

**PERSONAL PARTICULARS**

Name: Prof Robin Bannerman JEFFREY

**EDUCATION**

D.Phil. (History) University of Sussex

B.A. (History and English), University of Victoria (Canada)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2006 - 2008

Director, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, ANU, and “convener” and later “dean” of the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

1996 - 2005

Acting Head of School and Department/Program at various times, including six months acting Head of School in 1998; Politics convenor, July 2003-March 2004

1993

Professor of Politics (personal chair), La Trobe University

1990 - 1993

Chairperson, Dept of Politics

1990

Reader in Politics, La Trobe University

1983

Senior lecturer

1983

Scholar-in-residence, Traill College, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada

1979 - 1982

Lecturer in Politics, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia

1978

Scholar-in-residence, Traill College, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, Canada (autumn term)

1973 -1978

Research fellow in modern South Asian history, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra

1969 - 1972

Graduate student, University of Sussex.

1967 -1969

English teacher, Regional Institute of English, Chandigarh, India (under auspices of Canadian University Service Overseas)

1963 - 1967

Journalist, *Daily Colonist*, Victoria, B.C.

## EDITORIAL & EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS OF INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS AND BOOK SERIES

2002 - 2004

International Secretary  
Academy of Humanities of Australia

2002 - 2004

President  
Asian Studies Association of Australia

2000 - 2002

Vice-President  
Asian Studies Association of Australia

July 1996

Organizing secretary of 20th-anniversary conference of Asian Studies Association of Australia at La Trobe University

1994 - 1996

Member, Editorial Board  
*Australian Journal of International Affairs*

1988 - 2005

An organizer of the Melbourne South Asian Studies Group (seminars and public-information activities)

1988 - 1992

Treasurer  
Asian Studies Association of Australia, Inc.

1986 - 2009

Founding editor, with Peter Reeves, of the Asian Studies Association of Australia's "South Asian Publication Series". 14 volumes in print.

1986

Organized, with Dipesh Chakrabarty, the "What's Happening to India? Conference" in Melbourne (4-7 December).

1981

Convenor of ad hoc Asian Studies media committee, and editor of the resulting *Melbourne: A Guide for the Media*, published in 1981, a directory of Asianists in Melbourne

1979 - current

Member, Editorial Board  
*Pacific Affairs*, quarterly, produced at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

1976

Acting editor  
Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA)  
Newsletter

1976 to 1981; 1981 - 1993 (by the ANU)

Editor, with Anthony Low and Peter Reeves (associate editor: Margaret Carron), of "Monographs on South Asia", produced in cooperation between the Australian National University and Manohar of Delhi

1974 - 1976; 1976 - 1978

Member, executive committee

South Asian Studies Association of Australia and New Zealand (SASAANZ)

#### **OFFICIAL POSITIONS HELD IN ACADEMIC / PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

2009 - current

Honorary Professorial Fellow, University of Melbourne

2008 - 2010

Appointed to the board of the Australia-India Council, Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade

2008

Emeritus Professor, La Trobe University

2008

Emeritus Professor, Australian National University

2002

Elected a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences of Australia (FASSA)

2002 (for 2003 and 2004)

Elected president of the Asian Studies Association of Australia

1992 - 1995

Appointed to the board of the Australia-India Council, Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade

1994

Elected a Fellow of the Academy of the Humanities of Australia (FAHA)

#### **KEYNOTES & PLENARIES** *by title, venue & organizers*

31 March 2012

Editors' Guild of India, annual lecture, New Delhi, "Media Meditations: History, Prospects and Two Challenges"

17 July 2009

"Australasia: a Long History ... and why we need to know it" History Teachers' Association of Australia, National Conference, Melbourne

15 May 2009

"India's 15th General Elections" National Press Club and High Commission for India, Canberra

10 October 2007

"The Growth of India" Sir Leslie Melville Annual Lecture, Canberra

October 2005

"Hingeing the Sphere: How Indian-Language Newspapers Make a Nation and Create Publics"  
Australia-India Media Symposium, Asian College of Journalism and Australian High Commission, Chennai

September 2006

“Media and Democracy in India: Preliminary Comparisons of Kerala and Uttar Pradesh (UP)”  
Democracy in India conference, University of California, Berkeley, September 2006

## RESEARCH PROJECTS / PROGRAMMES / INITIATIVES & COLLABORATIONS

2012

Publication of *More than Maoism*. Launch in New Delhi, February 2012 (edited with Ronojoy Sen and Pratima Singh)

Acceptance by Oxford UP, New Delhi, of manuscript for *Being Muslim in South Asia*, publication at the end of 2013 (editing with Ronojoy Sen)

Work in progress on *MUGHALS, MANDARINS AND MESSENGERS: Media at Work in China and India* (editing with Ronojoy Sen, Nalin Mehta and Amitendu Palit)

Publication of *The Great Indian Phone Book* (C. Hurst in UK, Hachette in India, Harvard University Press in North America) by end of 2012. Goes to print in November (co-authored with Assa Doron)

*Diminishing Conflicts in Asia and the Pacific* (Routledge), published October 2012 (editor with Edward Aspinall and Anthony Regan)

2011

More than Maoism – an anthology of writings about the “Maoist insurgency” in India, coordinated with Ronojoy Sen and Pratima Singh – publication due late 2011

Islam in Modern South Asia – a symposium (September 2011) leading to an edited publication

Celling South Asia – a symposium (February 2011) leading to an edited special issue of a journal, probably *Pacific Affairs*

2008 and continuing

*Diminishing Conflicts* – analysis, involving more than a dozen co-writers, of places in Asia and the Pacific where intra-state conflicts have abated in the past 20 years. Co-editors: Edward Aspinall and Anthony Regan (both ANU). Book looks like being contracted to Routledge.

2009 and continuing

*Celling India* – a book, co-authored with Assa Doron (ANU), on the mobile phone’s capacity to disrupt long-standing political and social patterns in India

2004 - 2009

Asia-Pacific Futures Research Network (partner), Australian Research Council

2002 - 2005

*Slices of India*, Australian Research Council, 2002-05

2001 - 2005

Digital Colonial Documents, Australian Research Council

1996 - 1998

India’s Newspaper Revolution, Australian Research Council

1993 - 1997

South Asia Research Database, Australian Research Council

<b>PUBLICATIONS</b> for the last 5 years including forthcoming publications
<p><b>Authored Book and Monograph</b></p> <p>2012  <i>The Great Indian Phone Book</i> (C. Hurst in UK, Hachette in India, Harvard University Press in North America) by end of 2012. Goes to print in November (co-authored with Assa Doron)</p> <p>2011  <u>Politics, Women and Well-Being: How Kerala Became “a Model”</u>, 3rd edition (New Delhi: Oxford University Press), with new introduction</p> <p>2010  <u>Media and Modernity: Communications, Women and the State in India</u> (New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2010), 298pp.</p> <p>2000/2004/2010  <u>India’s Newspaper Revolution: Capitalism, Politics and the Indian-Language Press, 1977-97</u> (London: C. Hurst/New Delhi: Oxford University Press/New York: St Martin’s Press, 2000), 234 pp. Second edition with new introductory chapter (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2003). Third edition with an additional chapter (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2010). Hindi edition, <u>Bharat-ki samacharpatra kranti</u> (New Delhi: Indian Institute of Mass Communications, 2004), 215 pp.</p>
<p><b>Edited Books</b></p> <p>2012  Robin Jeffrey with Ronojoy Sen and Pratima Singh (eds), <u>More than Maoism: Politics, Policies and Insurgencies in South Asia</u> (New Delhi: Manohar, 2012), 470 pp.</p> <p><i>Diminishing Conflicts in Asia and the Pacific</i> (Routledge), published October 2012 (editor with Edward Aspinall and Anthony Regan)</p>
<p><b>Book Chapter</b></p> <p>with Aspinall and Regan, “Introduction,” in Aspinall <i>et al.</i> (eds), <u>Diminishing Conflicts in Asia and the Pacific: Why Some Subside and Others Don’t</u> (London: Routledge, 2012), pp. 1-13.</p> <p>“Punjab: federalism, elections, suppression,” in Aspinall <i>et al.</i> (eds), <u>Diminishing Conflicts in Asia and the Pacific: Why Some Subside and Others Don’t</u> (London: Routledge, 2012), pp. 85-97.</p> <p>with Sen and Singh, “Introduction,” in Jeffrey <i>et al.</i> (eds), <i>More than Maoism</i> (New Delhi: Manohar, 2012), pp. 1-14.</p> <p>“Media and Maoism,” in Jeffrey <i>et al.</i> (eds), <i>More than Maoism</i> (New Delhi: Manohar, 2012), pp. 341-5.</p> <p>2009  “Introduction,” in William T. Tow and Chin Kin Wah (eds), <u>ASEAN-India-Australia: Towards Closer Engagement in a New Asia</u> (Singapore: Institute for South East Asian Studies, 2009), pp. xvii-xxi.</p> <p>2008  “Coalitions and Consequences: Historical, Economic, Social and Political Considerations from India,” in Raghendra Jha (ed.), <u>The Indian Economy Sixty Years after Independence</u> (London: Palgrave, 2008), pp. 7-16.</p> <p>“Urdu Newspapers in India: Waiting for Citizen Kane,” in Ather Farouqui (ed.), <u>Muslims and</u></p>

Media Images: News versus Views (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2008), pp. 221-36 [published as “Urdu: Waiting for Citizen Kane?”, Economic and Political Weekly, 29 March 1997, pp. 631-6].

2001/2009

With Peter Friedlander and Sanjay Seth, “‘Subliminal Charge’: How Hindi-language Newspaper Expansion Affects India,” Media International Australia, No. 100 (August 2001), pp. 147-66. . Edited and republished in Arvind Rajagopal (ed.), The Indian Public Sphere (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2009), pp. 188-206.

### **Refereed Article**

2012

Robin Jeffrey with Assa Doron, “Mobile-izing: Democracy, Organization and India’s First ‘Mass Mobile Phone’ Elections,” Journal of Asian Studies, vol. 71, no. 1 (February 2012), pp. 63-80.

with Assa Doron, “The Mobile Phone in India and Nepal: Political Economy, Politics and Society,” Pacific Affairs, vol. 85, no. 3 (September 2012), pp. 469-82.2011

Robin Jeffrey and Assa Doron, “Celling India: exploring a society’s embrace of the mobile phone,” South Asian History and Culture, vol. 2, no. 3 (July 2011), pp. 397-416.

2009

“Testing Concepts about Print, Newspapers and Politics: Kerala, India, 1800-2007,” Journal of Asian Studies, vol. 68, no. 2 (May 2009), pp. 465-89.