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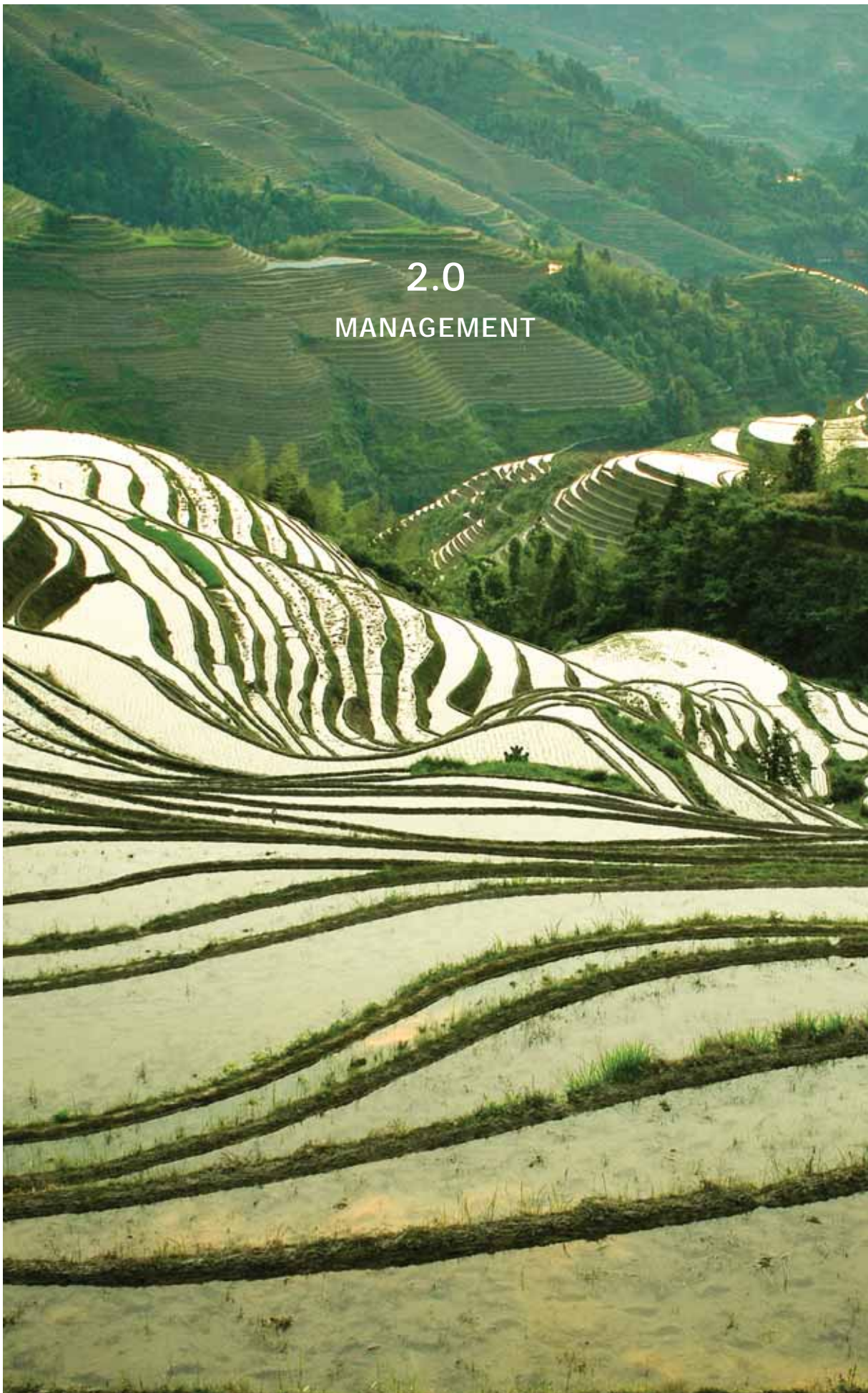
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The cover design shows the stylized contours of a rice terrace, a scene familiar throughout different regions of Asia. Rice has been the main staple food for many of Asia's peoples since the

15th century. Although patterns of rice cultivation, economies and ecologies may vary from region to region, rice nevertheless 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. 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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2.0
MANAGEMENT

Message From Chair Of International Advisory Board

I congratulate the Director and all members of the Institute for another successful year in 2009.

ARI has established itself as a leading centre in the world of scholarship on Asia. An institute is successful when some of the most influential scholars in the fields in question congregate there. In this respect, the institute continues to successfully attract some of the most admired international scholars in the study of Asia, as well as promising up-and-coming new scholars, while drawing on home-grown talent across various Faculties at the National University of Singapore. ARI and NUS together probably have the world's largest congregation of experts on Asia studying various dimensions of this rapidly changing continent, from demographics to family

relations, from religious change to migration, from emerging science and technology to popular culture and multiple urbanisms. In all these areas of research, our scholars and researchers have been actively engaged in research projects, workshops, conferences, seminars, publications and international collaborations.

ARI's achievements have been recognised by the Rockefeller Foundation, which named ARI one of the 29 centres of excellence in Asia scholarship in 2009. This international recognition bears testimony to ARI's commitment to research of the highest standard. The ARI family is very proud of this recognition.



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Message from Chair of Management Board

The 2009 Annual Report gives an overview of the key activities and achievements of the Asia Research Institute during the year: Several scholars have joined ARI as senior researchers; the Asian Migration Cluster has secured a large research grant from the Ministry of Education; the Science, Technology, and Society Cluster was established to become the newest research cluster of the Institute; many seminars, conferences and workshops, and public lectures were organised by the clusters or under the auspices of ARI; a major flagship event — the Inter-Asia Roundtable — was initiated; many scholarly works were published, either in journals or as books, and the ARI-Springer Asia Series was launched. The Institute was named

one of the top 29 research centres of excellence in Asia by the Rockefeller Foundation, and eleven staff members were recognised for their significant contributions with distinguished professorships, convenorship or honorary positions at top universities.

All of these indicate that ARI has established itself as a major research institute in Asia on Asia. They are the result of dedicated work by members of the Institute. My congratulations to the Director Professor Lily Kong and her team, and also to the Founding Director Professor Anthony Reid, who retired from NUS in 2009, for a job well done.

PROFESSOR CHONG CHI TAT
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Director's Foreword

In preparing this message, I searched through my mind for highlights of the year. It proved a difficult task, only because there were so many new and interesting initiatives, as well as abiding efforts and commitments that deserve mention. Clearly, I will need to be selective, with apologies to those who have contributed extremely well, but whose specific project finds no space on this page. Hopefully, their appearance in subsequent pages will compensate.

Many individuals at the Institute have had notable scholarly achievements in the past year, as well as contributed to public and civic life in a variety of noteworthy ways. It is, however, three collective efforts and achievements that I will highlight here.

The first is the establishment of a new cluster at ARI – the Science, Technology, and Society (STS) cluster – in the last year. The new cluster has built up rapidly, largely because of the support from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences in the nascent years of development, where funding was allocated to hire new faculty. The core group at the Faculty, together with research fellows and postdoctoral fellows at ARI, has already established excellent international linkages and collaborations and won a major grant to study Asian biopoleis. There is an active series of seminars and talks by members and visitors. The cluster is a celebration of the collaboration between the Faculty and ARI, demonstrating the possibility and value of joint support of a common goal.

The second collective effort of the past year is the first Inter-Asia Roundtable hosted at ARI. As one of ARI's flagship events/programmes (the other two being Asia Trends, and the Asian Graduate Student Fellowships and Summer Institute cum Graduate Student Forum), the Inter-Asia Roundtable is an effort to do two things explicitly. The first is to generate conversations about inter-Asia flows, and encourage comparative perspectives. The

second is to bring together well-established scholars of Asia (and preferably from Asia) to engage in (and indeed, lead) the intellectual (re) thinking of particular areas of study. This first Roundtable focused on gender relations in the family in the 21st century, and received praise from all who attended for the lively discussions generated. The publication arising captures both the papers presented as well as the roundtable discussions that ensued.

The third collective effort is Asia Trends, which brought together all but the Changing Family cluster (that focused on organising the Inter-Asia Roundtable) to deliver a one-day public outreach event. Talks on various topics were delivered, from whether open borders make more sense in Asia, to evangelising Asia, to sustainable cities in Asia, and cultural industries in Asia. The day connected ARI with the local Singapore community through informing and interacting with various sectors of the public (citizenry, government, civil society organisations, businesses, university and junior college faculty and students) on major social research issues about Asia.

The challenges of further building ARI as a key node in the world for the study of Asia must not be underestimated, but it is gratifying to know that the individual and collective efforts have not gone unnoticed. The Rockefeller Foundation's acknowledgement of ARI as one of 29 research centres of excellence in Asia, the rapid growth in very high quality applicants who wish to spend time at ARI as both short-term and long-term visitors/researchers, and the exponential escalation in the number of downloads of ARI material (working papers, newsletters, podcasts etc.) are just some of the indications that ARI continues to attract positive attention.



PROFESSOR LILY KONG
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Concurrently, Vice-President
(University & Global Relations) And
Professor of Geography

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Prof Lily Kong

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Assoc Prof Gregory Clancey
(From 1 August 2009)
Assoc Prof Michael Feener
(From 1 February 2009)
Prof Heng Chye Kiang (Till 12 June 2009)
Prof Gavin Jones
Prof Anthony Reid (Till 30 June 2009)
Prof Bryan Turner (Till 31 January 2009)
Prof Brenda Yeoh

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Assoc Prof Timothy Bunnell (From 1 July 2009)
Dr Patrick Daly (From 1 July 2009)
Assoc Prof Michael Feener (Till 31 January 2009)
Dr Lai Ah Eng (Till 1 July 2009)
Dr Melody Lu (From 1 July 2009)

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

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Dr Peter Marolt (From 12 October 2009)
Dr Ronit Ricci (From May to October 2009)

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3.0 ARI Committees

ARI Committees

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

In the year 2009, 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 and graduate student researchers from around the world.

Asian Graduate Students Committee With Summer Institute and Graduate Students Forum

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Dr Patrick Daly
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Dr Peter Marolt
Dr Premchand Dommaraju
Dr Ronit Ricci
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A/P Vedi Hadiz
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Ms Kristy Won
Ms Alyson Rozells (From 1 January 2009)

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Dr Ronit Ricci (Chair)
Dr Premchand Dommaraju

Ms Joyce Zaide
Ms Kalaichelvi Sitharthan

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Dr Michelle Miller (Till 25 February 2009)
Prof Anjali Roy (Till 12 June 2009)
Prof Venni Venkata Krishna
A/P Gregory Clancey (From 12 June 2009)
A/P Timothy Bunnell (From 12 June 2009)
Ms Joyce Zaide
Ms Valerie Yeo

Newsletter and Outreach Committee

Prof Anjali Roy (Chair) (Till 12 June 2009)
Dr Melody Lu (Chair) (From 12 June 2009)
Dr Julius Bautista
Dr Francis Collins (Till 30 June 2009)
Dr Peter Marolt (From 12 June 2009)
Ms Saharah Abubakar
Ms Alyson Rozells

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Prof Jean Yeung (Chair) (From 12 June 2009)
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Dr Julius Bautista
Dr Liew Kai Khiun (Till 13 May 2009)
Dr Francis Collins (Till 30 June 2009)
Dr Hee Limin (Till 30 April 2009)
Dr Michelle Miller (Till 25 February 2009)
A/P Michael Feener (From 12 June 2009)
A/P Zhu Jieming (From 12 June 2009)
Ms Alyson Rozells
Ms Sharon Ong

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4.0
RESEARCH PERSONNEL

Research Personnel

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

The major building blocks of the research personnel are the 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. Professor Anthony Reid, the research leader of the foundational Southeast Asia-China Interactions cluster in ARI, retired in June 2009 and a review of the cluster recommended its closure with the cluster leader's retirement. A new cluster, Science, Technology, and Society (STS), was established on 1 August 2009 and Associate Professor Gregory Clancey, a joint appointee between the Department of History at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) and ARI, was appointed to head the new cluster. Under his leadership, the cluster has already developed an active range of projects and activities, as well as established international linkages and collaborations.

Professor Bryan Turner, research leader of the Religion and Globalisation cluster, left in January 2009 due to health reasons and was succeeded by Associate Professor Michael Feener. A/P Feener has been a key member of the cluster since he was jointly appointed to ARI and the Department of History, FASS, in 2006. His smooth transition to the leadership role enabled the cluster's agenda and activities to continue and escalate seamlessly.

ARI also awards two-year (senior) research fellowships to well-established researchers as

well as researchers in early career stages. The research leaders and (senior) research fellows provide the stability and experience necessary for implementing longer-term plans of the Institute, while other shorter-term members add agility and vibrancy to the ARI community.

A high proportion of appointees in ARI are visiting fellows who are with ARI for one year or less. These are usually established scholars on leave from their home institutions, and are recruited internationally on a competitive basis. They assume short-term visiting fellowships ranging from three months up to a year. 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 (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 higher positions in NUS or other universities worldwide.

This year, the institute appointed three senior faculty members as joint appointees to ARI,

including the research leader of the new STS cluster. The other two members, Associate Professor Timothy Bunnell from the Department of Geography at FASS and Associate Professor Zhu Jieming from the Department of Real Estate at the School of Design and Environment, joined the core team of the Asian Urbanisms cluster (formerly the Sustainable Cities cluster). ARI's profile was further heightened by the appointment of Emeritus Professor Robin Jeffrey as visiting research professor, jointly appointed to the Institute of South Asian Studies.

In 2009, ARI continued to interact constantly 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 by 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 a research assistant and a postdoctoral fellow. Another project with a grant awarded by the Ministry of Education, Singapore, similarly provided full or partial support for a senior research fellow, a research assistant and a visiting research fellow. Other sources of external grants provided full or partial support for a senior research fellow and a postdoctoral fellow.

DIRECTOR

Kong, Lily, Professor. BA (Hons) (NUS), MA (NUS), PhD (University College London). Director from 1 January 2008; 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. Landscape symbolism and national identity; politics of urban infrastructure development; network conceptions of landscapes, place 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; Asian Urbanisms Cluster Research

Leader from 1 April 2006 to 31 October 2009; 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, 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.

Heng Chye Kiang, Professor. Architecte D.E.S.A (Ecole Speciale d'Architecture), C.E.S (Ecole Nationale des Travaux Publics de l'Etat), PhD (University of California

at Berkeley). Asian Urbanisms Cluster Research Leader from 1 April 2006 to 31 October 2009; joint appointment with Department of Architecture, SDE, and concurrently Dean, SDE. History and design of Chinese cities and architecture: urban design and conservation in 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. Delayed marriage and non-marriage in Southeast and East Asia; international marriage, determinants of fertility trends in Asia, mega-urban regions in Southeast and East Asia.

Reid, Anthony, Professor. BA (Victoria University of Wellington), MA (VUW), PhD (Cambridge). Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities (FAHA) 1987, Corresponding Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. Southeast Asia-China Interactions Cluster Research Leader from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2009; joint appointment with Department of History, FASS. Pre-colonial and economic history of Southeast Asia; shaping of identities in modern Indonesia and Malaysia: Aceh.

Turner, Bryan, Professor. BA (Leeds), PhD (Leeds), DLitt (Flinders). Religion and Globalisation in Asian Contexts Cluster Research Leader from 1 February 2005 to 31 January 2009; joint appointment with Department of Sociology, FASS. Religion, conflict and the modern state; religious authority and electronic information; religious consumerism and youth cultures.

Yeoh Saw Ai, Brenda, Professor. BA (Hons) (Cambridge); MA (Cambridge), PhD (Oxford). Asian Migration Cluster Research Leader and Asian MetaCentre Principal Investigator from February 2000; joint appointment with Department of Geography, and concurrently Head, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, 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 (University of Sydney), Certificate in Adult Literacy Education (South Sydney College of Technical and Further Education), PhD (Australian National University). Joint appointment with Southeast Asian Studies Programme, FASS, since 20 July 2005. Folk Catholicism and religious iconography in the Philippines; religious studies.

Bunnell, Timothy, Associate Professor. BA (Nottingham), PhD (Nottingham). Joint appointment with Department of Geography, FASS, from 1 July 2009. Landscape symbolism and national identity; politics of urban/ infrastructure development; network conceptions of landscapes, place and the city; Malay communities beyond the "Malay World".

Clancey, Gregory, Associate Professor. BA (Hons) (Oxford), MA (Boston), PhD (MIT). Joint appointment with Department of History, FASS, from 1 October 2008 to 31 March 2009. History and anthropology of science and technology; architecture and cities; natural disaster; Japan.

Hee Limin, Assistant Professor. B.Arch (Hons) (NUS), M.Arch (NUS), DDes (Harvard). Joint appointment with Department of Architecture, SDE, from 1 May 2008 to 30 April 2009. Sustainable cities, Asian urbanism, public spaces, and design pedagogy.

Jeffrey, Robin Bannerman, Visiting Research Professor. BA (Victoria), PhD (Sussex). Joint appointment with Institute of South Asian Studies since 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, since 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, since 1 May 2009. Institutional analysis of urban development in the transitional economy; urban planning in high-density low-income Asian cities.

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Goh Boon Hua, Robbie, Associate Professor. BA (Hons) (NUS), MA (NUS), PhD (Chicago). Joint appointment with Department of English Language and Literature, FASS, since 15 January 2008. 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) 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. Cultural heritage management and politics in contemporary situations.

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

Roy, Anjali Gera, BA (Hons) (Delhi), MA (Chennai), PhD (Indian Institute of Technology Mumbai), Senior Research Fellow from 4 August 2008 to 4 September 2009. Critical theory, film and media studies, literary and cultural studies, and folklore.

Wade, Geoffrey, BA (Australian National University), PhD (Hong Kong). Senior Research Fellow from 6 January 2005 to 5 January 2009. China-Southeast Asian historical interactions; Asian historical expansions.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

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

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

Collins, Francis, PhD (Auckland). From 27 September 2007 to 30 June 2009. Migration and transnationalism; the "everyday" in urban experience; international education and the experiences of international students; the role of cities in globalising processes; social and cultural geographies; ethnicity, race and racism.

Dommaraju, Premchand Varma, PhD (Arizona State University). From 1 September 2008. 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.

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

Kim Tae-Ho, PhD (Seoul National University). From 9 November 2009. 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.

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.

Liew Kai Khiun, PhD (University College London). From 14 May 2007 to 13 May 2009. Cultural and media studies; medical history; Singapore society.

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

Miller, Michelle Ann, PhD (Charles Darwin University). From 2 July 2007 to 25 February 2009. Decentralisation, democratisation, political development, armed separatism, security sector reform, state and nation-building, capacity building, civil and political rights, in the areas of Southeast Asia, Indonesia and Aceh.

Ricci, Ronit, PhD (Michigan). From 10 January 2008. Comparative literature; South and Southeast Asian cultures.

Scheifinger, Heinz, PhD (Warwick). From 3 November 2008. 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

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

Chua Fengyi, Deborah, BA (NUS). From 2 July 2007. Child language development, the writing-cognition link and genre studies.

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

Lee Jack Jin, Gary, BA (Chicago). From 4 August 2008 to 31 July 2009. Ethnography, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology, the sociology of human rights, community organising and development, and Chinese immigration.

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

VISITING (SENIOR) RESEARCH FELLOWS

Budiwanti, Erni, PhD (Monash). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 9 March 2009 to 8 June 2009. Ethno-religious groupings and minorities in Indonesia and Malaysia.

Charoensin-O-Larn, Chairat, PhD (Hawaii). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 6 November 2008 to 5 February 2009. Modern French critical theorists, and democratic politics in Thailand.

Dzung, Thi Kieu Vu, PhD (Michigan). Visiting Research Fellow from 2 October 2008. Development, migration, and women's health in Asia and North America.

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

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

Hung Cam Thai, PhD (University of California at Berkeley). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 15 July 2009. Gender, family and international migration across the Vietnamese diaspora.

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

Johansson, Jan Vig Perry, PhD (Stockholm). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 2 October 2008 to 1 January 2009. Intellectual and political history of Chinese-European relations.

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

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

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

Mackie, Vera Christine, PhD (Adelaide). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 2 February 2009 to 30 April 2009. Women studies; Japan.

Marranci, Gabriele, PhD (Queen's University of Belfast). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 23 September 2008 to 22 September 2009. Identity; Muslim migration/immigration; urban sociology; globalisation; fundamentalism; political Islam; secularisation processes; criminology; and anthropology of music.

Mohamad, Maznah, PhD (Malaya). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 2 October 2006. Gender and Islam; Malay family; Islam and State; social movements; political trends in Malaysia.

Moore, Elizabeth Howard, PhD (University College London). Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 27 July 2009 to 26 October 2009. Southeast Asian Art and Archaeology.

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

Parthasarathy, Devanathan, PhD (Hyderabad). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 15 July 2008. Urban studies; development studies; technology and development; vulnerability and adaptation to climate change; caste/ethnic conflicts; women and development; and law and governance.

Perera, Nihal, PhD (State University of New York). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 4 December 2009. 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. Marriage migration; gender and migration, internet courtship and marriage; transnational intercultural marriage; Islam and gender relations; adolescence in Indonesia; Asian migration to Australia; children in intercultural families.

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

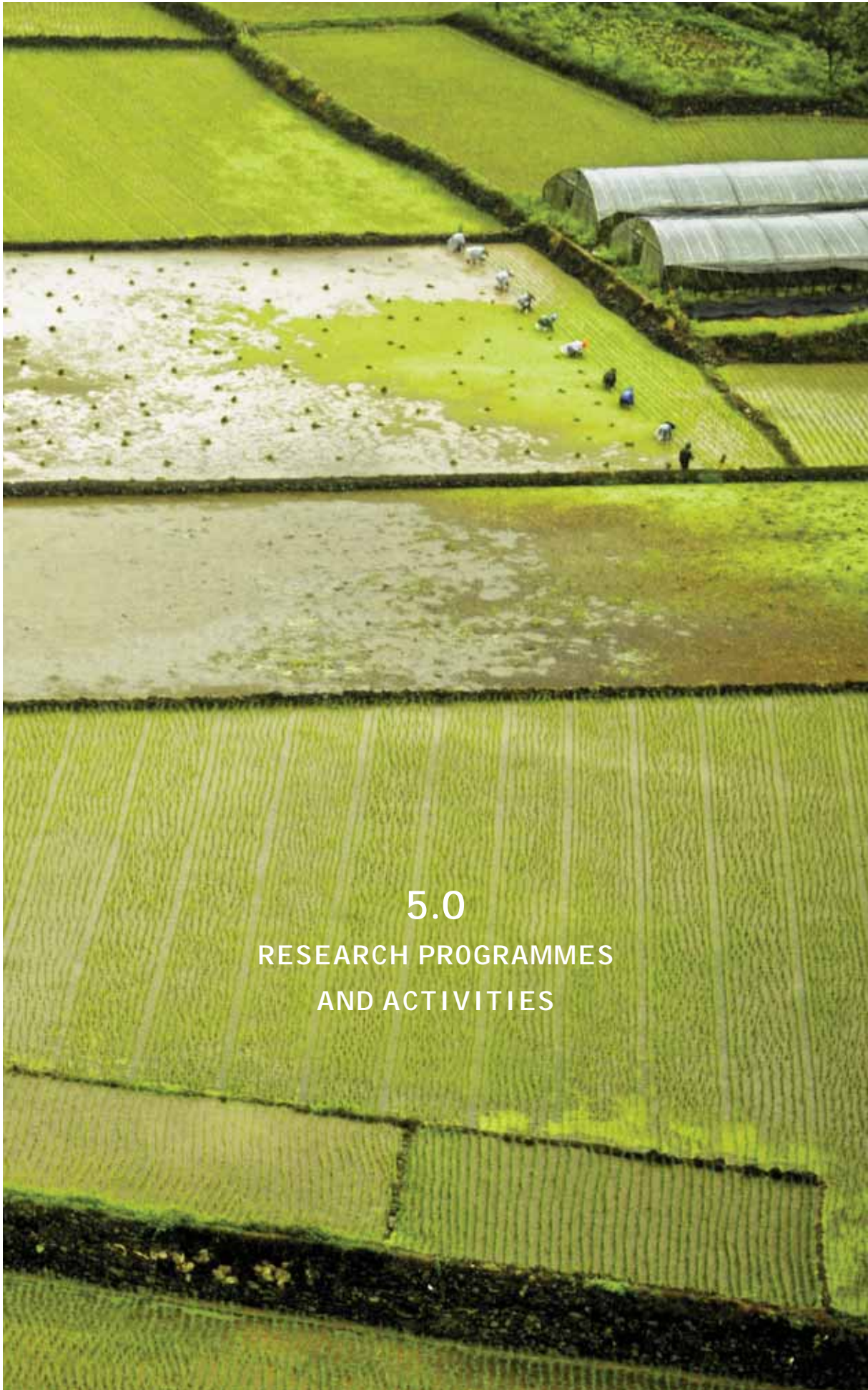
Van der Veer, Pieter Tjietse, PhD (Utrecht). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 3 November 2008 to 2 February 2009. Religion and nationalism in India and China; anthropology; Indo-Iranian languages and cultures.

Weiss, Richard Scott, PhD (Chicago). Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 3 November 2008 to 2 February 2009. South Asian religion, in particular Tamil South Indian Hinduism.

Wieringa, Saskia, PhD (Amsterdam). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 11 May 2009 to 10 August 2009. Sexual politics and women's same-sex relations in Indonesia and in other parts of the world, notably Japan and Southern Africa.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR ON FASS WRITING SEMESTER SCHEME

Goh Pei Siong, Daniel, PhD (Michigan, Ann Arbor). At ARI 1 July 2009 to 31 December 2009; from Department of Sociology, FASS. State-formation, postcolonialism, religion, and social ecology, with empirical grounding in Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore.



5.0
RESEARCH PROGRAMMES
AND ACTIVITIES

Research Clusters

The research clusters in ARI each focus 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.

Changing Family in Asia

Open Cluster

Cultural Studies in Asia

Asian Migration

Science, Technology, and Society

Religion & Globalisation in Asian Contexts

Asian Urbanisms

Asian Migration



PROF BRENDA YEOH

Under conditions of globalisation, the increasing speed and volume of Asian migration and the multiplicity of migration pathways within and beyond Asia in recent decades have inspired a broad range of research under the Asian Migration cluster.

The cluster began work on *Transnational Migration and Global Cities* as a priority area in 2007 to draw attention to the material processes and discourses of globalisation and transnationalism as they intersect in Asian cities. In 2009, cluster members focused on developing high quality publications out of conferences held in 2007 and 2008: two Special Issues of internationally refereed journals (*Asian Population Studies* and *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*) have resulted from the *International Conference on In and Out of Asia: Migrating Talent, Globalising Cities* held in November 2007; and a book volume each is underway as the fruits of the *International Conference on Return Migration in Asia: Experiences, Ideologies and Politics* (July-August 2008) and the *International Workshop on Migration and Diversity in Asian Contexts* (September 2008).

Apart from individual research, cluster members also continued work on several larger research grants including *State Boundaries, Cultural Politics and Gender Negotiations in Commercially Arranged International Marriages in Singapore and Malaysia* (MOE Tier II grant); *Transnational Careworkers, State Policies and Gender Dynamics in Ageing Societies: A Comparative Study of Singapore and Japan* in collaboration with a research team from various Japanese universities (funded under the NUS-JSPS scheme); and *Children and Migrant Parents in Southeast Asia* (CHAMPSEA, 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.

In February 2009, Professor Brenda Yeoh (ARI) (collaborator) and Dr Francis Collins (ARI) (research fellow), as part of A/P Ho Kong Chong's (principal investigator, Department of Sociology) team, successfully secured AcRF Tier II funding for a major project on *Globalising Universities and International Student Mobilities in East Asia*. The researchers have begun research 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.

Work has also begun on a collaborative project between Dr Johan Lindquist (Stockholm University), Dr Xiang Biao (Oxford University) and Professor Brenda Yeoh on *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) and the first fruits will be a conference to be held in August 2010 as well as several exchange visits between researchers and graduate students from the three universities.

The cluster calendar was continually full throughout the year with many project meetings, research seminars, workshops and conferences. The cluster's flagship conference for the year – *Transnational Mobilities for Care: State, Market and Family Dynamics in Asia* (10-11 September 2009) was organised in collaboration with ARI's Changing Family in Asia research cluster and the migration research cluster of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Another conference on *Migration, Societal and Market Transformations –*

Perceptions, Debates and Policies in Asia and Europe (16-17 March 2009) was organised with the European Union Centre in Singapore. Cluster members were also busy with project meetings involving our external partners throughout the year including *CHAMPSEA Project Meeting* (7-9 January 2009); *CHAMPSEA Project – Training of Interviewers for the Qualitative Study*

(14-16 April 2009); *CHAMPSEA Project – Training of Interviewers for the Qualitative Study* (9-10 July 2009); and *Project Meeting – State Boundaries, Cultural Politics and Gender Negotiations in Commercially Arranged International Marriages in Singapore and Malaysia* (30 November - 1 December 2009).

RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS

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

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

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

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

A/P Hung Cam Thai: Gender, family and international migration across the Vietnamese diaspora

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

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

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

Mr Gary Lee: Ethnography, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology, the sociology of human rights, community organising and development, and Chinese immigration

Dr Lu Chia-Wen Melody: Gender, migration and family in East Asia

Prof Kathryn Robinson: Marriage migration, gender and migration, internet courtship and marriage, Asian migration to Australia, children in intercultural families

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

RESEARCH CLUSTER ASSOCIATES

A/P Shapan Adnan
Department of South Asian Studies (Till 30 June 2009)

A/P Timothy Bunnell
Department of Geography (Till 30 June 2009)

Dr Francis Collins
Department of Geography (From 1 August 2009)

A/P Michael Ewing-Chow
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A/P Ho Kong Chong
Department of Sociology

A/P Shirlena Huang
Department of Geography

Dr Noorashikin Abdul Rahman
Department of Geography

Dr Rachel Safman
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Prof Tan Tai Yong
Department of History (Till 30 June 2009)

A/P Eric Thompson
Department of Sociology

Dr Mika Toyota
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Prof Wang Gungwu
East Asian Institute

Asian Urbanisms

(formerly Sustainable Cities)



PROF HENG CHYE KIANG A/P TIMOTHY BUNNELL PROF CHUA BENG HUAT

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): cultural circuits and imagery; intra-Asian urban emulation; tropical sustainability and urban lifestyles; natural disasters, conflict and urban resilience; cultures of urban heritage; and religion-related urbanisms.

This cluster, previously known as the Sustainable Cities cluster, was established as part of ARI in November 2009 with the handing over of leadership to A/P Timothy Bunnell who is jointly appointed to the Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. It currently has eight members, including one post-doctoral fellow and six interdisciplinary associates. During 2009, the cluster also played host to two international visiting fellows, Professor Devanathan

Parthasarathy (IIT-Bombay) and Professor Nihal Perera (Ball State University). In February, Dr Hee Limin (Architecture, SDE) convened a workshop on *Constructing Sustainability: Ethics, Techniques or Aesthetics*. As part of the reframing of the cluster towards the end of 2009, funding has already been secured for two major international workshops: *Rural-urban Networks and Transitions in Asia: Re-spatialising Cultural and Political Imaginaries*; and *Global Urban Frontiers: Asian Cities in Theory, Practice and Imagination*. The former is co-sponsored by the Cities research cluster in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, while the latter is being co-organised by University College London as part of a broader collaboration involving a follow-up workshop in London and a joint international research grant application. Through these and other collaborative research initiatives — within NUS as well as internationally — Asian Urbanisms seeks to establish ARI as a locus for leading edge urban theorisation based on empirical insights from Asia.

RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS

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

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

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

Dr Hee Limin: Asian urbanism and public space; sustainable urban development; creative precincts

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

A/P Ng Zhiru: Transmission of Buddhism from India to China; Buddhist cults; religious visual culture; death and after-life rituals; Buddhist modernism

Prof Devanathan Parthasarathy: Urban studies; development studies; technology and development; vulnerability and adaptation to climate change; caste/ethnic conflicts; women and development; law and governance

Prof 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

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 in global cities

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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A/P Timothy Bunnell
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A/P Ho Kong Chong
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Dr Lai Chee Kien
Department of Architecture
(From 1 July 2009)

Prof Ooi Giok Ling
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Education Academic Group,
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National Institute of Education
(Till 5 October 2009)

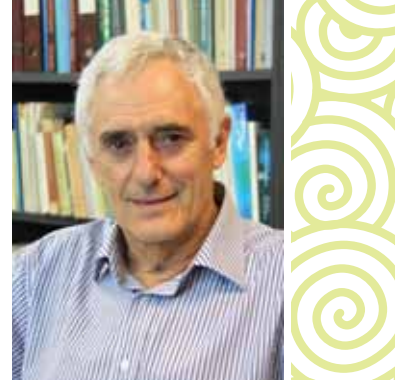
Dr Pow Choon Piew
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National Institute of Education

A/P Zhu Jieming
Department of Real Estate
(Till 30 April 2009)

Changing Family in Asia



PROF GAVIN JONES

The Changing Family in Asia cluster has no shortage of themes on which to focus, given the complex differences in family structures across the region and the speed of transformation of traditional family forms and relationships. Changing family structures are implicated in key social and economic issues in the region.

One example is the emergence of East Asia as the world's lowest fertility region, facing substantial population decline over coming decades. Professor Gavin Jones was invited to an expert group meeting at the United Nations Population Division in New York in December 2009 to give his views on appropriate assumptions about future fertility trends in the region to be used in the forthcoming publication *World Population Prospects: The 2010 Revision*.

The cluster was fortunate to be given the role of organising ARI's first Inter-Asia Roundtable, on the theme "Gender Relations in the 21st Century Asian Family", in August. Most research in the Asian region focuses on particular countries or regions. But this Roundtable proved that there are enough common areas of interest across the diverse regions of Asia to make a dialogue among people from all regions a very stimulating event. The issue of the "female deficit" – resulting from abortion of female foetuses, and relative neglect of young girls, is prominent in some parts of Asia, and provided a focus for discussion on son preference and kinship structures that foster it. The Roundtable also focused on marriage, marital

dissolution, gender relations and family forms, inter-generational relationships and the "queer" family in Asia.

Fieldwork for the collaborative research project on *State Boundaries, Cultural Politics and Gender Negotiations in Commercially Arranged International Marriages in Singapore and Malaysia* between the migration and family clusters was in full swing throughout the year. Dr Chee Heng Leng is the project coordinator.

During the year, two books were published as a result of earlier cluster conferences and workshops. Another was in preparation, from the comparative research on marriage in insular Southeast Asia coordinated by the cluster in recent years.

RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS

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

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: Ageing 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

Mr Gary Lee Jack Jin: Ethnography, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology, the sociology of human rights, community organising and development, and Chinese immigration

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

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

Prof Saskia Wieringa: Sexual politics and women's same-sex relations in Indonesia and in other parts of the world, notably Japan and Southern Africa

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; and comparative family

policies in East Asia (China, South Korea and Japan) and Singapore

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Dr Mika Toyota
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Dr Yap Mui Teng
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Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy



PROF CHUA BENG HUAT

The year under review had been a busy year of events for the Cultural Studies in Asia research cluster. The cluster organised four international workshops on three very different spheres of contemporary cultural practices.

The first is *From Bombay to LA: The Travels of South Asian Cinema* (9-10 February 2009). This international workshop was motivated by the globalisation of Bollywood and its apparent hegemonic position in South Asia. It brought together a significant contingent of speakers from South Asia who presented analysis on the various regional cinemas in different Indian languages and their relationship to Bollywood. An exhibition of memorabilia and photographs of South Asian cinemas was also mounted at the Library @ Esplanade and subsequently, at LaSalle Art College.

The second international event was the international conference on *American Pop Culture in Asia* (19-20 February 2009). In addition to the unavoidable discussion of the histories of the arrival and reception of Hollywood cinemas and American pop music in different parts of Asia, the conference also covered the lesser discussed presence of American spectator sports introduced by its colonial presence in the Philippines and military presence in South Korea and Japan. Different pop cultural practices had different temporalities in different parts of Asia. For example, the Japanese have been appropriating American pop music since the jazz age, way before the Pacific War and the brief occupation of Japan by American military. While in Singapore, a British colony, it was American movies that were the most significant entertainment outlet for local youths who mimicked what was on screen as ways of becoming and being "modern". In the Philippines, basketball was taken up in a big way; in the 1950s its national team was possibly the best in Asia, winning consecutive gold medals in the Asian Games.

The third event was the international conference on the *Politics of English in Asia: Language Policy and Cultural Expression*. This ARI workshop was held on 4-5 August 2009. It saw a total of 16 papers presented, including a keynote by Alastair Pennycook of University of Technology Sydney. Participants from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines came together to discuss various aspects of the language policy, debates, controversies, cultural politics and practices of English in a number of Asian settings. An edited volume comprising papers from the workshop is being planned.

The final event for the year was an international workshop on *Pop Culture China* (7-8 December 2009). Chinese languages pop culture – movies, pop music and television programmes – have a long history of circulating as mass entertainment within ethnic-Chinese majority areas of Asia of the People's Republic of China (PRC), Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore, and where they are a minority relative to the indigenous population in other Asian countries, such as Malaysia and Indonesia. This production, distribution, circulation and consumption of Chinese languages pop culture is loosely integrated into a geo-cultural economy that can be symbolically and discursively designated as Pop Culture China. The two-day workshop had 15 presentations. The first paper appropriately mapped out of the geographic space of Pop Culture China by the history and geography of the Shaw Brothers entertainment enterprises. Following that several papers examined specific practices in cinemas of individual directors, such as Wong Kar-Wai, and non-Mandarin cinemas, such as the Amoy-language movies that were

financed from the Philippines by overseas Chinese there, made in Hong Kong and distributed to Taiwan, the largest Amoy language speaking population outside Fujian province in the PRC. Among the more surprising pop culture products examined were the highly popular *wuxia* novels written entirely in Indonesian but with Hokkien for titles, locations and *wuxia* styles, written by Kho Ping Hoo, who had never been to China but constructed a totally imagined landscape with the assistance of a map and his own knowledge of famous *wuxia* novels that were translated into Indonesian.

food industry globally; short pulp novels by Indonesian foreign domestic workers in Hong Kong; animation industry as representation of 'Cool' Japan as soft power; online games for children in the PRC and routine lives of waste scavengers in Cambodia. Most seminar presentations are by younger scholars who have just completed or are still in the process of completing their PhDs. 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.

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: auto-tourism of Singaporeans touring Singapore sites; the expanding Muslim-halal

RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS

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

Dr Cho Younghan: East Asian popular culture, global sports and nationalism

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

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

Dr Charles Leary: Hong Kong cinema, American cinema, performance for the

moving image, and the history of film criticism

Dr Liew Kai Khiun: Cultural and media studies; medical history; Singapore society

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

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A/P Eric Thompson

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A/P Bobby Wong

Department of Architecture

Religion and Globalisation in Asian Contexts



A/P MICHAEL FEENER PROF BRYAN TURNER

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 here 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 NUS Academic Research Fund 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 Professor 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 Feener has established a cross-faculty reading group on this topic, bringing together colleagues from ARI, the FASS, the Faculty of Law, the University Scholars’ Programme and the

university’s Office of 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 new 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 cluster also held a number of workshops, seminars, roundtables and other events over the past year. This included two workshops convened by Dr Ronit Ricci on *Translation in Asia: Theories, Practices, Histories* (co-organised with A/P Jan van der Putten, Department of Malay Studies, NUS), and *Jews in Indonesia: Perceptions and Histories*.

Over the past year the Religion and Globalisation cluster has hosted a number of short-term visitors and cluster affiliates for collaborations on particular research projects, including Professor Mark Cammack (Southwestern School of Law, USA), A/P Clark Lombardi (University of Washington Law School, USA), Dr Torsten Tschacher (Heidelberg University, Germany), and Mr Chin Channa (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [UNHCR], Documentary Center of Cambodia).

RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS

Prof Bryan Turner (Research Leader): Religion, conflict and the modern state; religious authority and electronic information; religious consumerism and youth cultures

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

Dr Erni Budiwanti: Ethno-religious groupings and minorities in Indonesia and Malaysia

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

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

A/P Gabriele Marranci: Identity; Muslim migration/immigration; urban sociology; globalisation; fundamentalism; political Islam; secularisation processes; criminology; anthropology of music

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

Prof Pieter Tjitse van der Veer: Comparison of religion and nationalism in India and China; anthropology; Indo-Iranian languages and cultures

Dr Richard Scott Weiss: South Asian religion, in particular Tamil South Indian Hinduism

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A/P Gary Bell
Faculty of Law

A/P Thomas Dubois

Department of History (Till 30 June 2009)

A/P Vineeta Sinha

Department of Sociology

A/P John Whalen-Bridge

Department of English Language and Literature

Science, Technology, and Society



A/P GREGORY CLANCEY

Science, Technology, and Society (STS) is a well-established interdisciplinary field that studies the intimate relationship between these three domains.

STS is also the newest research cluster at ARI, having been officially launched in August 2009 with A/P Gregory Clancey as research leader. While STS is in a growth stage in Asia, with networks having formed in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, China, and India, NUS is the first university in Southeast Asia to host an STS initiative, and has already built one of the largest STS research groups in Asia as a whole. The cluster has begun to network with similar research groups around the world, and intends to become the primary English-language centre for STS-related research in and about Asia.

Given the close and growing connection between Asian societies, scientific research, and technological production and use, there is an enormous amount of basic social science and humanities work to be done in this field to interest regional and global audiences. Together with our companion STS cluster in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, with whom we share personnel and basic support, the ARI cluster specialises in such areas as biotechnology/bioscience, interactive and digital media, urban and environmental technologies, science and technology policy, the history and philosophy of science and technology, and related areas. Our ranks include historians, sociologists, anthropologists, political scientists, new media scholars, literary theorists, public policy scholars, philosophers, geographers, and economists.

Although the cluster was officially opened only in August, ARI began sponsoring STS-related events in as early as January in anticipation of the launch. That month saw the first ever conference on STS in Southeast Asia, *Emergent Science and Technology Studies in Southeast Asia* (14-15 January 2009), co-sponsored by NUS [ARI and the Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS)], the University of Sydney, and the National Science Foundation of Taiwan. With participants from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Australian National University, the University of Amsterdam, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Montreal, School of Oriental and African Studies, and other leading research centres, the conference was a great success, and resulted in a special issue of the journal *East Asian Science, Technology, and Society*. This was followed by a March workshop *Towards a Trans-Asian Science and Technology Studies* (6 March 2009), also co-sponsored by ARI and HSS, which was the first to bring together STS scholars working on South Asia and East Asia, with participants from the University of Texas, the United Nations University Tokyo, Kobe University, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and others. The workshop papers will constitute a special issue of the journal *Science, Technology, and Society*. The cluster has also sponsored a number of distinguished speakers in the field, including Professors David Arnold from Warwick University, Christopher Cullen from the Needham Research

Institute at Cambridge, Gail Davies from University College London, and Ofer Gal from the University of Sydney. Members are currently planning a major conference on *Culture and Cognition in Asia: From Historical to Experimental Perspectives* (11-12 March 2010).

The cluster has also been awarded an AcRF Tier 2 research grant of S\$759,020 by the Academic

Research Council, Ministry of Education (ARC, MOE), for a project on *Asian Biopoles: Biotechnology and Biomedicine as Emergent Forms of Life and Practice*. The project which is aimed at studying Asian bioscience cities will bring us into collaboration with scholars from MIT, JNU, Sydney University, and Edinburgh University. We have also recently become part of a global bioscience and society network organised by King's College London.

RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS

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

Dr Philip Cho: Comparing the role of 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

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

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A/P Ryan Bishop
Department of English Language and Literature
(From 1 August 2009)

A/P John Phillips
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(From 1 August 2009)

Dr John Paul DiMoia
Department of History
(From 1 August 2009)

Dr Catelijne Coopmans
Department of Sociology
(From 1 August 2009)

Dr Axel Heinz Gelfert
Department of Philosophy
(From 1 August 2009)

Dr Karen Jane Winzoski
Department of Political Science
(From 1 August 2009)

Dr Denisa Kera
Communications and New Media Programme
(From 1 August 2009)

Dr John van Wyhe
Department of Biological Sciences and Department of History
(From 16 December 2009)

Southeast Asia-China Interactions



PROF ANTHONY REID

This was one of the foundational clusters of ARI, dedicated to the knowledge that relations between Southeast Asia and a rising China would be one of the crucial regional issues of the 21st century.

The cluster was one of the most active in hosting visitors and sponsoring conferences – 29 conferences in total in 2002-9. Publications from this research reached a peak in 2008-9, with the publication in 2008 of two readers on the topic – Dr Geoff Wade's *China and Southeast Asia* from Routledge (6 volumes) and Professor Anthony Reid's *The Chinese Diaspora in the Pacific* from Ashgate. In 2009 NUS Press published *Negotiating Asymmetry: China's Place in Asia* (ed. Reid and Zheng), and *Personal Names in Asia: History, Culture and Identity* (edited by Zheng Yangwen and Charles Macdonald), while the cluster's Asia Trends public conference of 2008 achieved publication through a special issue on *Chineseness Unbound: Boundaries, Burdens and Belongings of Chineseness outside China, in Asian Ethnicity*, 10, no. 3 (October 2009). Another long-awaited conference volume (ed. Wade and Sun) will be jointly published by NUSP and HKUP in March 2010, with the title *Southeast Asia in the Fifteenth Century: The China Factor*.

As summarised in previous reports, much of the cluster's energies in its last two years went into a project on *The Cold War in Asia (1945-1990)*, although its bid for external funding could not proceed due to Professor Reid's retirement in June 2009. The cluster formally ended with his departure, so this report covers activities only in the first half of 2009.

Its remaining staff members, Dr Patrick Daly and Dr Charles Leary, transferred to the Open and Cultural Studies clusters respectively, in June. Though winding down, the Cold War initiative continued to generate important events. It joined the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), NUS, and the History Channel to sponsor a well-attended series of monthly public lectures on the Cold War, begun in September 2008 but continuing through the academic year to May 2009; and co-sponsored with FASS the conference on *The 1965-1966 Indonesian Killings Revisited* on 17-19 June 2009. Parties interested in maintaining Singapore's leadership in Cold War studies in the region met on several occasions, most importantly on 13 May at a conference of Southeast Asian archivists on *The Role of Archives in Documenting the Cold War in SE Asia*, sponsored by RSIS and the National Archives of Singapore, at which Professor Reid also spoke.

RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS

Prof Anthony Reid (Research Leader): Pre-colonial and economic history of Southeast Asia; shaping of identities in modern Indonesia and Malaysia; Aceh

Dr Patrick Daly: Material culture and social practices; long term human/environmental histories; politics and heritage; cultural heritage management in post-conflict/post-disaster situations

Dr Perry Johansson: Intellectual and political history of Chinese-European relations

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

Dr Geoffrey Wade: China-Southeast Asian historical interactions; Asian historical expansions

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(Till 30 June 2009)

Prof Tan Tai Yong
Department of History
(Till 30 June 2009)

Prof Wang Gungwu
East Asian Institute
(Till 30 June 2009)

A/P Johannes Widodo
Department of Architecture
(Till 30 June 2009)

Dr Yang Bin
Department of History
(Till 30 June 2009)



A/P MICHAEL FEENER

Over the past five 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.

In February 2009 the Centre held its second international conference in Aceh on the theme of "Civil Conflict and Its Remedies". This included over fifty presentations by local and international scholars that addressed key issues related to the post-conflict situation in Aceh, as well as in other Asian conflict areas. The highlight of this conference was a closing address by Nobel Peace Laureate and former Finnish President, Martti Ahtisaari.

In 2009, members and associates of the ARI Aceh project team continued to pursue their own individual studies and field research in Aceh. As a result of this they have produced a number of publications including conference papers, articles, and a new monograph by Dr Michelle Miller. Dr Miller and A/P Feener also co-wrote an essay appearing in a new volume on the subject of law and emergency powers, published this year by Cambridge University Press. Prof Reid, Dr Daly and A/P Feener have submitted two volumes of edited essays on Acehnese history and contemporary developments to press for publication over the coming year. We have also created a new "Aceh Section" of the online ARI working papers series.

PROJECT MEMBERS

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

Dr Patrick Daly: Cultural heritage
management in crisis situations

Dr Michelle Miller: Decentralisation
and post-conflict governance

Prof Anthony Reid: Social and
economic history of Aceh

PROJECT ASSOCIATES

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A/P Daniel Fitzpatrick
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Dr Boyd Fuller
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

Dr Jonathan Marshall
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis



PROF BRENDA YEOH

Headquartered at the Asia Research Institute (ARI), NUS, in Singapore, the Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis (AMC) was established in 2000 with funding from The Wellcome Trust's major Awards for a Centre of Excellence in Asia.

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. In 2002, the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH), at the Australian National University joined as a principal collaborator. Its research foci includes: population-development-environment-health interactions at the regional level, rapid urbanisation, urbanism and health in Asia, and demographic change, migration and the "Asian family", and their impacts on social and psychological wellbeing.

One of the major aims of the Asian MetaCentre is to improve the synergy between existing centres of population studies around Asia

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

In 2009, 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 started officially in January 2007 and has been progressing smoothly over the past three years.

The CHAMPSEA team met in Singapore early in the year to take stock of the project's progress, discuss the initial findings from the quantitative phase completed in 2008, which then provided a springboard

for the qualitative phase of conducting in-depth interviews with carers of left-behind children in all study countries. Two training meetings were also held in Singapore to further prepare the in-country interview teams for fieldwork. Different members of the CHAMPSEA team based in Singapore (NUS) were able to contribute to fieldwork activities in these countries by participating in the training sessions, visiting the study sites and conducting the interviews.

The fieldwork for the qualitative phase of the study was launched separately in each country, with Vietnam starting the ball rolling on 27 April 2009, followed by the Philippines on 4 May 2009, Indonesia on 18 May 2009 and finally, Thailand on 20 July 2009. Each country was able to complete data collection within a month and spent the subsequent months transcribing and translating the interviews. The provinces that were eventually selected for this phase of the study were Thai Binh for Vietnam, Laguna for the Philippines, East Java for Indonesia and Udon

Thani for Thailand. Close to 200 carers took part in the study while over 30 older children from selected households in the Philippines and Indonesia were also interviewed.

Throughout the year, members of the CHAMPSEA team were also busy participating in multiple conferences and workshops around the globe in a bid to share the preliminary findings from the study as well as generate an awareness of the topic.

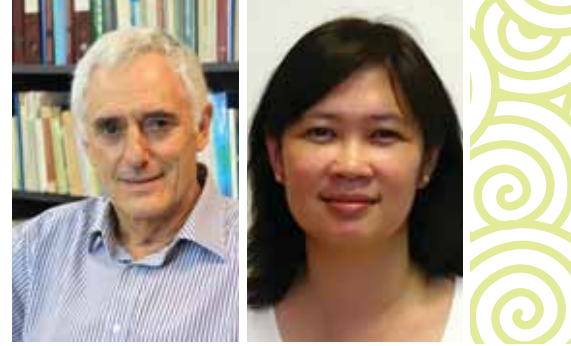
PROJECT MEMBERS

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

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

State Boundaries, Cultural Politics and Gender Negotiations in Commercially Arranged International Marriages in Singapore and Malaysia



PROF GAVIN JONES

PROF BRENDA YEOH

The research project *State Boundaries, Cultural Politics and Gender Negotiations in Commercially Arranged International Marriages in Singapore and Malaysia*, awarded \$700,000 by Singapore's Academic Research Council for the duration of three years (May 2008-April 2011), was designed to investigate marriages between Singaporean/Malaysian men and Vietnamese and Chinese women contracted through commercial agencies, and to contrast them with marriages that occur between Singaporean/Malaysian citizens and migrant workers, as well as the more traditionally arranged marriages between Singaporeans/Malaysians of Indian origin and Indian men and women.

In 2009, the project was deeply into its fieldwork phase. The research team members, including visiting research fellow Dr Vu Thi Kieu Dzung, concentrated fully on the fieldwork for the Vietnamese-Singaporean and

Vietnamese-Malaysian international marriages contracted through commercial matchmaking agencies. Meanwhile, together with our Malaysian collaborator Prof Rashidah Shuib at KANITA, Universiti Sains Malaysia, we also conducted the fieldwork for marriages between migrant workers and citizens in Malaysia. As we move into 2010, the research team members will focus their energy on the fieldwork for the other types of marriages in Malaysia and Singapore, as well as begin to share our research findings at various forums.

PROJECT 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 Chia-Wen Melody: Gender, migration and family in East Asia

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

Externally Funded Projects

Clancey, Gregory

Principal Investigator in project on "Asian Biopoleis: Biotechnology and Biomedicine as Emergent Forms of Life and Practice", Ryan Bishop (Co-PI), Edison Tak-Bun Liu, John W. Phillips, Catelijne Coopmans, John P. DiMoia, Axel Gelfert, Denisa Kera, Karen Winzowski (Collaborators), S\$759,020 awarded by the Academic Research Council, Ministry of Education (ARC, MOE), Singapore, for AcRF Tier 2 funding, 2010-2013.

Feener, Michael

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

Jones, Gavin

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.

Yeoh Saw Ai, Brenda; Jones, Gavin; and Chee Heng Leng

"State Boundaries, Cultural Politics and Gender Negotiations in Commercially Arranged International Marriages in Singapore and Malaysia", Brenda Yeoh, Gavin Jones, Chee Heng Leng, Vu Thi

Kieu Dzung, awarded S\$700,000 by the Academic Research Council, Ministry of Education (ARC, MOE), Singapore, for AcRF Tier 2 funding, April 2008 - March 2011.

Yeoh Saw Ai, Brenda and Chee Heng Leng

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

Yeoh Saw Ai, Brenda

"Globalising Universities and International Student Mobilities in East Asia", Ho Kong Chong (PI), Brenda Yeoh and Francis Collins (Co-PIs), S\$880,620 funded by the Academic Research Council, Ministry of Education (ARC, MOE), Singapore, for AcRF Tier 2 funding, April 2009 - March 2012.

"Opening the Black Box of Migration: Brokers and the Organisation of Transnational Mobility", Johan Lindquist and Xiang Biao (Co-PIs), €35,000 per year for 3 years funded by the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education, July 2009 - June 2012.

Yeung Wei-Jun, Jean

Principal Investigator for project on "Intergenerational Racial Stratification and Children's Cognitive Achievement", Caroline Persell (Co-PI), US\$155,000 funded by National Science Foundation, USA, 2007-2009.

Co-Principal Investigator for project on "Continuity and Change in American

Economic and Social Life: The PSID 2007-2011", Stafford, F. (PI), US\$17,874,644 funded by National Science Foundation, USA, 2006-2011.

Co-Principal Investigator for project on "Transitions from Preschool to High School: Family, School, and Neighborhood", US\$5,761,343 funded by National Institute of Health, USA, 2007-2010.

Principal Investigator for project on "Economic Stress, Human Capital, and Families in Asia: Research and Policy Challenges", Gavin Jones, Angelique Chan and Yap Mui Teng (Co-PI), S\$30,000 funded by the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, Singapore, 1 December 2009 - July 2010.

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 of 2009, the Institute organised more than 20 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.

International Conference on Heritage in Asia: Converging Forces and Conflicting Values

Jointly organised with University of Sydney, Australia
8 – 9 Jan 2009, NUS Kent Ridge Campus
Convenors: Dr Patrick Daly and Dr Tim Winter

The main aim of the conference was to create a forum in which scholars could discuss the unique dynamics of heritage in Asia. The rapid pace of modernity and development in Asia has created fertile grounds for re-thinking the nature of heritage, as the pre-industrial and post-industrial exist simultaneously in close proximity to each other. It has also created great challenges for managing heritage within a shifting landscape in which social, political and economic imperatives seek to harness heritage to best suit their agendas, leading to a range of inherent conflicts. Eighty speakers representing most parts of Asia presented on topics ranging from urban heritage, issues of authenticity and conservation, post-conflict and post-disaster reconstruction, community development and diversity, post-colonial heritage, and heritage tourism. The keynote speakers were Professor Nobuko Inaba, Dr Richard Engelhardt, A/P Johannes Widodo, and Professor William Logan, all major international authorities in both research and policy related to heritage in Asia.



Emergent Science and Technology Studies in Southeast Asia

Jointly organised with University of Sydney, Australia; NCS Taiwan, Taiwan; and Science, Technology and Society (STS) Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
14 – 15 Jan 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenor: A/P Gregory Clancey



This gathering of emerging and senior scholars from the region, as well as from Australia, the Netherlands, the United States, and Britain, has the potential of defining and fostering a new and exciting field of scholarship in and on Southeast Asia. Over the past decade, STS scholars have turned their attention to geographical and postcolonial aspects of science and technology, tracing the globalisation of technical practices and scientific concepts. Yet until now, science and technology in Southeast Asia have largely escaped scholarly scrutiny. Filling this gap, the papers presented in this conference were eclectic, ranging from the development of medical science in the Dutch East Indies to the uptake of information technology in contemporary Malaysia, thus putting technoscience in Southeast Asia on the scholarly map. This conference becomes part of the project of revealing

and acknowledging hidden geographical notations and power relations of technoscience, as well as a further study of the mechanisms and forms of travel between sites. This conference will not only result in a landmark special volume of the journal *East Asian STS* (edited by Dai-Wie Fu, a participant in the meeting), but create the beginnings of a network of scholars of science and technology studies (STS) in Southeast Asia.

Race and Nation, Family and Economy: Malayness and Its Debates

Jointly organised with Department of Malay Studies, National University of Singapore
20 – 21 Jan 2009, NUS BukitTimah Campus
Convenors: Dr Maznah Mohamad and Dr Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied



The purpose of the workshop was to bring together scholars from a multitude of scholarly disciplines, from philology to literature to political science, to present their analysis and works on the debates surrounding the conceptualisation of “Malayness”, the Malays and the notion of their “Other”. The papers, presented by 15 speakers, were organised around five thematic questions, namely, 1) Islam and Malayness, 2) the nation in cultural projects, 3) negotiated portrayals, 4) the re-imagination of community and habitus, and 5) issues of purity, hybridity and the other. In terms of country reference, the papers were based on research materials from Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

The three keynote presenters spoke about the historical and social construction of Malay family and society, the Malay language as definer of identity, and the traditionalism and modernism of Islam in the Malay world. There emerged several positions on the question. The most important consensus was about the constructed nature of social identities, although some perspectives imputed more fluidity in this formation than others who felt that the reality of being Malay is more structural than just simply “imagined”.

Workshop on Creating Islamic Lawyers and Judges: Islamic Law in the Law Schools and Judicial Training Academies of Muslim Southeast Asia

Jointly organised with Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore; and The Carnegie Corporation of New York, USA

5 – 6 Feb 2009, NUS BukitTimah Campus

Convenors: A/P Michael Feener, A/P Clark Lombardi and Prof Mark Cammack

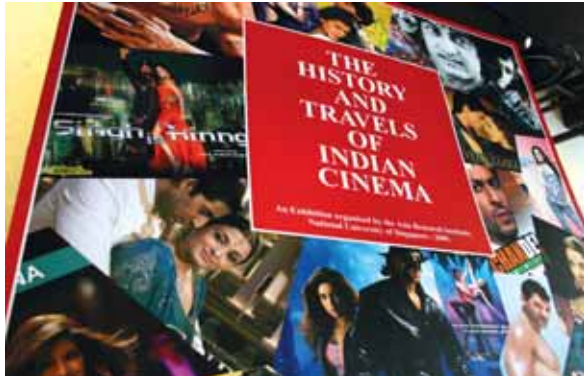


Over the past decade, Muslim Southeast Asia has experienced a dynamic and multi-faceted Islamic religious revival, including significant developments in the legal sphere as new statutory instruments have been issued which empower Islamic courts to apply Islamic law in an increasing number of legal disputes. Islamic law has also come to play important but indirect roles in several non-religious jurisdictions — being cited in court cases as a source of rules to govern situations where statutes are silent or ambiguous. Unfortunately, however, the ability of academics and policy makers to productively analyse these trends in the legal systems of Asian Muslim societies has been hampered by incomplete information about the actual institutions and individuals who are today implementing the new “Islamic” laws.

This workshop brought together Supreme Court justices from Malaysia and Indonesia, practising lawyers, bar association officials, law school administrators, activists and multidisciplinary academics for focused examinations and discussions of the particular judiciaries and other legal professionals who are actually entrusted with the task of interpreting and applying Islamic law in state courts in the region.

From Bombay to LA: The Travels of South Asian Cinema

9 – 10 Feb 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Dr Anjali Roy and Prof Chua Beng Huat



A fortnight before Bombay became the new buzzword in international cinema circles with the Bollywood inspired *Slumdog Millionaire* sweeping eight awards at the 2009 Oscars, this seminar cum workshop focused on the travels of South Asian cinema from Bombay to LA. The multidisciplinary seminar cum workshop brought together established and new scholars in cinema with filmmakers and critics from India, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the US to compare the transnational flows of Indian popular cinema (in Hindi and other languages such as Bhojpuri, Bengali, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam) in the present and the past to unpack the meaning of global culture by focusing on its impact within India, South Asia and the world. The highlight of the seminar cum workshop organised by the Cultural Studies cluster was the screening of the award winning first Tamil Malaysian film *Chemman Chalai* (2005) in the presence of its young director Deepak Kumaran Menon. It concluded with a panel discussion "Mad About Bollywood" led by Chua Beng Huat in which film and television directors from Bombay, Singapore and Malaysia examined the claims of Indian popular cinema to mainstreaming in the "global village".

Constructing Sustainability — Ethics, Techniques or Aesthetics

Jointly organised with Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and School of Design and Environment, National University of Singapore

13 Feb 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Dr Hee Limin, Prof Ho Kong Chong,

Dr Malone-Lee Lai Choo, Dr Ooi Giok Ling, Dr Erwin Viray, A/P Johannes Widodo and A/P Wong Nyuk Hien



Too often, discussions on sustainability have been among like-minded practitioners and theorists, that is, the platform of discussion has been compartmentalised to frameworks such as environmental sustainability, building sustainability, social sustainability, so that each of these disciplines has sometimes become disconnected and ideas compartmentalised within specialised fields. The ensuing problems of these different frameworks coming into play in cities are such that antagonisms or apathy arise, with a lack of synergies that might have benefitted the city and city dwellers in ways yet unimaginable. The aim of this workshop was to bring together top scholars researching on different trajectories of sustainability to examine the question of how social, economic and cultural discourses can interface with the design discourses on sustainability. The discussion aimed to (re-) construct sustainability from multiple viewpoints, to bring the debate towards eventually establishing a meeting of multiple subjectivities on an important topic.

International Conference on American Pop Culture in Asia

19 – 20 Feb 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Prof Chua Beng Huat and Dr Cho Younghan



This conference succeeded in bringing many Asian academics from different disciplines and from diverse countries into one place for discussing the effects of American pop culture in Asia. A total of 14 papers were delivered, covering various genres such as sport, music,

film, television, gender representation, and mass media. The papers presented were not only empirically-based but also engaged with the complexity of Asian pop culture under the influences of American pop culture. Intensive and insightful discussions among participants were shared throughout the two-day event and such collaborative efforts enabled the conference to examine the juxtaposition of the East Asian regional and American pop cultures as a new configuration in the Asian pop culture sphere and as a process of globalisation of mass entertainment.

International Conference on Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies II — Civil Conflict and Its Remedies

Jointly organised with International Centre for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies (ICAIOS); Institut Agama Islam Negeri (IAIN) Ar-Raniry; and Syiah Kuala University, Indonesia

23 – 24 Feb 2009, Banda Aceh, Indonesia

Convenors: Prof Anthony Reid and Dr Michelle Miller



This conference featured 48 speakers from a dozen countries presenting work from a broad range of disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. It was concluded with an evening lecture on the peace process in Aceh by former Finnish President and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Martti Ahtisaari. It was held in conjunction with the first annual meeting of the International Board of the International Centre for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies (ICAIOS), a new research centre based there. With the support of the Indonesian and Aceh governments, as well as of the rectors of major universities in Aceh, the Centre opened its office on the campus of Syiah Kuala University in December 2008. Dr Leena Avonius was appointed as the Centre's International Director, and will lead ICAIOS to act as a facilitator and catalyst for research projects and research training while helping to rebuild local academic infrastructure and a vibrant intellectual community in Aceh.

Translation in Asia: Theories, Practices, Histories

Jointly organised with Department of Malay Studies, National University of Singapore

5 – 6 Mar 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: Dr Ronit Ricci and Dr Jan van der Putten



This conference brought together scholars working on various aspects of translation in Asian contexts. One of the goals of the conference was to explore how the study of translation in these additional, diverse Asian contexts can enrich and problematise the ways in which translation has been studied and defined. It included papers that touched upon conceptualisations of translation and its various practices and multiple histories in Malay, Tamil, Bengali, Javanese, Chinese, Cebuano, Kawi, Japanese, Tagalog, Kannada, Telugu, Hindi, Indonesian and Malayalam. Most of these languages are rarely, if ever, mentioned in mainstream Translation Studies literature. Based in large part on the study of European languages, such scholarship tends to generalise in a way that presents translation (or "good translation", "faithful translation", etc.) as understood in European societies as a universal. Speakers presented papers on translating Disney's High School Musical into Hindi, Japanese corporations' sponsorship of Indonesian literature in translation, practices of translation among Tamil Muslims adapting Arabic and Persian sources into Tamil, the translation of western philosophical concepts into Japanese, a multi-lingual theater production in Singapore and the politics of translation in the colonial Philippines, among many others.

Toward a Trans-Asian Science and Technology Studies

Jointly organised with the Science, Technology, and Society (STS) Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore; with support from the NUS Humanities and Social Sciences Research Fund (HSS)

6 Mar 2009, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenor: A/P Gregory Clancey

Over the past three years NUS has been building a Science, Technology, and Society Research Cluster, the first of its kind in Southeast Asia. There has for some time been a vibrant community of STS scholars in South Asia (especially India), and our colleagues in East Asia (especially in Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan) have recently formed an "East Asian STS Network", with its own journal, in an effort to coordinate diverse national research programmes. The time is right to begin a discussion about what it means to "do" STS across our diverse societies and regions. Themes discussed included: how the Western programme of STS has (and has not) translated to Asia, and what local/national traditions on this side of the world (as well as other imported programmes) have risen to meet, join, change, or even resist it; what particular characteristics Asian societies and/or academic research programmes have or can contribute to STS scholarship generally, and in what manner or frame does this contribution occur; to what extent we can speak of STS as a "global" research programme, paralleling the perceived globalisation of technoscience. The papers will be published as a special issue of the Sage journal *Science, Technology, and Society*.

Conference on Migration, Societal and Market Transformations – Perceptions, Debates and Policies in Asia and Europe

Jointly organised with the European Union Centre (EUC); and Centre for Non-traditional Security Studies, Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

16 – 17 Mar 2009, Nanyang Technological University One-North Campus, Singapore
Convenor: Dr Yeo Lay Hwee

Migration features strongly on the public and policy agenda worldwide. Immigrants have become the subject of contentious debates in many receiving countries in Europe and also increasingly in Asian societies such as Singapore. In the recipient countries debates revolved around how migrants impact the socio-economic structure of the host societies. The conference brought together scholars and policy researchers from Asia and Europe to address the debates ongoing in both Europe and Asia over securitisation of the migration issue, the insecurity over identity and ways of life, and the different policy responses to managing migration and integration.

Special focus was on the issues and responses to immigration by receiving countries in the EU and Asia. Among others, the aims of the conference was: to understand the broad political economy approach towards migration in Asia and Europe, and in particular the underlying philosophy and assumptions informing migration regimes in various receiving countries; to discuss the transformations to society and labour market brought about by immigration and migration; to understand public perception and debates on migration and how they are formed and how they can be managed.

Jews in Indonesia: Perceptions and Histories

10 – 11 Jun 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenor: Dr Ronit Ricci



This workshop brought together scholars from different countries and disciplines (religion, history, comparative literature, anthropology) currently engaged in research on the history of the Jewish community in Indonesia as well as on perceptions and images of Jews and Judaism in that country, from the eighteenth century to the present. Although Indonesia never had more than a tiny, geographically circumscribed Jewish community, and despite a widespread ignorance about the meanings of Judaism, the figure of the Jew and Judaism as a religion have evoked controversy, debate, antagonism and ambivalence in the past as they continue to do today. Topics discussed included histories of anti-Semitism and other forms of xenophobia in Southeast Asia, the image of Jews in traditional Javanese manuscript literature and in contemporary translations from various languages into Indonesian (most prominently the so-called Protocols of the Elders of Zion), the histories of Jewish communities in Aceh and Minahasa and two perspectives on the Jews under Japanese occupation during WW II.

The 1965-1966 Indonesian Killings Revisited

Jointly organised with ARC Asia Pacific Futures Research Network, Australia

17 – 19 Jun 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: Prof Anthony Reid, Dr Douglas Kammen, Dr Katharine McGregor and Dr Vanessa Hearman



This conference brought together scholars from a range of academic disciplines, including history, anthropology, political science and law, as well as practitioners in Indonesia. The conference examined the regional dynamics and lasting effects of the mass killings in Indonesia in 1965-1966. It included panels on the 30th of September Movement, the roles of the military and mass organisations in the violence, regional studies of detention and mass killing, communist resistance to the programmes, the impact of the violence on women and families, and contested views of the past in contemporary Indonesia.

International Symposium on Ethnic Minorities in Asia: Subjects or Citizens?

25 – 26 Jun 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenor: Dr Michelle Miller



This symposium explored the relationship between minority rights claims and citizenship in Asia. It considered important questions about the rights and responsibilities that the status of "citizen" confers to

Asia's ethnic minorities, and the extent to which minorities become "subjects" when their civil and political rights may be implied but are subverted, or lack the legal certainty that citizens tend to experience. How are ethnic minorities in Asia transformed from subjects into citizens? Under what conditions are ethnic minority rights claims to citizenship justifiable? What are the duties and obligations of states to accommodate their ethnic minorities as citizens? How have the post-colonial ideologies of multiethnic Asian states, which were often constructed as political entities along arbitrary colonial borders, influenced their conferral of citizenship to ethnic minorities? Promoting a multidisciplinary approach, the symposium combined conceptual debates about citizenship with case studies of ethnic minorities from across the Asian region. Themes discussed included citizenship, constructions of national identity, separatism, conflict management, government decision-making processes, democratisation, autonomy/decentralisation, public sector reform, civil and political rights, post-colonialism, regional security and political and legislative development.

The Politics of English in Asia: Language Policy and Cultural Expression

4 – 5 Aug 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

Convenors: A/P Robbie Goh and A/P Lionel Wee



A total of 16 papers were presented in this conference, including a keynote by Alastair Pennycook of University of Technology Sydney. Participants from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines came together to discuss various aspects of the language policy, debates, controversies, cultural politics and practices of English in a number of Asian settings. An edited volume comprising papers from the workshop is being planned.

SOCoolH: Sustaining Our Cool Living Heritage

Jointly organised with the School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Sydney, Australia; and Centre for Advanced Studies in Architecture, University of Bath, UK
28 – 30 Aug 2009, Melaka, Malaysia
Convenors: Dr Tim Winter, Dr Patrick Daly and A/P Johannes Widodo



This interdisciplinary workshop, hosted at the recently restored TTCL Centre (Tun Tan Cheng Lock Research Centre for Architecture and Urban Heritage, NUS) in Melaka, was the first step towards the building of an innovative and analytically expansive set of ideas shared between architects, building scientists, urban planners and designers, educators, social scientists, historians, decision makers, and other disciplines. It provided a platform for constructing a series of tangible projects and outputs. Potential design schemes, research projects, publications, a web-portal, a network of institutional collaboration, and other ideas for project development were discussed. The TTCL Centre's aim is to serve as a new ideal model for learning about the built environment, and as a centre to strengthen the professional capacity to deal with heritage resources and to promote historical studies of the same. The mission of the centre is to promote one of the NUS Department of Architecture's areas of excellence in the study of historical architecture and urban environments of Asia.

Transnational Mobilities for Care: State, Market and Family Dynamics in Asia

Jointly organised with Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
10 – 11 Sep 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Dr Chee Heng Leng, Prof Brenda Yeoh, Prof Gavin Jones, Dr Mika Toyota, A/P Shirlena Huang and A/P Thang Leng Leng

Convened to examine the nexus of the family, the market, and the state in relation to the transnational



mobilities of care in the geo-political context of an ageing Asian region, this conference focused on issues surrounding transnational mobilities for eldercare and healthcare in Asia. Within this overall theme, speakers from Japan, India, the Philippines, Singapore, Australia, the UK, and the USA presented papers on the four sub-themes of transnational healthcare work, transnational retirement migration, changing family and care provision, and international medical travel. Paulin Tay Straughan, newly appointed NMP, opened the conference, with a keynote speech which focused on issues surrounding transnational mobilities for eldercare and healthcare in Asia. Nicola Yeates (Open University, UK), in her keynote speech, presented an expanded conceptualisation of "global care chains".

Pop Culture China

7 – 8 Dec 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenor: Prof Chua Beng Huat

This international workshop examined the history and contemporary development of Chinese languages pop culture that circulates among locations where *huaren* are either the majority or a visible minority; namely, the



People's Republic of China (PRC), Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines. A total of 15 papers were presented with participants from Australia, the United States, the PRC, Indonesia and colleagues from Nanyang Technological University and NUS. It had four sections: film, pop music, television drama and pop novel and other writings. Specific topics examined were the birth and decline of Amoy language cinema, the failed attempt to produce Teochiu pop music, the phenomenal success of *wuxia* novels written in Bahasa Indonesia with Hokkien titles and recent developments of pop culture industry in the PRC. The workshop also drew a relatively large local audience, reflecting the interest of the topic in Singapore.

Asian MetaCentre Events

The Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis at ARI organised several events as part of its CHAMPSEA (Child Health and Migrant Parents in Southeast Asia) project in 2009.

CHAMPSEA Project Meeting

7 – 9 Jan 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenor: Prof Brenda Yeoh

CHAMPSEA Project – Training of Interviewers for the Qualitative Study

14 – 16 Apr 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenor: Prof Brenda Yeoh

CHAMPSEA Project – Training of Interviewers for the Qualitative Study

9 – 10 Jul 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenor: Prof Brenda Yeoh

Asia Trends 2009

20 May 2009, NUS Kent Ridge Campus
Convenor: Dr Lai Ah Eng

Setting New Trends in Research in Asia

This year ASIA TRENDS, one of ARI's flagship events, was held on 20 May with a new format. In contrast to the past when a single research cluster organised it each year, several ARI research clusters hosted a panel each in which invited speakers focused on a particular theme.

In the first panel hosted by the Asian Migration cluster on *Does '(More) Open Borders' Make Sense in Asia*, Thelma Kay, Director of the Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) argued that in the context of Asia becoming the fastest growing region in terms of the emergence of (re)newed streams of migrations, a better managed system of migration borders would make more sense than more migration or fewer borders. Xiang Biao, Research Council United Kingdom Academic Fellow, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology and Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford stressed the need to rethink borders not just as physical but also as dynamic and multiple. Warning that fewer borders did not necessarily add up to a world with less discrimination and conflict, he said the first aim in thinking of the border question was to understand the flexibility, multiplicity, differentiation, power and effectiveness of borders.

Speakers in Panel 2 organised by the Religion and Globalisation cluster on the theme *Evangelising Asia: Competition and Conflict among Religions in Asia* called attention to the relationship between new media and technologies and the resurgence of the three "great"



religions in Southeast Asia defying statist attempts to control their fragmentation and growth. While Mathew Mathews of the Department of Sociology, NUS, demonstrated the way churches in Singapore find creative ways to evangelise to circumvent the constraints posed by the Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act, Justin Thomas McDaniel of the Department of Religious Studies, University of California at Riverside, attributed the proliferation of diverse Buddhist movements in Southeast Asia to the use of modern communication technologies. Julian Millie of the School of Political and Social Inquiry, Monash University, examined the rise of Islam in West Java and the role of media resources at the disposal of Islamic oratory or *dakwah*.

Panel 3, hosted by the Sustainable Cities cluster (now the Asian Urbanisms cluster), made India and China the focus of *Sustainable Cities, Asian Perspectives*. Examining *Disasters, Vulnerability, and Sustainability in Asian Cities*, Devanathan Parthasarathy of ARI, critiquing technocentric and technocratic disaster management approaches, proposed three alternative approaches to the sociological understanding of risks and vulnerability to disasters in Asian contexts. Speaking on *Trends in China's Urban Development*, Mao

Qizhi from School of Architecture, Tsinghua University, China stated that though the central government in China had set up special economic zones and built city clusters with megacities, the deteriorating urban environment made "Better City, Better Life" seem like an empty slogan.

Riding on the successes of regionally produced media-based pop culture industries in the regional market, itself enabled by new media technologies, cultural or creative industries have been added to the export oriented industries in East Asia in the past decade. The two presentations in the fourth panel on *Cultural Industry in Asia* hosted by the Cultural Studies cluster addressed this increasingly loosely integrated cultural economy of Asia. Lily Kong provided a wide comparative survey of the policy statements of the 4 Asian tigers (Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, and Taiwan), Japan, China and India, noting the different emphasis placed on a set of common objectives beyond economic interests, such as generating social cohesion and improving quality of life locally. The second speaker, Jing Wang from School of Humanities, Arts and Social

Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who has been conducting research inside the Beijing office of a global advertising firm, highlighted instances of new advertising strategies, using Web 2.0 technologies, of large and cottage enterprises in the PRC.

Asia Trends 2009 highlighted some important trends and issues related to migration, religion, cities and cultures in rapidly changing contexts in various parts of Asia to fill important gaps and stimulate further thoughts and ideas for research and even action.



Inter-Asia Roundtable 2009

Gender Relations in the 21st Century Asian Family

17 – 18 Jul 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Prof Gavin Jones, Dr Maznah Mohamad, A/P Thang Leng Leng and Dr Mika Toyota

The 2009 Inter-Asia Roundtable was the first of its kind in ARI, and is scheduled to become an annual event. Most research in the Asian region focuses on particular countries or regions. Rarely do researchers from East, South and Southeast Asia get together to discuss common issues – partly because of the enormous cultural differences between the different parts of Asia. But this year's Roundtable – entitled *Gender Relations in the 21st Century Asian Family* proved that there are enough common areas of interest to make a dialogue among people from all regions a very stimulating event.

The issue of the "female deficit" – resulting from abortion of female fetuses, relative neglect of young girls, and perhaps in some cases from female infanticide – is a major manifestation of gender issues in the family. Why has it been a problem in China, South Korea and parts of India, but not in Southeast Asian countries? The key is the patriarchal systems characterising China, Korea and northwest India, especially Punjab and Haryana. In these areas, the

daughter is essentially lost to her natal family upon marriage. By contrast, in the bilateral kinship systems characterising most of Southeast Asia, the married daughter can maintain close links with her natal family. Rigidly patrilineal kinship systems marginalise daughters and reduce parents' incentives to invest their resources in raising girls. The Chinese and Indian states have sought to undermine the traditional powerbases of clans and lineages, and industrialisation and urbanisation have furthered this process. These powerful forces reducing son preference were temporarily offset by the technology of ultrasound and other methods that facilitated sex selection, but the forces undermining son preference have prevailed in South Korea from the mid-1990s, and may well prevail in China and India as well, though there is little evidence so far that this is happening.

Gender issues in Asian households are playing out in a rapidly changing socio-economic context. Women's education and full-time involvement in the paid workforce, along with increasing insecurity in the labour market, make women wary about marriage and family building. They are the ones with potentially the most to lose, if they end up with a husband in the traditionalist mode and a family-unfriendly workplace.

In East and Southeast Asia, the “flight from marriage” is marked and well documented. In South Asia, where change has been slower, age at marriage has risen but remains much lower, with the exception of Sri Lanka.

Regional differences are particularly marked in the arrangement of marriage. In South Asia, parent-arranged marriage (frequently utilising the services of marriage brokers) remains the norm. In Southeast and East Asia, the role of parents in selecting partners has largely vanished, and the increase in singlehood is partly attributed to the vacuum this has created. But the vacuum is being partly filled by other marriage market mechanisms, including the internet, and there are many other factors underlying the increase in singlehood in these regions. Among them are shortage of suitable husbands for the increasingly well-educated women, given norms of hypergamy, and the difficulty of changing the mindsets of men, who find it hard to accept that they need to play a greater role in housework and childrearing in the increasingly normative two-income households of the region.

Intergenerational relationships generated considerable discussion, ranging over issues such as care of grandchildren, long-term care of the disabled elderly, and the role of the state in care provision. Intergenerational relationships may be viewed from the conceptual lens of a solidarity model, or a conflict

model, or perhaps an ambivalence model. There is no doubt that filial piety ideology lies at the core of such relationships in East Asia, albeit reinforced by legal sanctions in Singapore, Taiwan and China. But intra-familial power relations may also play a role, as well as a very different factor, altruism. Should family caregivers be paid? While it can be argued that this is a progressive policy as it recognises the value of family members’ (especially women’s) care labour, one potential negative consequence may be that women are pushed back into the home.

The discussion on the “queer” family in Asia focused on the relationship between the notion of “family” and non-normative, same-sex subjectivities and relationships. One emphasis of the paper on which the discussion was based was that such relationships can often find expression within some quite surprising spaces, including the confines of “traditional” family structures. In the face of threats of legal persecution and physical and emotional violence which continue to exist in many societies, including across Asia, working from within the structures of patriarchy may actually be a safer option for many non-heterosexual individuals.

Overall, this was a very stimulating and intensive one and a half days of discussions. It will be repeated – on another theme – next year.

Public Lectures

As part of its public outreach initiative, ARI organises public lectures to reach out to the greater Singapore and regional community. The lectures were presented by distinguished scholars of Asian affairs, visiting ARI in various capacities.

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

From 2008-2009, the Asia Research Institute, together with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of NUS, History Channel, Routledge and the National Library Board, Singapore, organised a series of 9 public lectures on the theme of the Cold War in Southeast Asia. There is much about the Cold War in Southeast Asia that still remains shadowy and yet strangely compelling. The lecture series examined whether the

“domino effect” was overblown, or whether there was a real danger that the Southeast Asian states would fall to rampant communism after the Second World War. It sought to find out what the rest of the world should and could do to assist those who did not want to trade one form of colonial rule for ideological domination. This fascinating and enthralling topic, presented by a number of distinguished international experts considered various aspects of this overarching theme, and attracted many participants.

Three of the 9 lectures were delivered in 2008. The other 6 held in 2009 are listed below.

Mao Zedong and China’s Cold Wars, 1919-1976

Prof Odd Arne Westad, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

7 Jan 2009, National Library Board, Singapore

**The Communist Insurgency in Malaysia, 1948-1989:
Was It Due to the Cold War?**

Prof Cheah Boon Kheng, National University of
Singapore
28 Jan 2009, National Library Board, Singapore

**Cold War Thailand through the Eyes and Imagination
of a Leading Thai Cold Warrior**

Dr Michael Montesano, Institute of Southeast Asian
Studies, Singapore
25 Feb 2009, National Library Board, Singapore

The US Army and the Cold War in SEA

Prof Brian McAllister Linn, Texas A&M University, USA
25 Mar 2009, National Library Board, Singapore

The Fate of Neutralism in Cambodia and Laos

A/P Bruce Lockhart, National University of Singapore
29 Apr 2009, National Library Board, Singapore

**What's in It for Us? How Economics Trumped the
British Defence Commitment to Singapore and
Malaysia in the 1960s**

A/P Malcolm Murfett, National University of Singapore
27 May 2009, National Library Board, Singapore

ARI also organised the following lectures in the same
year:

The Spiritual and the Secular in India and China

Prof Pieter van der Veer, Utrecht University and Max
Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic
Diversity, The Netherlands; and Asia Research
Institute, National University of Singapore
19 Jan 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

**ARI-MBRAS Lecture – “Our Modern Age”:
Anglophone Asians and Popular Culture in 1930s
Singapore**

Dr Chua Ai Lin, National University of Singapore
26 Sep 2009, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

ARI Seminar Series, 2009

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 pm to 5:30 pm at the NUS Bukit Timah Campus.

13 Jan 2009

**Encountering Religion and Globalisation in Asia:
Some Problems with My Glasses**

Prof Bryan Turner, Asia Research Institute, and
Department of Sociology, NUS

3 Feb 2009

**The Lessons of Asymmetry: Revisiting China's
Place in Asia**

Prof Anthony Reid, Asia Research Institute, and
Department of History, NUS

11 Feb 2009

**Tropical Governance: Managing Health in Monsoon
Asia, 1900-1939**

Prof David Arnold, University of Warwick, UK

17 Feb 2009

**Spirit Mediums as Global Citizens: An Analysis of
Selected Southeast Asian Networks of Putian,
Fujian**

Prof Kenneth Dean, McGill University, Canada

24 Feb 2009

**Roundtable – Thailand in Crisis: The Twilight of a
Reign or the Birth of a New Order?**

A/P Bruce Lockhart, Department of History, NUS
A/P Maurizio Peleggi, Department of History, NUS
Dr Michael Montesano, Institute of Southeast Asian
Studies, Singapore

3 Mar 2009

**Doctors and Patients on Screen: Representing
Health and Medicine in East Asian Films and
Television Dramas**

Dr Liew Kai Khiun, Asia Research Institute, NUS

10 Mar 2009

**Has College Expansion Policy in China Reduced or
Exacerbated Education Inequality?**

Prof Jean Yeung, Asia Research Institute, and
Department of Sociology, NUS

17 Mar 2009

**Walter Murray Gibson – American Adventurer in
Search of His Kingdom**

Prof Hendrik Maier, University of California, USA

24 Mar 2009

**Religious Leadership and Dispute Resolution
Processes in Lombok, Indonesia**

Mr Jeremy Kingsley, University of Melbourne, Australia

31 Mar 2009

Roundtable – Performance Studies in Asia

Dr Rivka Eisner, Theatre Studies Programme,
Department of English Language and Literature, NUS
Dr Hwang Ha-Young, Theatre Studies Programme,
Department of English Language and Literature, NUS
Dr Paul Rae, Theatre Studies Programme, Department
of English Language and Literature, NUS

7 Apr 2009

The Body and the Globe: Asia-Pacific Perspectives

Prof Vera Mackie, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and
University of Melbourne, Australia

14 Apr 2009

Christianity in the Indian Diaspora: An Overview

A/P Robbie Goh, Asia Research Institute, and
Department of English Language and Literature, NUS

21 Apr 2009

**News of Asia: The Australian Broadcasting
Commission in Singapore, 1956-1966**

Dr John Tebbutt, Media and Cinema Studies
Programme, La Trobe University, Australia

5 May 2009

**Rethinking Urban Informality: Global Flows and the
Time-spaces of Religion and Politics**

Prof Devanathan Parthasarathy, Asia Research
Institute, NUS; and Indian Institute of Technology, India

12 May 2009

Roundtable – International Marriages in Asia

A/P Eric C. Thompson, Department of Sociology, NUS
Dr Melody Chia-Wen Lu, Asia Research Institute, NUS
Dr Vu Thi Kieu Dzung, Asia Research Institute, NUS

19 May 2009

**Changing Expectations of Marriage and Implications
on Marriage Cohesion**

A/P Paulin Straughan, Department of Sociology, NUS

26 May 2009

**Roundtable – Ageing in Asian Contexts: Comparative
Challenges in Singapore, Japan and China**

A/P Angelique Chan, Department of Sociology, NUS
A/P Thang Leng Leng, Department of Japanese Studies,
NUS
Prof Jean Yeung, Asia Research Institute, and
Department of Sociology, NUS

2 Jun 2009

**English in Southeast Asia: Connecting History to
Literary History**

A/P Rajeev S. Patke, Department of English Language
and Literature, NUS

9 Jun 2009

**Heteronormativity in Asia: Manufacturing Sexual
Others in India and Indonesia**

Prof Saskia Wieringa, Asia Research Institute, NUS;
and University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

16 Jun 2009

A Chinese Century, 1684 - 1838

Dr Zheng Yangwen, University of Manchester, UK

18 Aug 2009

Contraception and Iran's Dramatic Fertility Decline

Dr Meimanat Hosseini-Chavoshi, Ministry of Health and
Medical Education, Iran

25 Aug 2009

The Art of Being Mobile

Dr Larissa Hjorth, Royal Melbourne Institute of
Technology University, Australia

26 Aug 2009

**How to Know a Muslim When You See One, or For
That Matter, A Christian: Skinner V. Orde and a
Curious Problem of Legal Governance in the British
Empire**

Dr Nandini Chatterjee, King's College, UK

1 Sep 2009

**Diasporic Underclass Meets Homeland Bourgeoisie:
Consumption and Sponsored Mobility in Post-war
Vietnam**

A/P Hung Cam Thai, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and
Pomona College, Claremont University Consortium,
USA

8 Sep 2009

**Emergence of Singapore Science Community:
Research Eco-system and Social Organisation**

Prof Venni Venkata Krishna, Asia Research Institute,
NUS; and Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

15 Sep 2009

**The Financial Crisis: The Asia Origin and the
Asia-led Recovery**

Prof Bernard Yeung, NUS Business School, NUS

22 Sep 2009

**Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Politics and
Investment in an Eastern Indonesian Tourist Town**

A/P Maribeth Erb, Department of Sociology, NUS

29 Sep 2009

Roundtable – Asian Art History

Dr Lai Chee Kien, Department of Architecture, NUS
Dr Elizabeth Moore, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and
School of Oriental and African Studies, UK
A/P Zhiru Ng, Asia Research Institute, NUS

6 Oct 2009

Mega-urban Regions in Asia: Measurement Issues and Growth Dynamics

Prof Gavin Jones, Asia Research Institute, and Department of Sociology, NUS

8 Oct 2009

Building Sustainable Asian Cities through Top-down Orders or Bottom-up Initiatives?

A/P Zhu Jieming, Asia Research Institute, and Department of Real Estate, NUS

13 Oct 2009

"Youth-on-the-brink-of-success": Global Social Threats and Malay Youth in Singapore

A/P Gabriele Marranci, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS), Singapore

20 Oct 2009

Continuity and Change in the Ancient City of Pingyao, China

Dr Wang Shuyi, Asia Research Institute, NUS

27 Oct 2009

Pronatalism in Singapore: Educational Attainment and Individual Childbearing Decisions

Dr Shirley Sun Hsiao-Li, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

3 Nov 2009

Roundtable – Performance Studies II: On Method

Dr Lee Hyunjung, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Ms Charlene Rajendran, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

A/P Yong Li Lan, Department of English Language and Literature, NUS

10 Nov 2009

The Evolution of Singapore's Bilingual Policy and its Impact on the Consumption of Chinese Media (Newspapers)

Mr Robin Hu Yee Cheng, Singapore Press Holdings, Singapore

17 Nov 2009

Roundtable – Manuscript Cultures of Southeast Asia

A/P Jan van der Putten, Department of Malay Studies, NUS

Mr Christian Lammerts, Cornell University, USA

Dr Ronit Ricci, Asia Research Institute, NUS

19 Nov 2009

The Death of Malay 'Classicalism': The Case of Sri Lanka and 'Peripheral' Malay Cultures

Prof Bachamiya Abdul Hussainmiya, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei

24 Nov 2009

Roundtable – The Religious and the Secular in Singapore

Rev Dr Yap Kim Hao, Independent Scholar

Prof Ten Chin Liew, Department of Philosophy, NUS

A/P Kenneth Paul Tan, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS

Study Groups

While ARI seminars are designed to address a wide academic audience, ARI also acts as host to a number of different study groups, bringing together NUS scholars and others to discuss interdisciplinary issues. There are four country-based groups that provided 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 2009.

Study Group on Burma-Thailand

Convenors:

Dr Maitrii Victoriano Aung-Thwin, Department of History, NUS

Dr Titima Suthiwan, Centre for Language Studies, NUS

6 Mar 2009

Book Launch – The State in Myanmar

Prof Robert H. Taylor, Independent Scholar

11 Mar 2009

A Tale of Two Kingdoms: Ava and Pegu in 15th-Century Burma

Prof Michael Aung-Thwin, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, NUS

28 Aug 2009

Thagara Ancient City: Maritime Pyu and Later Archaeology in Southern Myanmar

Dr Elizabeth Moore, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and School of Oriental and African Studies, UK

Study Group on Indochina

Convenors:

Dr Anne Raffin, Department of Sociology, NUS (Till 30 June 2009)

Dr Pham Quynh Phuong, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, NUS (Till 30 June 2009)

Prof Ian Charles Harris, Asia Research Institute, NUS (From 10 October 2009)

Dr Hoang Lan Anh, Asia Research Institute, NUS (From 10 October 2009)

15 Apr 2009

Trends in Military Service in Northern Vietnam, 1950-1995: A Socio-demographic Approach

Dr Bussarawan Teerawichitchainan, Singapore Management University, Singapore

20 Apr 2009

1920s Saigon: Civil Society and the Politics of Contestation in the Colonial City

Dr Philippe Peycam, Center for Khmer Studies, Cambodia

23 Apr 2009

Hanoi: The Usage of Violence among Secondary School Students in the Context of Doi Moi

Ms Nguyen Thi Nhu Trang, Department of Sociology, NUS

Study Group on Indonesia

Convenors:

Dr Jamie Davidson, Department of Political Science, NUS

Dr Michelle Miller, Asia Research Institute, NUS (Till 25 February 2009)

Dr Ronit Ricci, Asia Research Institute, NUS (From 1 August 2009)

16 Feb 2009

Book Launch – Deepening Democracy in Indonesia?

Dr Priyambudi Sulistyanto, Flinders University, Australia

Dr Maribeth Erb, Department of Sociology, NUS

9 Mar 2009

Linguistic Detective Work: Tracing the Origin of Loanwords in Malay-Indonesian

Dr Uri Tadmor, Indonesia Office of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany

17 Apr 2009

Indonesian Adventures of ‘Reintegration’ and Other Post-conflict Developments in Aceh

Dr Leena Avonius, International Centre for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies, Indonesia

6 Aug 2009

Heteronormativity in Asia Part II

Prof Saskia Wieringa, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

27 Aug 2009

Accepting Destiny: Islamic and Political Etiologies of Trauma in Post-conflict, Post-tsunami Aceh

Ms Catherine Smith, Australian National University, Australia

18 Sep 2009

Glocalising Wayang: Javanese Shadow Puppet Theatre in Indonesia, Malaysia, The United States and Elsewhere

Dr Matthew Cohen, Royal Holloway University of London, UK; and University of Malaya, Malaysia

Study Group on Malaysia

Convenors:

Dr Maznah Mohamad, Asia Research Institute, NUS
A/P Goh Beng Lan, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, NUS

11 Mar 2009

Roundtable – One Year After: Malaysia Unravelling?

Dr Ooi Kee Beng, Institute of Southeast Asia Studies, Singapore; and Southeast Asian Studies Programme, NUS

Dr Johan Saravanamuttu, Institute of Southeast Asia Studies, Singapore

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

16 Oct 2009

Discoursing the ‘Nation’, The ‘National’ and Yasmin Ahmad’s Cinematic Imaginings

Prof Zawawi Ibrahim, University of Malaya, Malaysia

13 Nov 2009

A Hazy New Dawn: Democracy, Women and Politics in Malaysia

Prof Cecilia Ng, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia

Other Events

9 Jan 2009

Neo-Communitarianism

Prof Amitai Etzioni, Independent Scholar

12 Jan 2009

Book Launch – China and Southeast Asia (6 Vol. Set)

Dr Geoff Wade, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore

19 Jan 2009

Population Ageing and Comparative Health Systems in Asia

Jointly organised with the Reading Group on 'Ageing, Care and Globalisation', NUS
Prof Phua Kai Hong, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS

6 May 2009

An Encroaching Spirituality: What Hope Remains for a 'Science of Religion'?

Prof Donald Wiebe, Trinity College, University of Toronto, Canada

9 Jun 2009

Japanese Slaves, Ethnic Hierarchy and the European Construction of Race

Prof Rotem Kowner, University of Haifa, Israel

19 Jun 2009

Book Launch: Southeast Asia-China Interactions Cluster with NUS Press

Prof Anthony Reid, Asia Research Institute, and Department of History, NUS
Dr Zheng Yangwen, University of Manchester, UK
Dr Charles J-H Macdonald, French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), France
Dr Geoff Wade, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore
Dr Sun Laichen, California State University, USA

2 Dec 2009

Tamil-speaking Muslims and the Public in Colonial Singapore

Jointly organised with South Asian Studies Programme, NUS
Dr Torsten Tschacher, Heidelberg University, Germany

Asian Migration Cluster Seminars

11 Feb 2009

Mainland Brides, Taiwanese Daughter-in-laws or Chinese Whores? Politics of Cross-strait Marriages in Taiwan

Dr Melody Lu, Asia Research Institute, NUS

9 Apr 2009

Return: Migrants, Nation-states and Biopolitics in Asia

Dr Xiang Biao, University of Oxford, UK

31 Jul 2009

The Anxieties of Mobility: Migration and Tourism in Singapore's Borderlands

Dr Johan Lindquist, Stockholm University, Sweden

18 Nov 2009

Emotional Capital and Economic Suffering across the Ageing Vietnamese Diaspora

A/P Hung Cam Thai, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Pomona College, Claremont University Consortium, USA

Asian Urbanisms (formerly Sustainable Cities) Cluster Seminars

22 Apr 2009

The City as Event: Cityhood, Agency and Heterotopias

Prof Devanathan Parthasarathy, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Indian Institute of Technology, India

Changing Family in Asia Cluster Seminars

22 Jul 2009

The Binding Tie: Chinese Intergenerational Relations in Modern Singapore

Dr Kristina Göransson, Lund University, Sweden

26 Nov 2009

Creating Intercultural Families

Prof Kathryn Robinson, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Australian National University, Australia

Cultural Studies in Asia Cluster Seminars

14 Jan 2009

Thailand's Recent Political Divide

Dr Chairat Charoensin-o-larn, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Thammasat University, Thailand

28 Jan 2009

Becoming Tourist: Everyday Performance, Space and Identity in Singapore

Mr Desmond Wee, Leeds Metropolitan University, UK

6 Feb 2009

Between Transparency and Invisibility: The Contemporary Japanese Image Production and its Spatialisation of Fluctuating Identity

Prof Keisuke Kitano, Ritsumeikan University, Japan

22 Apr 2009

Awareness and Consciousness: Communicating Health in Contemporary East Asian Films and Television Dramas

Dr Liew Kai Khiun, Asia Research Institute, NUS

29 Apr 2009

Ambivalent Marginality: Literary Activities of Indonesian Domestic Workers in Hong Kong

Ms Shiho Sawai, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan

13 May 2009

The Material Life of Short Stories

A/P Philip Holden, Department of English Language and Literature, NUS

7 Oct 2009

Reclaiming Value: The Meanings of Waste and the Pursuit of Free Things

Ms Cindy Godden, Australian National University, Australia

21 Oct 2009

Nationalising "Cool" – The Japanese Governmental Policies on Anime, Manga and Video Games

Dr Choo Kukhee, Asia Research Institute, NUS

25 Nov 2009

Controversial Online Playground: Virtual World for Children in China

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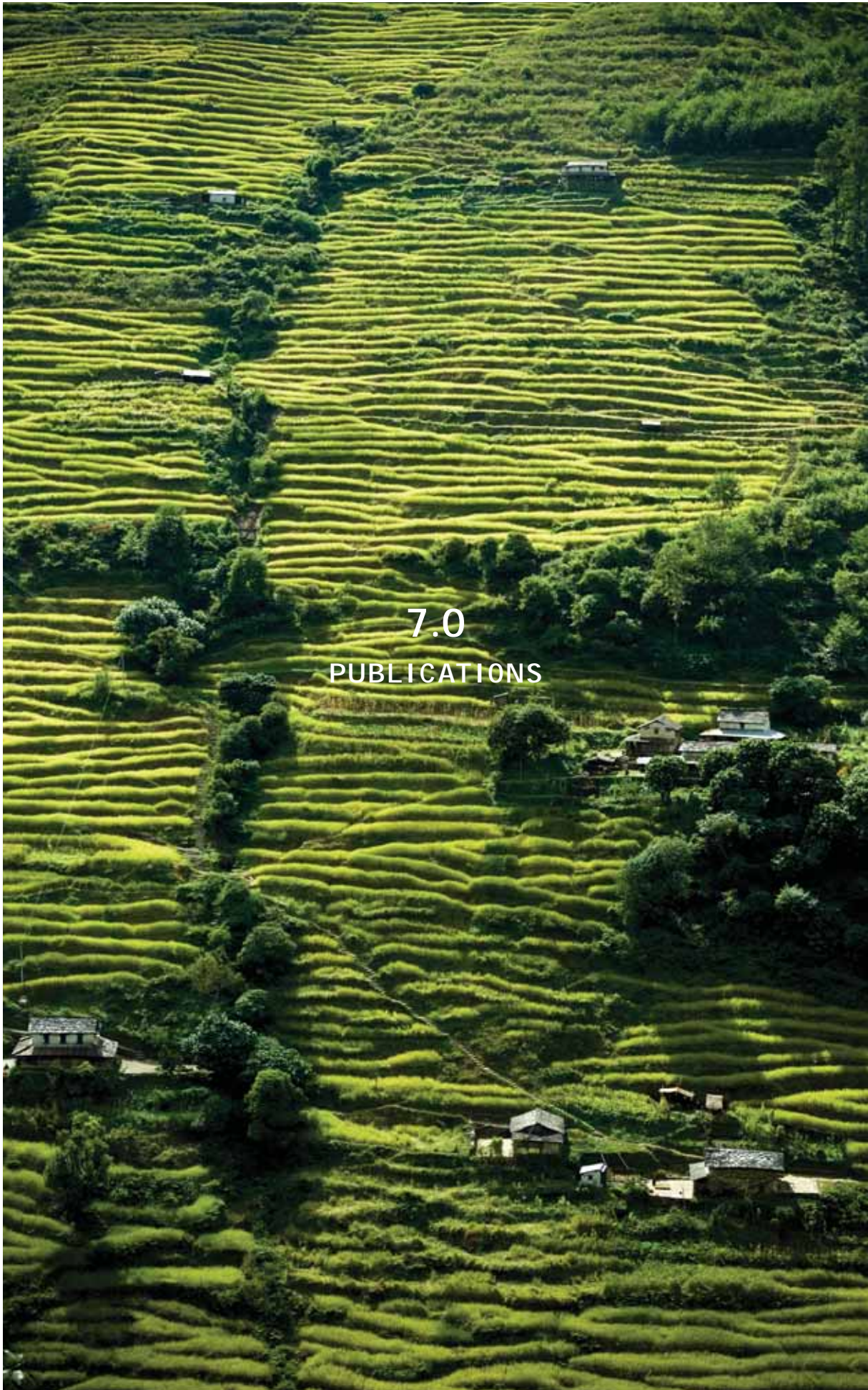
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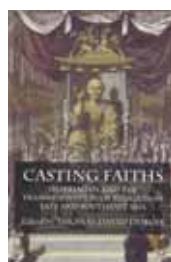
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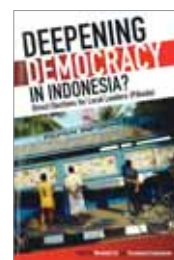
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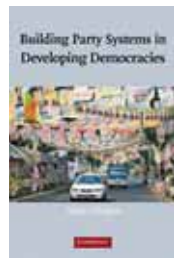
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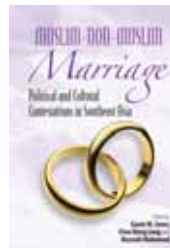
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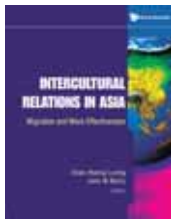
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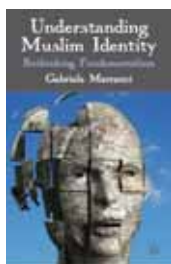
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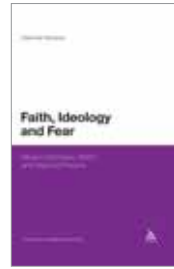
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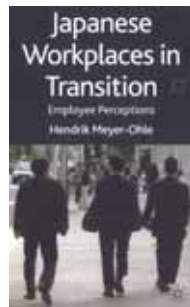
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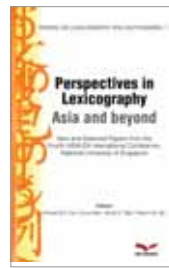
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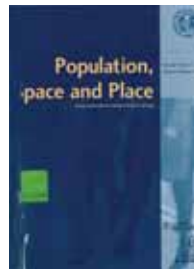
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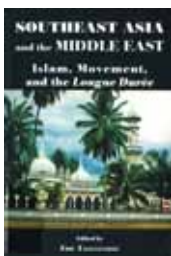
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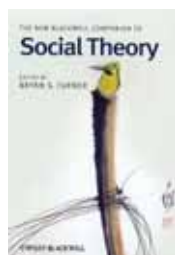
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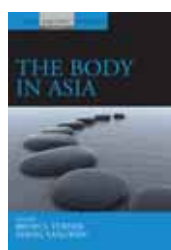
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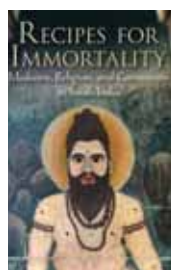
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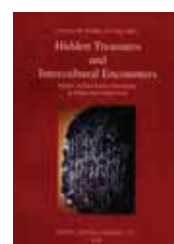
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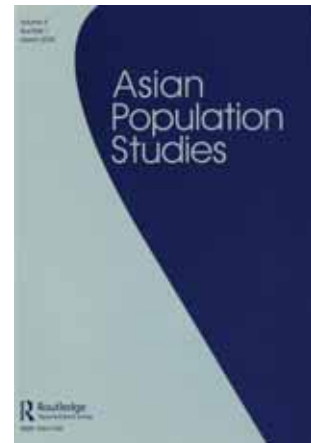
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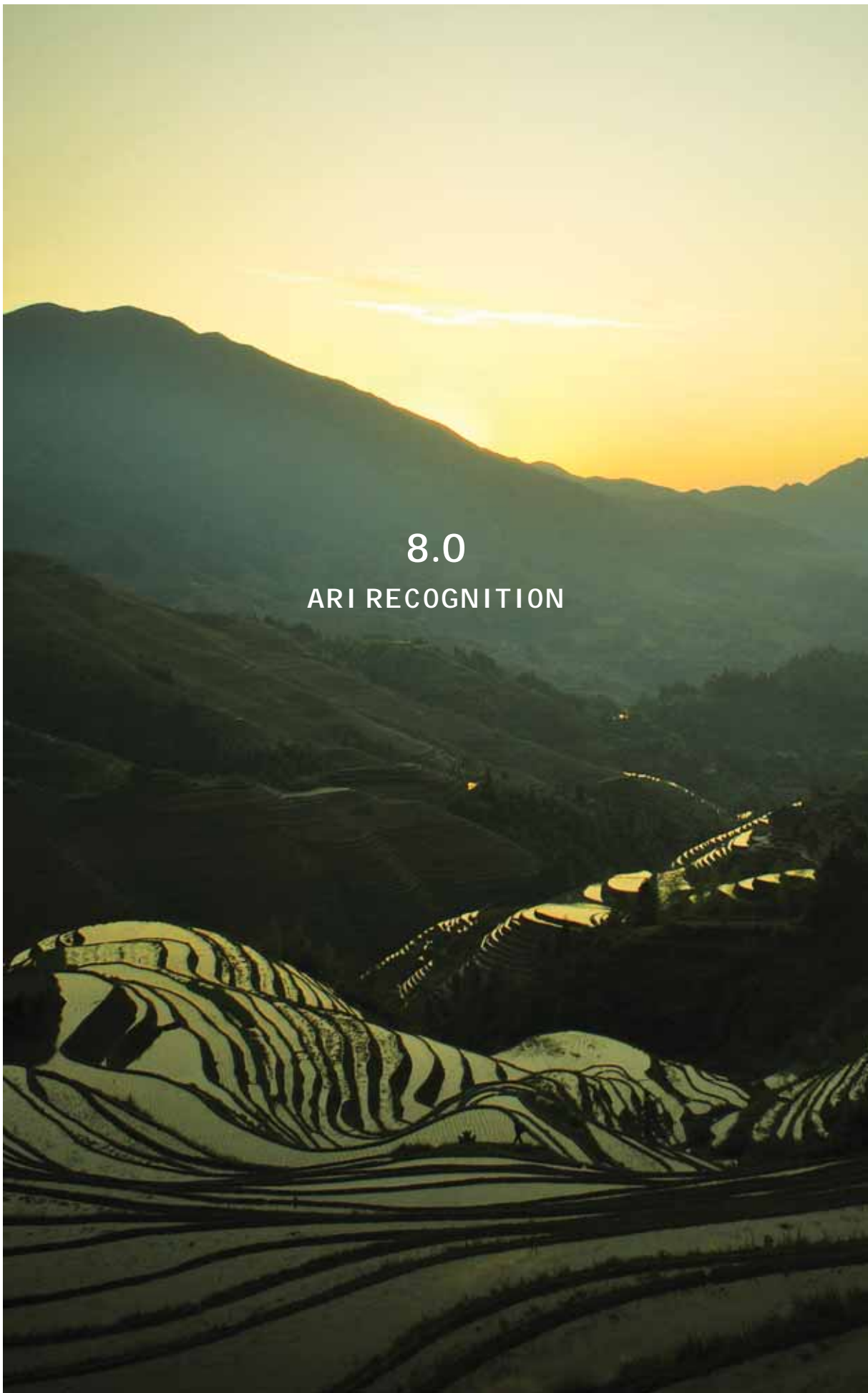
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ARI RECOGNITION

Awards and Honours

The Asia Research Institute is honoured to have been named one of 29 research centres of excellence in Asia by the Rockefeller Foundation in October 2009.

Professor Chua Beng Huat was awarded the Provost's Chair Professorship, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS, on 1 July 2009.

He was also appointed Convener for the Cultural Studies Minor Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS, from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.

A/P Gregory Clancey's book *Earthquake Nation: The Cultural Politics of Japanese Seismicity* (Berkeley, University of California Press, 2006) was selected as one of 11 "Best Books about Science" on University of California at Berkeley's Summer Reading List for incoming freshmen, 2009.

A/P Michael Feener was awarded the honorary position of Associate to the Centre for Islamic Law and Society at the Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne, Australia, in September 2009.

A/P Robbie Goh was appointed to the board of directors of the National Council of YMCAs of Singapore.

Professor Gavin Jones has been appointed by the National Population and Family Development Board of Malaysia to coordinate a team of consultants working with the Board to prepare the 2nd Population Strategic Plan Study Malaysia in 2009.

Professor Lily Kong, ARI Director and NUS Vice-President (University and Global Relations) was appointed to the Public Service Commission Board (PSC) on 29 January 2009. Prof Lily Kong is the youngest appointee to serve on the board of the PSC. Prof Kong and Ms Chua Sock Koong, SingTel group chief executive are the only two women on the board. Prof Kong, Ms Chua and Mr Richard Magnus, former senior district judge, were sworn in by President S. R. Nathan at the Istana on 29 January 2009. The newly elected members will be serving the PSC board for a term of 5 years.

Prof Kong was also invited by the Board of Management of the Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, to serve on the International Advisory Panel of the Centre for a period of 3 years, till end of June 2012.

Professor Venni V. Krishna was invited as Visiting Professor, United Nations University – Institute of Advanced Study, Yokohama, Japan (2009-2012), for the programme on Science, Technology and Sustainable Development.

He was also appointed Member, International Scientific Committee, Triple Helix on University, Industry and Government Relations VII, Glasgow, UK, in June 2009 and Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Knowledge-based Innovation in China*, Emerald Publications, UK, in July 2009.

A/P Gabriele Marranci was awarded by Cardiff University an honorary senior position at the Centre for the Study of Islam in the United Kingdom as Senior Research Fellow, in recognition of his research in the UK in the past five years.

Professor Anthony Reid was appointed Member, Board of Directors, Asian Association of World Historians, from 2009 to 2012.

Professor Reid ended his contract with ARI and NUS in June 2009. He has taken up a position of Emeritus Professor and Visiting Fellow at the Department of Pacific and Asian History, RSPAS, Australian National University in July, as well as a Visiting Fellowship at the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Kyoto University for the period of August 2009 to January 2010.

Professor Brenda Yeoh was appointed Vice-Dean (Research) of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS, in January 2009.

She has also been appointed to the Ramphal Commission on Migration and Development, one of the first two Commissions, on international policy issues of particular interest to the Commonwealth, which are being promoted by the Ramphal Centre in London.

Professor Jean Yeung Wei-Jun was appointed by the Ministry of Education, Singapore, to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, starting January 2009.

Keynotes and Plenaries

Chua Beng Huat

"Asian Pop Culture: National, Regional and Global", keynote address at the workshop on *From Bollywood to LA: The Travels of South Asian Cinemas*, Asia Research Institute, NUS, 9-10 February 2009.

"Social Science Knowledge Production in/From Asia", keynote address at the *Asian Graduate Forum 2009*, Asia Research Institute, NUS, 15 July 2009.

"Disrupting Liberalism in East Asia", keynote address at the *Conference on (Re)considering Contemporary Indonesia: Striving for Democracy, Sustainability and Prosperity*, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 2 December 2009.

Clancey, Gregory

"The History of Technology in Japan", plenary lecture at the *Annual Meeting for the East Asian STS Journal/Network*, Taipei, Taiwan, June 2009.

Goh, Robbie

"Phantom Menace: Abstraction, Nationalism, Transnational Labour and the New Bodies of the Condemned", keynote address at the workshop on *Asia Pacific Transculturalisms: New Theoretical Perspectives*, University of Wollongong, 8-9 June 2009.

Kong, Lily

"The Prospect of Bilingual Education in Asia Pacific Universities, The Singapore and NUS Experience", keynote address at *The 20th Anniversary of Yuan Ze University Forum on Higher Education: The Prospect of Bilingual Education in Asia Pacific Universities*, Yuan Ze University, Taiwan, 13-14 March 2009.

"Theoretical Shifts, Global Shifts and the Changing Geographies of Religion", inaugural GORABS lecture at the *Association of American Geographers 2009*, Las Vegas, USA, 22-27 March 2009.

"Singapore's Creative Industries: A New Asia Creative Hub?", invited speech at *The 5th International Conference on Southeast Asian Cultural Values: Cultural Industry*, Siem Reap, Cambodia, 17-18 December 2009.

Krishna, V. Venni

"Emerging STI Policies and Reforms in the Indian

Innovation System", keynote address at the *Annual Meeting of the Asian Network for Learning, Innovation and Competence Building Systems (ASIALICS)*, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 6-7 July 2009.

"Indian Innovation Systems: Opportunities and Challenges", keynote address at BRICS conference, Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU, Rue Belliard, 60-62, 1040 Brussels.

Reid, Anthony

"Reimagining Southeast Asia", opening lecture at the *Asian Emporioms Symposium of SEASREP*, University of Indonesia, Jakarta, 20 April 2009.

"World History for Our Time and Place: The Historian's Contemporary Responsibility", keynote address at the *First Congress of the ASIAN Association of World Historians*, Osaka University, Japan, 29 May 2009.

Yeoh Saw Ai, Brenda

"Families/Households in Motion: Transnational Strategies and Their Implications for Human Development in Asia", keynote speech at the *2009 ISSBD Asia Pacific Workshop on Human Development in the Context of Movement Within and Across National Boundaries*, Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia, 4-5 July 2009.

Yeung Wei-Jun, Jean

"Critical Design Issues for Longitudinal Household Surveys", keynote address at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, October 2009.

"Multi-generational Transmission of Achievement Gaps among Ethnic Groups in U.S.", keynote speech at the *Conference on Contemporary European and American Societies*, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, 10-11 September 2009.

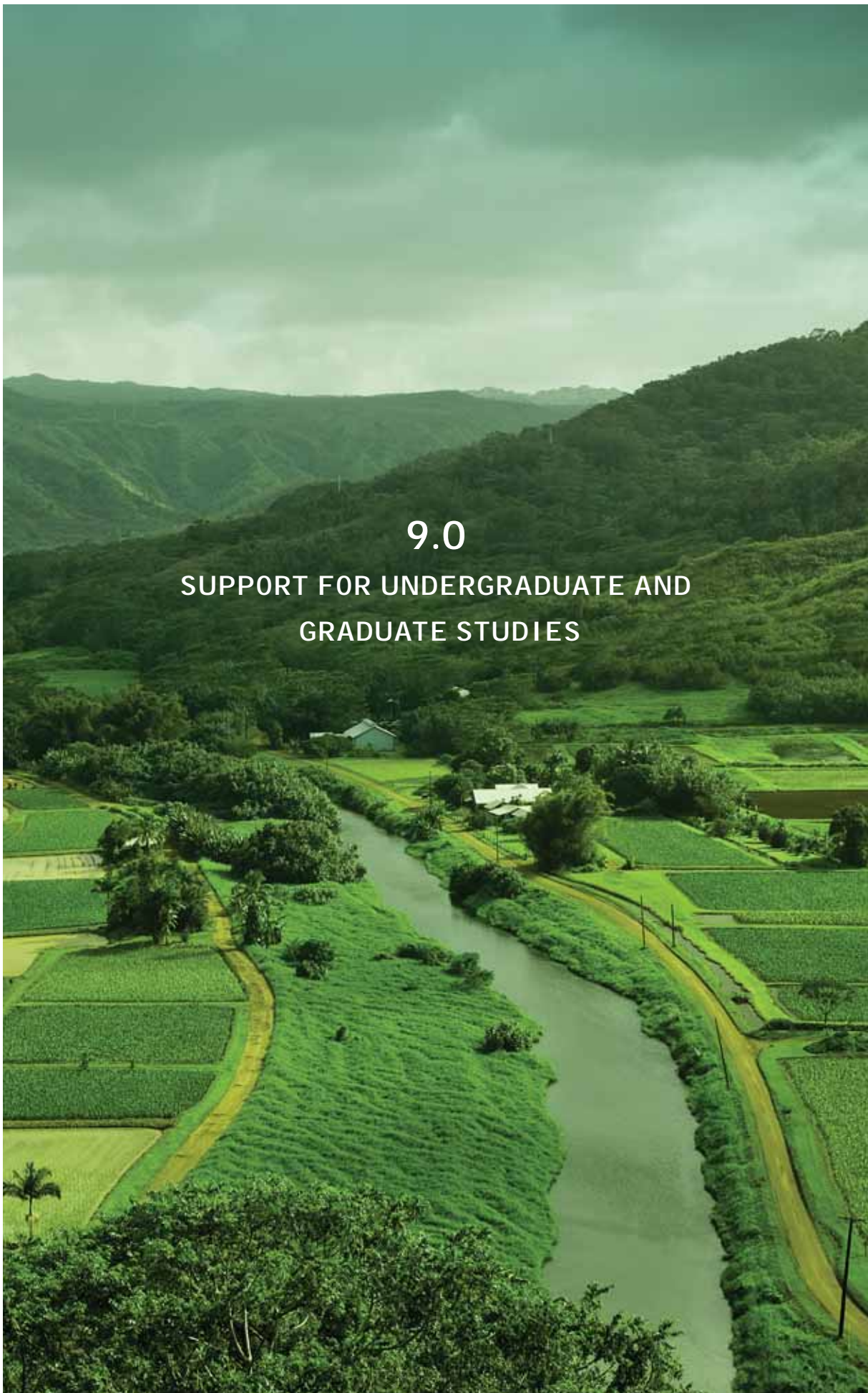
"Starting Gate: Investing in Early Childhood Development", invited Lead Speech at the *MCYS Family Research Network 3rd Forum*, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, Singapore, 28 August 2009.

"Economic Stress, Human Capital, and Demographic Dynamics", keynote speech at a mini-symposium of the Global Asia Institute, NUS, 21-22 August 2009.

"Did Industrialisation Promote Children's Health and Education? Evidence from China", keynote address at *Annual Meeting of Population Association of America*, April 2009.

"Intergenerational Racial Stratification and the Black-White Achievement Gap", keynote speech at *79th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*, Baltimore Sheraton Inner Harbor, Baltimore, 19-22 March 2009.

"Impact of the Economic Crisis on Children", keynote address at the *UNICEF Conference East Asia and the Pacific Islands*, Singapore, 6-7 January 2009.



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SUPPORT FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND
GRADUATE STUDIES

ARI Internship Programme

ARI has been receiving undergraduates and postgraduates from local and overseas universities under the ARI Internship Programme since 2006. The objectives of the programme are to create opportunities for students to be exposed to an academic research environment, to observe the workings of a research institute, and to participate more fully in one particular designated responsibility at the institute. The intern gains working experience in a research environment, and is introduced to professional research practice and administration. Interns may join the research work of a cluster, and/or assist the administrative team in providing support functions.

In 2009, ARI provided internship opportunities to the following five interns.

Kelsey Beninger
University of British Columbia,
15 Jun – 4 Sep 2009

Feng Xueying, Monica
Chinese University of Hong Kong,
15 Jun – 7 Aug 2009

Ryan Lledo
University of British Columbia,
21 May – 28 Aug 2009

Lin Xiting, Emma
Chinese University of Hong Kong,
5 Jun – 7 Aug 2009

Lau Wing Shuen, Alice
Chinese University of Hong Kong,
15 Jun – 7 Aug 2009

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 2009, one student graduated and 17 students remained on ARI scholarships, supervised in ARI through different departments.

Graduated

Iioka Naoko
PhD (History)

On-going studies

Didi Kwartanada
Department of History

Wong Wai Yee
Southeast Asian Studies Programme

Zhou Wei
Department of Sociology

Jun Guarin Cayron
Southeast Asian Studies Programme

Lim Poh Im
School of Design and Environment

Alice Nah Han Yuong
Department of Sociology

Maria Andrea Medina Soco
Department of Geography

Joseph Nathan Cruz
Department of Sociology

Jayeel Serrano Cornelio
Department of Sociology

Kim Ji Youn
Department of Sociology

Stefani Haning Swarati Nugroho
Department of Sociology

Tan Lee Ooi
Southeast Asian Studies Programme

Tabassum Zaman
Office of Programmes

Fiona Katharina Seiger
Department of Sociology

Yenny Rahmayati
School of Design and Environment

June Yap
Cultural Studies in Asia Programme

Hannah Griffiths
School of Design and Environment

Joint HYI-NUS Doctoral Scholarships

On 1 June 2009, the Harvard-Yenching Institute (HYI) in the United States and NUS signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a Joint Scholarship Programme (JSP) for postdoctoral studies. ARI is one of

the principal NUS partners in this programme. Under the programme, successful candidates from HYI partner universities in Southeast Asia will be enrolled in an NUS PhD course researching on East and

Southeast Asian studies and be co-supported by the HYI-NUS doctoral scholarship. Students will spend one and a half years of their 3-year candidature at Harvard University or other US universities.

Graduate and Other Teaching at NUS

Bautista, Julius: Southeast Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught SE3211 Religion, Society and Politics in Southeast Asia; and SE1101E Southeast Asia: A Changing Region.

Supervised 3 PhD students, Asia Research Institute; Department of Sociology; Southeast Asian Studies Programme.

Bunnell, Timothy: Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, co-taught a graduate module GE5212 Global Cities; GE3224 Cultural Landscapes.

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

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

Cho Younghan: Cultural Studies Minor Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught XD3101 Theory and Practices in Cultural Studies.

Department of English Language and Literature, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught EN6882 Media in Cultural Studies.

Chua Beng Huat: Cultural Studies Graduate Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught CSA6102

Cultural Studies in Asia.

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

Clancey, Gregory: NUS/IARU Summer School, taught HY3223 Science and Technology in the Asia-Pacific.

Feener, Michael: Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, co-taught HY2255 Islam in World History, as well as 2 graduate-level Independent Study modules.

Jones, Gavin: Supervised 2 PhD students, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and 1 PhD student, Department of Architecture, School of Design and Environment.

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

Member of thesis committee for 1 PhD student, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Mohamad, Maznah: Department of Malay Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught MS1102E Malays – Tradition, Conflict and Change; and MS3216 Gender in Malay Societies.

University Scholars Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, gave a guest lecture on "Gender and Religion: Feminism and the Question of Equality" for USP3506 Religions in the Contemporary World, 31 August 2009.

Southeast Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, gave a guest lecture on "Islam in an Ethnic Democracy: From Student *Dakwah* to the Islamic State in Malaysia" for SE3211 Religion, Society and Politics in Southeast Asia, 6 October 2009.

Yeoh Saw Ai, Brenda: Supervised 1 MA and 4 PhD students, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Member of thesis committee for 1 PhD student, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Yeung Wei-Jun, Jean: Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught SC6213 Families in Transition; and SC3222 Social Transformations in Modern China.

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

Graduate Forum

4th Asian Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies

15 – 17 Jul 2009, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

Convenors: Prof Gavin Jones, Dr Patrick Daly, Dr Peter Marolt, Dr Premchand Dommaraju, Dr Ronit Ricci, Dr Chee Heng Leng and Dr Titima Suthiwan

The fourth of an annual series of forums for postgraduate students who work on Southeast Asia, the Forum marked the completion of the three-month long 2009 Asian Graduate Students Fellowship Programme. It provided a platform for postgraduate students who are at an advanced stage to present their work, and also to communicate and interact, as they mature into the next generation of academic leaders.

One of ARI's flagship events, this year's Asian Graduate Forum moved to a new format and was expanded to occupy a full five days.

The first two days consisted of a mixture of roundtables and educational workshops, and the next three days comprised the forum

where participating postgraduate students presented papers. The workshops in the first two days were held on various issues from enhancing presentation skills and preparing a research proposal, to conducting fieldwork, data analysis, and write-up. These were accompanied by roundtable discussions on the "Academic Landscape in Southeast Asia: Challenges for the Next Generation of Scholars" and "Challenges of Young Academic Life."

The first roundtable featured prominent established academics who discussed critical issues for scholarship in Southeast Asia from a range of disciplinary perspectives. The second roundtable was led by young scholars who, in an intimate and frank discussion, shared their personal experiences and provided practical tips on issues important for initiating an academic career. The first day ended with yet another novelty: an informal evening led by Dr Charles Leary who guided the participants around Chinatown where they had dinner in a typical Singaporean eating establishment—the hawker centre.

The subsequent three-day Forum commenced with an opening address by Prof Lily Kong, Director of ARI. Altogether, 72 papers representing a wide array of social sciences and humanities were presented in 23 panels organised in up to three parallel sessions. The sessions were organised thematically around issues in history, economics, politics, religion, gender, culture, and migration. The participants included ARI's Asian graduate students as well as postgraduate students from NUS and other parts of the world. In addition to student presentations, three experts of the region shared, in keynote addresses, their insights on challenges and issues facing contemporary social science scholarship in Southeast Asia.

Paper abstracts, photos, and digital recordings of the keynote addresses can be found at: www.ari.nus.edu.sg/events_categorydetails.asp?categoryid=6&eventid=916

Asian Graduate Student Fellowships 2009

The Asian Graduate Student Fellowships are offered to graduate students from Asian countries working in the Humanities and Social Sciences on Asian topics, and allows the recipients to be based at NUS for a period of three 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. The graduate students take up their appointments from May to July each year.

As part of their programme at ARI, Asian Graduate Students are given an opportunity to present a synopsis of their research 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	Achariya Nate-chei	PhD candidate, Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University, Thailand	Making the Tourist Market: The Social Memories and Cultural Practices Within Market Spaces and Networks of a Postsocialist Vietnamese Tourist Village
2	Amanah Nurish	MA candidate, Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies (CRGS), Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia	The Survival Strategy of the Baha'i Religion Under Pressure of State (A Case Study in Banyuwangi East Java)
3	Araya Prasertchai	PhD candidate, Research for Health Development Programme, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand	Recent Trends of Active Life Expectancy Among the Elderly Population in Thailand, 2002-2007
4	Benigno Balgos	MA candidate, Sociology, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Philippines	Disaster as Venue for Conflict Resolution: The Acehese and Javanese Conflict and the 2004 Asian Tsunami
5	Bui Thi Thu Phuong	PhD candidate, History, The Institute of Archaeology, Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi, Vietnam	Vietnam Metallic Age - Dong Son Culture
6	Busarin Lertchavalitsakul	MA candidate, Sustainable Development Programme, Chiang Mai University, Thailand	"Burmese" Ethnic Food: The Cultural Politics of Taste in Chiang Mai

	Name	Institution	Research Topic
7	Do Truong Giang	PhD candidate, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi, Vietnam	The Transition from the Cham to the Viet Ports During the 16th and 17th Centuries: A Case Study of Thi Nai-Nuoc Man, Central Vietnam
8	Hatib Abdul Kadir	MA candidate, Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies (CRGS), Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia	Masculinity in the Tawuran (Gang Fighting Schools) of Islamic Youth Students: A Case Study of Oestadz Gang on Senior High School Muhammadiyah 1, Yogyakarta
9	Ho Thi Thanh	PhD candidate, Southeast Asian Studies, Vietnam National University, Vietnam	Middle Class, Civil Societies and Democratisation in Indonesia
10	Jeamjai Jeeraumporn	PhD candidate, Linguistics, Institute of Language and Culture for Rural Development, Mahidol University, Thailand	A Comparison of Narrative Discourse Between Autistic and Normal Children: Systemic Functional Linguistic Approach
11	Jerson B. Narciso	PhD candidate, Indonesian Consortium for Interreligious Studies, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia	Christian-Muslim Relations in the Philippines: Perspectives for Inter-faith Dialogue
12	Jendrius	PhD candidate, Gender Studies Programme, University of Malaya, Malaysia	Women in Village Governance in Minangkabau, West Sumatra, Indonesia
13	Kim, Rebecca	PhD candidate, Department of Sociology, Sungkonghoe University, Seoul, Korea	The Dimension of the Social: Case Studies of Citizenship in Malaysia, Singapore and Malaysia
14	Le Manh Hung	PhD candidate, Institute of Human Studies, Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi, Vietnam	Sedenterisation and Socio-Economic Changes Among the Khmu People in the Mountain Region of Vietnam and Thailand

	Name	Institution	Research Topic
15	Lenard Stuart	MA candidate, History, De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines	Subject of Inqueery: The 'Academisation' of the Queer Subject in the Philippines, 1920s- 1990s
16	Lilia A. Cotejar	PhD candidate, Department of English, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines	Gender, Class and Nationalism: Triple Struggle in the Fiction of Selected Southeast Asian Women Writers
17	Malychan Sananikhom	MSc candidate, Faculty of Architecture, National University of Lao, Laos	Decentralisation in Urban Development and Management: A Comparative Viewpoint of Southeast Asia
18	Martin Kustati	PhD candidate, Faculty of Education, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia	The Implementation of Communicative Language Teaching in Teaching Reading in Selected Rural High Schools in West Sumatra
19	Mary Jane Bolunia	PhD candidate, Anthropology, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Philippines	The Peoples of Butuan in Precolonial Trade: A Look at Their Participation in the Maritime Exchange of Goods, Services and Ideas
20	Mary Jane Rodriguez	PhD candidate, University of Philippines, Philippines	Reading a Colonial Bureau: The Politics of Cultural Investigation of the Non-Christian Filipinos
21	Muhamad Murtadho	PhD candidate, Anthropology Department, University of Indonesia, Indonesia	New Trends in Islamic Education Institutions in Indonesia: Contemporary and Global Contexts
22	Muhammad Nasir Badu	PhD candidate, Center for History, Politics and Strategy, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia	International Cooperation Strategies in Ethnic Conflict Management of Southeast Asia Region: A Comparative Study of Aceh (Indonesia) and Moro (Philippines) Conflicts
23	Natedao Taotawin	PhD candidate, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Chiang Mai University, Thailand	Politics of Organic Agriculture in the Context of Flexible Accumulation and Agricultural Restructuring in the Northeastern Thailand

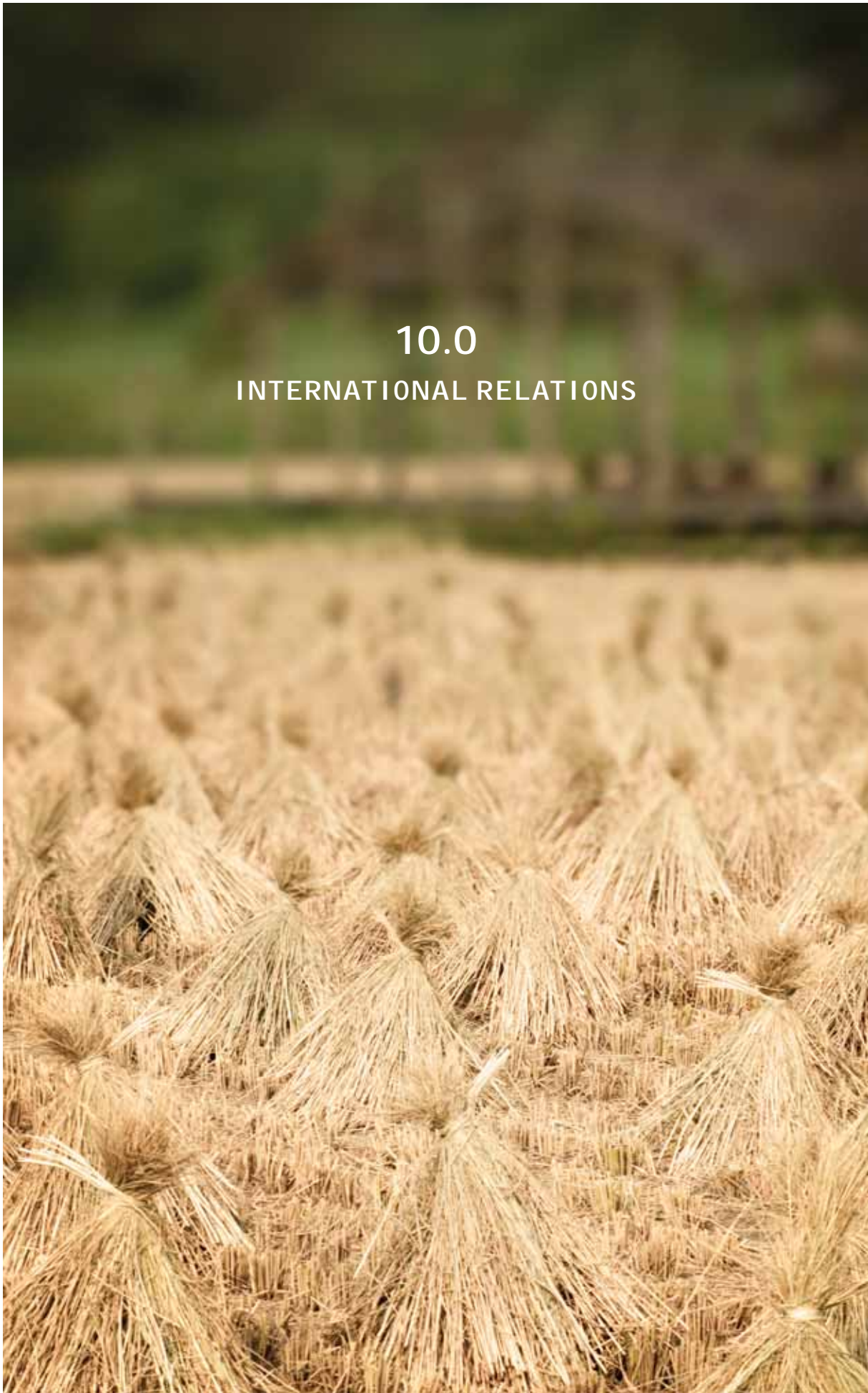
	Name	Institution	Research Topic
24	Novita Rakhmawati	MA candidate, Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies (CRGS), Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia	Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation in Indonesian Public Diplomacy: An Analysis of the Role of Department of Foreign Affairs of Republic Indonesia in Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation (2002-2008)
25	Pham Phuong Chi	PhD candidate, Vietnam Institute of Literature, Vietnam	Rasa in Indian Poetics and an Application to Vietnam Literature
26	Saipul Hamdi	PhD candidate, Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies (CRGS), Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia	Reproduction of Conflict and Power in Nahdlatul Wathan (NW) Pragamisation in East Lombok, Nusa Tenggara Barat
27	Vo Duy Thanh	MA candidate, Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development, Chiang Mai University, Thailand	Dike Construction, Social Differentiation and Local Adaptive Strategies in a Farming Village in the Mekong Delta, Vietnam
28	Wang Dengke	PhD candidate, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University, China	The Response of Ethnic Chinese Society in Singapore and Malaysia to Chinese Government's Policy Towards Ethnic Chinese (1949-1966)
29	Xu Fang Hua	MA candidate, Southeast Asian History, Xiamen University, China	The Impact of Globalisation on Islam, in particular, the Changing Patterns of Islamic Practice and Identity in Today Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam
30	Yuerlita	PhD candidate, Natural Resources Management, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand	Combined Assessment of Ecosystem Services and Livelihoods: An Integrated Social Ecological Approach in Singkarak Lake, West Sumatra, Indonesia
31	Zaenuddin Hadi Prasojo	PhD candidate, Interdisciplinary Studies, Religious and Cross-cultural Studies, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia	Globalisation, Religion and Ethnicity in Indigenous Community's Identities in Indonesia: A Case Study of Dayak Katab Kebahan Community in Melawi District, West Kalimantan

Indonesian Academic Writing Fellowships

ARI was selected by the Department of Religious Affairs, Government of Indonesia, 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 Indonesian students. This is part of the International Short Course Fellowship in Academic Writing for Tutors attached to the Institute of Islamic Studies across Indonesia. Twenty doctoral students in Islamic studies who were writing their doctoral dissertations participated in the academic writing fellowship at ARI from 26 November to 11 December 2009.

	Name	Institution	Research Topic
1	Abd. Fattah	Institute of Islamic Studies, Ternate	Transformation of Grammatical Structures by Abu Hayyan al-Andalusi
2	Abdul Hakim	Institute of Islamic Studies, Banjarmasin	The Esoteric Thoughts of Fazlur Rahman
3	Ahmad Hafidh	Institute of Islamic Studies, Surakarta	Sharia and Social Change in Sukabumi West Java
4	Andarwati	State Islamic University, Malang	Pengembangan Pendidikan Tinggi Agama Islam (PTAI)
5	Anis Masykur	Institute of Islamic Studies, Samarinda	Islamic Law and Politics
6	Anton Bawono	Institute of Islamic Studies, Salatiga	Islam and Consumption
7	Basuki	Institute of Islamic Studies, Ponorogo	Enabling Teachers for Enhancing Community-based Pesantren (Islamic School)
8	Dzo'ul Milal	Institute of Islamic Studies, Sunan Ampel, Surabaya	Power Relations Reflected in Classroom Discourse in Language Teaching and Learning Context
9	Fahrurrozi	Institute of Islamic Studies, Mataram	Teacher and Social Transformation in Lombok
10	Irfan Salim	Institute of Islamic Studies, Banten	The Downturn of Islam in Century X-XII: A Study of Hasyiyah Tafsir Albaydhawi
11	Khamami Zada	State Islamic University Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta	Syari'at and The State: Political Islam in Indonesia 1998-2009
12	M. Cholil Nafis	State Islamic University, Jakarta	Islamic Jurist

	Name	Institution	Research Topic
13	Moh Achyar Fadli	IAI Qomarul Huda Bagu, Lombok	Sociology
14	Muhaemin Muhammadiyah	Institute of Islamic Studies, Palopo	Islamic Education in South Sulawesi 7-8 Century
15	Muhammad Ishom	Institute of Islamic Studies, Banten	Thoughts of Said Usman on the Implementation of Sharia in Hindia Belanda
16	Muhammad Zuhri DJ	Institute of Islamic Studies, Watampone	Directive Politeness in Bugis Society
17	Nasaruddin	Institute of Islamic Studies, Palu	Challenge and Opportunity of Islamic Court to Solve Shari'a Economy
18	Sa'adi	Institute of Islamic Studies, Salatiga	PAI as Center of Excellence
19	Sya'roni	Institute of Islamic Studies, Jambi	Thinking of Ethical Education in Jambi
20	Zumrotul Mukaffa	Kopertais IV Surabaya	Islamic Education



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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

MOU/External Funding Received

S/No	Organisation/ Foundation	Description
1	International Institute of Asian Studies (IIAS)	ARI and IIAS signed a Memorandum of Understanding effective from 1 April 2009. Under this MOU, ARI and IIAS will engage in research collaboration on areas that are of mutual interest to both institutions, exchange of scholars, and organisation of and participation in joint academic and scientific activities such as seminars, workshops and conferences.
2	Max Planck Institute For The Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (MPI-MMG)	ARI and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of NUS signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Max Planck Institute For The Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (MPI-MMG) of the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft (Max Planck Society) effective from 1 September 2009. Under this MOU, ARI, FASS and MPI-MMG will engage in research collaborations on areas that are of mutual interest to all three institutions, exchange of scholars, and organisation of and participation in joint academic and scientific activities such as seminars, workshops and conferences.
3	Tan Chin Tuan Foundation	<p>On 15 May 2009, the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation awarded ARI a sum of S\$78,000 for three years to support Malaysian students' participation in ARI's Asian Graduate Student Fellowship and the Graduate Forum cum Summer Institute.</p> <p>The foundation also awarded \$429,000 for 2 Visiting Professors and 1 Visiting Research Fellow to NUS from 2010-2012, who will be jointly appointed to ARI and Department of History and Southeast Asian Studies Programme respectively.</p>

International Visitors

8 January 2009

Prof Christopher Cullen, Director, Needham Research Institute, Cambridge, United Kingdom

13 January 2009

A/P Lisa Drummond, York University, Canada

20 January 2009

Ms Melissa Tan, Arts and Heritage Development Division, Ministry of Information, Communication and the Arts (MICA), Singapore

22 January 2009

Prof Max Sparreboom and **Prof Paul van der Velde**, International Institute for Asian Studies, The Netherlands

10 February 2009

A/P Luis G. Sison, Vice Chancellor, Research and Development, University of the Philippines in Diliman, Philippines

12 February 2009

Representatives from Policy and Research Analyst/ Strategic Planning, Research and Development (SPRD) Division, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS), Singapore

19 February 2009

Prof Kenneth Dean, Chair, Chinese Cultural Studies, Department of East Asian Studies, McGill University, Canada

27 February 2009

Dr Louise Kirkland, Visiting Research Fellow, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong

10 March 2009

Prof Adrian Vickers, University of Sydney, Australia

11 March 2009

Dr David Ley, Canada Research Chair, Geography, University of British Columbia, Canada

16 March 2009

Prof James Scott, Director, Agrarian Studies, Yale University, USA

16 April 2009

Dr Leena Avonius, University of Helsinki, Finland

4 May 2009

Prof John Hepburn, Vice President Research, University of British Columbia, Canada

5 May 2009

Prof Justin O'Connor, Queensland University of Technology, Australia

6 May 2009

Prof Don Wiebe, University of Toronto, Canada

8 May 2009

Delegates from National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan

5 August 2009

Prof Arjuna Parakrama, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

25 August 2009

Dr Nandini Chatterjee, King's College, London, United Kingdom

8 September 2009

Delegates from National Tsing-hua University of Taiwan, Taiwan

3 November 2009

Prof Anita Kangas, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

24 November 2009

Dr Long Le, Director, International Initiatives, University of Houston, USA

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