINCIPAL/RESEARCH FELLOWS

Chee Heng Leng, BA (Hons) (Wellesley), MS (Harvard), PhD (Malaya). Senior Research Fellow from 1 October 2005. Health and health care; marriage, family, state and migration.

Daly, Patrick, BA (State University of New York at Buffalo), PhD (Oxford). Research Fellow from 1 December 2006 to 30 November 2010. Cultural heritage management and politics in contemporary situations.

Graham, Connor Clive, BA (Nottingham), PhD (Melbourne). Research Fellow from 24 August 2010. Information systems; science, technology, and society; and human-computer interaction.

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

Liang Yongjia, BA (Wuhan), MA (Wuhan), PhD (Peking). Senior Research Fellow from 16 July 2009. World renunciation; Esoteric Buddhism; territorial cults and Chinese intellectual tradition.

Lu Chia-Wen, Melody, BA (National Taiwan University), MA (Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands), PhD (Leiden). Research Fellow from 1 April 2009. Gender, migration and family; migration regimes, categories and governmentality; new Chinese migrants in East and Southeast Asia and beyond.

Marolt, Peter Wolfgang, PhD (Southern California). Research Fellow from 17 May 2010. Social theory, urban and cultural/political geographies, and related post-disciplinary studies pertaining to globalization, the Internet, and China.

Miller, Michelle Ann, MA (Northern Territory University), PhD (Charles Darwin University). Research Fellow from 1 April 2010. Decentralisation; minority rights; the politics of Islamic law; urban-rural relations; and conflict-related issues in Indonesia.

Sianturi, Dinah Roma, BA (De La Salle University), MA (Kyoritsu Women's University), PhD (De La Salle University). Research Fellow from 7 June 2010. Contemporary travel theory and criticism; cultural representation/dialogues in travel writings on Asia; ecocriticism; and literature.

Winichakul, Thongchai, BA (Thammasat University), MA (Sydney), PhD (Sydney). Principal Research Fellow from 2 August 2010. Cultural and intellectual history of early modern and modern Thailand and Southeast Asia (the nineteenth century to early twentieth century), especially the encounters between Southeast Asian societies and the West; nationalism, historical geography and cartography, and how societies deal with their troubling past and the transnational flows of knowledge.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Alipio, Cheryll, PhD (Washington). From 22 January 2010. The study of the Philippines and Southeast Asia through the anthropology of childhood; anthropology of affect and reciprocity; identity and gender; kinship and reproductive labour; and transnationalism and labour migration.

Cho, Philip, PhD (Pennsylvania). From 7 July 2009. Influence of popular religion on the development of Chinese science, technology and medicine in late-imperial China and early-modern Europe; contemporary developments in science and technology in China in the context of global technological systems, data networks and models.

Cho Younghwan, PhD (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill). From 1 April 2008 to 31 December 2008 and from 1 June 2009 to 12 March 2010. East Asian popular culture, global sports and nationalism.

Choo Kukhee, PhD (Tokyo). From 19 August 2009 to 29 July 2010. Transnational media flow; gender and postcolonialism; cultural policies in Asia.

Dommaraju, Premchand Varma, PhD (Arizona State University). From 1 September 2008 to 31 August 2010. Social demography; marriage; divorce; fertility; child mortality.

Finucane, Juliana, PhD (Syracuse). From 7 October 2009. Inter-religious relations; new forms of religious cosmopolitanism and missionary activity.

Formichi, Chiara, PhD (London). From 15 October 2009. History of Islam and its contemporary manifestations in Southeast Asia with a regional focus on the Indonesian Archipelago.

Hickey, Maureen Helen, PhD (Washington). From 6 September 2010. Bangkok automobile taxi industry; working conditions and shifting identities of the Northeastern Thai male migrants who drive cabs for a living; the role of internal migration and of identity politics in shaping the ongoing crisis within Thailand.

Hoang Lan Anh, PhD (East Anglia). From 3 November 2008 to 30 December 2010. Migration, development, family, social change, gender and power relations.

Kim Tae-Ho, PhD (Seoul National University). From 9 November 2009 to 14 August 2010. History of science and technology in modern East Asia, especially South Korea; history of agricultural science in late 20th century; public perception of science and technology; mobilisation of science and technology in nation-state building.

Kingsley, Jeremy Jacob, PhD (Melbourne). From 13 December 2010. Muslim religious leadership; conflict management; militia and the interplay between state and non-state actors in Indonesia.

Leary, Charles, PhD (New York). From 28 July 2008. Hong Kong cinema, American cinema, performance for the moving image, and the history of film criticism.

Marolt, Peter Wolfgang, PhD (Southern California). From 17 November 2008 to 16 May 2010. Social theory, urban and cultural/political geographies, and related post-disciplinary studies pertaining to globalisation, the Internet, and China.

Montoya, Alfred, PhD (California, Berkeley). From 2 September 2010. Tracing the circulation of technologies and models of epidemic prevention and control in Southeast Asia.

Platt, Maria Wendy, PhD (La Trobe). From 7 December 2010. Marriage, gender and Islam within Indonesia and the Southeast Asian context.

Ricci, Ronit, PhD (Michigan). From 9 January 2008 to 8 January 2010. Comparative literature; South and Southeast Asian cultures.

Scheifinger, Heinz, PhD (Warwick). From 3 November 2008 to 2 November 2010. Globalisation and religion.

Wang Shuyi, PhD (Colorado). From 4 May 2009. Heritage tourism in historic cities; morphological process in social and spatial development in historic settlements.

Zhang Yanxia, PhD (Oxford). From 1 June 2009. Child care; elderly care; gender; poverty and social security; comparative family policies; East Asia (focus on China, South Korea and Japan); Singapore.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS/ ASSOCIATES

Abubakar, Saharah, B.Soc.Sci (NUS), MA (NUS). Research Assistant from 10 July 2007. Social networks and resilience of divorced Malay mothers.

Anver, Mohammed Shamraz, BComp (NUS). Research Assistant from 14 June 2010. Artificial Intelligence for sediment prediction; historical and cultural aspects of biotechnology in Asia.

Cheng Yi'En, B.Soc.Sci (NUS). Research Assistant from 3 May 2010 to 1 August 2010. Social and cultural geographies of migration, mobilities, and gender/sexuality.

Chia Chee Kain, Arthur, BAcc (Nanyang Technological University), MA (NUS). Research Assistant from 14 January 2010. Legitimacy, spirituality, self and agency in the (trans)nationalised context of religion.

Chua Fengyi, Deborah, BA (NUS), MA (Nanyang Technological University). Research Assistant from 2 July 2007. Child language development, the writing-cognition link and genre studies.

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Henricus, Sorelle Ann, BA (NUS), MA (NUS). Research Assistant from 1 June 2010. Theory and philosophy of science and technology; new media and visual culture; contemporary American literature.

Hue Guan Thye, BA (Peking), MA (Nanyang Technological University). Research Assistant from 22 March 2010 to 24 August 2010. Buddhism; Taoism; Confucianism; Chinese folk religion; Singapore Chinese temples.

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Lam Choy Fong, Theodora, B.Soc.Sci (Waikato), BA (NUS) M.Soc.Sci (NUS). Research Associate from 15 November 2005. Transnational migration, population, gender, geographical education.

Nguyen Tam, BA (NUS). Research Assistant from 1 April 2010. Sexual minority and stigmatisation; biopsychosocial interactions; health and quality of life.

Zaide, Joyce Iris Solomon, BA (University of the Philippines-Diliman), MA (NUS). Research Assistant from 24 September 2007. Media, communication and gender studies.

Zhang Juan, BE (Wuhan), B.Soc.Sci (NUS). Research Assistant from 1 March 2010. Borders and boundary-making; contemporary Chinese subjectivity; everyday practices in post-socialist conditions.

VISITING RESEARCH PROFESSORS/(SENIOR) RESEARCH FELLOWS

Abdul Rani, Mohd Zariat, PhD (National University of Malaysia). Visiting Senior

Research Fellow from 1 April 2010 to 30 Jun 2010. Malay literature, with focus in literary criticism and theory; Islamic literature; rhetoric of fiction; gender and sexuality; Indonesian literature.

Blackburn, Anne Margaret, PhD (Chicago). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 9 June 2010 to 31 August 2010. Buddhism in South and Southeast Asia, with a special interest in Buddhist monastic culture and Buddhist participation in networks linking Sri Lanka and mainland Southeast Asia before and during colonial presence in the region.

Budianta, Melani Pranaja, PhD (Cornell). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 19 July 2010 to 18 October 2010. Literature, gender and cultural identity; multiculturalism, literary theory and cultural studies.

Carling, Jorgen Koren, PhD (University of Oslo). Visiting Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 1 October 2010 to 31 December 2010. Migration processes, with a focus on migration aspirations, involuntary immobility and human smuggling; micro-level dynamics of migrant transnationalism, including remittance-sending and transnational parenthood.

Ching, Leo Tsushin, PhD (California, San Diego). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 10 August 2010. Colonial and postcolonial studies; East Asian cultural studies; and theories of globalisation.

Devadas, Vijayandran, PhD (Murdoch). Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 2 August 2010 to 1 December 2010. Media, society and critical theory, with a focus on Southeast Asia, South Asia and New Zealand.

Douglass, Clyde Michael, PhD (California, Los Angeles). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 18 May 2010 to 17 August 2010. Livable cities (the environment, personal well-being, and social-cultural life); globalisation and public/civic space; international migration and the globalisation of households in Pacific Asia; urbanisation of water and the urban transition in Asia; economic resilience through transborder intercultural networks in East Asia.

Fischer, Johan, PhD (Roskilde). Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 1 October 2009 to 22 January 2010. Modern Islam and consumer culture in Southeast Asia and Europe.

Fischer, Michael M. J., PhD (Chicago). Visiting Research Professor from 10 June 2010 to 9 July 2010. Anthropological methods for the contemporary world with special attention to the interface between science and technology and anthropology; anthropology of the biomedical sciences and technologies; anthropology of media circuits, with foci of regional attention on the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia.

Harris, Ian Charles, PhD (Lancaster). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 3 September 2009 to 2 September 2010. Buddhist studies; Theravada Buddhist ethics and politics; Buddhist political activism in pre-Pol Pot Cambodia, with particular emphasis on wider Southeast Asian networks.

Hogan, Trevor, PhD (La Trobe). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 27 December 2010. Emergent Asian urbanist theorists as part of a wider project comparing urban theories of urbanisms.

Huang, C. Julia, PhD (Boston). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 10 August 2010. Taiwanese Buddhism; globalisation; gender; religion and the public goods.

Hung Cam Thai, PhD (California, Berkeley). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 15 July 2009 to 14 January 2010. Gender, family and international migration across the Vietnamese diaspora.

Jatrana, Santosh, PhD (Australian National University). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 1 December 2009 to 28 February 2010. Aging and health; demography of ethnic minority population; gender disparity in health; primary health care.

Khoo Gaik Cheng, PhD (British Columbia). Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 7 April 2010 to 6 July 2010. Independent filmmaking in Malaysia; overlaps between secularism and Islam and cosmopolitan eating places like kopitiams and mamak stalls in Malaysia.

Kim Sujeong, PhD (California, San Diego). Visiting Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 14 July 2009. Transnational media and cultural practices; global television culture and audiences and cultural identity.

Kneebone, Susan, PhD (Monash). Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 2 February 2010 to 1 June 2010. Forced migration and human rights; international refugee law and practice; citizenship and migration law; human trafficking; labour migration.

Krishna, Venni Venkata, PhD (Wollongong). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 15 August 2008 to 14 November 2010. Sociology of science; science and technology policy and innovation studies; and social history of science.

Kusno, Abidin, PhD (Binghamton). Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 12 May 2010 to 11 August 2010. Politics and cultures of urbanism in Indonesia/Asia.

Lam, Mariam Beevi, PhD (California, Irvine). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 1 October 2010 to 31 December 2010. Southeast Asian and Asian American literatures and cultures; Viet Nam; postcolonial criticism; cultural studies; diaspora and globalisation; gender and sexuality; literary and cultural translation; tourism; community politics; media development; educational development; trauma, minoritised aesthetic production and multiculturalism; la Francophonie; academic disciplinary.

Larsson, Tomas, PhD (Cornell). Visiting Research Fellow from 15 September 2009 to 14 March 2010 and Visiting Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 15 March 2010 to 14 September 2010. Comparative politics; international relations; political economy of development; Southeast Asian politics; state formation; comparative colonialism; institutionalisms in the social sciences.

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Ng Zhiru, PhD (Arizona). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 16 July 2009 to 15 July 2010. Medieval Chinese Buddhism; transmission of Buddhism from India to China; Buddhist cults; religious visual culture; death and afterlife rituals; Dunhuang studies; Buddhist modernism.

Ong Aihwa, PhD (Columbia). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 10 March 2010 to 26 May 2010. Processes of globalisation, sovereignty, knowledge society, technology, and citizenship in Asia-Pacific environments.

Perera, Nihal, PhD (State University of New York). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 4 December 2009 to 3 April 2010. Politics of space, especially how subject people create spaces for their daily activities and cultural practices; understanding contemporary transformation of Asian cities from Asian perspectives.

Robinson, Kathryn, PhD (Australian National University). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 2 October 2009 to 1 January 2010. Marriage migration, gender and migration, internet courtship and marriage; Asian migration to Australia, children in intercultural families; transnational intercultural marriage, Islam and gender relations; adolescence in Indonesia.

Roy, Anjali Gera, PhD (Indian Institute of Technology Mumbai). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 30 April 2010 to 26 July 2010. Critical theory, film and media studies, literary and cultural studies, and folklore.

Shatkin, Gavin Michael, PhD (Rutgers University). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 3 May 2010 to 2 August 2010. Urban community development, shelter and infrastructure delivery, and urban redevelopment in Southeast Asia.

Shen Haimei, PhD (Yunnan). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 9 October 2009 to 8 January 2010. Gender and ethnicity in Southwest China.

Song Ping, PhD (Amsterdam). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 8 January 2010 to 7 April 2010. Chinese New Migration and Chinese transnationalism in the era of globalisation as well as "cultural southeast" (vs. cultural China) and transnational Chinese social practices.

Tamara, Mohamad Nasir Tamimi, PhD (Paris). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 15 September 2010 to 14 December 2010. Politics, international affairs and development; Islam and politics; globalisation and violence in the name of religion; Indonesia; democracy.

Zheng Yi, PhD (Pittsburgh). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 1 December 2010. Comparative and Chinese intellectual history, cultural history, aesthetics; modern (including early modern) literary culture, scientific culture; contemporary cultural forms and historical contexts.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR ON FASS WRITING SEMESTER SCHEME

Hoofd, Ingrid, PhD (NUS). At ARI 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010; from Communications and New Media Programme, FASS. Cultural studies; gender; cultural politics; globalising societies and education; techno-capitalist acceleration and its relationship to the transformation of higher education in Southeast and East Asia.

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RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES



RESEARCH CLUSTERS

The research clusters in ARI each focuses on research and analysis of a particular feature of Asian society. 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 its publications.

ASIAN MIGRATION



Prof Brenda Yeoh

The year 2010 was a full and productive year for the Asian Migration research cluster in many ways. Continuing with the theme of *Transnational Migration and Global Cities*, to draw attention to the material processes and discourses of globalisation and transnationalism as they intersect in Asian cities, the cluster gave weight to investigating the increasing speed and volume of Asian migration and the multiplicity of migration pathways within and beyond Asia in recent decades.

The cluster calendar was packed throughout the year with many project meetings, research seminars, workshops and conferences. The cluster's flagship conference for the year on *Transacted Intimacy: Political Economy of International Marriages in Asia* (14-15 October 2010) provided a platform for the project team working on *State Boundaries, Cultural Politics and Gender Negotiations in Commercially Arranged International Marriages in Singapore and Malaysia* (MOE Tier II project) to connect with researchers working on the growing phenomenon of international marriage and migration in Asia.

Another major highlight for the cluster for the year was the *Inter-Asia Roundtable on Transnational Migration and Children in Asian Contexts*, which drew on the collective effort and expertise of all core cluster members. In taking up the challenge of developing critical accounts of children and young people in migratory circumstances in a diverse Asia, the Roundtable attracted a wide range of scholars and practitioners in debating many important issues which have been under-explored in the region.

Work also intensified for the project team working on *Children and Migrant Parents in Southeast Asia* (CHAMPSEA), a project funded by the Wellcome Trust, UK, which examines migration, gender dynamics and the impact on left-behind children's health and well-being in four Southeast Asian countries. All fieldwork—both quantitatively-driven surveys and qualitative in-depth interviews—have been successfully wrapped up and the complex task of data analysis has begun. Apart from producing a number of conference papers, the project team also organised a workshop

on *Transnational Labour Migration, Remittances and Changing Family Structures and Relations in Asia* (27-28 July 2010, jointly organised with the Asian MetaCentre) which ran consecutively with a major project meeting (28-30 July 2010).

Other conferences and workshops included themes such as *The Nexus of Migration and Masculinity in the Asian Context* (15-16 July 2010); *Opening the Black Box of Migration: Brokers and the Organisation of Transnational Mobility* (19-20 August 2010, jointly organised with the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education [STINT] and Stockholm University); *How Safe is Safe?: Evaluating Migration Channels for Women Migrants* (25-26 November 2010, jointly organised with the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies [Singapore] and the University of New England [Australia]), as well as an innovative panel workshop on *Reproduction Migration in Asia* as part of the *Inter-Asian Connections II Conference* (8-10 December 2010).

Apart from work on the *International Marriages in Singapore and Malaysia* project and the CHAMPSEA project mentioned above, as well as a long list of individual research projects, cluster members were also involved in several other large collaborative projects—these include *Globalising Universities and International Student Mobilities in East Asia* (funded by MOE Tier II grant) which focuses on East Asia's universities as nodes of knowledge production and innovation, and international students as agents for the production of a new international division of skilled labour; and *Opening the Black Box of Migration: Brokers and the Organisation of Transnational Mobility* (funded by the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education) which involves exchange visits between researchers and graduate students from Stockholm University, Oxford University and NUS. The year also saw the ARI Asian Migration Cluster joining the *Migrating Out of Poverty International Research Programme Consortium* based at Sussex University as a core partner for Southeast Asia. Currently in its inception phase, the Consortium aims to provide research evidence that will contribute to improving policies that affect the lives and well-being of poor migrants, their communities and countries.

Finally, the cluster continues to focus on high quality publications, stemming from both individual and collaborative research. Special Issues of internationally refereed journals (*International Migration*,

Global Social Policy and *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*) have resulted from earlier conferences. Another four Special Issues and three book volumes are in different stages of preparation, and will certainly keep the cluster very busy for the year ahead!

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 Jørgen Carling: Migration processes with a focus on migration aspirations, involuntary immobility and human smuggling; micro-level dynamics of migrant transnationalism including remittance-sending and transnational parenthood

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

Mr Arthur Chia Chee Kain: Legitimacy; spirituality; self and agency in the (trans) nationalised context of religion

Dr Maureen Helen Hickey: Bangkok automobile taxi industry; working conditions and shifting identities of the Northeastern Thai male migrants who drive cabs for a living; the role of internal migration and of identity politics in shaping the ongoing crisis within Thailand

Dr Hoang Lan Anh: Migration, development, family, social change, gender and power relations

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

Prof Susan Kneebone: Forced migration and human rights; international refugee law and practice; citizenship and migration law

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: Transnational migration, population, gender, geographical education

Dr Lu Chia-Wen Melody: Gender, migration and family; migration regimes, categories and governmentality; new Chinese migrants in East and Southeast Asia and beyond

Ms Tam Nguyen: Sexual minority and stigmatisation, biopsychosocial interactions, health and quality of life

Prof Kathryn Robinson: Marriage migration, gender and migration, internet courtship and marriage, Asian migration to Australia, children in intercultural families; transnational intercultural marriage, Islam and gender relations, adolescence in Indonesia

Prof Song Ping: Chinese New Migration; Chinese transnationalism in the era of globalisation as well as "cultural southeast" (vs. cultural China); and transnational Chinese social practices

Ms Zhang Juan: Borders and boundary-making, contemporary Chinese subjectivity, and everyday practices in post-socialist conditions

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ASIAN URBANISMS



A/P Timothy Bunnell

Asia is a site of highly diverse urban forms and experiences. This diversity is of interest not only to Asianists, but also to scholars concerned with urban developments and trends globally.

The Asian Urbanisms cluster provides space for researchers conducting a wide range of urban-related empirical investigations across the region. Empirical diversity is taken as a resource for wider theorisation. The theoretical orientation of the cluster is towards work which: (1) speaks in transformative ways to urban studies debates beyond Asian area studies; and (2) resists the ingrained impulse to refer back to urban antecedents in North America or Western Europe. There is a particular interest in forms of relational, comparative research which de-centre the West as the putative leading edge of urban transition, innovation and influence. Avenues for such work include (but are not limited to): intra-Asian urban emulation; tropical sustainability and urban lifestyles; natural disasters; conflict and urban resilience; cultures of urban heritage; places and (cyber)spaces of urban activism; processes of decentralisation and urban governance; the sensorial politics of cities; and religion-related urbanisms.

Renamed in November 2009, the Asian Urbanisms (formerly Sustainable Cities) cluster currently has eight members, including one postdoctoral fellow and two research fellows, as well as twelve associates from departments and institutes across NUS. During 2010, the cluster also played host to four international visiting fellows: Professor Nihal Perera (Ball State University); Professor C. Michael Douglass (University of Hawai'i);

A/P Abidin Kusno (University of British Columbia) and A/P Gavin Shatkin (University of Michigan). In addition to regular seminars and even a film screening, four main events were hosted by the cluster over the course of the year: (1) *Developing Sustainable Asian Cities: Institutions and Markets* (organised by Wang Shuyi and Zhu Jieming); (2) *The Privatisation of Urban Space: Cases, Comparisons and Theorisation from Asia* (organised by Timothy Bunnell, and co-sponsored by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Cities cluster); (3) *Rural-urban Networks and Transitions in Asia: Re-spatialising Cultural and Political Imaginaries* (organised by D. Parthasarathy [Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay] and Timothy Bunnell); and *Global Urban Frontiers: Asian Cities in Theory, Practice and Imagination* (organised by Timothy Bunnell, Daniel Goh, Lai Chee Kien and C. P. Pow, and co-sponsored by the Global Asia Institute, NUS). In terms of research projects, 2010 saw the initiation of work on *Environmental Activism and the Internet in Asia* (by Peter Marolt) and on *Decentralisation and Urban Change in Indonesia* (led by Michelle Miller). Following meetings at University College London in March 2010, two members and one associate of the cluster have collaborated in an international comparative urban research grant application on City Strategies, which has been submitted to the United Kingdom's Department for International Development and the Economic and Social Research Council. Through these and other collaborative research initiatives – within NUS as well as internationally – Asian Urbanisms seeks to establish the Asia Research Institute as a locus for leading edge urban theorisation based on empirical insights from Asia.

RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS

A/P Timothy Bunnell (Research Leader): Urban networks, with particular interest in the 'travel' of Asian cities in urban theory and planning practice

Prof Chua Beng Huat: Comparative studies in public housing policy and urban planning

Prof C. Michael Douglass: Livable cities (the environment, personal well-being and socio-cultural life); globalisation and public/civic space; international migration and the globalisation of households in Pacific Asia; the urbanisation of water and the urban transition in Asia; economic resilience through trans-border intercity networks in East Asia

Dr Trevor Hogan: Emergent Asian urbanist theorists; urban theories of urbanisms

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

A/P Abidin Kusno: Politics and cultures of urbanism in Indonesia/Asia

Dr Peter Wolfgang Marolt: Social theory; urban and cultural/political geographies; post-disciplinary studies pertaining to globalisation, the Internet and China

Dr Michelle Miller: Autonomy/decentralisation, democratisation and conflict management in Indonesian cities

A/P Ng Zhiru: Medieval Chinese Buddhism; transmission of Buddhism from India to China; Buddhist cults; religious visual culture; death and afterlife rituals; Dunhuang studies; Buddhist modernism

Prof Maharage Christopher Nihal Perera:

Politics of space, especially how subject people create spaces for daily activities and cultural practices; understanding contemporary transformation of Asian cities from Asian perspectives

A/P Gavin Michael Shatkin: Urban community development; shelter and infrastructure delivery; urban redevelopment

Dr Wang Shuyi: Heritage tourism in historic cities; morphological process in social and spatial development in historic settlements

Prof Brenda Yeoh Saw Ai: Transnational migration; gender and migration

A/P Zhu Jieming: Institutional analysis of urban development in the transitional economy; urban planning in high-density low-income Asian cities

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CHANGING FAMILY IN ASIA



Prof Gavin Jones

This was the busiest year yet in terms of conferences organised by the Changing Family in Asia research cluster. Conferences covered a wide range of themes, reflecting the many issues faced by families in the rapidly changing socio-economic context in Asian countries.

The largest of these conferences, on *Economic Stress, Human Capital and Families in Asia: Research and Policy Challenges*, focused on aspects of family change that are affected by economic stress, whether occasioned by sudden, climactic events such as natural disasters or financial crises, or by ongoing poverty and difficulty of making ends meet. Whatever the cause, it is clear that such stress has important but often poorly understood implications for the family. Research in the West has shown that economic stress is linked to poor human capital development, emotional distress, health problems, unstable marriages, curtailed family consumption, changing union formation and fertility patterns, and harsher parenting behaviour. But less research has been done on such issues in Asian countries.

This conference addressed such issues. It was designed in collaboration with the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS), the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS, the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) and the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS. The conference was opened by Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports, and the keynote speech was delivered by Dr Noeleen Heyzer, Under-Secretary-General, UN, and Executive

Secretary of UNESCAP. A total of 37 papers, by professionals and academics from 18 countries, were presented and discussed at the conference. A report on the conference has been distributed widely, and a book is being prepared for publication with Springer.

A second conference — *Fatherhood in 21st Century Asia: Research, Interventions and Policies* — also followed the pattern of co-sponsorship of conferences. In this case, the conference was jointly organised by ARI, Dads for Life, and the Family Research Network and Gender Studies Minor programme of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. This conference provided a platform for scholars and policy makers to discuss issues related to trends, determinants and consequences of father involvement, as well as policies and interventions that engage men in family life in Asia. Papers arising from the conference are being published in a special edition of the *Journal of Family Issues*.

Patterns of marital dissolution vary widely across Asia, affected by different kinship structures, cultural norms and legal provisions. Divorce rates have been rising in most East and Southeast Asian countries for which there are data, but remain lower in South Asia. Little comparative research has been conducted into factors related to marital dissolution across Asia. For this reason, a workshop was held on *Marital Dissolution in Asia*, a selection of papers from which is to be published as a special issue of the *Asian Journal of Social Sciences*.

The workshop on *Domestic Violence in Asia: The Ambiguity of Family as Private-Public Domain* started with the premise that the family is not only a site of production and reproduction but

also of tension and conflicts, with violence among intimate partners as one of its manifestations. The workshop focused on domestic violence as a legal as well as a cultural conundrum.

Apart from individual research, cluster members also continued to work on several larger research grants including *State Boundaries, Cultural Politics and Gender Negotiations in Commercially Arranged International Marriages in Singapore and Malaysia* (an MOE Tier 2 grant) and *Projecting Urbanisation and City Growth* (a Global Asia Institute grant). A smaller-scale research project *Unmarried Crisis – The Rising Trend of Singlehood Among Chinese Singaporeans* is funded by Singapore's Family Research Fund. Cluster members continued to pursue individual research projects as well as

collaborative research. A developing research emphasis in the cluster concerns the situation of children and issues for children's well-being and child care in the varied circumstances in which children are being raised in the region.

The continuing decline in fertility rates to unprecedentedly low levels throughout East Asia is one area in which family changes have major political and social ramifications. These countries face rapid population ageing, shrinking workforces and eventually rapidly shrinking populations. Recourse to substantial migration inflows to fill the gap raises difficult issues of preservation of national identity. Research into the determinants of these trends and available policy options continues within the cluster.

RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS

Prof Gavin Jones (Research Leader) Role of migration in relation to changing population dynamics, mega-urban regions in Southeast and East Asia

Dr Cheryl Alipio: Anthropology of childhood; anthropology of affect and reciprocity; intersections of experience, subjectivity, and identity; kinship and reproductive labour; transnationalism and labour migration

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

Dr Premchand Dommaraju: Social demography; marriage; divorce; fertility; child mortality

Dr Hoang Lan Anh: Migration, development, family, social change, gender and power relations

Dr Santosh Jatrana: Aging and health; demography of ethnic minority population; gender disparity in health; primary health care

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

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

Prof Kathryn Robinson: Internet courtship, transnational intercultural marriage, Islam and gender relations, adolescence in Indonesia

Prof Brenda Yeoh: 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

Prof Jean Yeung: Intergenerational studies, family and children's well-being and policies, poverty, fatherhood, and China's economic and demographic transition

Dr Zhang Yanxia: Child care, elderly care; gender; poverty and social security; comparative family policies in East Asia (China, South Korea and Japan) and Singapore

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CULTURAL STUDIES IN ASIA



Prof Chua Beng Huat

The year's events began with the public forum, *Men in Black or White: History as Media Event in Singapore* (16 January 2010), stimulated by the publication of the book *Men in White: The Untold Story of Singapore's Ruling Political Party* in 2009, by three journalists of *The Straits Times*, which claims to offer an accessible and unbiased history of the ruling PAP government and of post-World War Two Singapore history, a claim that provoked challenges and invited critical scrutiny. The public forum with one ex-journalist, one historian and a literary scholar provided review, commentary and assessment of the book and its claim. Discussions revolved around the popularisation of history by non-professional historians, the writing and consumption of history in the mass media, the internet and the democratisation of history as well as the specific impact of the book on the state of Singapore writing and historiography to a full house attendance at the POD in the National Library Building.

The workshop on *Performing Space in Asian Films: Interdisciplinary Perspectives* (22–23 February 2010) focused on the performative potential of space in Asian films. Conceptually, film in its various formats—feature, shorts, propaganda, documentary, experimental, and amateur—and through the application of cinematic styles and conventions, offers performances that reveal how spaces are reflected, constructed, and how they may be transformed or transgressed. Presentations examined such issues in films from India, and Northeast and Southeast Asian countries.

The international workshop on *Modern Sports in Asia: Cultural Perspectives* (29–30 April 2010) aimed to assess and further develop current research on sports in Asian contexts from a multidisciplinary angle. Modern sports were introduced to Asia in the late 19th century as an innovation from the West, and the diffusion and rise of modern sports in Asia overlapped with the development of other aspects of modernity in Asia, such as developing physical education programmes for

engineering of modern citizens or more generally notions of body cultures, and the culture of consumption. Topics discussed ranged from the introduction of certain sports during colonial times to the life of the first female swimming Olympian from China to the spectacular staging of F1 races in Singapore. The papers presented are being prepared for publications as theme issues in several journals of sports research.

The final event of the year was a one-day public forum, *Singapore Cinemas: The Locations of Film Exhibition* (22 May 2010). This event was co-organised in conjunction with the National Library's SG101 programme, with support from the Singapore Heritage Society, Singapore Art Museum and the Asian Film Archive. Singapore has been home to a rich and diverse film culture, anchored by unique sites of exhibition showing films in various languages and formats. Presentations by academics, writers, and practitioners offered histories of local places ranging from the beginnings of film exhibition in Singapore to locations such as "the Worlds" amusement parks, and cinema landmarks such as the Cathay Building, making a significant contribution to the history of film exhibition and film-going in Singapore.

In addition to these events, the cluster continued with its alternate Wednesday seminars, a platform for works in progress by both its members and invited guest speakers, including ARI fellows from other clusters. The topics explored in this seminar series included Balinese music, contemporary Chinese ballet and the life and times of Asian sports celebrities. The seminar series provide an opportunity for them to test their ideas and findings and the audience's insights into emerging areas of contemporary cultural practices.

RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS

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

Prof Melani Budianta: Indonesia cultural studies; American and Indonesian literature

Dr Choo Kukhee: Transnational media flow; gender and postcolonialism; and cultural policies in Asia

Dr Vijayandran Devadas: Intersection of media, society and critical theory, with focus on Southeast Asia, South Asia and New Zealand

Dr Khoo Gaik Cheng: Southeast Asian cinema; Malaysian independent filmmaking; cosmopolitan spaces; food, space and identity

Dr Kim Sujeong: Transnational media and cultural practices; global television culture and audiences; and cultural identity

Dr Charles Leary: Hong Kong cinema; American cinema; performance for the moving image; and the history of film criticism

A/P Mariam Beevi Lam: Southeast Asian visual cultures and education; Viet Nam; Indochina; and disciplinary formations

A/P Leo Ching: Colonial and postcolonial studies; East Asian cultural studies; and theories of globalisation

Prof Anjali Roy: Critical theory; film and media studies; literary and cultural studies; folklore

A/P Dinah Roma Sianturi: Contemporary travel theory and criticism; cultural representation/dialogues in travel writings on Asia; ecocriticism; and literature

Dr Abdul Rani Mohd. Zariat: Indonesian literature; Malay literature, with focus on literary criticism and theory; Islamic literature; rhetoric of fiction; and gender and sexuality

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RELIGION AND GLOBALISATION IN ASIAN CONTEXTS

The Religion and Globalisation cluster is dedicated to exploring global reconfigurations of conceptions of 'religion' and their diverse manifestations in Asian contexts. Particular attention is given to the dynamic interactions of secularisation and religious revival in the modern period, as well as to related issues of the invocation of authority and tradition in contemporary discourse and practice. In terms of coverage, the cluster works to facilitate studies of significant developments in major established religions such as Buddhism, Christianity and Islam, as well as in more localised indigenous traditions and new religious movements from any part of Asia, broadly conceived.

Although our primary research strength over recent years has been in the study of Islam in Southeast Asia, the cluster also hosts scholars working on diverse religious traditions and contemporary movements. Research staff from the cluster have been and will continue to be involved with research projects funded by both ARI itself, as well as other funding bodies such as the National University of Singapore (NUS) Academic Research Fund (AcRF) and the Singapore Ministry of Education. This includes A/P Michael Feener's work on the implementation of Islamic law in contemporary Aceh, conducted as part of the AcRF Tier 2 level project, *Islam and Social Dynamics in Indonesia*, led by Prof M. C. Ricklefs, Principal Investigator (Department of History, NUS).

One emerging trend in the cluster's work over the past year has been a focus on the complex dynamics of secularisation, religion and the state in modern Asia. A/P Michael Feener has established a cross-faculty reading group on this topic, bringing together colleagues from ARI, the NUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), the Faculty of Law, the University Scholars'



A/P Michael Feener

Programme and the University Office of the Deputy President (Research and Technology) for regular monthly discussions of important work being done on these issues. Similar work establishing cross-faculty interaction and collaboration is also being pursued through the three-year plan of annual conferences on *Religion, Law and the State*, which involves faculty from ARI, FASS and the Faculty of Law. The first of these conferences on the changing roles of Islamic legal professionals in contemporary Southeast Asia (co-sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York) was held at ARI in February 2009. The second, convened this year, was on the theme of *East Asian Perspectives on Legal Order* (co-sponsored by the Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto, the Shibusawa Ei'ichi Memorial Foundation, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada).

The cluster also held a number of workshops, seminars, roundtables and other events over the past year, including a symposium on *Secularisation, Religion and the State* (co-organised with the University of Tokyo Centre for Philosophy), and workshops on *Alid Piety in Muslim Southeast Asia* (co-organised by Dr Chiara Formichi and A/P Michael Feener), *Empire, Civilisation and the Anthropology of China* (organised by A/P Liang Yongjia), *Proselytising and the Limits of Religious Pluralism in the Era of Globalisation* (co-organised by Dr Juliana Finucane and A/P Michael Feener), and *Daoist Ritual and Chinese Popular Religion* (co-organised by A/P Liang Yongjia and Prof Kenneth Dean).

Over the past year the cluster has hosted a number of short-term visitors and cluster affiliates for collaborations on particular research projects, including Mr Per Drougge (Stockholm), Ms Heidi Haugen (Oslo), and Prof Joel Robbins (California, San Diego).

RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS

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

Dr Julius Bautista: Catholicism in the Philippines; religious studies

A/P Anne M. Blackburn: Buddhism in South and Southeast Asia, with a special interest in Buddhist monastic culture and Buddhist participation in networks linking Sri Lanka and mainland Southeast Asia before and during colonial presence in the region

Prof Kenneth Dean: Transnational temple networks originating in Southeast China, and their spread and development across Southeast Asia

Dr Juliana Kiyo Finucane: Inter-religious relations; new forms of religious cosmopolitanism and missionary activity

A/P Johan Fischer: Theoretical and empirical focus on the proliferation of halal commodities on a global scale

Dr Chiara Formichi: History of Islam and its contemporary manifestations in Southeast Asia with a regional focus on the Indonesian Archipelago

A/P Robbie Goh: Nineteenth century English Literature (particularly R. L. Stevenson, Rudyard Kipling, fin de siècle gothic writing); speculative fiction; urban landscapes; Christianity in Asia; advertising; and related topics

Prof Ian Charles Harris: Aspects of Theravada Buddhist ethics and politics; Buddhist political activism in pre-Pol Pot Cambodia, with particular emphasis on wider Southeast Asian networks

A/P C. Julia Huang: Buddhist transnationalism; NGO-ness; charities and faith-based organisations; charismatic leadership; gender and religion, in Taiwan and the Chinese Diaspora (in Malaysia and the United States)

Dr Jeremy Kingsley: Indonesia; Muslim religious leadership; community security; militia; dispute resolution

Prof Lily Kong: Geographies of religion; cultural economy and cultural policy; constructions of 'nation' and national identity; constructions of 'nature' and environment

A/P Liang Yongjia: World renunciation; Esoteric Buddhism; territorial cults; Chinese intellectual tradition

Dr Ronit Ricci: Comparative literature; South and Southeast Asian cultures

Dr Heinz Scheifinger: Relationship between religion (especially Hinduism) and the Internet

Prof Shen Haimei: Gender and ethnicity in Southwest China

Dr M. Nasir Tamara Tamimi: Islam and politics, with a focus on globalisation and violence in the name of religion

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY



A/P Gregory Clancey

Since its creation in 2009, the Science, Technology, and Society (STS) research cluster has successfully bid for two large university level research grants, held several international workshops, and put itself on the global map as the major research cluster in Asia working on STS-related issues.

The cluster's flagship project is *Asian Biopoleis: Biotechnology and Biomedicine as Emergent Forms of Life and Practice*, funded by an MOE Tier 2 AcRF grant with additional support from the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences at NUS. This is a three-year project with a total budget of approximately S\$1,000,000, and is the largest social science and humanities initiative aimed at Asian bioscience. Led by Co-PIs Gregory Clancey and Ryan Bishop, the project engages 11 collaborators across seven NUS departments and institutes, and overseas scholars from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Sydney, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Kyoto University, Tokyo University, the University of Edinburgh, among others. Areas of concern and interest to the project include: the origins and operation of Asian biopoleis (the plural form of 'biopolis') across seven nations and fifteen urban sites; the comparison of policies and infrastructures that sustain them; Asian laboratories as centres of social knowledge production; and the crafting of new, Asia-based theoretical perspectives on biomedicine and society. The project will hold the first of three annual international workshops in early January 2011.

A second large project *Mapping the Technological and Cultural Landscape of Scientific Development in Asia* (Philip Cho, PI) charts shifting centres of scientific research in Asia and their

evolving regional and global networks. The first phase of the project involves the creation of novel data-mining software and accompanying visualisation tools. These will allow for new social science insights into the flow of scientific knowledge and practice in the region. Funded by a S\$250,000 Global Asia Institute grant, this is a cross-faculty collaboration with scholars at the School of Computing and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

Dr Cho also ran two international workshops this year for his project *Culture and Cognition in Asia*, the first on *Historical to Experimental Perspectives* and the second on *Performative Gesture in Religion and Science*.

In January 2011, the STS cluster, together with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences hosted Professor Sir Geoffrey Lloyd, Emeritus Professor of Ancient Philosophy and Science at the University of Cambridge. Sir Geoffrey gave a talk titled *Humanity Between Gods and Beasts? Ontologies in Question* on the 11th of January 2011. Sir Geoffrey is the former Master of Darwin College, Cambridge University, and is currently Senior Scholar at Cambridge's Needham Research Institute. He is the author of some twenty books, and many articles, on the history of science. His intellectual career began with the study of Greek science, especially medicine and mathematics. His first nine books explore the relations of Greek science to philosophy, religion, popular practices, and its grounding in the diverse cultures of the ancient Mediterranean. In the 1990s his interests turned to the history of science in China, including the study of Classical Chinese. A second series of books take up Greek and Chinese science in comparative perspective and he is one of the very few scholars in the world to have mastered both the ancient Greek and Mandarin languages.

Profs Michael M. J. Fischer (MIT), V. V. Krishna (JNU), Aihwa Ong (UC Berkeley), Gail Davies (UC London) and Dr Kim Tae-Ho (Columbia) were visiting scholars in the cluster during our first full year of operation. The cluster has also grown through the recruitment of four research staff: Shamraz Anver (Research Assistant), Sorelle Henricus (Research Assistant), Alfred Montoya (Postdoctoral Fellow) and Connor Graham (Research Fellow). The group has recently been strengthened by the arrival of visiting

scholar Zheng Yi from the University of Sydney, who is working on the history of Chinese science.

Prof Clancey was also appointed as co-editor of the two major Asia-focused STS journals in 2010: *Science, Technology, and Society* (Sage) and *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* (Duke).

RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS

A/P Gregory Clancey (Research Leader): History and anthropology of science and technology; architecture and cities; natural disaster and the concept of emergency; modern Japan

Mr Shamraz Anver: Artificial intelligence; health communications; participatory video; experiential learning

Dr Philip Cho: History of science; popular religion and ritual in the development of science, technology, and medicine in late-imperial China and early-modern Europe; contemporary technical development in China in the context of global technological systems, data networks, and models

Prof Michael Fischer: Anthropological methods for the contemporary world with special attention to the interface between science and technology and anthropology; anthropology of the biomedical sciences and technologies; anthropology of media circuits

Dr Connor Graham: Information systems; human-computer interaction; social studies of work and technology; digital heritage, death, dying and afterlife

Ms Sorelle Ann Henricus: Theory and philosophy of science and technology; science, technology and the city; technology in English literature; Richard Powers' fiction on technology

Dr Kim Tae-Ho: History of technology in modern East Asia, especially South Korea; history of agricultural science in late 20th century; public perception of science and technology; mobilisation of science and technology in nation-state building

Prof Venni Venkata Krishna: Sociology of science; science and technology policy and innovation studies; social history of science

Dr Alfred Montoya: Anthropology of global health; the politics, ethics and technology of HIV/AIDS epidemic prevention and control in Southeast Asia; modernity as an anthropological problem

Prof Aihwa Ong: Cultural anthropology; processes of globalisation, sovereignty, knowledge society, technology, and citizenship in Asia-Pacific environments

Dr Zheng Yi: Comparative and Chinese intellectual history; cultural history; aesthetics; modern (including early modern) literary culture; scientific culture; contemporary cultural forms and historical contexts

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ACEH PROJECT



A/P Michael Feener

Over the past six 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 Indonesian governmental 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. The conference served to consolidate momentum for reinvigorating academic work on and in Aceh. This led to the establishment of an International Centre for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies in Banda Aceh. Prof Reid and A/P Feener currently sit on its International Board of Directors.

As years pass since the tsunami and the end of the conflict in Aceh, the scholars associated with ARI's Aceh project continue to monitor the situation on the ground and to produce critical analyses of the long-term effects of the dramatic social transformations that have occurred there. In 2010, they have continued to pursue their own individual studies and field research in Aceh. As a result of this work they have produced a number of new publications over the past year. Highlights of this output include the publication of a new volume of studies on sources for the history of Aceh edited by A/P Feener, Dr Daly and Prof Reid, as well as a paper jointly authored by Dr Michelle Miller and A/P Feener that appeared in a volume on the subject of law and emergency powers in Asia.

We have also created a special 'Aceh Section' of the online ARI working papers series. There are currently seven papers published in this series, and more are planned for publication over the coming year.

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A/P Michael Feener (Coordinator):
Islamic law in contemporary Aceh

Dr Patrick Daly: Cultural heritage
management in crisis situations

Dr Michelle Miller: Decentralisation
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ASIAN METACENTRE FOR POPULATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS



Prof Brenda Yeoh

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 established in 2000 and headquartered at the Asia Research Institute (ARI), NUS, in Singapore. It was constituted through a collaborative effort between 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 research foci include: 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 have thus 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 2010, AMC remained focused on researching around themes relating to population studies with a heightened interest in migration issues particularly those pertaining to gender and age. These themes are central to its research project, CHAMPSEA (Child Health and Migrant Parents in Southeast Asia), a study funded by The Wellcome Trust (UK) examining the gender effects of migration as well as the impacts of migration on children left-behind in their home country by migrant parents. Work for the project has been progressing smoothly since January 2007.

The CHAMPSEA team continued with the cleaning and analyses of both the quantitative and qualitative data gathered in 2008 and 2009 respectively. The team met mid-year in Singapore to take stock of the project's progress, discuss the initial findings from both the quantitative and qualitative phases and initiate preparations for follow-up longitudinal studies for the future. Members of the CHAMPSEA team were also busy throughout the year preparing publications as well as participating in multiple conferences and workshops around the world to share the findings from the study.



During the past year, the project team bade farewell to Dr Lucy Jordan (based in the University of St. Andrews) and Dr Hoang Lan Anh (based in AMC, ARI). Within the year, the project also welcomed and bade farewell to Dr Lai Ah Eng (Senior Research Fellow) and Ms Nguyen Thi Thanh Tam (Research Assistant), both based in AMC, ARI. Members of the CHAMPSEA in-country teams, A/P Aree Jampaklay (Mahidol University) and A/P Nguyen Duc Vinh (VAPEC) also joined AMC as Academic Visitors during the year to prepare the study findings for dissemination in their respective countries.

Together with ARI, the project team co-organised an international conference on *Transnational Labour Migration, Remittances and Changing Family Structures and Relations in Asia* from 27 to

28 July in Singapore. Helmed by Dr Hoang Lan Anh, the workshop focused on remittances and the effects on family structures and gender relations in migrant families.

Past conferences held by AMC have also led to new publications in 2010. Selected papers presented at the 2007 *Workshop on Female Labour Migration in Globalising Asia* have been published as a special issue in the journal, *International Migration*. The special issue titled *Women and Migration in Globalizing Asia: Gendered Experiences, Agency and Activism* was published in Volume 48, Issue 6 (December 2010) with Arianne M. Gaetano and Brenda S. A. Yeoh as guest editors.

ASIAN METACENTRE EVENT

The Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis at ARI organised an event as part of its ongoing CHAMPSEA (Child Health and Migrant Parents in Southeast Asia) project in 2010.

CHAMPSEA Project Meeting V

28 – 30 Jul 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenor: Prof Brenda Yeoh

PROGRAMME MEMBERS

Prof Brenda Yeoh (Principal Investigator): 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 Hoang Lan Anh: Migration, development, family, social change, gender and power relations

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: Transnational migration, population, gender, geographical education

Ms Tam Nguyen: Sexual minority and stigmatisation, biopsychosocial interactions, health and quality of life

STATE BOUNDARIES, CULTURAL POLITICS AND GENDER NEGOTIATIONS IN COMMERCIAL ARRANGED INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGES IN SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA



Prof Brenda Yeoh



Prof Gavin Jones

In 2010, the research project entered its second major phase. Having completed the fieldwork for the international marriages contracted through commercial matchmaking agencies in 2009, the research team focused its efforts on the fieldwork for the other types of international marriages.

Throughout 2010, we conducted interviews and observational fieldwork among couples who were matched by relatives, friends, and acquaintances, as well as 'temporary' migrant workers who

had met and married local spouses in their sojournal time away from home. We also discovered those whom we are tentatively considering as 'marriage entrepreneurs', migrants who approach and treat marriage as one of many options in their migrational strategies. Besides conducting fieldwork, members of the research team contributed to two NGO meetings, one in Singapore and one in Malaysia; and presented six conference and workshop papers.

PROGRAMME MEMBERS

Prof Brenda Yeoh (Principal Investigator): 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

Prof Gavin Jones (Co-Principal Investigator): Role of migration in relation to changing population dynamics; mega-urban regions in Southeast and East Asia

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

Dr Lu Melody Chia-Wen: Gender, migration and family; migration regimes, categories and governmentality; new Chinese migrants in East and Southeast Asia and beyond

Dr Vu Thi Kieu Dzung: Development, migration, and women's health in Asia and North America

ASIAN BIPOLEIS: BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOMEDICINE AS EMERGENT FORMS OF LIFE AND PRACTICE

“Asian Biopoleis” is the first comprehensive social science and humanities project by a major research university on the phenomenon of biotechnology/biomedicine in Asia. Given Singapore’s increasingly close identification with this realm of knowledge creation, capital accumulation, clinical and laboratory practice, visual creation, and storytelling – particularly embodied in the creation of Biopolis – it is important and timely to begin generating insightful scholarship about Asian biomedicine in Asia. The broadest goal of this initiative is to make Singapore and ARI the essential centre for the study of biotechnology/biomedicine in Asia as a social, historical, and cultural subject, a project which closely complements (and in some sense completes) the Biopolis initiative.

Internationally, the social, cultural, and historical understanding of biotechnology, bioscience, and biomedicine is a strong and growing inter-disciplinary field supported by well-funded research projects. Singapore’s (and East Asia’s) rise as a global biotechnology centre(s) has elicited strong interest among social scientists and humanities scholars worldwide. Despite this, very little research on the context or meaning of this phenomenon in Singapore, or in Asia more generally has emerged in global scholarship, excepting some excellent work on bioethics. Moreover, much of what is written about the subject in other Asian countries (China, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, etc.) is published in the vernacular, and thus not accessible to English-speaking audiences. NUS thus has an opportunity to help steer the Asian part of this global conversation.

ARI’s project is funded in part by a Tier 2 grant from the Ministry of Education, and a grant from the NUS Division of Humanities and Social Sciences. Recruited from leading global universities, our research team has begun to organise conferences and publish internationally, supervise post-doctoral fellows, train

graduate students, and maintain strong connections with similar leading research groups around the world. We are working most closely with four other research clusters, located in Europe (Edinburgh), North America (MIT), South Asia (JNU) and East Asia (East Asian STS Network).

This project has three interrelated foci. One is ‘Global Bioscience in Asia’, which traces how Singapore and other Asian biopoleis (urban centres with important biomedical laboratories and infrastructures) serve as conduits for international bioscience research bodies seeking access to Asia, and for Asians wanting to access the global bioscience research realm. A second (and more innovative) foci is ‘Bioscience as Inter-Asian Practice’, which seeks out the historical trajectories, and distinguishes elements of regional practices, and considers how they might be contributing to the region’s larger emergence at the present moment. Is inter-Asian research driving this realm, replacing formerly bilateral relationships with western centres? A third foci is the relationship between bioscience labs and their urban hosts. Singapore’s Biopolis, for example, is a site for data collection, theorisation, experimentation, and material support, and also for policy initiatives, institution-building, social and educational reform, and tissue banking. Knowledge and practices emerging from this nexus potentially re-order more than just biomedical practices, but everything from the mechanics and meaning of ‘scientific research’ to contemporary understandings of race, ethnicity, and citizenship. They also potentially re-order the meaning and rhythms of urban life. We mean to study these Asian biopoleis both in context (understanding their often transformative places in Asian nation-states), and in vivo (understanding what goes on inside them, and what insights they might give into scientific knowledge production in the 21st century). Ultimately we are interested in understanding both the global and the specifically Asian nature of biotechnology/biomedicine in this part of the world.

We are working most intensively around the site of Singapore’s Biopolis, collaborating with many of its leading scientists and administrators, interviewing them, attending and observing their international conferences, and gaining access to data which bears

on our questions. At the same time, we intend to cultivate relations in, and ask questions of, a number of similar biopoles in East, South, and Southeast Asia, building research expertise across the entire region.

The project conducted its first workshop in January 2011, with eleven speakers from abroad and a similar number from NUS. The six paper sessions reflected interdisciplinary and regional convergences, with contributions from Singapore, China, India, Japan, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam, and from the perspectives of anthropology, critical theory, design, history, philosophy and sociology. Panels included: *Securities, Standards and Policy and Laboratories*; *Biosampling and Biobanking*; and *Philosophy, Religion and Meaning*. On the third day of the workshop, a panel session on *Biomedicine in Singapore* and *Consumer Genomics and Citizen Science* and *DIYBio Movements*, was held at the Genome Institute of Singapore in the heart of the Singapore Biopolis, reflecting the ongoing engagement with Asian biotechnology/science/medical labs and institutes.

The workshop was co-organised by members and associates of the ARI Science, Technology, and Society (STS) Research Cluster and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences STS Cluster. Professor Prasenjit Duara, Director of ARI and A/P Gregory Clancey, leader of the ARI STS Research Cluster opened the workshop. Special issues for three leading journals – *East Asian Science, Technology and Society* (published by Duke), *Science, Technology and Society* (published by Sage) and *Theory, Culture and Society* (published by Sage) – are currently in the proposal stage.

For more information on the project visit:
<http://www.asianbiopoleis.com>

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A/P Gregory Clancey (Principal Investigator): History and anthropology of science and technology; architecture and cities; natural disaster and the concept of emergency; modern Japan

A/P Ryan Bishop (Co-Principal Investigator): Critical theory; contemporary fiction; visual culture; modernism/postmodernism; production and legitimisation of knowledge

Mr Shamraz Anver: Artificial intelligence; health communications; participatory video; experiential learning

Ms Sorelle Ann Henricus: Theory and philosophy of science and technology; science, technology and the city; technology in English literature; Richard Powers' fiction on technology

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Beside the projects and programmes featured in the earlier sections, ARI Researchers are also involved in many other external funded projects.

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Partner Investigator in project on "Indonesian Young Adults Facing the Future", in collaboration with colleagues at the Australian National University and the Center for Health Research, University of Indonesia, A\$360,000, 2008-2011; and additional funding of S\$22,000 from Academic Research Council, Ministry of Education (ARC, MOE), Singapore, for AcRF Tier 1, 2009.

Principal Investigator in project on "Estimating and Projecting Urbanisation and City Growth", Leontine Alkema (Co-PI), S\$231,500 funded by Global Asia Institute (GAI), NUS, Apr 2010 - Mar 2012.

Principal Investigator in project on "The Unmarried Crisis: The Rising Trends of Singlehood Among Chinese Singaporeans", Zhang Yanxia (Co-PI), S\$24,480 funded by Family Research Fund, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS), Singapore, Oct 2010-May 2011.

Feener, Michael

Co-Principal Investigator in Merle Ricklefs' (PI) project "Islam and Social Dynamics in Indonesia", focusing on non-legal aspects of Muslim cultural revival in Aceh, S\$143,000 awarded by the Academic Research Council, Ministry of Education (ARC, MOE), Singapore, for AcRF Tier 2 funding, 2007-2010.

Miller, Michelle and Bunnell, Timothy

Co-Principal Investigators in project on "Investment Promotion and Local Economic Development in Indonesia", Nick Phelps (PI), £3,400 funded by Bartlett School of Planning, University College London.

Yeoh Saw Ai, Brenda

Principal Investigator for "Inception Phase for the Migrating Out of Poverty Research Programme Consortium", approximately £116,688 awarded by DFID through the University of Sussex, 1 Jul 2010-31 Jun 2011.

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5.0 COMMUNITY OUTREACH



ARI is committed to sharing research knowledge with the larger community in Singapore and worldwide. Its outreach efforts are made simultaneously on three fronts – local, regional and international – through various means carried on throughout the year.

PUBLIC EVENTS

The *Asia Trends* is one of ARI's flagship events designed specifically with the interested public and the public sector in mind. It is an annual event with speakers speaking on the key trends in Asia to a public audience. The 2010 event was the eighth in the annual series and typically attracted participants from local ministries, schools and universities and members of the public.

Begun in 2009, the *Inter-Asia Roundtable* is another of ARI's flagship events. It serves as an annual platform to bring senior, established scholars working on particular dimensions of Asia together into dialogue. Regardless of the specific theme, this event focuses on inter-Asia flows, or comparative Asian perspectives. The inaugural *Inter-Asia Roundtable 2009* with the theme *Gender Relations in the 21st Century Asian Family* brought together some of the key researchers in the study of families in different parts of Asia. The second *Inter-Asia Roundtable 2010* on *Transnational Migration and Children in Asian Contexts* took up the challenge of developing critical accounts of children in migratory circumstances which capture

the diversity of experiences in Asia. The summary of papers and panel discussions from the Inter-Asia Roundtables are published in a yearly policy brief booklet.

Besides the above flagship events, ARI also organises public lectures on Asian affairs as part of its public outreach to the local and regional community. Distinguished scholars are invited to share their works and views on regional and world events with those interested in these issues. In late 2010, ARI, together with the Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM) initiated a new series of ARI-ACM lectures which will be held at the ACM on a regular basis.

The above events are more fully described in the main section on Events. Whilst ARI workshops and conferences mostly bring together scholars and academic audiences, several of them are more public and policy-oriented. Many of the ARI events are open to members of the public. They are listed under Conferences and Workshops within the main Events section.

NEWSLETTERS AND REPORTS

ARI launched the first issue of its *ARI Newsletters* in March 2003 as a medium to share the Institute's exciting developments with a broader constituency. The newsletters are published three times a year. Electronic versions of the ARI newsletters were launched in 2008. Together, they reach out to a local, regional and international readership of some 8,000 subscribers and are uploaded on ARI's website. The growth in the e-mailing list for the *e-Newsletters* and increase in download rates and readerships are clear indications of the level of interest in ARI's activities and the extent of its reach globally.

Similarly, the *ARI Annual Report* starting from its 2002/2003 issue to the latest 2010 issue is published in print and uploaded on ARI's website. The report gives our stakeholders and other interested parties an update of the Institute's developments and achievements for the past year. Its reach and readership have also expanded over the years.

Academic reports such as the *ARI Working Paper Series* and specific-themed *Aceh Working Papers Series*, and selected conference reports and proceedings are also available on ARI's website for knowledge-sharing.

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL CONNECTIVITY

ARI has been using the internet platform for many of its outreach activities and to share research findings. Its website (www.ari.nus.edu.sg) provides up-to-date information about its research programmes, events and publications among others. It also serves as a rich resource for research on Asia studies. The website is regularly revamped or redesigned to enhance ease of navigation, quality of information and design.

In February 2009, ARI started its *ARI Facebook* group as a communication platform to keep its members updated of the latest developments in ARI such as announcements of upcoming events, new fellowships and new publications. It has also become a popular and effective tool for connecting among ARI members, students, alumni, and the public who are interested in ARI happenings.

More recently in 2010, the institute has utilised the popular media-sharing platforms such as *YouTube* and *iTunesU* to further extend its outreach. Selected webcasts of ARI lectures and seminars are posted on *YouTube*. ARI also participates in the *NUS iTunesU*, a new collaborative initiative between Apple and NUS launched in August 2010, and uploads its webcasts, podcasts and working papers onto *iTunesU*. Users worldwide who are interested in these materials may download them to their iPhones and iPad to listen/read on the go, or download them to their computers.

ARI is currently exploring the use of *Twitter*, a widely used social media tool, to further enhance its social connectivity with its various stakeholders — local, regional and international.

6.0 EVENTS



CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

ARI continues with its mission “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 2010, the Institute organised more than 30 conferences and workshops. 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.

Shi’ism and Beyond: “Alid Piety” in Muslim Southeast Asia

14 – 15 Jan 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: A/P Michael Feener and Dr Chiara Formichi



One major debate that has been frequently reprised over the past century of scholarship on Islam in Southeast Asia has been that of the extent of “Shi’ite influence” on the region. Often more polemical than academic, these debates have had the effect of obscuring more nuanced understandings of local Muslim beliefs and practices related to veneration of the family of the Prophet. This workshop brought together scholars from the region and around the world to critically re-examine this topic in ways that would deliberately move beyond pre-occupations with Shi’ism in a formal sectarian sense, and thus develop a new appreciation of diverse manifestations of religious experience and expression centred on the image of the prophet Muhammad and his family. Framed in terms of a broader conception of “Alid piety” the research presented at the conference contributes to a significant re-evaluation of legacies of internal Muslim pluralism in the region.

Men in Black or White: History as Media Event in Singapore

Jointly organised with the National Library Singapore

16 Jan 2010, National Library Building, Singapore

Convenors: Prof Chua Beng Huat and Dr Sai Siew Min



The book, *Men in White: The Untold Story of Singapore’s Ruling Party*, has created a sensation in the mass media since its release in September 2009. Written by three senior journalists from *The Straits Times* and commissioned and published by Singapore Press Holdings, *Men in White* was publicised extensively in the print and cyber media. The book became an immediate bestseller in Singapore and generated buzz not only locally but reportedly in Asia as well. The media blitz surrounding *Men in White* turned on its claim to offer an accessible and unbiased history of the ruling PAP government and of post-World War Two Singapore history in general. Yet, this claim quickly provoked challenges and invited critical scrutiny of its contents and research methodology from different quarters in the country. For several months following the book’s launch, history took centre stage in the nation’s mass media.

This seminar was the first public forum since the launch of the book to examine *Men in White* as a sensation generated from the intersection between history and the mass media. Discussion revolved around the popularisation of history by non-professional historians, the writing and consumption of history in the mass media, the internet and the democratisation of history as well as the specific impact of the book on the state of Singapore writing and historiography.

Graduate Workshop on Secularisation, Religion and the State

Jointly organised with the Religion Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore; and University of Tokyo, Japan

21 Jan 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenor: A/P Michael Feener



This workshop brought together graduate students from Tokyo University and the National University of Singapore to examine the historical formation of concepts of secularisation and religion in several countries, as well as interrogations of various conceptions of modernity involved in these processes. Particular attention was directed toward understanding the relations between religion and the state in the contemporary world from a comparative perspective. These discussions were based upon ongoing work on these issues being carried out at Tokyo University and NUS. By bringing together young scholars working on this timely subject at both of these institutions, we hoped to develop possibilities for future research on religion and society in modern Asia from a wide range of disciplinary perspectives, including sociology, anthropology, history and philosophy.

The workshop opened with presentations by Prof Prasenjit Duara (NUS) and Prof Haneda Masashi (Tokyo) who provided an overview of work being done on this topic at their respective institutions. The remainder of the programme comprised of panels featuring the work of graduate students.

Developing Sustainable Asian Cities – Institutions and Markets

1 – 2 Feb 2010, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: A/P Zhu Jieming and Dr Wang Shuyi



This symposium aimed at understanding how market mechanisms, supported by certain institutions, can become supportive and conducive to sustainable Asian urbanisation. Since the report *Our Common Future* (WCED, 1987) and the *Rio Earth Summit* (UNCED, 1992), sustainability has become one of the key issues in the formulation of policies for the current and future world development. It is nearly a global consensus that sustainable urbanisation should be one of the most important tasks facing the world community, especially those in developing countries.

While sustainability is a responsibility of every country, developed or developing, it is well recognised that sustainable urbanisation is a formidable challenge to many Asian developing countries, as pursuing economic growth and improving social welfares are still the top priorities on their government agendas and the aspirations of their citizens. The Commission of European Communities (1990) made a timely proposal for densification and urban compaction, on the assumption that the compact city can reduce travel distances and save natural and agricultural land for future generations. The form of compact cities supports public transports and efficient utilisation of public and social facilities. High population density makes urban land resources acutely scarce, and makes compact cities a necessity rather than a choice. While measures such as urban compaction, eco-city and green buildings are sensible solutions, materialisation of those good ideas requires popular support from the stakeholders involved in the production of the built environment (developers, builders, planners, residents, owners, users, and so on) and has to be buttressed by functional market mechanisms with which goods are supplied responding to the demand.

Workshop on The Privatisation of Urban Space: Cases, Comparison and Theorisation from Asia

Jointly organised with the Cities Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore

5 Feb 2010, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenor: A/P Timothy Bunnell

The privatisation of urban space has been noted in cities in many regions of the world, including in Asia. Often this has been attributed to global processes of neo-liberal urbanisation centred in North America and parts of Western Europe. The aim of this one-day workshop was to bring together scholars to seek to move beyond this kind of universalised reading. The presentations provided empirical examination of specific cases in Asian cities; allowed intra-Asian comparative urban analysis; and fostered theoretical insights based on diverse Asian experiences.

Performing Space in Asian Film: Interdisciplinary Perspective

22 – 23 Feb 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: Dr Lilian Chee, Dr Edna Lim and Dr Charles Leary

Practitioners and scholars from a range of disciplines considered various perspectives on conceptualising the performative dynamics of space in contemporary film practice across Asia. The keynote address was delivered by Prof Ackbar Abbas, head of the Comparative Literature department at University of California, Irvine, on "Between the Visible and the Intelligible in Asian Cinema." Participants presented thoughts

on performance and spatial representation in films from China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, India, Taiwan, Indonesia, South Korea, the Philippines, Japan, and Singapore. Integrated among the papers was recent work presented by local and overseas filmmakers. The convenors intend to publish the proceedings of the workshop in an edited volume.



Rural-urban Networks and Transitions in Asia: Re-spatialising Cultural and Political Imaginaries

Jointly organised with the Cities Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
25 – 26 Feb 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: A/P Timothy Bunnell and Prof Devanathan Parthasarathy



This workshop assembled scholars working on various aspects of rural-urban networks, transitions and connections, including cultural, social, economic, political and spatial aspects. It brought out novel aspects of these networks and connections that are not adequately reflected in the influential literature and dominant paradigms in urban studies. By focusing on a range of cities in four countries in Asia – India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand – the workshop provided scope for developing alternative approaches and modes of understanding the “urban”, the “rural”, and the “region”.

Twelve papers were presented in total, three each in panels on India, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia. This enabled appreciation of the diversity of rural-urban linkages within specific national contexts as well as comparison between countries. The first day ended with a roundtable discussion chaired by Ho Kong Chong and including Nihal Perera (Ball State University) and Jim Glassman (University of British Columbia) designed to draw out commonalities and differences across the nationally-based panels. The convenors have been in contact with editors at the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* concerning publication possibilities.

Empire, Civilisation and the Anthropology of China

4 – 5 Mar 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenor: A/P Liang Yongjia

As an empire, the centrality and hierarchy of China was governed by an elite literati of privileged status dictating proper modes for the conduct of social relations. The emperor in his

exemplary conduct was the ritual model for every administrative capital of the empire. The issuing of imperial histories maintained and synchronised conceptions of cosmological order. At the same time the contestation over civilisational orthodoxy and the hierarchical structure of imperial rule with its moral responsibility also provided the peasantry with justifications for rebellion. Military expansion west and northward, brought tremendous ethnic and religious diversity under the rubric of imperial centralism. In the process reconfigurations of relations between the emperor, the literati, the peasantry and the imperial Other delineated the empire's cosmological borders.



The workshop brought together leading scholars to discuss aspects of long-term continuity and discontinuity, admixture, hybridity, distant connectedness, with a particular emphasis on the need to explore relations between China's long literary history and empirical studies of social phenomena in more complex and sophisticated ways.

Culture and Cognition in Asia: From Historical to Experimental Perspectives

Co-supported by John E. Fetzer Memorial Trust

11 – 12 Mar 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenor: Dr Philip Cho



Asia has, once again, become a key geographic and conceptual locus in nascent discussion and debate over culture and cognition. How can dynamically changing variations in the embodiment of cultural practices and neurocognitive plasticity be geographically situated without reverting to Asia as a stereotypical foil in a new-age bio-cultural Orientalism? This problem requires greater multidisciplinary cooperation than has existed so far. Rather than simply criticise or talk past one another for their disciplinary failings, historians, anthropologists, and cognitive neuroscientists need to work more closely together in research that is both informed and sophisticated about culture as well as experimentally rigorous about cognition.

This workshop was an important first step in bringing together leading social and cognitive scientists to critically explore emerging areas of research at the intersection of culture and cognition, particularly those in which Asian cultures form an important working category.

International Workshop on Modern Sports in Asia: Cultural Perspectives

29 – 30 Apr 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: Dr Cho Younghun and Dr Charles Leary



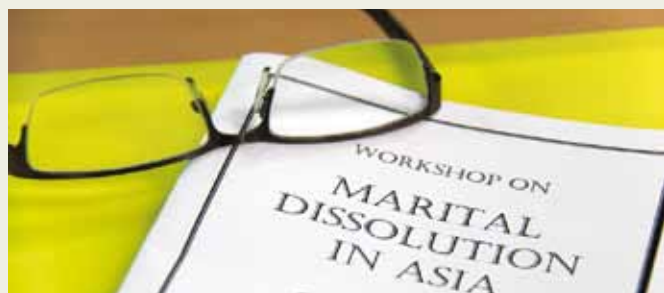
More than 25 prominent local and international scholars gathered to discuss the role of modern sports in Asian cultures, presenting original historical research as well as perspectives on the globalising dimensions of sports cultures. For example, topics included the sporting life and physical education of colonial Singapore, the transformation of traditional sports in Japan, New Zealand and Myanmar, and the impact of sports on physical culture in Asian locales such as China and Taiwan. A lively discussion offered a special contribution to the field of Asian studies, and to the history of sport as a whole. The proceedings of the workshop will be published in a special issue of a journal.

Marital Dissolution in Asia

6 – 7 May 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: Dr Premchand Dommaraju and Prof Gavin Jones

The key objective of this workshop was to bring together



evidence on recent trends in the incidence and differentials in divorce in different regions and countries of Asia, and to understand what is driving these trends. In total, 15 papers that covered 8 countries (Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan, Philippines, India and China) were presented. We also had two papers that presented data from multiple countries: one on West Asia and the other on East Asia. For all these countries and regions, up-to-date data on divorce trends were presented. The papers also examined the factors driving the trends in divorce rates in the region. These factors include changing attitudes and notions towards marriage, changing laws and gendered ideologies and religion. The workshop also had two papers that examined the consequences of divorce on women and children.

Singapore Cinemas: The Locations of Film Exhibition

Jointly organised with the National Library Singapore

22 May 2010, National Library Building, Singapore

Convenor: Dr Charles Leary



This one-day workshop was a collaborative effort supported by the National Library Board, the Singapore Heritage Society, the Singapore Art Museum, and the Asian Film Archive. The workshop was held at the National Library, with a direct view of the site of current and former landmarks of Singapore's cinema along Beach Road. Participants presented research on the diverse cinema spaces and filmgoing practices in Singapore, from the earliest screenings in Singapore to more recent cinemas of note. The workshop considered Singapore's cinema heritage while also looking to the future of filmgoing in Singapore. An engaged audience exchanged memories and ideas with presenters, making the event a workshop in the truest sense. The papers will be published as an anthology, while it is hoped that the workshop also serves as a beginning to further research.

International Conference on Economic Stress, Human Capital, and Families in Asia: Research and Policy Challenges

Jointly organised with the Family Research Network, Ministry of Community Development, Youth, and Sports (MCYS); Department of Sociology and Department of Social Work, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore; Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore; and Department of Epidemiology and Public Health (EPH), Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore
3 – 4 Jun 2010, NUS Kent Ridge Campus
Convenor: Prof Jean Yeung

The changing demographic landscape, globalisation, natural disasters, financial crises, and the revamping of social safety nets in many Asian countries in the past few decades have subjected countless people to economic stress. Job and income loss, volatile gasoline and food prices, and growing residential insecurity top the list of sources of family economic stress in recent years. Rising income inequality and decreased economic mobility in some areas are frequently reported in the mass media. The ability of families and governments to adapt to changes in the economy has long lasting implications for human capital development, intergenerational mobility, and future economic growth of a society.



This conference aimed to provide a forum for researchers, policy makers, and practitioners to share findings about the consequences of economic stress, adaptation behaviour, and the policy implications for human capital development and family well-being in Asia. The scope of this conference went beyond the impact of the current financial crisis to include the effect of economic deprivation families experience as a result of marital dissolution, low-wage employment, or trying family events and circumstances. A multidisciplinary group of scholars and experts in international organisations from sociology, economics, social work, public policy and anthropology from many Asian countries examined the various topics.

Culture and Cognition in Asia II: Performative Gesture in Religion and Science

Jointly organised with the Science, Technology, and Society Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore; and co-supported by John E. Fetzer Memorial Trust

17 Jun 2010, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: Dr Philip Cho, A/P Ng Zhiru and Dr So Wing Chee



This workshop was the second in a series exploring how cross-cultural differences in cognition and epistemology historically persist or change through learned and adaptable practices in the embodied use of tools. Cultural change and neurocognitive plasticity are the result of active human agency rather than purely passive inscription by social, technological, or biological systems. The meeting took a more "hands on" approach to the issue by focusing on performative gesture. Speakers examined how learned gestures in speech, ritual, healing and even calculation shape both communication and cognition of language, spirituality, health and mathematics.

Fatherhood in 21st Century Asia: Research, Interventions, and Policies

Jointly organised with the Dads For Life and Family Research Network, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS); and Gender Studies Minor Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
17 – 18 Jun 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenor: Prof Jean Yeung



This conference brought together researchers, policy-makers and practitioners to discuss fathers' diverse roles, and the challenges and opportunities they encounter when involved in their children's lives; and to address a range of policies and practice-based interventions related to fatherhood in Asian countries. Presenters discussed on fathers in 10 different countries, focusing on fathering across diversity, father-child relationship, father aspirations and motivations, and fatherhood in the context of migration. Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of National Development, was the Guest of Honour for the conference.

21st Conference of the International Association of Historians of Asia (IAHA)

Jointly organised with Department of History, National University of Singapore; and *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies (JSEAS)*, Singapore

22 – 25 Jun 2010, River View Hotel, Singapore

Convenor: A/P Yong Mun Cheong



Once every two years, the International Association of Historians of Asia (IAHA) organises a conference that provides a platform for Asia specialists to meet. In 2010, the IAHA assembled in Singapore.

For the 2010 conference, IAHA served as the opportunity to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies (JSEAS)*. Since its first issue in 1960, the JSEAS has grown from strength to strength. It has published many cutting-edge ideas about Southeast Asia that defined the field and anchored the interpretations. This 21st Conference also commemorated the *First International Conference of*

Southeast Asian Historians held in Singapore, 16–21 January 1961, and the *10th Conference of the IAHA* that was held in Singapore, 27–31 October 1986. At this conference the Steering Committee showcased the latest scholarly research and developments that have taken place on a wide range of Asian topics in both the humanities and social sciences. IAHA 2010 provided scholars with the opportunity of evaluating and discussing the emerging themes related to the continent with a large body of delegates from around the world.

The Nexus of Migration and Masculinity in the Asian Context

15 – 16 Jul 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Prof Brenda Yeoh and A/P Hung Cam Thai



The interface between gender and migration scholarship has been problematic for many years, especially in the last half of the twentieth century. A number of scholars have agreed that from the 1950s to the 1970s, scholarship on migration worldwide focused almost exclusively on men as the “birds of passage,” while women, children, and the elderly were seen as following in their paths. This earlier research assumed that males were more inclined and able to take risks and to journey far away in search of better job opportunities, whereas women, if they migrated at all, were depicted as emotional caretakers who accompanied men to ensure family and community stability. In the 1970s and 1980s, migration research redressed the male bias, but the pendulum shifted so far in the opposite direction that the male migrant disappeared almost to the same degree that the female migrant had previously been absent in prior decades.

This conference brought together scholars to address how men are migrant subjects, but also how men are affected when their wives, daughters, sisters and other female relatives are the migrants, while they are left behind. The aim of this conference is to examine the nexus between migration and masculinity in Asia. Papers addressed gender and migration, but with a specific focus on how men configure in migration processes, and how migration is configured into men's lives.

Transnational Labour Migration, Remittances and the Changing Family in Asia

Jointly organised with the Asian MetaCentre's CHAMPSEA project team

27 – 28 Jul 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: Dr Hoang Lan Anh and Prof Brenda Yeoh



The key objective of the workshop was to investigate how family structures and relations mediate the use and distribution of remittances sent by transnational labour migrants as well as how economic outcomes of migration trigger changes in family structures and relations. The 13 papers presented at the workshop covered a wide geographical and thematic range, revealing significant social transformations that Asian families are going through as a result of transnational labour migration. They challenge the usually taken-for-granted view of transnational labour migration as developmental and call for a critical engagement with a “transnational perspective” in understanding remittances. A selected number of workshop papers will be published in a special issue of a journal.

Opening the Black Box of Migration: Brokers and the Organisation of Transnational Mobility

Jointly organised and funded by Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT), Sweden

19 – 20 Aug 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: A/P Johan Lindquist, Dr Xiang Biao and Prof Brenda Yeoh



This workshop took the migrant broker or middleman as a starting point for investigating changing local, regional, and global regimes of transnational migration. It engaged with some major theoretical debates beyond migration studies. For example, most economists hold that brokers exist because they have the function of bridging the information gap between demand and supply, and that once the gap narrows, the agents should disappear to minimise transaction costs. In similar terms, mainstream approaches in migration studies suggest that agents are eventually replaced by migrant networks.

Governments and nongovernmental organisations often blame agents for abusing migrant rights and contributing to policy failures, and have tried hard to regulate or eradicate them, while information technology (IT) is expected to lead to a process of "disintermediation." In reality, however, business seems to be as good as ever, and IT has facilitated the proliferation instead of the elimination of intermediaries such as headhunters, law firms and consultants. Thus, a deeper, comparative, bottom-up understanding of brokers will challenge conventional wisdoms and shed new light on hidden organisational logic of the current phase of globalisation. In order to respond to why brokers have become increasingly important in current migration regimes the workshop pursued a series of empirical questions such as 1) How do brokers operate in practice, both in local and transnational terms? How are the relations between brokers structured? 2) What are brokers' relationships with a) government authorities (including individual officers of the state) b) migrants c) employers (or other third parties) d) non-governmental organisations (NGOs)? 3) How are brokers—and brokerage systems more generally—embedded in local institutions? What forms of authority, legitimacy, and trust are utilised and constituted in this process?

East Asian Perspectives on Legal Order

Jointly organised with Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore; in collaboration with the Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto; and with support from the Shibusawa Ei'ichi Memorial Foundation, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada 26 – 28 Aug 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: A/P Robbie Goh, Prof Terry Nardin and Mr P. Ernest Caldwell



The workshop brought together over 30 distinguished scholars of legal and political thought from Asia, Europe, and North America to explore the potential for non-western legal theories to advance contemporary studies of political theory while questioning many of the accepted "universals" informing such studies. Anchoring the theme of the conference, the first two papers considered conceptions of the idea of law that differ from typical Eurocentric conceptions of positive and natural law as evidenced in traditional Chinese legal terminology as well as the prospective development of East Asian legal thought. Other papers examined the complex position of religion in a legal order and the use of ritual as a legitimising agent for political authority, and the value of historical elements of constitutionalism from the Asian past was mined for contemporary constitutional debate. The conference organisers, Terry Nardin and Ernest Caldwell, are editing the papers for publication as mini-symposia in legal and political theory journals.

Global Urban Frontiers: Asian Cities in Theory, Practice and Imagination

Jointly organised with Global Asia Institute, National University of Singapore

8 – 9 Sep 2010, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: A/P Timothy Bunnell, Dr Daniel Goh, Dr Lai Chee Kien and Dr Pow Choon Piew

Over 120 people attended this event which sought to foreground ways in which urban transformations in Asia speak critically to Euro-American-centred urban theory. From 7 sessions of presentations, three main themes emerged, each of which will form the basis for a set of published papers. The first and main theme of inter-Asia urban connections and mobilities includes 10 papers which form part of a proposed special issue of *Urban Studies* to be edited by all four workshop organisers (Timothy Bunnell, Daniel Goh, C. P. Pow and Lai Chee Kien). The second and third publication plans are for journal special sections on urban informality (five papers) and on urban politics (six papers), targeting *International Development Planning Review* and *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* respectively.

Workshop on Proselytising and the Limits of Religious Pluralism in the Era of Globalisation

16 – 17 Sep 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: Dr Juliana Finucane and A/P Michael Feener



Processes of globalisation have posed new challenges and offered new opportunities for religious groups to propagate their faiths. Conversations about religious "others" in the global era have largely focused on groups that embrace an intolerant fundamentalism on the one hand or those that are committed to a more tolerant pluralism on the other. Yet many religious groups and institutions occupy a grey area between these two extremes. Papers explored this grey area through a consideration of proselytising in a number of contexts across Asia, including Indonesia, Singapore, Korea, India, and Malaysia. Proselytising—or, the attempts by one religious group or individual to encourage the conversion of others—tests the limits of religious pluralism, as it is a practice that exists on the border of tolerance and intolerance. Participants showed how religious groups have responded to global processes by adopting new and creative ways of reaching out to nonmembers through proselytising.

Forcing Issues: Re-thinking and Re-scaling Human Trafficking in the Asia-Pacific Region

Jointly organised with the Migration Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
4 – 5 Oct 2010, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: Dr Pattana Kitiarsa, Dr Sallie Yea and Dr Mika Toyota

Responding to the emphasis on human trafficking as a form of "transnational crime", as in the United Nations approach to the issue, academic research has tended to largely restrict itself to three issues. Two of these are reviews of the effectiveness of counter-trafficking policies and criminal justice responses, and critiques of the United Nations Trafficking Protocol. Although the Protocol names several forms of human trafficking, "sex trafficking" (meaning trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation) has also received far more research and popular attention than other forms of human trafficking, at least until very recently and constitutes a third research locus.

This conference explored the ways social science researchers and some NGO actors have begun to make critical contributions to understanding human trafficking and the anti-human trafficking framework through in-depth engagements with localised sites within the Asia-Pacific region. Discussion in the conference were based on, but not restricted to, the following questions: How, and how effectively, has the anti-trafficking framework impacted on "victims" and non-trafficked migrants experiences of mobility, support and justice?; What methodological and conceptual lenses, including ethnography, have been adopted with some measure of success in researching human trafficking issues?; What issues have been relatively neglected in research on human trafficking to date? Why? What contributions to our understandings – including unsettling received assumptions – can these other issues make?

Domestic Violence in Asia: The Ambiguity of Family as Private-Public Domain

Organised in collaboration with Kartini Asia Network for Women's and Gender Studies

7 – 8 Oct 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenor: Dr Maznah Mohamad



In this two-day workshop, 12 papers and three keynote addresses were delivered. There were six panels of two papers each, which delved into issues such as the Family as Site/ Source of Violence to the Deconstruction of Family in the Nexus of Religion, Culture and Law. The three keynote papers touched on the European debates on gender equality and violence, on the negotiation of cultural norms in attempts at criminalising domestic violence and on the family as public domain for transnational action and policy on domestic

violence. While the divide between private and public in the conception of family was found to be imagined, if not ideologically expedient, participants felt that the debate around this notion would still be useful as a platform for clarifying domestic violence as a form of masculinist power relation and the objectification of women through the use of physical, psychological and sexual violence in society.

Transacted Intimacy: Political Economy of International Marriages in Asia

Jointly organised with the Migration Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
14 – 15 Oct 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: Dr Melody Lu, Prof Brenda Yeoh and Dr Chee Heng Leng



Prof Lenore Lyons (University of West Australia) gave the keynote speech with a critical review of scholarship on marriage migration and highlighted the conceptual issues as well as missing links and research focus. Speakers from Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, India, Turkey and France presented 15 papers on six panels: regulating commodified intimacy; political economy of marriage migration and integration policies; political economy of care; work family and social support; remittances and transnational family relations; and negotiating racial and religious differences. Altogether these papers discuss the political, cultural and social processes that shape the contour of international marriages in Asia, and interrogate the political, economic and social structures in which love and intimacy are embodied.

How Safe is Safe? Evaluating Migration Channels for Women Migrants

Jointly organised with Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore; and Asia Pacific Centre, University of New England, Australia

25 – 26 Nov 2010, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore

Convenors: Dr Melody Lu, Dr Theresa W. Devasahayam and Dr Amarjit Kaur

This workshop interrogated the discourses, regulations, and practices of "safe migration" dominant in the migration policy today that assumes that documented channels of migration provide unsurpassed legal protection to migrants. The objective was to bring together researchers, civil society organisations, faith-based groups and others working on international mobility to evaluate to what extent the documented migration channels empower or disempower, and in turn, marginalise female migrants.

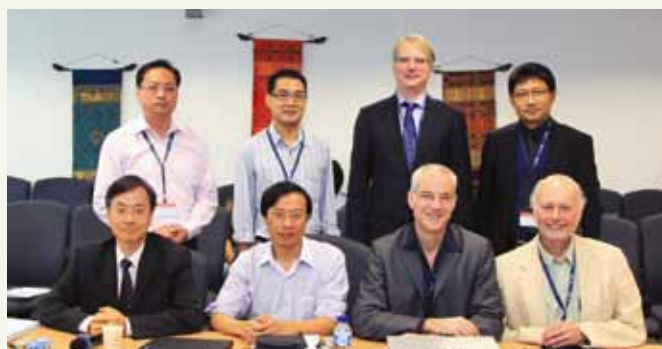
In total 20 papers were presented in seven thematic and country-specific panels. They addressed various problems that arise at different stages of the migratory process, namely,

pre-departure, recruitment, migration regimes in the host countries, trafficking and return. Many papers argued that while many migrant protection mechanisms indeed provide better protection to migrants, some mechanisms make migration more costly and migrants more vulnerable. In order to better protect migrants, it is necessary to coordinate the protection mechanisms at every step of the migration process, and to address the gaps and contradictions between mechanisms proposed or enforced by various actors.

Daoist Ritual and Chinese Popular Religion: Historical Interactions and Regional Differentiation

2 – 3 Dec 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: A/P Liang Yongjia and Prof Kenneth Dean



This conference explored the relationships between Daoist ritual and Chinese popular religion, moving beyond general discussions of the applicability of Axial age transitions in early Chinese religion to the study of specific historical transitions in the early modern age. Speakers from Canada, United States, China, Hong Kong and Singapore examined the integration of the classical sacrificial system of Chinese popular religion with Daoist ritual, and traced the various interactions between Daoist ritual and local regional cultures from the Song onwards, over different regions of southern China and Southeast Asia, from Zhejiang, Hunan, Fujian and Guangdong, to Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore. Several presenters showed the ethnographic films they produced. The conference opened up the field to comparative analysis of popular religion, relating to the study of processes of globalisation of religion by demonstrating the transnational spread and networks of popular Chinese religion.

Inter-Asian Connections II

Jointly organised and co-sponsored by The Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (HKIHSS), University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong; and the Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

8 – 10 Dec 2010, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: Prof Prasenjit Duara and Prof Brenda Yeoh



This conference hosted concurrent workshops, coordinated by individual directors and showcased innovative research from across the social sciences and related disciplines. Workshops focused on themes of particular relevance to Asia, reconceptualised as a dynamic and interconnected historical, geographical, and cultural formation stretching from the Middle East through Eurasia and South Asia, to East Asia.

The conference structure and schedule were designed to enable intensive "working group" interactions on a specific research theme, as well as broader interactions on topics of mutual interest and concern. Accordingly, the concluding day of the conference brought all the conference participants together for a public presentation and exchange of research agendas that emerged over the course of the conference deliberations. The keynote address was delivered by Ackbar Abbas (Professor of Comparative Literature, University of California – Irvine) on "Poor Theory' and Asian Cultural Practices", a plenary was delivered by Philip A. Kuhn (the Francis Lee Higginson Professor of History and of East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Emeritus, Harvard University) on "China and Chineseness: Civilisation as Historical Storehouse", and a plenary was devoted to "Electronic Media and Academic Interaction among Scholars in Asia" by Paul H. Kratoska (Managing Director, NUS Press) and Michael Duckworth, (Publisher, Hong Kong University Press).

Religious Studies in Asia

Jointly organised with the Religion Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore

16 – 18 Dec 2010, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: A/P Robbie Goh, Dr Andrea Marion Pinkney, A/P Tan Sor Hoon and A/P John Whalen-Bridge

The workshop brought together speakers to discuss the evolution of Religious Studies in Asia, focusing on conditions specific to particular countries and educational systems in South, East, and Southeast Asia. Invited scholars each presented a completed essay at the workshop. The editors will work toward a strong collection of essays on the subject. The volume is not intended to be a country-by-country survey of Religious Studies programmes and research. Ideally, each essay will ground one or more abstract/theoretical concerns, involving critical exploration of normative issues as well as empirical studies, within a more concrete/historical context.

ASIA TRENDS 2010



Asia Trends 2010 took on a different format from previous years, from a one-day conference with different panels each organised by an ARI cluster to a series of five evening seminars while retaining the overall Asia Trends branding focusing on a theme relevant to a cluster that organised it. Each session also newly incorporated a Singapore dimension, though set within a broader Asia. The new format has been successful in reaching out to the specific group of audience (some more policy oriented, others more specialty interest group, yet others the “general public”) of each cluster.

Asia Trends 2010 was co-organised with the Singapore National Library Board and was held in the National Library Building from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Wednesday evenings. The seminars can be accessed and downloaded via *YouTube* and *iTunesU* for viewing or listening on the go.

Charisma and Compassion: A Genealogy of NGO-ness from Taiwan to the Globe

7 Apr 2010

Organised by the Religion and Globalisation in Asian Contexts Cluster

Dr C. Julia Huang, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan
Dr Juliana Finucane, Asia Research Institute, NUS

Green Urbanism: How Does Singapore Compare?

21 Apr 2010

Organised by the Asian Urbanisms Cluster

Prof Peter Newman, Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute, Curtin University of Technology, Australia; and Department of Architecture, National University of Singapore
Dr Paul Barter, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS

Lifelines: The Ethics of Blood Banking for Family and Beyond

5 May 2010

Prof Aihwa Ong, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, USA; and Asia Research Institute, NUS
Dr Catelijne Coopmans, Department of Sociology, NUS

Voices in the Gap: Media and Culture in China's Era of Transition

12 May 2010

Mr David Bandurski, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR
Ms Tania Lim, Independent Scholar, Singapore

Families, Children and Domestic Workers in Contemporary Asia

26 May 2010

Prof Raka Ray, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, USA
Dr Teo You Yenn, Division of Sociology, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Charisma and Compassion: A Genealogy of NGO-ness from Taiwan to the Globe

C. Julia Huang, Associate Professor of Anthropology, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan

Since 1990 the Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation of Taiwan has both influenced and characterised Taiwan itself. The largest philanthropic volunteer association in Taiwan, Tzu Chi claims over six million members worldwide. Its foundation controls enormous assets, operating a TV station, modern hospitals, and a secular university. It has earned the United Nations' recognition as a Non-Governmental Organisation and its leader, the Venerable Cheng Yen, has received many international awards.

Tzu Chi's success emerges amidst the socio-political transformation of post-war Taiwan, which has been marked by the expansion of the increasingly active and plural NGO sector. It should be examined both globally and against the genealogy of NGOs in Taiwan although it has practised humanitarian services as a lawful civil association in Taiwan since the 1960s—four decades before “coming out” as an NGO and

before the term NGO became common in Taiwan. How Tzu Chi has been situated in the public sphere in Taiwan and globally is intertwined with the formation of a modern Taiwanese cultural identity, so much so that it has become possible to claim that there is something intrinsically “Taiwanese” about Tzu Chi. As Taiwan modernised, Tzu Chi changed from a grassroots organisation to a global NGO; its organised charity is one of Taiwan’s religious responses to capitalism. On the other hand, both government and society attempt to re-territorialise Tzu Chi, even as it expands globally. The more active Tzu Chi is on the global stage, the more it clarifies the locality of Taiwan and the more irony it casts on Taiwan’s ambiguous nation-statehood.

Green Urbanism: How Does Singapore Compare?

Peter Newman, Professor of Sustainability, Curtin University of Technology; and National University of Singapore

Green urbanism is a way to describe settlements that are smart, secure and sustainable. They are smart in that they are able to adapt to the new technologies of the 21st century, secure in that they have built-in systems that enable them to respond to extreme events as well as being built to last, and sustainable in that they are part of the solution to the big questions of sustainability, such as climate change, peak oil, and biodiversity. Globally, there are seven features of green urbanism that are emerging. These are: the renewable energy city, the carbon-neutral city, the distributed city, the biophilic city, the eco-efficient city, the place-based city and the sustainable transport city. Green urbanism for the city of the future is becoming an agenda that cannot be neglected as the global concerns accelerate over climate change, peak oil, water, waste, biodiversity and urban quality of life. Green urbanism offers ways of solving all these problems together. However, there is a need for infrastructure to support the seven city types outlined if any city is to respond to these concerns. Examples have been provided of how each agenda is underway; however, no city has begun to work equally on all seven areas. Singapore is developing as something of a model in the Asian context and the illustrations of how it appears to be applying the principles of green urbanism have been generated from a recent study of Singapore by the author with 27 postgraduate students from the National University of Singapore. Singapore has shown leadership in the Asian region on some of these issues but for it to continue to be a 21st century model it will need to adopt some of these emerging paradigms more extensively.

Lifelines: The Ethics of Blood Banking for Family and Beyond

Aihwa Ong, Professor of Socio-cultural Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley; and National University of Singapore

In the brave new world of blood banking, the speculative promise of future stem-cell cures, derived from publicly and privately stored tissues, is hedged against biological risks of pandemic diseases that threaten the nation and parental fears

and responsibilities for children’s health. Good citizenship on Singapore’s biopolis has begun to entail donating cord blood as a national resource to defend against uniquely “Asian” diseases. Umbilical cord blood is also the tie that binds family and kinship lines that are tethered to an imagined racial motherland to form transnational blood communities. The banking of an infant’s blood, like the collecting of ancestral ghosts, is a new practice among affluent Chinese who link the ethical decisions they make to safeguard their children’s health with re-membering the umbilical cord that connects them back to the motherland. As the popularity of public and private blood banking grows to pervade everyday life, it will increasingly shape and articulate ethical and pragmatic dispositions at the intersection of family, nation, and ethnicity.

Voices in the Gap: Media and Culture in China’s Era of Transition

David Bandurski, Award-winning freelance journalist and researcher, China Media Project (CMP), University of Hong Kong

International reporting on China often suggests a repressive media environment marked by crackdowns and tightening of control and only sporadically punctuated by “surprises of boldness.” The full picture is of course far more complicated. China’s media policy has shifted over the past 30 years, from “supervision of public opinion” to a more proactive post-1989 “guidance of public opinion”, to a recent focus on “public opinion channelling” in which resources of commercial media are used—in addition to traditional controls—to influence public opinion. Most journalism in the West do not properly engage the recent emergence of a diverse variety of “voices in the gap” that uproot the officially endorsed narrative.

The 2008 social unrests in Tibet were internally seen as media policy failure exactly because the international press continued their reporting even though local access and news coverage were strictly controlled. Learning from this experience, after the 17th National Congress of the Communist Party of China held in 2007, a consensus emerged that in order to strengthen the international influence of Chinese culture China needs to raise its communication capacity overseas. This high-budget push for cultural “soft power” has since enlarged the rift between supporters and critical “voices in the gap” who believe that soft power can or should not be created by executive order. What is crucial for China’s long-term development and its image internationally is more openness in cultural policy and more freedom for professional news media in China.

Families, Children and Domestic Workers in Contemporary Asia

Raka Ray, Professor of Sociology and South and Southeast Asia Studies, University of California, Berkeley

Domestic workers are unlike any other kind of worker. If the home is the place where we expect security, affection, trust and loyalty to govern, what happens when one person's home is another person's workplace? And second, what impact does the reliance on paid domestic labour have on society? Compared with other work, the substance and texture of the relationship between domestic worker and employer is (i) shaped more by custom and ties of obligation rather than contracts, (ii) sustained by marked social differences and (iii) it is both spatially intimate, yet socially distant. In Asian societies this relationship has been governed in the past by what may be called "the rhetoric of love", a discourse which, though hierarchical, was also familial. Today, this is partially offset, both by employers and workers, by

the rhetoric of an increasingly contractual relationship. Yet we discover that what employers appear to want is a contract that stipulates loyalty but demands affection.

What effect does the institution of paid domestic work have on society? While the institution of paid domestic labour produces cleanliness, meals and childcare, it also produces class, gender and racial hierarchy. In small gestures and unspoken moments, children learn to normalise privileges and hierarchal orders in subtle ways. As domestic workers are foreign or come from another social group, their race/group comes to be associated with this low prestige occupation and therefore becomes socially inferior. Gender hierarchies are learned through the fact that domestic work is still seen as women's work. In this way, the maintenance of the institution of paid domestic work leads to the reproduction of hierarchies in societies. It produces a *culture of servitude* through which relations of domination, dependency, and hierarchy are normalised.

INTER-ASIA ROUNDTABLE 2010

Transnational Migration and Children in Asian Contexts

2 – 3 Aug 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Dr Lai Ah Eng and Prof Brenda Yeoh

While not always given significant attention, transnational migration in Asia has long affected the lives of children in complex and multi-faceted ways. With globalisation, the increasing speed and volume of Asian migration and the multiplicity of migration pathways have meant that issues raised are rapidly becoming part of the experience of childhoods and children's lives. ARI's second *Inter-Asia Roundtable 2010* on *Transnational Migration and Children in Asian Contexts* took up the challenge of developing critical accounts of children in migratory circumstances which capture the diversity of experiences in Asia. Five panels based on specific themes, each with a keynote paper and commentary, were organised: children left behind by migrant parents, children migrating for work, children migrating for education, trafficked children, and international adoption of children. Their discussions identified many significant/emerging trends and generated useful viewpoints. Two themes – trafficked children and the transnational adoption of children – are discussed below.

Child Trafficking

In child trafficking for prostitution, forced labour, child marriage and other slavery-like conditions, the largest number of victims is believed to come from South and Southeast Asia, with regional differences arising from ethnic, religious and cultural factors. The increase in international trafficking of children in the 1980s led to the 1989 Convention of the Rights of the

Child (CROC) which recognises the unique vulnerabilities of children in relation to trafficking and the state's responsibility to protect them.

Susan Kneebone's paper "Trafficking in Children in South and Southeast Asia: More Degrees of Separation Needed" critically reviewed the conceptual frameworks and methodological approaches to researching child trafficking in Asia, and argued that much of the problems lies in the uncertainty and confusion over the notions of "child", "childhood" and the role of the "family" in Asian contexts, and the depiction of trafficked persons as "victims" with no agency and situated between "vulnerability and deviance" rather than "survival and exploitation". Furthermore the so-called "Asian values" such as filial piety and responsibility as much as gender inequality in many societies are associated with increases in trafficking of children, particularly girls. The paper also examined policy responses, such as the 2001 Trafficking Protocol and on "recovery and reintegration" programmes, arguing that the Protocol's focus on prostitution fails to deal with the various issues of trafficking of children separately and has tainted programmes with a criminal justice "reform" approach – this in turn affects reintegration into family and community, while some programmes are inappropriately focused, such as detention shelters.

The Transnational Adoption of Children

Since the late 1960s, the transnational adoption of children has emerged as a global phenomenon, particularly from the Global South to the Global North. Asian children figure prominently in the worldwide "diaper diaspora". Peter Selman's paper "Transnational Adoption of Children from Asia in the Twenty

First Century" offered a historical tracing of the adoption of Asian children from various Asian countries (Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, India, China) by parents in Western Europe and North America in the aftermath of World War 2 and since the 1950s. It also examined those countries where concerns have been raised about child trafficking and illicit procedures, and current issues in the light of discussions at The Hague Special Commission in June 2010.

Many salient issues arise from this phenomenon of international adoption that has received both positive and negative reactions. The greatest good for the greatest number are posed by supporters vis-à-vis the risks and deprivation of adoptees' opportunities to knowledge and access to birth families and ethnic-cultural-national origins and heritages as posed by critics. While adoptive families immediately benefit, for birth families it is a loss and many birth families relinquish their children only under severe economic, social and cultural circumstances. Arguably, international adoption can only be an immediate but not long term solution for sending countries, but if so what alternative placements can be adopted for children and those who need a family? Also, Asian sending countries need to ensure that transnational adoption is carried out according to

the principles of the Hague Convention. For adopted children, do they need to/how to access their cultural and ethnic roots? What aspects of open adoption advocated by practitioners can be introduced in inter-country adoption and what are the risks and benefits? Finally, attention needs to be paid to the lucrative and largely unregulated business of facilitating adoption and to the greater role that Asian countries can play in protecting the best interests of Asian adoptees.

In conclusion, the *Roundtable on Transnational Migration and Children in Asian Contexts* examined many key themes and surfaced both timely and ground-breaking issues of conceptualisation, methodology, content and policy in an area well known but little researched in Asia. It also served as a clear reminder to academics, government, civil society and communities to include the positions, roles and lived experiences of children in their work.

The summary of papers and panel discussions will be published in a policy brief booklet, which will be available free of charge in due course. Those who are interested please contact ARI at arisec@nus.edu.sg.

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, including scholars 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.

In 2010, the Asia Research Institute partnered the Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM) in Singapore to introduce a new series of joint lectures for the general public and local academic community. The first of this new ARI-ACM lecture series was launched in November 2010. ARI and ACM plan to co-organise two or three public talks each year.

China's Century of Revolutions

Venue sponsored by Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore
Prof Wang Gungwu, National University of Singapore
 12 Jan 2010, Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore

ARI-MBRAS Lecture - Like a Shady Tree Swept by the Windstorm: Reconstructing the Modern Malay Through Social Texts of Dissent

Jointly organised with Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society (MBRAS)
Dr Maznah Mohamad, National University of Singapore
 25 Sep 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

ARI-ACM Lecture - Colonial Nostalgia or Postcolonial Anxiety: Contemporary Taiwanese Perceptions of Japan

Jointly organised with Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore
A/P Leo Ching, National University of Singapore; and Duke University, USA
 24 Nov 2010, Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore

ARI SEMINAR SERIES, 2010

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.

19 Jan 2010

Singapore's Casinos and Their Cross-border Significance

Dr Derek da Cunha, Independent Scholar, Singapore

20 Jan 2010

Debating the China Model

Jointly organised with NUS Business School, East Asian Institute and Office of the Deputy President (Research and Technology), NUS

Prof Huang Yasheng, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

26 Jan 2010

Beneath the Separatist War: Spaces of Survival in Northern Sri Lanka

Prof Nihal Perera, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Ball State University, Indiana, USA

9 Feb 2010

Asia Redux: Conceptualising the Region for Our Times

Prof Prasenjit Duara, Office of the Deputy President (Research and Technology); and Department of History, NUS

23 Feb 2010

Gender Disparity in Child Health in India: Does Place Matter?

Dr Santosh Jatrana, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Otago, New Zealand

2 Mar 2010

The Changing Demography of Marriage in India

Dr Premchand Dommaraju, Asia Research Institute, NUS

9 Mar 2010

Roundtable - What is "Science and Technology Studies" (STS) and Why Does it Matter to Asia?

A/P Gregory Clancey, Asia Research Institute and Department of History, NUS

Prof V.V. Krishna, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Dr Kim Tae-Ho, Asia Research Institute, NUS

Dr John Dimoia, Department of History, NUS

Dr Catelijne Coopmans, Department of Sociology, NUS

16 Mar 2010

Ethnic Differences in Cardiovascular Responses to Stress: Cultural and Genetic Factors

Prof George D. Bishop, Department of Psychology, NUS

23 Mar 2010

Peasants Go to New York

Prof Song Ping, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Xiamen University, China

30 Mar 2010

Imaging a Buddhist State: A Sinitic Materialisation of the Aśoka Myth in Tenth-century Southeast China

A/P Zhiru Ng, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Pomona College, USA

13 Apr 2010

Making a Spectacle: A Conversation

Mr Ivan Heng, WILD RICE, Singapore

20 Apr 2010

Asian Biotech: Ethics and Communities of Fate

Prof Aihwa Ong, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of California at Berkeley, USA

27 Apr 2010

Alternative Alterities: Stranger-kingship and Cosmocracy of Nanzhao and Dali Kingdoms, Southwest China

Dr Liang Yongjia, Asia Research Institute, NUS

4 May 2010

Forbidden Intimacies: Inter-marriage and the Politics of Religion, Race, and Masculinity in Colonial Burma

Dr Chie Ikeya, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, NUS

11 May 2010

Researching Human Trafficking: Searching for the Victims

Prof Susan Kneebone, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Monash University, Australia

25 May 2010

Hugo Grotius, the Portuguese, and Free Trade in the East Indies: New Perspectives on an Old Manuscript

A/P Peter Borschberg, Department of History, NUS

1 Jun 2010

Politics+Space: Periurbanisation Redux

A/P Abidin Kusno, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of British Columbia, Canada

8 Jun 2010

Never an Asian Tiger: Thailand's Late-colonial Economy and Some of Its Consequences

Dr Michael Montesano, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore

15 Jun 2010

Globopolis Versus Cosmopolis: Alternative Paradigms for Livable Cities in Asia

Prof Michael Douglass, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Hawai'i, USA

11 Aug 2010

Mapping Singapore's Religious Spaces: Using GIS Technologies to Trace the Networks

Prof Kenneth Dean, Asia Research Institute and Department of Chinese Studies, NUS; and McGill University, Canada

17 Aug 2010

Southern Perspectives on Policy Drivers in International Migration: Towards Deconstruction of Mutations in the Global Governance of Human Mobility

Prof Binod Khadria, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

24 Aug 2010

Renaissance and Resistance: Buddhist Learning in Colonial Colombo

A/P Anne M. Blackburn, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Cornell University, USA

7 Sep 2010

Mobile-ising: Democracy, Organisation and India's First "Mass Mobile Phone" Elections

Prof Robin Jeffrey, Asia Research Institute and Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS; Australian National University and La Trobe University, Australia

14 Sep 2010

Revolutionary Romance in Singapore and British Malaya: From Chin Peng to Spencer Chapman

Dr Yao Souchou, University of Sydney, Australia

21 Sep 2010

The Bright Side of Life: Crucifying Oneself in Pampanga

Dr Julius Bautista, Asia Research Institute and Southeast Asian Studies Programme, NUS

28 Sep 2010

Transiting in Malang: Chinese Indonesians (1940s-1960s)

Prof Melani Budianta, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Indonesia, Indonesia

5 Oct 2010

Changing Sociolinguistic Profile in Singapore: Language Maintenance and Language Shift in a Multilingual Society

Prof Eddie C. Y. Kuo, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

12 Oct 2010

From Sibling-facilitated Mobility to Parent-facilitated Mobility: Changing Family Relations and Social Mobility in Contemporary China

Dr Q. Forrest Zhang, Singapore Management University, Singapore

19 Oct 2010

Raising the Stakes: New Intersections of Baudrillard's Strategy and Feminist Theory

Dr Ingrid Hoofd, Asia Research Institute and Department of Communications and New Media Programme, NUS

26 Oct 2010

Việt Nam's Growing Pains: Film and Cultural Educational Development

A/P Mariam Lam, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of California at Riverside, USA

1 Nov 2010

Becoming Religiously Hip: Middle Class Muslims in Indonesian Pop Culture

A/P Ariel Heryanto, Australian National University, Australia

9 Nov 2010

Roundtable – Performance Studies IV: On Screen Performance

Mr Lim How Ngean, Theatre Studies Programme, NUS
Dr David Teh, Department of English Language and Literature, NUS
Dr Jacqueline Elfick, Department of Sociology, NUS

23 Nov 2010

Exploring Universal Aspects of Transnational Relationships Between Migrants and Non-migrants

Dr Jørgen Carling, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Sweden

30 Nov 2010

Roundtable – Immigration Policy Debates in Singapore: Sustainability and Integration

Mr Eugene K. B. Tan, Singapore Management University, Singapore
Dr Leong Chan-Hoong, Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS
Dr Vincent Wijesingha, Transient Workers Count Too, Singapore

STUDY GROUPS

While ARI seminars are designed to address a wide academic audience, ARI also acts as host to a variety of study groups, bringing together NUS scholars and others to discuss interdisciplinary issues. There are four country-based groups that provide the nucleus 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 2010.

Study Group on Myanmar-Thailand

Convenors:

Dr Maitrii Victoriano Aung Thwin, Department of History, NUS

Dr Titima Suthiwan, Centre for Language Studies, NUS

16 Apr 2010

A History of Myanmar Film, ca. 1920-2010

Mr Kyi Soe Tun, Filmmaker

30 Jul 2010

The Knowledge Trap: Examining the Rhetoric and Practice of HIV Prevention in Burma/Myanmar

Ms Gillian Fletcher, La Trobe University, Australia

Study Group on Indochina

Convenors:

Prof Ian Charles Harris, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Cumbria, UK (Till 31 August 2010)

Dr Hoang Lan Anh, Asia Research Institute, NUS (Till 31 December 2010)

Dr Alfred Montoya, Asia Research Institute, NUS (From 12 October 2010)

1 Feb 2010

Young Lao Migrants in Migration Destinations: Negotiating Structures and Position in the Workshop

Mr Roy Huijsmans, Durham University, UK

1 Mar 2010

The King and the Rebellious Monk: Buddhism and Political Conflict in Cambodia

Prof Ian Harris, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Cumbria, UK

19 Mar 2010

The Reappearance of the Nam Tien Narrative in Recent Vietnamese Historiography

A/P Bruce Lockhart, Department of History, NUS

4 Nov 2010

A Neoliberal Humanitarianism? HIV/AIDS and the Economy of Virtue in Vietnam

Dr Alfred Montoya, Asia Research Institute, NUS

1 Dec 2010

Debt, Virginity Sale and Prostitution in the Mekong Delta: The Power Dynamics Between the Mother and Daughters in the Family

Mr Nicolas Lainez, Asia Research Institute, NUS; Research Institute of Contemporary Southeast Asia, Thailand; and Ecole Française d'Extreme-Orient, Cambodia

Study Group on Indonesia

Convenors:

Dr Jamie Davidson, Department of Political Science, NUS (Till 30 June 2010)

Dr Michelle Miller, Asia Research Institute, NUS (From 5 April 2010)

Dr Ronit Ricci, Asia Research Institute, NUS (Till 8 January 2010)

Dr Douglas Kammen, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, NUS (From 13 August 2010)

6 Oct 2010

Changing Representations of Kartosuwiryo (1950s to 2000s)

Dr Chiara Formichi, Asia Research Institute, NUS

11 Nov 2010

From Backstage to Frontstage: Place-making, Protests and the Empowerment of the Urban Poor

Dr Rita Padawangi, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS

25 Nov 2010

Policy Implications of Regional Autonomy for Indonesian Cities

Dr Michelle Miller, Asia Research Institute, NUS

Study Group on Malaysia

Convenors:

Dr Maznah Mohamad, Asia Research Institute and Department of Malay Studies, NUS

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

31 Mar 2010

A Film Screening and Dialogue with Filmmaker, Mansor Puteh

Mr Mansor Puteh, Columbia University, USA

20 May 2010

The Politics of Reformasi: Independent Filmmakers Re-imagine Citizenship in Malaysian Gods and Project 15Malaysia

Dr Khoo Gaik Cheng, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Australian National University, Australia

29 June 2010

Popular Islamic Novels of Indonesia and Malaysia: A Preliminary Exploration

Dr Mohd. Zariat Abdul Rani, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia

29 Jul 2010

The Assassination of Henry Gurney and the Case of Tras New Village and the Malayan Emergency (1948-1960)

Mr Tan Teng Phee, National Library Board, Singapore

10 Aug 2010

Roundtable - Searching for 'Justice': Syariah Law Implementation in a Multicultural Society

Ms Norhayati Kaprawi, Sisters in Islam, Malaysia
Dr Suzaina Kadir, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS
A/P Noor Aisha Abdul Rahman, Department of Malay Studies, NUS

OTHER EVENTS

29 Sep 2010

Minority Rights and Democratic Subjectivity in India: Key Questions and Challenges

Mr Bishnu N. Mohapatra, Ford Foundation, India

Asian Migration Cluster Seminars

1 Feb 2010

Young Lao Migrants in Migration Destinations: Negotiating Structures and Position in the Workshop

Mr Roy Huijsmans, Durham University, UK

Asian Urbanisms Cluster Seminars

4 Feb 2010

Emerging Asian Urbanisms: Local Voices and Spatial Stories

Prof Nihal Perera, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Ball State University, USA

17 Mar 2010

Public Space and Public Life in the Indian City – A Case Study of Bangalore

Ms Salila Vanka, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, USA; and Asia Research Institute, NUS

30 Jun 2010

Film Screening – Dancing in the Park: Hanoi at Its Millennium

Prof Michael Douglass, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Hawai'i, USA

21 Jul 2010

Singaporean Hawker Centres: Past, Present, and Future

Ms Elizabeth Bennett, Asia Research Institute, NUS

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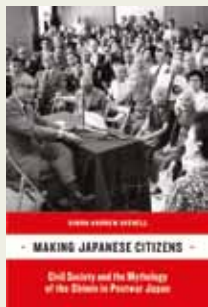
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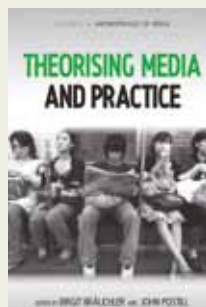
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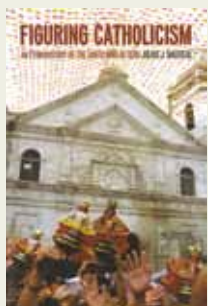
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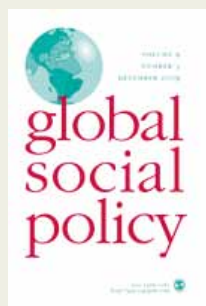
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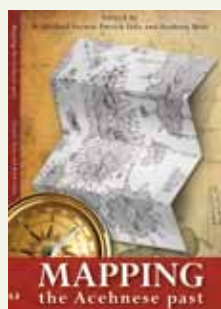
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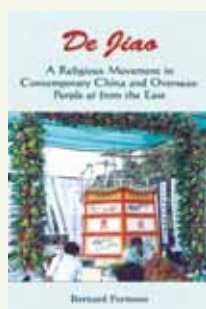
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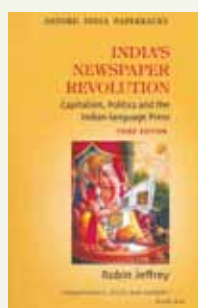
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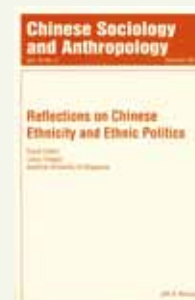
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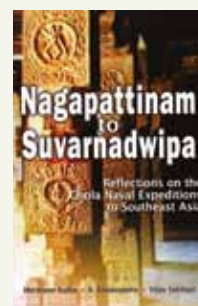
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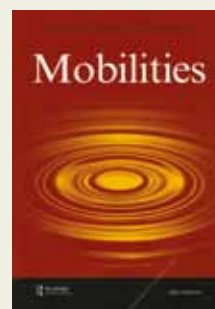
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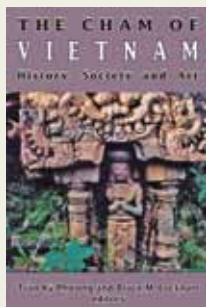
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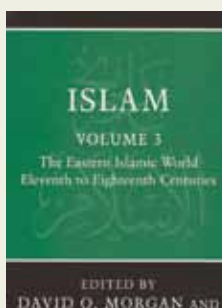
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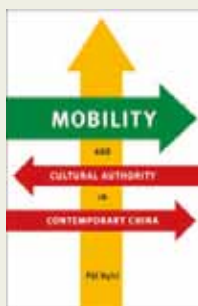
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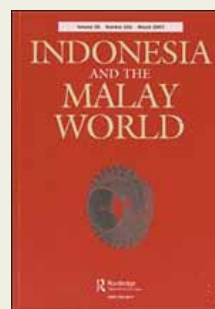
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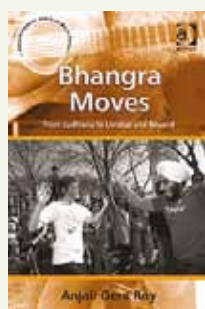
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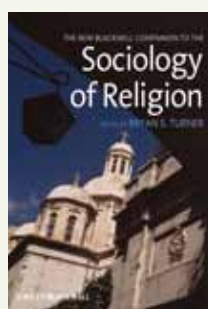
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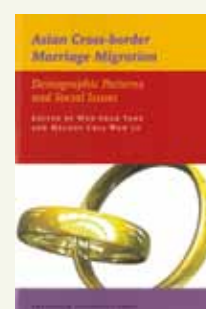
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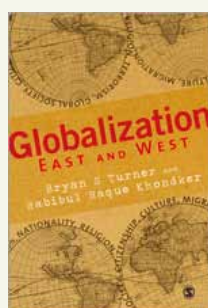
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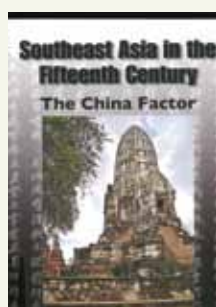
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ARI RECOGNITION



AWARDS AND HONOURS

Professor Chua Beng Huat was appointed to the Advisory Board of *Asian Studies Review*, the official journal of the Australian Association of Asian Studies in September 2010.

A/P Michael Feener was awarded the NUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Research Award – Excellent Researcher category, 2010. He was also appointed Visiting Chair, Institut d'Études de l'Islam et des Sociétés du Monde Musulman by the L'École des Haute Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Paris, for the period 2010 to 2011.

A/P Robbie Goh was awarded the NUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Excellent Teaching Award, 2010.

Dr Ingrid Hoofd was awarded the Annual Teaching Excellence Award (ATEA) in May 2010 for faculty members who display high level of commitment to their teaching for the year under review.

Dr Lai Ah Eng was appointed Consultant, HDB Advisory Panel for the year 2010 to 2012 and a member of the Community Engagement Programme (CEP), Arts and Media Cluster, Ministry of Information and the Arts for 2008-2010.

Dr Maznah Mohamad was appointed Member of the Academic Advisory Committee for the Asian University of Women based in Chittagong, Bangladesh on 23 March 2010.

Prof Ong Aihwa was appointed Chair of the US National Committee for Pacific Science Association and President-Elect for the Society for East Asian Anthropology, American Anthropological Association in 2010.

Professor Brenda Yeoh was appointed Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS, on 1 January 2010.

Professor Jean Yeung Wei-Jun was appointed member of the University Senate Delegacy, National University of Singapore, in 2010. She also became Secretary/Treasurer of the Section of Children and Youth, American Sociological Association, USA, 2008-2010.

KEYNOTES AND PLENARIES

Chua Beng Huat

"Global Capitalism, Middle Class and the Shape of the New Mega Cities of the Region", *International Conference on Civic Spaces*, University of Indonesia and University of British Columbia, Depok, Jakarta, Indonesia, 4 August 2010.

Clancey, Gregory

"Perspectives on Technology: Towards a History of Emergency", Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Germany, April 2010.

Duara, Prasenjit

"Translating Religion and Secularism in China", Workshop on *Religion, Secularism and Modernity in Asia*, St Catherine's College, Cambridge University, 18 February 2010.

"Is There a Post-Western Modernity? Writing Histories in a Changing World Order", *PostNationalism and Cosmopolitanism*, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, 1-3 November 2010.

"Sustainability and the Crisis of Transcendence" (20 November 2010) and "The Historical Roots of Secularism in China" (22 November 2010), Indian Thinkers Series *From West Heavens*

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"Transnational Mobilities and the Making of Creative Cities", *Pacific Worlds in Motion: Mobile Identities*, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 2 June 2010.

"China/Geography in the 21st Century: A Cultural (Geographical) Revolution?", *China and the Future of Human Geography*, Guangzhou, China, 26-28 August 2010.

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Krishna, Venni V.

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SUPPORT FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDIES



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The interns traditionally were from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. ARI expanded its reach for interns internationally and collaborated from 2008 onwards with the University of British Columbia.

From 2010, ARI collaborated with the International Alliance of Research Universities to bring in interns. A student from the University of California at Berkeley participated in the programme that year. In 2009, ARI worked out a means by which senior undergraduates from the NUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) could participate in the FASS' Undergraduate Research Opportunity Programme (UROP) by undertaking a research internship at ARI. In 2010, ARI attracted two students under the UROP to assist ARI researchers in their projects.

In total, ARI provided internship opportunities in 2010 to the following six interns.

Sachi Alita Takahashi-Rial

University of California at Berkeley
23 May – 17 Jul 2010

Sze Pang Ching, Alfred

Chinese University of Hong Kong
14 Jun – 6 Aug 2010

Lee Xin Ying

National University of Singapore
2 Aug – 4 Dec 2010

Yeung Lap Ming, Brian

Chinese University of Hong Kong
14 Jun – 30 Jul 2010

Zhang Kejia, Hogan

Chinese University of Hong Kong
14 Jun – 6 Aug 2010

Chia Pei Zhu, Pam

National University of Singapore
2 Aug – 4 Dec 2010

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

A number of NUS PhD scholarships have been allotted to ARI, although administration, coursework and assessment of graduate students remain with the relevant departments.

In 2010, two students graduated, bringing the total number of graduates on ARI's PhD scholarships programme to four since the start of the programme. Nineteen students remained on ARI scholarships, supervised in ARI through different departments.

Graduated

Wong Wai Wee

PhD (Southeast Asian Studies)

Lim Poh Im

PhD (Architecture)

On-going Studies

Didi Kwartanada

Department of History

Zhou Wei

Department of Sociology

Jun Guarin Cayron

Southeast Asian Studies Programme

Alice Nah Han Yuong

Department of Sociology

Maria Andrea Medina Soco

Department of Geography

Joseph Nathan Cruz

Department of Sociology

Jayeel Serrano Cornelio

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Kim Ji Youn

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Stefani Haning Swarati Nugroho

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Tan Lee Ooi

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Fan Xue

Department of Chinese Studies

Claire Lee Seung Eun

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JOINT HYI-NUS DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Since June 2009, ARI has been one of the principal NUS partners in the Joint Scholarship Programme (JSP) for PhD Studies in the fields of East and Southeast Asian Studies with the Harvard Yenching Institute (HYI) in the United States. Under this programme, successful candidates from HYI partner

universities in Southeast Asia will be enrolled in an NUS PhD course and be co-supported by the HYI-NUS doctoral scholarship. Students may spend up to one and a half years of their 4½-year candidature at Harvard University or other US universities.

GRADUATE AND OTHER TEACHING AT NUS

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Member of supervisory committee for 2 PhD students, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

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Chua Beng Huat: Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught SC 5770 Graduate Research Seminar.

Supervised 2 PhD students, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Supervised 1 PhD student, Cultural Studies in Asia Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Member of thesis committee for 3 PhD students, Departments of Cultural Studies; Southeast Asian Studies; Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Clancey, Gregory: IARU Summer School, under the auspices of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught GEM titled "Urban Asia".

Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught HY 2232 Samurai to Sony: The History of Modern Japan.

Supervised 1 PhD student, Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Feener, Michael: Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught HY1101E Asia in the Modern World; and HY2255 Islam in World History.

Supervised 1 Honours student, Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

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Supervised 6 MA and 3 PhD students, Department of Communications and New Media, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Jones, Gavin: Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, co-taught SC2208 Population and Society; and SC6880 Demographic Transition: Facts and Theory.

Supervised 2 PhD students, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Kong, Lily: Supervised 1 MSocSc student and 1 PhD student, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Mohamad, Maznah: Southeast Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught SE5660 Independent Studies: Film Censorship and Islam in Malaysia.

Department of Malay Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught MS1102E Malays – Tradition, Conflict and Change; and MS3211 Gender in Malay Societies.

Member of thesis committee for 2 PhD students, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Yeoh Saw Ai, Brenda: Supervised 3 MA and 4 PhD students, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

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Supervised 2 MA students and 1 PhD student, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

GRADUATE FORUM

5th Asian Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies

7 – 9 Jul 2010, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: Prof Gavin Jones, A/P Michael Feener, A/P Titima Suthiwan, Dr Maznah Mohamad, Dr Patrick Daly, Dr Peter Marolt and Dr Premchand Dommaraju

ARI's annual Graduate Institute and Forum on Southeast Asian Studies has now become an institution. Increasing numbers of postgraduate students from around the world, and particularly from other parts of Asia, are applying to attend this week-long programme of activities. The first two days focus on developing graduate student understandings of academia and relevant skills, through roundtable discussions with faculty, focused practical seminars and breakout group discussions. This is followed by a 3-day long presentation of papers on various aspects of Southeast Asian studies. This gives graduate students an opportunity to present their work, often for the first time in an international forum, and also to communicate and interact, as they mature into the next generation of academic leaders.

The Graduate Forum is linked with the Asian Research Scholars programme, which brings more than 30 graduate students working on Southeast Asia to Singapore each year for a two and a half month period of research, mentoring and participation in an academic writing workshop. Those presenting papers include ARI's Asian scholars, as well as graduate students from Singapore, elsewhere in Asia and other parts of the world. The unifying factor is that the research is on Southeast Asia.

A total of 73 papers were presented at this year's forum, in three parallel sessions over the three days. The diversity of themes can be gained from viewing the headings of the 20 different panels. Examples include: archaeology and early history; space, place and identity; migration and mobility; China Southeast Asia border interaction; performing protest; governance and policy; democratisation; linguistics; gender and Islam. As usual, there were times when some of the audience wished they could be in two places at once, but parallel sessions are the only way to fit in this many papers within the time constraints.

Three keynote speakers lent depth and interest to the programme. Professor Anthony Reid, ARI's founding Director, who was in Singapore at the time, spoke on "Comprehending Southeast Asian Diversities". ARI Senior Research Fellow Dr Liang Yongjia spoke on "Nationalism, Developmentalism and the Dilemma of Ethnic Regional Autonomy: The Challenges of P.R. China's Ethnic Policy". Visiting Senior Research Fellow Abidin Kusno from the University of British Columbia spoke on "Researching Southeast Asia: Debates in Architecture and Urban Studies".

The Graduate Forum finished with a field trip to the National Museum of Singapore, Merlion Park and a Singapore River cruise, followed by dinner.

ASIAN GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS 2010

The Asian Graduate Student Fellowships are offered to graduate students from Asian countries working in the Humanities and Social Sciences on Asian topics, and allow the recipients to be based at NUS for a period of two and a half months. The aim of the fellowships is to enable scholars to make full use of the wide range of resources held in the libraries of NUS and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, with access to mentors. The graduate students have access to writing classes, as well as other “academic bootcamp” activities, such as how to make academic presentations and write proposals. They take up their appointments from May to July each year.

As part of their programme at ARI, Asian Graduate Students are also given an opportunity to present a synopsis of their research at ARI's annual Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies and to describe how their stay at NUS has affected their intellectual development. This enables the students to receive feedback and additional resources from the academic community here during their time at ARI.

	NAME	INSTITUTION	RESEARCH TOPIC
1	Andy Scott Chang	PhD candidate, Sociology, National Taiwan University, Taiwan	Social Roots of Autocracy and Democracy: Taiwan and the Philippines in Comparative Perspective
2	Cao Kim Lan	PhD candidate, Department of Theory and Criticism, Vietnam Institute of Literature, Vietnam	The Rhetoric of Fiction and An Application to Vietnamese Literature
3	Cynthia Lai	MA candidate, Department of Applied Statistics, University of Malaya, Malaysia	A Study of Foreign Domestic Helpers in Malaysia and Singapore
4	Darlene Machell De Leon Espena	MA candidate, History, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Philippines	Exploring Sikh Communities in the Philippines and Singapore: Glimpses of Globalisation in Religious Imagination
5	Ding Lixing	PhD candidate, Research School of Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University, China	The Transformations of Indonesian Chinese Organisations in Suharto Period (1965-1998)
6	Donna Mae N. Arriola	MA candidate, Archaeological Studies Program, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Philippines	Ceramic Kilns in Southeast Asia: Origins, Technology and Spread
7	Duong Van Huy	PhD candidate, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, Vietnam	The Chinese Community in Hoi An (Faifo), Vietnam
8	Emy Ruby Astuti	MA candidate, Religious Studies, Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia	Social Exclusion in the Images of Piety: A Study on the Social Exclusion of Salafi Women in Yogyakarta

9	Hazel M. Dizon	MS candidate, Geography, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Philippines	Images and Functions of Stilt Houses in the Philippine Urban, Rural and Tourism Landscapes: Reflections of Economic Development
10	Jimmy Marcos Immanuel	MA candidate, Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia	Marapu in Disaster: Meanings and Responses of Sumbanese People in Wunga Village to Natural Disasters
11	Joan Tara Reyes	MA candidate, Archaeology, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Philippines	How to Get to the Next Life: Boat-coffins as Burial Vessels in Southeast Asia
12	Karina Rima Melati	MA candidate, Religious and Cultural Studies, Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia	The Dynamics of Buketan Batik Motif: Imagination of Social Identity within Pekalongan, Central Java
13	Karlina Maizida	MA candidate, Center for Religious and Cross Cultural Studies, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia	Children Talking About Religion: Children Religious Development and Religious Education in Islamic Private School
14	Kay Thi Maw	PhD candidate, Yangon Institute of Education, Yangon	The Impact of Learning Through the Internet on Student Achievement and Learning Transfer Differences
15	Komalasari Sandria	MA candidate, Religious and Cultural Studies, Sanata Dharma University, Indonesia	Questioning Bandung Urban Youth Movement: Understanding the Meaning of Subculture and its Shifting through the Experiences of Riotic, Ujungberung Rebels, and 347
16	Lim Kar Loke	PhD candidate, Department of English, University of Malaya, Malaysia	Malaysian Fiction in English: Beginning the Narrative and Narrating the Beginning
17	Ma Shen	MA candidate, Institute of Social Research and Cultural Studies, National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan	The Changing "Collectivity" of a Muslim Mosque Community in Lungkang, Taiwan
18	May Thuzar Moe	MA candidate, Yezin Agricultural University, Myanmar	Sustainability of Diversified Farms in Dry Zone of Yemathin Area in Mandalay Division
19	Muhammad Harya Ramdhoni Julizarsyah	PhD candidate, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia	State, Revolution and Socialism: Comparative Political Thought Between Tan Malaka and Soekarno
20	Muhammad Iqbal	PhD candidate, School of Psychological and Human Development, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia	Quality of Life of Indonesian Migrant Workers in Malaysia
21	Ngo Thi Lan	PhD candidate, Vietnam Institute of Archaeology, Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences, Vietnam	Traditional Terracotta Architectural Materials in the North of Vietnam: Toward a Comparative Study in East and Southwest Asian Sources
22	Ruel V. Pangunsan	PhD candidate, History, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Philippines	Agents of Empire: The British Consuls in Nineteenth-century Southeast Asia

23	Sun Jiannan	MA candidate, Research School of Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University, Fujian, China	Imagined Community: Origins and Developments of Nationalism in Cambodia from 1820 to 1945
24	Suwit Ariyachaikul	PhD candidate, Faculty of Social Sciences, Regional Center for Sustainable Development, Chiang Mai University, Thailand	Commoditization of Thai Traditional Massage: A Case Study of Spa and Cultural Production on Pleasure
25	Tan Ai Boay	PhD candidate, University of Malaya, Malaysia	Formation and Transformation of Chinese Society in Perak, 1874-1941
26	Tanwa Wongsangiam	MA candidate, Arts (Thai History), Chulalongkorn University, Thailand	The Thai State and Its Citizens' Health, 1932-1957
27	Wang Ruijing	MA candidate, China University of Political Science and Law, China	"Great Men" in Akha Rituals and Ceremonies
28	Witchayanee Ocha	PhD candidate, Gender and Development Studies (International Programme), Asian University of Technology, Thailand	Queering Singapore: Minority Gender/Sexual Identities in the Contemporary Period
29	Yaninie Phaithayawat	MA candidate, History, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand	A Study of the Discourses of Siamese Slavery
30	Yuttaporn Naksuk	PhD candidate, Linguistics, Research Institute of Language and Cultures of Asia, Mahidol University, Thailand	Intha Phonology and Lexicon with Comparison to 3 Burmese Dialects (Yangon, Arakan and Tavoyan)
31	Zhang Wenxue	PhD candidate, Department of Philosophy, Humanities School, Xiamen University, China	Transnational Buddhist Organizations in Singapore: A Case Study of the Buddha's Light International Association (BLIA)

INDONESIAN ACADEMIC WRITING FELLOWSHIPS

ARI was first selected by the Department of Religious Affairs, Government of Indonesia, in 2009 to organise a two-week training workshop on professional academic writing in English and to facilitate library research at the libraries of NUS and Institute of Southeast Asian Studies for 20 Indonesian doctoral students and research fellows. This is part of the International Short Course Fellowship in Academic Writing for Tutors attached to the Institute of Islamic Studies across Indonesia. In 2010, a new batch of 20 students and fellows in Islamic studies participated in the academic writing fellowship at ARI from 1 November to 26 November 2010.

	NAME	INSTITUTION	RESEARCH TOPIC
1	Abdul Mujib	UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta	Academic Advisor
2	Ahmad Izzudin	IAIN Wali Songo Semarang	Methodological Study About determination of Qibla Direction and Its Analysis Accuration
3	Andi Maulana Pakkonteng	STAIN Pare-Pare	The Influence of Instructional Strategy of the Integration Between Environmental Concept and Islamic Education, and Environmental Attention Toward the Level of Environmental Knowledge (An Experiment to the Students of STAIN Pare Pare)
4	Hadarah Abdulrajab Tulu	STAIN Ternate	The Method of Naqsyabandiyah in South Sulawesi (Philosophical Analysis and Hermeneutical Mystic)
5	Hamidah	IAIN Raden Fatah Palembang	The Movement of Indonesian Islamic Woman: A Study of Socio-historical to Aisyah-Nasyiatul Aisyiyah and Muslimat-Fatayat NU
6	Imam Kanafi	STAIN Pekalongan	Tasawuf Influence for Enhancing ESQ, Applied Study of Sufistic Values to Develop ESQ for Tarekat Qodiniyah wa aqsyabandiyah followers at Pekalongan City
7	Istiqamah	STAIN Pontianak	Folktales-based English Material Development for Islamic Junior High School in Pontianak
8	Jamali Sahrodi	IAIN Syekh Nurjati Cirebon	Qasim Amin Ideas About Muslimah Emancipation and Its Relevance with Contemporary Education Concept
9	Jumharia Djamereng	STAIN Palopo	Factors Contributing Language Maintenance of Bali Language in Transmigration Area Sukamaju North Luwu
10	Khoiruddin	STAI Darullughoh Wadda'wah Bangil	The Political Communication of Golkar Party: The Case Study of Socialisation and Implication Process of Golkar New Paradigm on Aburizal Bakrie Leadership Qualities

11	Mardia	STAI DDI Pinrang	Curriculum Planning of Higher Education (Studies on PAI Department of Syarif Hidayatullah, State Islamic University Jakarta and Sunan Kalijaga State Islamic University Yogyakarta)
12	Maslani Damira Darim	UIN Sunan Gunung Djati Bandung	The Thought of Hasyim Asy'ari's Adabul 'Alim wa al-Muta'alim: A Concept of Teaching and Learning on the Basis of Indonesian Culture
13	Miftahul Huda	STAIN Ponorogo	Contemporary Waqaf Fundraising Management in Indonesia
14	Mohammad Kosim	STAIN Pamekasan	The Policy of Religion Affair Department in Organising Teachers' Education 1946-2007
15	Muhammad Asrorun Niam	STAIRA Lamongan	Application of Sadd al-Dzariah (Preventive Theory) at Fatwa of Indonesian Council of Ulama
16	Muhammad Sulhan	ISIF Cirebon	Institutional Development Policy and Educational Personnel in Higher Education in Singapore
17	Mukhlis	IAIN Mataram	The Growth and Development of Pesantren in Bima, West Nusa Tenggara
18	Mulyono	MA UIN Maulana Malik Ibrahim Malang	Quality Management of Islamic Higher Education
19	Musoffa Basyir	STAIN Pekalongan	Institutional Development Policy and Educational Personnel in Higher Education in Singapore
20	Nur Aini Latifah	MM STAIN Tulungagung	An Analysis of the Impacts of Family Training and Education in Economic Empowerment on the Family Endurance Migrant Indonesian Labour (A Case Study on Migrant Indonesian Labour Families in Tulungagung)
21	Prima Aswirna	IAIN Imam Bonjol Padang	Aptitude Treatment Interaction (ATI) Model of Learning Chemistry for Senior High School in West Sumatra
22	Subhan Mughni	IAIN SMH Banten	The Teaching Model Development of Arabic Language Course to Increase the Students' Critical Thinking Skills
23	Suwendi Sukara	Universitas Islam Jakarta	Institutional Development Policy and Educational Personnel in Higher Education in Singapore
24	Widhiya Ninsiana	STAIN Jurai Siwo Metro Lampung	A Study of Bidding Document Translation of English into Indonesian (Perspective of Critical Discourse Analysis)

10.0 EXTERNAL RELATIONS



MOU/EXTERNAL FUNDING RECEIVED

	Organisation	Date of Agreement/ Award	Project Title / Description	Amount
1	Chao Centre for Asian Studies, Rice University	4 June 2010	ARI and Rice University signed a Memorandum of Understanding effective from 4 June 2010. Under this MOU, ARI and Rice University's Chao Centre for Asian Studies will develop collaborations in research and education, personnel exchanges, and joint workshops. The MOU covers the areas of Asian Studies, with specific focus on transnational economic, cultural, and other flows, including infectious diseases, as well as inter-Asian migration.	-
2	Office of the Provost, NUS	January 2010	Overseas Chinese Temples of Southeast Asia: The Revival of a Transnational Network	S\$20,000
3	John E. Fetzer Memorial Trust	15 January 2010	Embodied Ways of Knowing: Cognition and Culture from Historical to Experimental Perspectives	US\$15,000
4	Family Research Fund, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS), Singapore	19 March 2010	International Conference on Economic Stress, Human Capital, and Families in Asia: Research and Policy Challenges	S\$30,000
5	FASS Research Fund, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine; Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy; and Office of the Provost, NUS	May 2009/ August 2010	International Conference on Economic Stress, Human Capital, and Families in Asia: Research and Policy Challenges	S\$25,000
6	Global Asia Institute, NUS	29 April 2010	Estimating and Projecting Urbanisation and City Growth	S\$231,000
7	Global Asia Institute, NUS	29 April 2010	Mapping the Technological and Cultural Landscape of Scientific Development in Asia	S\$250,000
8	Humanities and Social Sciences Fund, Office of the Deputy President (Research and Technology), NUS	6 May 2010	Asian Biopoleis: Biotechnology and Biomedicine as Emergent Forms of Life and Practice	S\$200,000
9	Ministry of Education, Singapore	20 May 2010	Asian Biopoleis: Biotechnology and Biomedicine as Emergent Forms of Life and Practice	S\$759,020

10	Dads-for-Life Initiative and Family Research Network, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS), Singapore	31 May 2010	International Conference on Fatherhood in 21st Century Asia: Research, Interventions, and Policies	S\$22,000
11	Gender Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS)	May/June 2010	International Conference on Fatherhood in 21st Century Asia: Research, Interventions, and Policies	S\$5,500
12	Family Research Fund, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS), Singapore	23 September 2010	The Unmarried Crisis: The Rising Trend of Singlehood Among Chinese Singaporeans	S\$24,480
13	Singapura Investment Holdings Pte Ltd	October 2010	Chinese Children's Sociopsychological Development	S\$100,000

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