



“The Elephant and the Bush” by Phaptawan Suwannakudt

Research Foci at ARI

The rapid expansion of ARI in recent months and the exigencies of planning have demanded that the Institute begin to focus on a number of core areas. These will be the main foci of ARI interest and attention for the near future.

Religion and Globalisation explores the changing patterns of religious practice, belief and identity in recent times, particularly in Southeast Asia, China and South Asia. The title implies a particular interest in transnational and diasporic interactions, the engagement with modern technologies and values, and new global or “glocal” forms of religious identity. An international search is in progress for an outstanding researcher to lead this concentration, and in the meantime Prof. Reid is coordinating its activities. An interdisciplinary study group has been formed with the same title, convened by Dr. Vineeta Sinha (Sociology) and Dr. Thomas Dubois (History). (by Anthony Reid)

Changing Family in Asia explores the dimensions of family change in the region, their causes and implications. These dimensions include rising ages at marriage and increasing non-marriage, declining fertility and declining size of the nuclear family, increase in one-person households and alternative family forms, changing gender roles

within families, and changes in family structures consequent on population ageing. They have implications for gender relations, the life patterns of the post-adolescent unmarried, the role of the elderly in the family, child-raising patterns and social policy. (by Gavin Jones)

Migration explores the issues arising from increased levels of human mobility in the region, both within and across national borders. Mobility of high-level professional and managerial personnel, unskilled labour migration (both documented and undocumented), and human trafficking all raise methodological and theoretical questions, and major policy issues, as does the role of migration in urban change. (by Gavin Jones)

Southeast Asian Archaeology will provide opportunities for scholars to probe a range of problems connected with early historic sites of Southeast Asia. Major topics of interest include early trade; urbanization; maritime archaeology; evidence of communication between various parts of Southeast Asia, including both trade items and parallels in architecture and sculpture; and ceramics, both imported and local, as indicators of spheres of cultural and economic interaction. Another need which ARI will address concerns the lack of access to primary research data, both in the form of written reports and in the form of artifact collections. ARI will work with various individuals and institutions to broaden access to written and visual data by scholars in the region and beyond. One way in which this will be achieved will be to provide facilities for electronic storage and retrieval of images and documents. (by John Miksic)

Southeast Asia-East Asian Interactions is an emerging research focus at ARI is the area of Southeast Asia/East Asian interactions. The revival of the links which had long tied Southeast Asia with China is one of the most obvious of recent regional trends. Understanding the changes now taking place, as well as the growing interdependencies and alliances which are emerging, demand that we examine these linkages through both contemporary and historical lenses.

ARI Director Anthony Reid has, through his research on historical Southeast Asia, long been engaged in studies of Southeast Asian interactions with other parts of East Asia. Sun Laichen, Momoki Shiro, and Geoff Wade, all of whom came to ARI in 2003, are also involved in historical studies which engage the “border” between Southeast Asia and East Asia. Our most recent arrival --Yang Bin-- is engaged in research on the making of modern Yunnan, examining the Chinese province as a pivot between Southeast Asia and East Asia. One of ARI’s major workshops in 2003 entitled *Southeast Asia in the 15th Century and the Ming Factor* furthered research in this area.

ARI is now planning a series with Singapore University Press to publish works related to Southeast Asia - China interactions, and the first volume will appear this year. In addition, as an extension of this focus and as part of ARI’s engagement with the NUS faculties, a course entitled “China and Southeast Asia: Past and Present” and taught by Geoff Wade is being offered by the NUS History Department during Semester 2 in the 2003/04 academic year. This course will form part of the new FASS Minor Programme in China Studies. (by Geoff Wade)

Cultural Studies in Asia Cultural Studies is an emerging field of academic research in Asia which is challenging conventional disciplinary boundaries to address new topics, issues and concerns thrown up by the rapid globalisation of contemporary cultures. Focusing on the cultural practices of everyday life in contemporary Asia, practitioners in Cultural Studies have provided interesting material that demonstrate the reconfiguration of cultural border crossings among Asian countries, adding the flows of Asian cultural products and practices into the globalisation of popular cultures. Professor Chua Beng Huat will be initiating a research project on the making of an East Asia Popular Culture at ARI. This project will involve collaborations from Cultural Studies practitioners in several East Asian cities, including Hong Kong, Shanghai, Taipei and Tokyo. As the co-executive editor of the international journal, *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*, Professor Chua hopes to establish ARI as a node in the emerging network of Cultural Studies in Asia. (by Chua Beng Huat)

A Word from the Director

The previous newsletter marked the emergence of the first ARI research clusters, on the Changing Family, and on Religion and Globalisation. I am delighted to be able to say that as of 1 January 2004 two more senior scholars have joined the Institute, and will each lead an exciting program of research involving a number of other local, regional and international scholars.

Professor **Chua Beng Huat** of the NUS Sociology Department, who was present at the birth of ARI in 2001, has returned on a 70% appointment in the Institute. He will lead a cluster on Asian Cultural Studies, which is on page ? in this Newsletter. Professor Chua has a high profile internationally in this field, and will attract an exciting group of leading scholars and young talents to work in this area. A number of younger scholars have already begun work in this area, and conferences are in preparation in 2004 on new Southeast Asian films (Khoo Gaik Cheng), Malaysian literature (David Lim), and performance studies (Jennifer Lindsay).

Associate Professor **John Miksic** (Southeast Asian Studies Program), who was also with ARI for a year in 2002-3, has returned as a half-time appointee shared with the Program. This marks an ARI commitment to playing a facilitating role in Southeast Asian archaeology, on which we will be seeking the cooperation of our neighbours and funding agencies. Prof. Miksic is well known in Singapore for having established a solid archeological basis for the hitherto legendary prominence of Temasek/Singapore in the fourteenth century.

Since we encourage ARI scholars (now about 30) to organize a conference during their time here, 2004 promises to be a frenetic year. ARI will host two or three conferences every month, with an escalating tempo that will test the capacity even of our very efficient administrative staff. The list, which is on page ? in this Newsletter, includes such highlights as the second 'AsiaTrends' public conference, on marriage (August); a major international conference on modernity in Asian Art (February), a round table on the Bugis epic *I La Galigo* linked to a world premier performance at the Esplanade (March), and a conference on the background to the Aceh problem (May).

Although already somewhat stretched in this regard, ARI seeks to support important conference and research initiatives coming from elsewhere in NUS, particularly the four faculties in the social sciences. I would like to hear from anyone who

could use some time in ARI to develop an innovative research project leading to an ambitious bid for outside funding, or who would like ARI support in the organization of a workshop or conference.

The **ARI Distinguished Visitor Program**, advertised in the last Newsletter, continues to invite nominations for visitors to the campus of such prominence that the normal inducements of an economy fare and so forth might not bring them. The nominations for these visits should be endorsed by individuals in more than one Department. The first successful candidate for the Program, Arjun Appadurai, was unable to come in 2004, though may do so later. We are therefore interested in further nominations, preferably by the end of January.

Anthony Reid
Director, ARI

New ARI Members

Professor

Chua Beng Huat, a Singaporean, obtained his PhD from York University, Toronto, Canada. He has held visiting professorships at universities in Malaysia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Germany, Australia and the US. During his recent Distinguished Visiting Scholar Fellowship at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, he delivered the Inaugural Lecture of the Carolina Asia Center. He has published widely in urban planning and public housing, comparative politics in Southeast Asia and the emerging consumerism across Asia: *Communitarian Ideology and Democracy in Singapore* (London and New York: Routledge, 1995) and *Political Legitimacy and Housing: Stakeholding in Singapore* (London and New York: Routledge, 1997). He has edited, *Consumption in Asia: Lifestyles and Identities* (London and New York: Routledge, 2000). His most recent book is *Life is Not Complete without Shopping* (Singapore: Singapore University Press, 2003). A new book of which he is the contributing editor will be in print in March, 2004, entitled *Communitarian Politics in Asia* (London and New York: RoutledgeCurzon). In addition to being on the editorial board of many international social science and cultural studies journals, he is currently founding co-executive editor of the journal, *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies* (London: Routledge).

Visiting Professors

Merle Ricklefs has been a lecturer at the School of Oriental and African Studies (London), Professor of History at Monash University, Visiting Fellow of All Souls' College (Oxford) and Director of the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies (ANU). He is now Foundation Director of the Melbourne Institute of Asian Languages and Societies. He is a historian of Indonesia whose major publications include *Jogjakarta under Sultan Mangkubumi; Modern Javanese Historical Tradition; Indonesian Manuscripts in Great Britain* (co-authored); *War, Culture And Economy in Java; A*

History of Modern Indonesia since c. 1200 (now in its 3rd edition); *The Seen and Unseen Worlds in Java*; and *Pantheism And Monism in Javanese Suluk Literature* (translator of the work by P.J. Zoetmulder). He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy for the Humanities. At ARI he will be working on a series of books about the Islamisation of Javanese society from the 14th century to the present.

Resil B. Mojares has a Ph. D. in Literature from the University of the Philippines. Except for brief stints in universities in the U.S. and Japan, he has always been with the faculty of the University of San Carlos (Cebu City), where he was founding director (1975-96) of Cebuano Studies Center, a pioneering local studies center in the Philippines. He has authored books in Philippine history, literature, and politics, the most recent of which is *Waiting For Mariang Makiling: Essays in Philippine Cultural History* (2002). His current project looks at the emergence of the modern disciplines in the Philippines through the careers of three Filipino intellectuals (Pedro Paterno, T.H. Pardo de Tavera, and Isabelo de los Reyes), whose writings span the years 1876-1933 and fields like history, anthropology, linguistics, and sociology.

Joel S. Kahn (BA Cornell; MPhil, Ph. D. London School of Economics) holds a Chair in Anthropology and Sociology at La Trobe University in Melbourne. He has carried out research in Southeast Asia, the UK and the USA, and has had grants from the Australian Research Council, the Japan Asia Foundation and various British funding bodies. He is currently working on a research project on “Popular Cosmopolitanisms in the Asia Pacific Region,” which involves a comparative study of cosmopolitan discourses and practices in Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam and Korea. He will also be working on a book on the social, cultural, intellectual and political history of the concept of the “Malay race.” He is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and has previously held Chairs at Monash University and the University of Sussex in the UK. He has published four monographs, three edited collections and numerous articles and book chapters on development issues in Indonesia and Malaysia and on race, culture, identity and multiculturalism in Asia, Europe and North America. His main publications include a monograph *Modernity and Exclusion* (London: Sage 2001) and an edited collection of essays *Southeast Asian Identities: Culture and the Politics of Representation in Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand* (Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, jointly published with Taurus, UK and St. Martins Press, USA, 1998).

Visiting Associate Professors

Chee Heng Leng before coming to ARI was an associate professor at the Department of Community Health, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Universiti Putra Malaysia. She works in the areas of community health, women’s health and health care policy. Her publications include the monographs ‘*Health and Health Care in Malaysia: Present Trends and Implications for the Future* (1990) and *Amidst Affluence: A Study of an Urban Squatter Settlement and its Access to Health Care Services* (1995). Recently, she was a member of the writing team for the WHO Report *Genomics and World Health* (2002). While at ARI, she will be working on issues related to health care financing and reforms.

Maila Stivens, Director of Gender Studies at the University of Melbourne, previously taught Anthropology at University College, London. Her research has included gender in Negeri Sembilan, the new Malay middle classes, and the “Asian Family.” Her main publications include *Malay Peasant Women and the Land* (co-author, Zed 1994), *Matriliny and Modernity, Sexual Politics and Social Change in Rural Malaysia* (Allen and Unwin: 1996), and two co-edited volumes, *Gender and Power in Affluent Asia* (Routledge 1998) and *Human Rights and Gender Politics: Asia-Pacific Perspectives* (Routledge 2000). While at ARI she will be looking at new Asian childhoods, and gender, family, and globalisation.

Thanet Aphornsuvan is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History, Thammasat University and received his PhD from Binghamton University, USA. His interest is on political ideas in Thai history, in particular, during the transitional period of the late 19th and 20th centuries. Thanet’s publications include “Slavery and modernity: Freedom in the Making of Modern Siam,” in David Kelly and Anthony Reid, ed., *Asian Freedoms: Journeys of an Idea in the context of East and Southeast Asia* (London: Cambridge University Press, 1998) and “Sithi in Thai Thought” in *Tai Culture* (2001). His research at ARI will be focusing on the reconstruction of the political thinking of Tienwan, a prominent Thai editor and thinker in the late 19th century.

Paul D. Hutchcroft is currently on leave from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he is an Associate Professor of Political Science and an affiliate of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale University in 1993. Hutchcroft has written extensively on Philippine politics and political economy, as well as on issues of corruption, and is the author of *Booty Capitalism: The Politics of Banking in the Philippines* (Cornell and Ateneo, 1998). His current research interests concentrate on state formation, central-local relations, patronage politics, and efforts to improve the quality of democracy (especially in polities with legacies of weak and poorly institutionalized political parties). At ARI, he will be writing up the findings of recent research in the Philippines and undertaking comparative analysis of the dynamics of political reform in the Philippines, Thailand, and South Korea.

Assistant Professors

Tan Sor Hoon holds degrees from Oxford University, National University of Singapore, and the University of Hawai`i. She teaches courses on Pragmatism, Chinese and Comparative Philosophy among others at the Philosophy Department, National University of Singapore. Most of her research explores the contemporary relevance of ancient Chinese thought and attempts to build a bridge between Chinese and western thinking by bringing together Confucianism and American Pragmatism in philosophical encounters. SUNY press is publishing her book *Confucian Democracy: A Deweyan Reconstruction* (2003). Her publications include articles on friendship in Confucianism and Aristotle, state and family in the *Mencius*, paternalism, civil society, public space and cooperative inquiry, liberty and community, and experience as art. While at ARI, she will

be writing a book tentatively titled, *Unfinished Experiment of Democracy: Hu Shih's Pragmatism and Dewey's Influence in China*.

Suzaina Kadir who obtained her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1999 is with the Department of Political Science, NUS. Her research interests include religion and politics, state-society interactions as well as political change and democratization. She is particularly interested in Muslim politics, including the interactions between Islamic organizations/social movements and the state in Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore. She has taught courses on ethnicity and religion in Asia, political parties and party systems in Asia, state-society relations in Asia, women and politics in Asia as well as government and politics of Southeast Asia. Dr. Kadir has recently concluded a two-year project on Civil Society and Political Change in the Asia-Pacific where she wrote a chapter on the role of civil society in Singapore. At ARI, Suzaina will be working on the interaction dynamics between Islamic organizations and the state in Indonesia in light of the country's democratization process.

Visiting Fellows

John Clark is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, and a Professor in Art History and Theory at the University of Sydney. In 2003 he was awarded an Australian Centenary Medal and elected Membre Supplémentaire, Congrès International de l'Histoire d'Art. Among his books is *Modern Asian Art* (Sydney, Craftsman House, & Honolulu, University of Hawai'i Press, 1998). His current work includes a comparative study of Chinese and Thai art during the 1980s and 1990s, the last chapters of the book draft for which he is completing at ARI. He has also been preparing the forthcoming ARI Conference from 19-22 February 2004, "Our Modernities: Asian Art Now." After spending January in Thailand he will return to ARI and speak on Charles Wirgman on 7 February at the NUS Museum, and on Okakura Tenshin on 11 February in the ARI seminar series. See his website for more details
<http://www.arts.usyd.edu.au/departs/arthistory/department/general/jclark.html>

Momoki Shiro studied Chinese history and Southeast Asian regional studies at Kyoto University. Currently he is Professor of Asian History in the Graduate School of Letters, Osaka University. He has been studying pre-colonial Vietnamese history. He came to ARI mainly to make preparation for his doctoral dissertation which deals with the formation and transformation of Dai Viet (northern Vietnam) state and society during the first five centuries (i.e. 10th-15th Centuries) after it became independent from China. This dissertation takes into account of agrarian society, foreign trade, political structure, and family/gender aspects of the kingship. During his stay, he especially focused on the final chapters on the 14th and 15th centuries and tried to make some arguments about the entire regional phenomena and comparisons with other Southeast/East Asian countries in this period. Besides this, he worked with people in ARI on Champa and Southeast/East Asian maritime interactions.

Tran Ky Phuong is a former curator of the Danang Museum of Champa Sculpture, Danang, Vietnam where he worked from 1978 until 1998. During 1993-96, he won an

award from the Toyota Foundation to conduct fieldwork on Champa architectural sites in Central Vietnam. He has also received visiting fellowships from the Institute for Asian Culture of Sophia University in Tokyo, the International Institute for Asian Studies in Leiden, and the Asia Society in New York. His publications on Cham art in Vietnamese, English and Japanese include “The Wedding Of Sita: A Theme From The Ramayana Represented On The Tra Kieu Pedestal,” in Marijke J. Klokke, ed., *Narrative Sculpture and Literary Traditions in South and Southeast Asia* (Leiden: Brill, 2000); *Champa Iseki/Champa Ruins* (co-author with Shige-eda Yutaka; Tokyo: Rangoo Shutsuhan, 1997); *Artifacts and Culture of Champa Kingdom* (Tokyo: The Toyota Foundation, 1994); *Cham Ruins, Journey in Search of an Ancient Civilization in Central Vietnam* (Hanoi: The Gioi Publisher, 1993; reprinted in 2000 with a new title *Unique Vestiges of Cham Civilization*). At ARI he will be working on a paper “Studying the Relationship between Sculpture and Architecture: A New Approach to Champa Art.”

Eric Tagliacozzo is Assistant Professor of History and Southeast Asian Studies at Cornell University. His work primarily focuses on the history of smuggling in Southeast Asia, especially between the expanding imperial regimes of British Malaya and the Dutch East Indies at the turn of the twentieth century. His book, *Secret Trades of the Straits: Smuggling and State-Formation along a Southeast Asian Frontier, 1865-1915*, will be published by Yale University Press in 2004/5. Tagliacozzo’s interests include the histories of diasporic communities in Southeast Asia; patterns of colonial technology and coercion in the late 19th and early 20th centuries; and the history of the Pilgrimage to Mecca (or *Hajj*), primarily from Indonesia.

Postdoctoral Fellows

Li Tang has a Bachelor of Economics, University of International Business and Economics, Beijing; M.A.R., Emmanuel School of Religion, Johnson City, TN, USA; and D. Phil, University of Tuebingen, Germany. She has studied, worked and lived in many countries of multilingual and multicultural backgrounds. She specializes in the history of Christianity in the Orient. Her main work is entitled *A Study of the History of Nestorian Christianity in China and Its Literature in Chinese: Together With a New English Translation of the Dunhuang Nestorian Documents* (Frankfurt am Main, Berlin, Bern, Bruxelles, New York, Oxford, and Wien: Peter Lang, 2001; 2nd ed., 2004). At ARI, she will research the issue of “religion and globalisation” with a focus on China’s northwestern region.

Guillaume Rozenberg has been working on Burmese Buddhism since 1997. In 2001, he defended a doctoral thesis in social anthropology entitled *Thamanya: Investigation on Sainthood in Contemporary Burma (1980-2000)* at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris). The thesis relies on the analysis of the biographies of some living Buddhist forest monks, on the examination of their work and activities, as well as of the ways they are worshipped. It aims to throw light on the mechanisms of emergence and recognition of a saintly figure in contemporary Burma. During his stay at ARI, he will prepare a book in French on Buddhist sainthood in Burma and participate in editing a

collection of essays by French doctoral students on the place of ethnic and religious minorities in Southeast Asian nation-states.

David C. L. Lim obtained his PhD in Literature from the Australian National University in June 2003. His main project at ARI is to revise his doctoral dissertation for publication by Rodopi. The dissertation entitled “The Infinite Longing for Home: Desire and the Nation in Selected Writings of Ben Okri and K.S. Maniam” examines literature and the politics of nationhood from a Lacanian-Zizekian psychoanalytic viewpoint. He is also organising a Malaysian Literature and Cultural Studies Conference for the year 2004.

Cherian George, a Singaporean, studied social and political sciences at Cambridge and journalism at Columbia and obtained his PhD in Communication from Stanford University in 2003. His dissertation “Contentious Journalism and the Internet Advantage” focuses on alternative websites in Malaysia and Singapore and their role in democratising public discourse. At ARI, he will be working on publishing this as a book, while continuing to research the relationships between politics, media and technological change in Southeast Asia. His publications include a book entitled *Singapore: The Air-Conditioned Nation* and a forthcoming journal article on internet policy in Malaysia and Singapore.

Nir Avieli undertook his doctoral study in anthropology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His dissertation “Rice Talks: A Culinary Ethnography of Identity and Change” analyzes the interrelations between food and culture as they materialize in the culinary sphere of the Central-Vietnamese town of Hoi An. He has taught courses on the anthropology of food, on contemporary Israeli society and on visual anthropology. His current research interests include anthropology of food and consumption, anthropology of tourism, Vietnamese contemporary society and migrant-labor cultures. While at ARI, he intends to prepare his dissertation for publication and to explore processes of cultural fusion, hybridity, and globalisation that take place in the contemporary Vietnamese cuisine, both in the country and elsewhere.

Pattana Kitiarsa A native ethnographer of Isan (Northeastern Thailand), Pattana Kitiarsa holds his doctoral degree in sociocultural anthropology from Department of Anthropology, University of Washington. Together with his mentor (Achan Suriya Smutkupt) and other colleagues, he has published more than 20 volumes of ethnographic monographs and books (mostly in Thai) pertinent to contemporary Isan culture and society over the past decade. His wide ethnographic interests range from the reinvention of traditional religious rituals and beliefs to the post-development discourses, and the postmodernist politics of popular culture in contemporary Thailand. He had been teaching in the School of General Education of the Institute of Social Technology and Suranaree University of Technology in Nakhon Ratchasima in Thailand from September 1999 to January 2003. He currently works on a book project dealing with the cultural agencies of Thai boxers, Buddhist monks, Molam performers, and spirit mediums.

Dissertation Writing Fellow

Bin Yang is with the History Department, Northeastern University (Boston, USA). Born in Zhejiang province, southeast China, he has been fascinated by Yunnan, southwest China. His dissertation examines Yunnan's transformation from a foreign culture into part of China with a long-term and global perspective. His research interests include SEA-China communication, Chinese frontiers in global context and Chinese ethnic peoples.

ARI Awards and Kudos

Professor Anthony Reid was presented a certificate as the first Life Member of the Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA) by the ASAA President at a ceremony on 21 August 2003. Moreover, he gave the Fourth Nicholas Tarling Lecture, "Studying Cultural Difference in a Globalising World," as a keynote address of the 15th New Zealand ASIA Conference at the University of Auckland, on 22 November, 2003. He will give the 2004 Benjamin Batson Lecture at NUS on 17 February 2004, on "Cosmopolis and Nation in Central Southeast Asia."

Associate Professor John N. Miksic, Visiting Fellow at ARI, was awarded an honorary title by the Susuhunan of Surakarta, central Java, in September, in recognition of his work as editor and translator of a book on the history and traditions of the palace. On the occasion of the Susuhunan's 60 years on the throne, Prof. Miksic attended a ceremony at which he was given the title "Kanjeng Raden Harya Tumenggung," which in Javanese is equivalent to the rank of *bupati sepuh*.



Dr. Miksic in court costume on the occasion of receiving the honorary title.

Professor James Warren's book, "Iranun and Balangingi, Globalisation, Maritime Raiding and the Birth of Ethnicity," was nominated as a finalist for 2003 in the Social Science category for the National Book Awards in the Philippines by the Manila Critics Circle. Founded in 1981, the Manila Critics Circle is a non-profit organization of professional literary critics and newspaper columnists who believe that Philippine books deserve much more attention than they usually get from business, media, and the general public.

Tan Ying Ying, research assistant at ARI, recently defended successfully her dissertation “Acoustic and Perceptual Properties of Stress in the Ethnic Subvarieties of Singapore English” and received her Ph. D. in linguistics from the Department of English Language and Literature, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at NUS. Congratulations, Dr. Tan!!!!!!!

Archaeology in Singapore

Archaeological excavation began at St. Andrew’s Cathedral in early October 2003, under the general direction of Visiting Fellow John N. Miksic. The project is trying to excavate a part of the churchyard which will be dug up to build an underground structure early next year. Excavations on the nearby Padang in April and May 2003 demonstrated the existence of 14th-century artifacts not far from the church. The excavation, with sponsorship from the National Heritage Board and American Express Corporation, has attracted numerous volunteers. Their work has been rewarded with copious discoveries of 14th-century artifacts, including some types not previously found in Singapore. An example of these is a 10-cash Yuan Dynasty coin. The project is scheduled to continue until the end of the year; the precise date for closing depends on the project architects.



Dr. Miksic explaining the significance of a pottery fragment discovered at an archaeological excavation at St Andrew’s Cathedral

Graduate Student Fieldwork Support

ARI, in keeping with its mandate to enhance the research and graduate training role of NUS, has offered funding packages to support field research by NUS graduate students in the faculties of FASS, SDE, Law and Business. A total of nine graduate students from the 4 faculties have been awarded support for the academic year 2003/04. These support packages were allocated on the basis of quality and innovation of the research proposal, the support of supervisors, language preparation where appropriate, the need of the case (taking into account other grants available), and the intensity of engagement with the research locale.

Conferences, Workshops, and Seminars

1. Recent Conferences and Workshops

July 5-8, 2003

“Workshop on Performance Translation”

A workshop on performance translation convened by ARI Senior Visiting Fellow Jennifer Lindsay was held at Theatreworks, Singapore, July 5-8, 2003. The twenty two participants at the workshop included performers, scholars, writers and directors from India, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and USA, all of whom are involved with issues of language and performance, and particularly problems of presenting verbally-rich performance forms to audiences who do not know the language. The workshop took as its point of departure the translation of Javanese *wayang kulit* into English by Prof. Hardjo Susilo (University of Hawaii), but examined motivations, politics, methods and strategies of performance translation broadly, particularly orally-composed performance, as well as trans-lingualism within performance, and translation as performance. (by Jenny Lindsay).



Participants of “Performance Translation” Workshop



Discussion of “Performance Translation” Workshop

19-22 August, 2003
“Third International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS3)”

The Third International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS3), one of the largest regular gatherings of scholars whose research centres on Asia, especially in the humanities and social sciences, was held in Singapore in August. ICAS3 was jointly hosted by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. The first ICAS was convened in Leiden in 1998, and the second in Berlin in 2001, and thus this was the first time ICAS had been held in Asia. There was a deliberate decision made by the organisers not to impose a theme on this conference and given that over 1,000 scholars from 54 countries attended the event, it was a wise move. The range of papers – over 900 in all—was huge, extending from science and technology, to archaeology and history, economics and politics, film and culture, and from philosophy and religion to gender and sexuality and popular culture. That which held these scholars together was that they were all involved in the study of some aspect of Asia.

The diversity of Asian studies was brought home to the participants not only by the heterogeneity of their fellow participants, but also by the keynote speech for the conference given by Professor Prasenjit Duara of the University of Chicago. His speech on “Crossing Boundaries: A Personal Journey in Asian Research” touched on a wide range of issues and disciplines involved in the Asia research project, and tied his own journey in the field into a broader history of the Asian studies undertaking.

The conference was generally assessed as a commendable success, allowing many people to present their new research and others to simply catch up with those they knew or had read. Comments gleaned from those who participated were almost universally positive and the success can be assigned to those who worked tirelessly for months ahead of the event and non-stop during the four days of ICAS3. ARI events organiser Lynn Tan devoted herself almost entirely to the conference for months and proved herself invincible in the face of obstacles, problems, setbacks and troublemakers. Our warm thanks to her.

The programme for the conference as well as Professor Duara’s speech can be viewed at: www.fas.nus.edu.sg/icas3

(by Geoff Wade)



Malay dance at the Open Ceremony of the ICAS 3



Keynote speech by Professor Prasenjit Duara

22-24 September, 2003

“Workshop on Migration and Health”

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16-17 October, 2003

“Inaugural NUS Graduate Students Symposium: Social and Cultural Change in Asia: Past and Present”

The Inaugural ARI Graduate Symposium was held over the 16th and 17th of October, 2003. The aim of this event was to provide a forum for graduate students at NUS, drawn from a range of disciplines but researching within the field of Asia Studies, to present their work to their peers and fellow students. As Prof. Reid laid out in his opening remarks, the intention of the Symposium was to encourage ARI's interdisciplinary approach at a graduate level and encourage scholarly interaction between students and staff from various departments.

Since this was the first event of its kind, the broad theme selected for the Symposium was 'Social and Cultural Change in Asia: Past and Present'. All graduates researching topics along the lines of ARI's main research foci were encouraged to submit papers. From over fifty abstracts, twenty papers were selected for presentation in panels that were organized

thematically and provided an excellent cross-section of different disciplinary approaches to shared academic concerns. Of the twenty papers, four were selected as being of outstanding quality and received a cash prize. Other graduates who presented papers were given \$50 book bursaries. The four winning papers are currently being prepared for publication as part of ARI's online "Working Paper Series".

Generally, the Symposium was regarded as a success by both those presenting and those attending as observers and discussants, providing graduates with a much needed forum to gain experience in presenting their work publically and introducing them to a range of new perspectives coming from other students and senior experts in related fields of research. Conversely, the Symposium also provided members of ARI and other departments with an idea of the kinds of topics graduate students at NUS are currently working on and helped promote a greater engagement between ARI and the graduate student community. In the coming year, it is hoped this interaction will be further extended through more graduate workshops and conferences hosted by ARI on more specific themes.

30 October, 2003

“Choosing a Model: Empiricism vs Theory in the Study of Southeast Asia”

3-5 December, 2003

“Eat, Drink, *Halal*, *Haram*: Food, Islam and Society in Asia”

This workshop brought together a total of 12 scholars researching on different aspects of food, society and Islam in Southeast Asia. Paper submissions including research in aspects of *halal* and *haram* food in Singapore, West Malaysia, East Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, China, Japan, India, Bangladesh, and Egypt. The papers addressed key issues in the study of food in Islam and Muslim societies, including a focus on *halal* and *haram*, *makruh* and *masbooh* and issues of *tayyibah* and how these were understood, interpreted, negotiated and expressed in the various societies in which the research was conducted. In effect, the papers showed how food can be used as a lens into understanding Muslim societies around Asia, and included discussions on inter-religious communication, construction of ethnic and national identities and state control of Muslim communities.

Two discussed researchers on food and Islam (from Indonesia and Malaysia) discussed these papers and offered their comments. At the same time, participants from National University of Singapore, Asia Research Institute, the Jamiyyah Islamiah, MUIS (Majilis Ugama Islam Singapore) and Berita Harian offered their comments and raised many questions and observations, contributing to much lively discussions.

The paper presenters are currently revising their papers as per the comments of the discussants and participants. The deadline for submission of revised papers is February 15, 2004. The revised papers will be mailed to a selected panel of international referees for comments and evaluations. These comments will be returned to the paper writers to further revise their papers. The editor hopes to receive the final versions of the papers by

June 15, 2004. The manuscript will then be sent to Stanford University Press for publication review.

5 December 2003

“Financial Growth and Institutions of the Muslim Diaspora in South East Asia, 1830 to the present”

The Muslim Diaspora here is loosely defined to include not only those of Arab and Indian extraction, but also other Islamic networks which link particular Southeast Asian communities to a broader Islamic world. In this conference, eight papers were presented and the main focus was on how the diverse regional sites in South East Asia assisted in the evolution of financial institutions of the Muslim Diaspora. It examined in detail the interaction of Muslim trading and financial groups within the evolving spatial economic context of the region from 1830 to the present, tracing these changing relations and responses to the creation of financial institutional structures and instruments.

The following papers were given:

- Raj Brown, ‘The failure of Arab capitalism in South-East Asia’
- Gwenael Feillard, ‘Reinventing capitalism: the emergence of a new Muslim economic ethos in Indonesia and Malaysia’
- Peter Riddell, ‘Islamic perspectives on globalization, with particular reference to South-East Asia’
- Eric Tagliacozzo, ‘Financing devotion: some initial thoughts on how pilgrims paid for the Haj in South-East Asia’
- Michael Gilsenan, ‘A bundle of rights? Property, family, and the state in colonial Singapore’
- Torsten Tschacher, ‘The role of Tamil Muslim organizations in the financing of religious and social services in Singapore’
- Timur Kuran, ‘Islamic redistribution through zakat: historical record and modern realities’
- Christian Lekon, ‘Money capitalism in Hadhramaut, 1882-1967: Rational, political, or traditional?’

The papers will be revised for publication in an edited volume.

2. Recent Seminars

2 July, 2003

“Keeping it Real in Mandalay: Contemporary za' pwè Performances”

Ward Keeler

Associate Prof. of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin

22 July, 2003

“‘What’s Cooking in Malaysia?’ Betwixt Modernity and ‘Tradition’ with Convenience

Foods”

Theresa Devasahayam

ARI

28 July, 2003

“Approaches to the Sociology of Religion”

James L. Peacock

Kenan Professor of Anthropology

Professor of Comparative Literature

Director, University Centre for International

Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

5 August, 2003

“The Boat, The Temple, and The City -- The Morphology of Coastal Early Urban Nucleus in Southeast Asia”

Johannes Widodo

Department of Architecture, NUS

12 August, 2003

“Growth and Capital Structure Puzzle of Chinese Capitalism: Comparisons with Muslim Diasporic Capitalism”

Rajeswari Brown

ARI

26 August, 2003

“Chop Suey! Cartoons about the Japanese Occupation and National Education in Singapore”

Lim Cheng Tju

Teacher (Southeast Asian Modern History)

Raffles Junior College

28 August, 2003

“Intellectuals and Power in Indonesia”

Daniel Dhakidae

Director of the Research and Development Department

Kompas, Jakarta, Indonesia

1 September, 2003

“A Regional Approach to Managing Global Migration”

Peter Schatzer

Director of External Relations Department and Senior Regional Adviser for Europe,

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

2 September, 2003

“Global ‘Body Shopping:’ A New International Labour System in the Information Technology Industry”

Xiang Biao
ARI and Asian MetaCentre

9 September, 2003
“A Pendulum Theory of Nationalism”

Habibul H. Khondker
Department of Sociology, NUS

11 September, 2003
“Corruption: Crime, Chameleon, Camel or Circus?”

Howard Dick
Department of Management
University of Melbourne

16 September, 2003
“A Witness for the Defence: Studying Social History of Melaka from Criminal Records, 1740-1824”

Radin Fernando
Humanities and Social Studies Education
National Institute of Education at Nanyang Technological University

23 September, 2003
“Autobiography in the Shadow of Bandung”

Philip Holden
Department of English Language & Literature
NUS

30 September, 2003
“The US, Indonesia and Islam”

Fred R. von der Mehden
Albert Thomas Professor Emeritus, Rice University

30 September 2003
“Reconstructing Seri Rama: The *Wayang Kulit* Siam of Kelantan in the Contemporary Cultural Politics of Malaysia”

Eddin Khoo
Director, Pusaka--Center for the Study and Documentation of Traditional Performance in Malaysia

7 October, 2003
“Colonial Institutional Change in Indian Marine Fisheries: The Experience of the ‘Fish-Curing Yards’ of the Madras and Bombay Presidencies in the 19th and 20th Centuries”

Peter Reeves
Head, South Asian Studies Programme, NUS

14 October, 2003

“Surviving Against Development, Settlers and the State: The Predicament of Ethnic Minorities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh”

Shapan Adnan

South Asian Studies Programme, NUS

21 October, 2003

“The Resurgent Relevance of ‘Community’ as a Discursive and Analytic Framework in Non-urban Southeast Asia”

Rachel Safman

Department of Sociology, NUS

28 October, 2003

“Celluloid Across The Barbed Fence: Cinema In The India-Pakistan Divide”

Gyanesh Kudaisya

South Asian Studies Programme, NUS

4 November, 2003

“Biennale Time and the Spectres of Exhibition”

Lee Weng Choy

Artistic Co-Director, The Substation Arts Centre

11 November, 2003

“The *Ming Shi-Lu* (明實錄) as a Source for Southeast Asia History: the 14th to 17th Centuries”

Geoffrey Wade

ARI

18 November, 2003

“State-Sponsored Enterprise In Provincial Thailand, 1940S-1970S: Metropolitan Rent-Seeking And Local Elite Sustenance”

Michael Montesano

Southeast Asian Studies Programme, NUS

3. Recent Study Group Seminars

Indonesia Study Group

7 October, 2003

“Incompatible Institutes? A Preliminary Assessment of the Impact of Centralised Parties and a Fragmented Party System on Indonesia’s Decentralization”

(Joint seminar with the Department of Sociology)

Michael Malley

Department of Political Science, University of Ohio

15 October, 2003

“The Reconstruction of Social Confidence in Surakarta: 1998-2003”

Stephen Headley

Researcher, Social Anthropology, CNRS, Paris

9 January, 2004

“Aceh and the 2004 Elections in Indonesia”

Sidney Jones

Indonesia Project Director

International Crisis Group

Malaysia Study Group

8 January, 2004

“Reflections on Social and Political Change in Malaysia after Mahathir”

Khoo Boo Teik

School of Social Sciences, University Sains Malaysia

ABN Study Group

25 September, 2003

“Macroeconomic Distortions and Market Adaptation: Networks of Shipping and Trade Between Indonesia and Singapore since 1945”

Howard Dick

Department of Management, University of Melbourne

30 October, 2003

“Hybrid Capitalism: Chinese Business in a Global Era”

Henry Yeung Wai-chung

Department of Geography, NUS

Burma-Thailand Study Group

22 September, 2003

“Aung-San and the Religion Question”

Gustaaf Houtman

Deputy Director, Royal Anthropological Institute, London

30 September, 2003

“Political Parties and Elections in Burma”

Kyaw Yin Hlaing

Department of Political Science, NUS

Study Group on Religion and Globalisation

23 August, 2003

“Sufism in Modern Muslim Life”

(jointly with the University Scholars Programme)

Michael Gilsenan

Chair, Department of Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies, New York University

4 October, 2003

“Iraq Behind the Headlines: People, Politics and Religion”

John Gee

Study Group on Migration & Diaspora

1 September, 2003

“A Regional Approach to Managing Global Migration”

Peter Schatzer

Director of External Relation Department & Senior Advisor for Europe, International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

4. Upcoming Conferences & Workshops

12 January-13 February, 2004

“Health and Well-Being Over the Life Course”

Contact: Asian MetaCentre (popnasia@nus.edu.sg)

(<http://www.populationasia.org/Events/2004/APN%20Train%20wkshp%202003/APN%20Training%20Workshop.htm>)

16-17 January, 2004

“Revisiting History, Nation and Culture in Modern Laos”

(<http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/conf2004/laos.htm>)

29-31 January, 2004

“Working and Mothering: Asian Women Negotiating Work Challenges and Family Commitments”

(<http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/conf2004/workingmom.htm>)

5-7 February, 2004

“A Plural Peninsula: Historical Interactions among Thai, Malays, Chinese and Others”

(<http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/conf2004/ethnic.htm>)

19-22 February, 2004

“Our Modernities: Positioning Asian Art Now”

(<http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/conf2004/asianart.htm>)

23-25 February, 2004

“Contemporary Perspectives on Asian Women as Transmigrant Domestic Workers”

Contact: Asian MetaCentre (email: popnasia@nus.edu.sg)

(http://www.populationasia.org/Events/2004/FDW%20Workshop%202004/FDW_Workshop_2004.htm)

13 March, 2004

“I La Galigo Forum”

(<http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/conf2004/ilagaligo.htm>)

26-27 March, 2004

“*Adat* Revivalism in Indonesia’s Democratic Transition”

(<http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/conf2004/adat.htm>)

6-8 April, 2004

“Health Care Reforms in Southeast and East Asia”

Contact: Chee Heng Leng (arichl@nus.edu.sg)

20-21 April, 2004

Problematizing Global Knowledge: Towards a New Encyclopedia for a Global Knowledge Archive, 23-24 April 2004.

Contact: A/P Ryan Bishop & John Phillips

7-9 May, 2004

“Sari to Sarong Conference”

Contact:??

May 2004

Graduate Symposium - Gender Studies in Asia: Persons, Powers and Politics

Contact: Brenda Yeoh(?)

3-4 May, 2004

“New Southeast Asian Cinemas Conference: Where Big Budget Meets No Budget”

(<http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/conf2004/cinema.htm>)

10-11 May, 2004

“Demographic Window and Healthy Aging: Socioeconomic Challenges and Opportunities”

Contact: IUSSP Scientific Committee on Longevity and Health, Asian MetaCentre, Center for Healthy Aging and Family Studies, Peking University & the Overseas Chinese Institute on Aging (popnasia@nus.edu.sg)

(http://www.populationasia.org/Events/2004/Beijing/Announcement_Beijing2004.pdf)

24-25 May, 2004

“Place and Memory and Identity in ‘New Asia’”

(<http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/conf2004/newasia.htm>)

24-26 May, 2004

“The Changing Asian Family: A Support System with Holes?”

(<http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/conf2004/asianfam.htm>)

28-29 May, 2004

“The Historical Background of the Aceh Problem”

(<http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/conf2004/aceh.htm>)

24-25 June, 2004

“Extended Metropolitan Regions in Southeast and East Asia”

Contact: Gavin Jones (arigwj@nus.edu.sg)

5-6 July, 2004

“Transnational Religions: Interactions of the ‘Global’ and ‘Local’”

Contact: Vineeta Sinha (arivs@nus.edu.sg)

5-6 August, 2004

“New Scholarship on Champa”

(<http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/conf2004/champa.htm>)

12-4 August, 2004

“Exploring Theravada Studies”

Contact: Guillaume Rozenberg (arigr@nus.edu.sg)

17-18 August, 2004

“Southeast Asia and the Middle East: Islam, Movement, and the Longue Duree”

Contact: Eric Tagliacozzo (ariet@nus.edu.sg)

August 27, 2004

“Asia Trends 2 - (Un)tying the Knot: Ideal and Reality in Asian Marriage”

Contact: Gavin Jones (arigwj@nus.edu.sg)

August 28, 2004

“Collaborative Studies on Asian Marriage & Divorce”

Contact: Gavin Jones (arigwj@nus.edu.sg)

September 16-17, 2004

“Political Economy of Healthcare in Malaysia”

Contact: Chee Heng Leng (arichl@nus.edu.sg)

October 2004

“Overcoming Passions: Race, Religion and the Coming Community in Malaysian Literature”

Contact: David Lim (aridlcl@nus.edu.sg)

27-29 October, 2004

“Population Dynamics and Infectious Diseases in Asia”

Contact: Asian MetaCentre (popnasia@nus.edu.sg)

(http://www.populationasia.org/Events/2004/Infectious_Disease/Call_for_Papers.pdf)

October 29-30, 2004

“Northeast Asia in the Age of Commerce: A Dialogue with Southeast Asia”

Contacts: Momoki Shiro (momoki@let.osaka-u.ac.jp) & Geoff Wade (arigpw@nus.edu.sg)

4 October-6 November, 2004

“Advanced Demographic Techniques”

Contact: Asian MetaCentre (popnasia@nus.edu.sg)

ARI Working Papers Series 2003

(<http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/pub/wps2003.htm#13>)

No. 11: “Chinese Military Technology and Dai Viet: c. 1390-1497”

Sun Laichen

No. 12: “Completing the Circle: Southeast Asian Studies in Southeast Asia”

Anthony Reid

No. 13: “Imagined Individuals: National Autobiography and Postcolonial Self-Fashioning”

Philip Holden

No. 14: “The Internet's Political Impact and the Penetration/Participation Paradox in Malaysia and Singapore”

Cherian George

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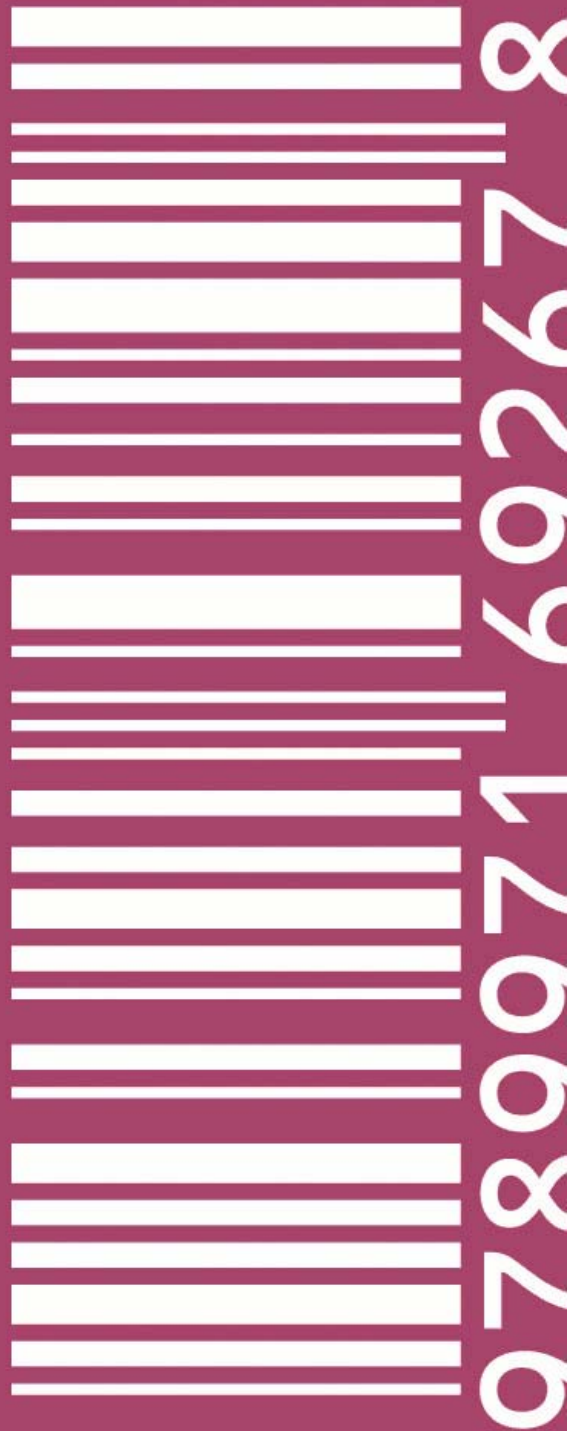
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New Books by ARI Members

Chua Beng Huat. *Life Is Not Complete Without Shopping*. Singapore: Singapore University Press, 2003.

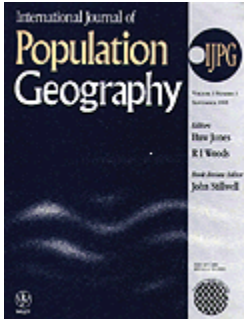
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Activities of the Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis

Website Relaunch @ www.populationasia.org on 8 September 2003

The Asian MetaCentre's website was relaunched on 8 September 2003. The entire theme of the website was revamped and parts of the web content were updated or reorganised. This injected more life into the original website, giving it a fresh look and appeal and a heightened level of maturity. More importantly, it created greater ease of navigating the website for researching population, health and sustainable development.



Completed Workshop

International Workshop on Migration and Health in Asia, 22-24 September 2003, Bintan, Indonesia

The workshop examined the public health implications of migration processes in Asia from a variety of multi-disciplinary perspectives – human geography, demography, sociology, anthropology, public health, and psychology. Field case studies employed cover China, Japan, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, Nepal, India, Bangladesh, as well as Asian migration to Australia and New Zealand. The data was analysed using a variety of methodological approaches – ranging from in-Department interviews to statistical social surveys. A key aim was to facilitate dialogue between different disciplines and approaches to better understand the issues relating to migration and health in Asia. The range of case study materials covered various patterns of ‘migration’ movements, including transnational, national, rural to urban, and highland to lowland. About 30 participants from 8 countries in Asia, USA and UK participated actively in the workshop.

The main themes dealt with in the workshop were 1) Migrants and sexual behaviours, vulnerability and transmission to STDs/HIV/AIDS; 2) The state and the health care services; 3) Irregular (un-authorized) migration and utilisation of health care services; 4) Health of migrants vs. non-migrants; 5) Health of left-behind population; 6)

Coping experiences of migrants and/or their families. The key questions raised in the workshop were as follows. 1) Who are the migrants? 2) Frameworks of vulnerability 3) How can we measure 'health' of migrants? From a bio-medical to a social interpretation of health.

The discussion critically questioned the stereotypical view of simply linking migration with a 'threat' to public health. The importance of practical contributions/dissemination of the research was addressed. At the end of the workshop Prof. Gavin Jones pulled together some of the policy implications posed by the findings of the workshop.

While the workshop raised a series of important questions, further discussion will be required to generate new research hypotheses and concrete suggestions for future actions/research. However, participants benefited through the formal and informal discussion with other participants from different disciplinary backgrounds, which give rise to a more nuanced understanding of the complexity involved in examining the way migration affects health issues.

We are planning to produce three publications, an edited book and two special issues of academic journals, to lay the basis for further discussion among academics, NGOs and policy makers:

1. ***Migration and Health in Asia***, Population and Migration Series, Routledge Research, to be edited by Santosh Jatrana, Mika Toyota and Brenda Yeoh.
2. Special issue, 'Migration and Health in Asia' for ***Asian and Pacific Migration Journal***, to be edited by Mika Toyota, Santosh Jatrana, and Brenda Yeoh.
3. Special issue for ***Asia Pacific Viewpoint*** to be edited by Nicola Piper & Brenda Yeoh.

(by Mika Toyota)



Participants of the "Migration and Health in Asia" Workshop

Asian MetaCentre Research Paper Series

(http://www.populationasia.org/Publications/Research_Paper.htm)

No. 14: “Infant Mortality in a Backward Region of North India: Does Ethnicity Matter?”

Santosh Jatrana

No. 15: “Factors Associated with Contraceptive Discontinuation in Bali, Indonesia: A Multilevel Discrete-time Competing Risks Hazard Model”

Evi Nurvidya Arifin

No. 16: “Explaining Gender Disparity in Child Health in Haryana State of India”

Santosh Jatrana

Post Doctoral & Visiting Fellowships at ARI

Applications are invited for Postdoctoral and Visiting Fellowships at the Asia Research Institute. The current areas of research focus at ARI include 1) The Changing Family; 2) Migration; 3) Religion and Globalisation; 4) Cultural Studies in Asia; 5) Southeast Asia-China Interactions. Interdisciplinary interests are encouraged. “Asia” as a research field is defined loosely in terms of the region in which Singapore is positioned.

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Candidates must have fulfilled all requirements of the PhD within the last 4 years. The research may be in any field in the humanities and social sciences, extending into legal, commercial and environmental concerns.

Visiting Fellowships

The visiting fellowship programme is intended for active researchers from both the Asian region and the world, to bring to completion an important program of research in the social sciences and humanities.

Further details of the fellowships and their associated benefits are available on the ARI website: <http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg>

Postdoctoral Fellowship at Asian MetaCentre

The Asian MetaCentre invites applicants for a Postdoctoral Fellow, to be based at its headquarters in ARI. The Postdoctoral Fellow will work with staff in the Asian MetaCentre and other collaborating centres on research in the area of migration and health in East and Southeast Asia. The applicant should hold a PhD degree in Social/Health Psychology, Health Geography, Medical Demography, Medical Sociology, Epidemiology or a related discipline. He or she should have research experience in the area of migration and health in East and Southeast Asia, as well as expertise in conducting surveys, and managing and analyzing large data sets. A familiarity with

standard measures of self-assessed health (eg. measures of physical functioning and depression) in the context of Asia, and fluency in Mandarin (Chinese), or other Southeast Asian languages will be an asset.

For further details please refer to
http://www.populationasia.org/Vacancies/PostDoctoral_Fellowship.htm

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