ARI’s logo depicts rice grains in star-like formation. Rice has been the main staple food for many of Asia’s peoples since the 15th century. It forms the basis of communal bonds, an element of ritual in many Asian societies, and a common cultural thread across nations and societies. Rice cultivation, as one of the major agricultural activities in Asia, has implications for population, sustainability and ecology. In symbolic as well as material ways, rice touches upon many of the key socio-economic and cultural issues in Asia, and is fitting emblem of the Asia Research Institute.
The leaf, an evergreen symbol of sustainability and the environment, is an apt metaphor for ARI’s study on Asia. Sustainability and the environment not only present the most pressing issues of the day, but are increasingly interweaved into issues of culture, religion, science, and technology in a modern globalising society, from the individual and the family to nations and states. The veins of the leaf parallel the intricacies of society and how interconnected peoples of Asia are for the sustainability and growth of the region. The water droplet sitting on the leaf reflects and magnifies these socio-economic and cultural issues which are the concerns of ARI’s researchers.
VISION
To be a world-leading hub for research on Asia

MISSION
Inspiring new knowledge and transforming insights into Asia
2.0 MANAGEMENT
Message from Chair of International Advisory Board

PROFESSOR TOMMY KOH
Chairman
International Advisory Board

ARI enters its second decade with an impressive international reputation as a choice venue for doing cutting edge research on Asia and a sought-after partner for international collaborations. Established projects, such as Asian Biopolis, the Aceh Project, and the Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis, continue to thrive, even as a new research programme, Migrating Out of Poverty Consortium, funded by the United Kingdom’s Department for International Development, through the University of Sussex, takes off.

The Institute continues to expand its funding support base to include more local and international organisations. Besides long time supporters, such as the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation, Lee Foundation, and various Singapore Ministries, the Wellcome Trust in UK, ARI and its researchers have received funding support for their activities from the Korea Foundation, Japan Science and Technology Agency, Australian Research Council, The America Council of Learned Societies, and the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation. Recent co-organisers of its events include the Department of Geography at the Royal Holloway University of London, the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography, the Singapore Heritage Society, and the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.

ARI’s strong partnership with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and other units in NUS has resulted in many collaborative projects and events, as well as joint efforts in bringing to Singapore some of the best researchers working on Asia. Last year’s researchers invited to ARI include distinguished scholars, such as Emeritus Professor Judith Nagata (Tan Chin Tuan Visiting Senior Research Fellow of Malay Studies jointly at ARI and the Southeast Asian Studies Programme), Professor Michael Fischer, Professors Leonard Andaya (Tan Chin Tuan Visiting Professor jointly appointed to the Department of Malay Studies) and Barbara Andaya (Tan Chin Tuan Visiting Professor jointly appointed to the Department of History), and Professor Kenneth Dean (Lim Chong Yah Visiting Research Professor).

ARI public lectures and seminars featured some prominent speakers, such as Sir Geoffrey Lloyd from Cambridge University and Mr Ted C. Fishman (bestselling author of China Inc. and Shock of Gray). Besides its flagship events, Asia Trends and Inter-Asia Roundtable, the Institute co-organised the Second China-India-Singapore Dialogue on Higher Education as it is increasingly active in promoting intellectual exchanges on topics of common interest to Asian countries. We can expect more exciting events as well as path-breaking research from its new focus on inter-Asia connections.
International Advisory Board

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Prof Tommy Koh
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Message from Chair of Management Board

PROFESSOR CHONG CHI TAT
Chairman
Board of Management

Under the leadership of its Director Professor Prasenjit Duara, ARI has had another year of gratifying growth in its research activities and publications. It has created a new metacluster, "Historical Sociology of Inter-Asian Connections," that will advance its aim to focus on the connections past and present within the region as well as foster greater synergies among existing clusters. All research clusters have organised well-attended major events and regular seminars on interesting themes. The Asian Urbanisms cluster organised the third Inter-Asia Roundtable on the timely topic of Recycling Cities. Other major conferences in 2011 include Crossing Borders, Traversing Boundaries: Bridging the Gap between International and Internal Migration Research and Theory organised by the Asian Migration cluster; Decentralisation and Urban Transformation in Asia organised by the Asian Urbanisms cluster; Transitioning to Adulthood in Asia: Courtship, Marriage and Work organised by the Changing Family in Asia cluster; Inter-Asia and the Japanese Empire organised by the Cultural Studies in Asia cluster; Muslim Religious Authority in Contemporary Asia organised by the Religion and Globalisation in Asian Contexts cluster; Climate Change, Disaster Management, and Urban Sustainability: Three Asian Challenges organised by the Science, Technology, and Society cluster.

Besides a rich offering of academic activities often open to the public, the Institute continues to pursue outreach in Singapore via a series of public lectures covering a wide range of topics. Its annual lecture series Asia Trends entered the tenth year in 2011. These were held jointly either with the National Museum or the Asian Civilisations Museum.

In 2011, the Institute welcomed 55 new visitors, postdoctoral fellows and research fellows. ARI now has an extensive international network of researchers who have spent time at the Institute, which attests to its growing reputation as a vibrant research centre providing an environment ideal for cross-disciplinary and cross-border collaboration. ARI alumni now have significant presence at major international scholarly events. The Institute is planning to have regular ARI receptions at the annual meeting of the Asian Studies Association, and possibly other similar events.

The ARI-Springer Asia Series launched its first book, Religion-State Encounters in Hindu Domains: From the Straits Settlements to Singapore, by Vineeta Sinha, Associate Professor in NUS Sociology Department. ARI researchers published another twelve books and special issues based on research completed during their stay in ARI. The list of journal articles and book chapters by ARI researchers continue to be very impressive in both quantity and quality. They appear in a wide range of well regarded international peer reviewed journals in many disciplines. We expect this high level of publication activity to continue in the coming years.

Many of ARI’s activities and projects are carried out with external partners, including the various Faculties, especially the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Other schools and units in NUS include the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, and the Global Asia Institute. Besides the support of government Ministries, ARI has also received support in various forms from other local organisations such as Nanyang Technological University and Singapore Heritage Society.

It has been a busy and fruitful year for ARI, and an excellent beginning to ARI’s second decade. I thank Prof Duara and his team for the outstanding work accomplished.
Management Board

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Prof Chong Chi Tat
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Prof Prasenjit Duara
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Director’s Foreword

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

ARI commences its second decade of activity with strong foundations laid in the first. We celebrated our ten year anniversary in August 2011 where we highlighted all we have achieved and equally all that we have learned from this period. Founding Director, Anthony Reid as well as NUS President Tan Chorh Chuan and Deputy President Barry Halliwell graced the ceremonials together with all the luminary custodians from the ARI governing boards. ARI is now a recognised name in our fields in Asia and the West. We can see this from our visitors and the rising number and quality of the applicants for ARI fellowships.

The next phase involves intellectual leadership in the global study of Asian societies. We have identified – together with our global partners such as the Social Science Research Council, NY, and Hong Kong University – the sphere of inter-Asian connections as the most promising field of inquiry. All of our clusters and the metacluster on Historical Sociology of Asian Connections have been vigorously engaged in the study of these relationships from their own particular thematic and disciplinary perspectives.

Over the last year, the bulk of our seminars, conferences and visitors have, in one way or the other, addressed problems that have a regional impact or significance, whether from a comparative, connected or convergent angle. Whether it is the study of cities, ageing or religion, our researchers have kept an eye out for the wider context in which they need to be understood. Examples include Inter-Asia and the Japanese Empire; Decentralisation and Urban Transformation in Asia; Shifting Boundaries of Care Provision in Asia; Placing Religious Pluralism in Asian Global Cities; Issues of Planning for Asian Urban Agglomerations; Global Modernity and Asian Urban History and many others.

One consequence of this kind of study is that it raises the consciousness of how problems, especially of public goods, in this part of the world do not exist in isolation and often require collective efforts to address meaningfully. While we continue to make strides each in our particular areas and sites of research, I hope we have the wherewithal in place to simultaneously keep the wider regional landscape in view.
Steering Committee

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Prof Prasenjit Duara
(From 1 January 2011)

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Assoc Prof Michael Feener
Prof Gavin Jones
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Prof Brenda Yeoh
Prof Jean Yeung
(From 1 November 2011)

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(From 1 January 2011)

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(Till 31 September 2011)
Dr Michelle Miller
(From 1 January 2012)
Dr Dinah Sianturi
(From 6 October 2011)
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(Till 31 December 2011)

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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 2011 the following committees took up responsibility for various aspects of work involved in the running of ARI as a resource for research on the Asian region for researchers from around the world and graduate student researchers.

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- A/P Michael Feener
- Dr. Chee Heng Leng
- A/P Liang Yongjia (From 2 December 2011)
- Dr. Jung Sun
- Dr. Jonathan Benney (From 2 December 2011)
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- A/P Maznah Mohamad (Chair) (Till 15 December 2011)
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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 attracting high quality researchers is paramount to the success of the institute. The increasing number of applications to its various research programmes each year is a clear indication of ARI becoming the preferred choice for researchers and academics. The research personnel in ARI are diverse; they vary in terms of research foci, nationalities, international experience, and duration of appointments. ARI further maintains a good balance between established scholars and those who are at the start of promising careers.

The research personnel are led by distinguished research leaders, each heading a research cluster. Most of the research leaders are tenured faculty members, part-seconded on joint appointments from their home departments in NUS, while the others have been recruited after exhaustive international searches.

At the beginning of 2011, Professor Prasenjit Duara, Raffles Professor of Humanities and a renowned Professor of History joined ARI as its new director. Associate Professor Tan Sor Hoon, Head of the Department of Philosophy in NUS joined ARI as its deputy director during the same period. Professor Gavin Jones, leader of the Changing Family in Asia cluster stepped down from cluster leadership to assume other important roles in the University, but remained an active member of the cluster. Professor Jean Yeung of the cluster, also a faculty member of Department of Sociology in NUS, succeeded him.

ARI awards two-year (senior) principal/research fellowships to well-established researchers as well as researchers in early career stages. The research leaders, principal research fellow 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. ARI’s profile was further heightened by the appointments of five distinguished scholars during the year. Professors Leonard Andaya (jointly appointed to the Department of Malay Studies) and Barbara Andaya, (jointly appointed to the Department of History) joined ARI as Tan Chin Tuan Visiting Professors. Both visiting professorship awards were made possible through the generous support of the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation. The same foundation similarly provided support for Emeritus Professor Judith Nagata as Tan Chin Tuan Visiting Senior Research Fellow of Malay Studies jointly at ARI and the Department of Southeast Asian Studies. Professor Kenneth Dean joined ARI (jointly appointed to the Department of Chinese Studies) as Lim Chong Yah Visiting Research Professor with the generous support from the Lim Chong Yah Professorship in Arts and Social Sciences in FASS. Professor Michael Fischer, another famous professor made three short stints at ARI during the 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 (senior) visiting research fellows.

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

In 2011, ARI continued to interact with the faculties of NUS in different ways. Apart from co-organising events and collaborating in research, the FASS Writing Fellowship scheme, designed to enable assistant professors to devote six months primarily to completing publications needed for tenure review, awarded writing fellowships to three assistant professors in the faculty to spend time writing in ARI.

A proportion of the research staff was appointed by external funded programmes or projects. As mentioned earlier, the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation supported the appointments of two visiting professors and a visiting senior research fellow. The Lim Chong Yah Professorship in Arts and Social Sciences supported the appointment of a visiting research professor. The Asian MetaCentre in ARI which is funded by the Wellcome Trust in United Kingdom partially supported the appointments of two research assistants/associates. A project on commercially-arranged international marriages with a grant awarded by the Ministry of Education (MOE), Singapore, provided full or partial support for one visiting senior research fellow and three research assistants. Another MOE-funded project on Asian Biopoleis supported the appointments of three research assistants and a visiting research professor. Two research project grants awarded by the NUS Global Asia Institute provided full or partial support for a research fellow and six research assistants/associates. A new research programme grant for the inception phase of the Migrating Out of Poverty Consortium, funded by DFID through the University of Sussex provided full or partial support for a postdoctoral fellow and three research assistants. The endowment fund at ARI similarly supported the appointment of a research associate. Last but not least, a postdoctoral fellow self-funded his fellowship at ARI through an external grant awarded to him by the Swiss National Science Foundation.

**DIRECTOR**

*Duara, Prasenjit.* Professor. BA (Delhi), MA (Delhi), M.Phil (Jawaharlal Nehru University), PhD (Harvard). Director from 1 January 2011; joint appointment with Department of History, FASS, and concurrently Director of Research, Humanities and Social Sciences, Office of the Deputy President (Research and Technology), NUS. History of China and more broadly of Asia in the twentieth century; historical thought and historiography.

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR**

*Tan Sor Hoon,* Associate Professor. BA (Oxford), MA (NUS), PhD (University of Hawai’i at Manoa). Joint appointment with Department of Philosophy, FASS, from 1 January 2011. John Dewey’s pragmatism; Pre-Qin Confucianism; twentieth-century political thought in China and New Confucianism; comparisons of Western and Chinese moral and political philosophy; multiculturalism and intercultural philosophy.

**RESEARCH LEADERS**

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

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

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

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

*Jones, Gavin,* Professor. BA (New England), PhD (Australian National University). Fellow of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences (FSSA). Changing Family in Asia Cluster Research Leader from 5 August 2003 to 31 October 2011; joint appointment with Department of Sociology, FASS, since 5 August 2003. Role of migration in relation to changing population dynamics; mega-urban regions in Southeast and East Asia.
Yeoh Saw Ai, Brenda, Professor. BA (Hons) (Cambridge); MA (Cambridge), PhD (Oxford). Asian Migration Cluster Research Leader and Asian MetaCentre Principal Investigator from February 2000; joint appointment with Department of Geography, and concurrently Dean, FASS. The politics of space in colonial cities; heritage issues and tourism studies; place histories and landscape studies; the geography of gender, with particular reference to women and migration; global cities, transnationalism and diaspora.

Yeung Wei-Jun, Jean, Professor. BA (Soochow), MA (Illinois State), PhD (Alberta), Changing Family in Asia Cluster Research Leader from 1 November 2011; 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.

Balasubramaniam, Arunasalam, BA (University of Singapore), MA (University of Singapore), MA (Sussex), PhD (Western Ontario). Senior Research Fellow from 1 December 2011. Civilisations and modern science; deployment of neo-Lakatosian model for scientific method, involving the consilience of research programmes, to explain how reservoirs of knowledge from different Asian traditions came to be epistemologically incorporated in the making of modern science.

Bush, Robin, BA (South Carolina), MA (Ohio), PhD (Washington). Senior Research Fellow from 5 December 2011. Interfaces between Islam, politics, and development, particularly in Indonesia and Southeast Asia.

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.

Choo Young Soo, Philip, BS (MIT), MA (Pennsylvania), PhD (Pennsylvania). Research Fellow from 7 July 2011; joint appointment with Tembusu Residential College. Postdoctoral Fellow from 7 July 2009 to 6 July 2011. 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.

Graham, Connor Clive, BA (Nottingham), PhD (Melbourne). Research Fellow from 24 August 2010 to 31 May 2011. Information systems; science, technology, and society; and human-computer interaction.

Jung Sun, BA (Toledo), MA (Griffith), PhD (Melbourne). Research Fellow from 26 September 2011. South Korean popular cultures and online youth cultures.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sugiyma, Kazunari, B.Eng (Yokohama National University), M.Eng (Yokohama National University), PhD (Nara Institute of Science and Technology). Research Fellow from 1 November 2010 to 24 March 2011. Methods for characterising documents; user adaptive information retrieval; personal name disambiguation in Japanese texts; information extraction from biological literature.

Whittington, Jerome, BA (Texas), MA (University of California at Berkeley), PhD (University of California at Berkeley). Research Fellow from 3 August 2011; joint appointment with Tembusu Residential College. Climate change and energy; ASEAN policy initiatives; East Asian approaches to carbon markets and greenhouse gas management.

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

Andaya, Barbara Watson, Tan Chin Tuan Visiting Professor. BA (Sydney), MA (Hawai‘i), PhD (Cornell). Joint appointment with Department of History, FASS, from 1 August 2011. Southeast Asian studies; western Malay-Indonesia archipelago.

Andaya, Leonard Yuzon, Tan Chin Tuan Visiting Professor. BA (Yale), MA (Cornell), PhD (Cornell). Joint appointment with Department of Malay Studies, FASS, from 1 August 2011. Early modern history of Southeast Asia, with special focus on Indonesia and Malaysia.

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 Department of Southeast Asian Studies, FASS, from 18 July 2005. Folk Catholicism and religious iconography in the Philippines; religious studies.

Dean, Kenneth, Lim Chong Yah Visiting Research Professor. BA (Brown), MA (Stanford), PhD (Stanford). Joint appointment with Department of Chinese Studies, FASS, from 1 June 2011 to 31 August 2011. Asian studies; Chinese culture and religion.

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

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

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

Aso, Michitake, PhD (Wisconsin-Madison). From 2 September 2011; joint appointment with Tembusu Residential College. History, the history of science, and medical history in Vietnam during the 19th and 20th centuries.


Finucane, Juliana, PhD (Syracuse). From 7 October 2009 to 14 August 2011. Inter-religious relations; new forms of religious cosmopolitanism and missionary activity.


Hickey, Maureen Helen, PhD (Washington). From 6 September 2010. Migration and development; internal migration in Thailand; gender, masculinity and migration; labour migration and shifting political identities.

Johnson, Andrew Alan, PhD (Cornell). From 1 November 2011. Interplay between urbanisation and popular religiosity, especially as it relates to ideas about authority, charisma, and legitimacy in Thailand.

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

Lee Hyun ok, PhD (Cornell). From 8 August 2011. Gender relations in the political economic changes.


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

Saxer, Johannes Martin, PhD (Oxford). From 9 May 2011. Recent creation of an industry of Tibetan pharmaceuticals in Tibet; the effects of China’s rapid economic growth, its strategic decisions to secure influence and natural resources in adjacent countries, and its efforts to prevent unrest in its own borderlands on the lives and futures of the people living along its borders.


Zhang Yanxia, PhD (Oxford). From 1 June 2009 to 31 May 2011. Child care; elderly care; gender; poverty and social security; comparative family policies; East Asia (focus on China, South Korea and Japan); Singapore.
Zhong Yijiang, PhD (Chicago). From 5 December 2011. Religion and modernity in East Asia from the thematic perspectives of authority, epistemology, and space.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS/ASSOCIATES


Baey Hui Yi, Grace, BA (Western Ontario), MA (Queen’s University). Research Assistant from 30 December 2010. Labour migration issues in Southeast Asia; borders and boundary-making; identity politics; international political economy.


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

Chuu Lung-Kwan, Jennifer, BS magna cum laude (Cornell), MS (Washington). Research Associate from 12 October 2010. Estimation and projection of city populations.

Do Hoang Nhat Huy, BA (Hanoi University of Technology). Research Assistant from 1 November 2011. Data mining in digital bibliographic database.

Drupady, Ira Martina, BA (NUS), MA (NUS). Research Associate from 17 January 2011; joint appointment with Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. Energy governance and energy security in Asia.

Ganguly, Rehena Sultana, BSc (Kalyani University), MSc (Kalyani University), MBA (Viswa Bharti University). Research Associate from 1 November 2010 to 31 October 2011; joint appointment with Department of Statistics and Applied Probability, Faculty of Science. Biostatistics; bioinformatics.

Hamid, Wajihah, BA (NUS). Research Assistant from 1 April 2011 to 14 September 2011. Migration; South Asian Diaspora; transnationalism.

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


Li Hongyan, BA (NUS), MSc (Nanyang Technological University). Research Assistant from 9 June 2011. Perceptions and representations of deviancy; problematisation of social anxieties.

Nguyen Tam, BA (NUS). Research Assistant from 1 April 2010 to 31 December 2011. Sexual minority and stigmatisation; biopsychosocial interactions; health and quality of life.

Serpojan Singh, Sheena Kumari, BA (NUS), MA (NUS). Research Assistant from 6 April 2011 to 13 May 2011. Interdisciplinary approaches towards the study of gender and women’s history, post-colonialism, intellectual and cultural history, theories of travel, literature and narratology; history of Southeast Asia and South Asia; British imperial history.

Tan Al Hua, Margaret, BFA (RMIT/Lasalle-SIA College of the Arts), MA (London), PhD (NUS). Research Assistant from 1 July 2011. Intersections of body with space, technology and culture.

Vo Sy Bac, BSc (University of Science). Research Assistant from 24 March 2011. Information retrieval and object tracking.

Zaide, Joyce Iris Solomon, BA (University of the Philippines-Diliman), MA (NUS). Research Assistant from 24 September 2007 to 16 March 2011. Media, communication and gender studies.

VISITING RESEARCH PROFESSORS/ (SENIOR) RESEARCH FELLOWS

Achmad, Nurmandi, PhD (University of Indonesia). Visiting Research Fellow from 6 June 2011 to 4 July 2011. Urban politics and urban planning; urban services management; strategic and knowledge management in the local government in Java Island, Sumatera Island and Maluku.

Arps, Bernard, PhD (Leiden). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 12 July 2011. Social and political processes in which language plays a formative role particularly in religion, promotion and propaganda, cultural policy, and language itself.
**Balooni, Kulbhushan**, PhD (Sardar Patel University). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 11 April 2011 to 10 July 2011. Natural resources and environmental management with focus on decentralised governance, policy and institutional analysis, and property rights in South and Southeast Asia.

**Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar**, PhD (Calcutta). Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 6 July 2011 to 1 October 2011. History of nationalism and caste in colonial and post-colonial India; history of Indian migration and the Indian diaspora.


**Ching, Leo Tsushin**, PhD (California, San Diego). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 10 August 2010 to 9 November 2010 and Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 10 November 2010 to 9 August 2011. Colonial and postcolonial studies; East Asian cultural studies; and theories of globalisation.

**Cook, Joanna Claire**, PhD (Cambridge). Visiting Research Fellow from 6 January 2011 to 5 April 2011. Democratisation of religious practice in Thailand; interplay between medical practice, internationalism and civil society.

**Ferzacca, Steve Fredrick**, PhD (Wisconsin-Madison). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 6 July 2011 to 1 October 2011. Ethnography of health and medicine; medical pluralism in Indonesia; Javanese articulations of self, health, and emotivity; the affect of Indonesian urban life on gender relations, populist Islam and health; cultural logic of risk, sexuality, and the social life of youth in Western Canadian resort towns.

**Fischer, Michael M. J.**, PhD (Chicago). Visiting Research Professor from 6 December 2010 to 31 January 2011; from 6 July 2011 to 30 July 2011; and from 30 Dec 2011. Anthropological methods for the contemporary world with special attention to the interface between science and technology and anthropology; anthropology of the biomedical sciences and technologies; anthropology of media circuits, with focus of regional attention on the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia.


**Hellwig, Christine**, PhD (Leiden). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 3 January 2011 to 2 April 2011. Indonesian/Malay language, literature, culture and history; women and gender studies; feminist theory and postcolonial studies; Southeast Asian literature, culture and history.

**Hogan, Trevor**, PhD (La Trobe). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 27 December 2010 to 8 April 2011. Emergent Asian urbanist theorists as part of a wider project comparing urban theories of urbanisms.

**Huang, C. Julia**, PhD (Boston). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 10 August 2010 to 5 September 2011. Taiwanese Buddhism; globalisation; gender; religion and the public goods.

**Kassim-Lakha, Salim**, PhD (Monash). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 3 October 2011. International migration; Indian diaspora, globalisation and development; democratisation and governance; India.

**Kikuchi, Yoko**, PhD (University of the Arts London). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 26 April 2011 to 15 August 2011. Art and design in Japan and Taiwan.

**Kim Sujeong**, PhD (California, San Diego). Visiting Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 14 July 2009 to 13 January 2011. Transnational media and cultural practices; global television culture and audiences and cultural identity.

**Lee Yi-Chin, Celine**, PhD (University of Paris VIII). Visiting Research Fellow from 3 October 2011. Taiwanese traditional theatres; dramas by Gao Xing-Jian; Peking opera; comparative studies of Chinese and Western theatres; cross-cultural theatre arts; contemporary drama theories; mass communication; folk arts.


**McKay, Steven Charles**, PhD (Wisconsin-Madison). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 17 June 2011 to 16 September 2011. Work and labour markets, transnationalism and migration, masculinity, race, the Philippines and the Filipino labour diaspora.


**Mohamad, Maznah**, PhD (Malaya). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 2 October 2006 to 1 October 2011; joint appointment with Department of Malay Studies, FASS. Gender and Islam; Malay family; Islam and State; social movements; political trends in Malaysia.

**Nagata, Judith**, PhD (Illinois). Tan Chin Tuan Visiting Senior Research Fellow of Malay Studies from 11 January 2011 to 10 April 2011; joint appointment with the Department of Southeast Asian Studies, FASS. Religion, ethnicity and culture in North America and Southeast Asia.
Nair, Reema Deepa, PhD (NUS). Visiting Research Fellow from 29 August 2011. Rise of religious nationalism in India; globalisation and South Asian diaspora; education and curriculum reform in South Asia.

Sagar, Rahul, PhD (Harvard). Visiting Research Fellow from 15 April 2011 to 14 July 2011. Political theory, particularly republican and democratic theory; politics and society of India, particularly India’s foreign policy.

Salim, Arskal, PhD (Melbourne). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 1 August 2011 to 31 October 2011. Islamic legal theory, law and Muslim politics; Islam and human rights; legal anthropology of Muslim societies; Aceh, Indonesia, Southeast Asia and Muslims living in the West.

Söderström, Per Ola, PhD (Lausanne). Visiting Senior Research Fellow (Sabbatical) from 4 October 2011 to 25 December 2011. Cultural and material dimensions of urban change; social constructions of heritage; role of the visual in urban planning; cultural dimensions of urban globalisation; postcolonial urbanism, urban policy mobility and urban comparatism between cities in Europe, Africa and Asia.

Song Jiyong, PhD (Cambridge). Visiting Research Fellow from 1 August 2011 to 31 December 2011; joint appointment with the Department of Philosophy, FASS. Irregular migration and human security in East Asia.


Weber, Heloise, PhD (Southampton). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 11 April 2011 to 10 July 2011. Historical and contemporary relations of development and inequalities, in particular the politics of the global social relations of development.

Whittaker, Andrea Mary, PhD (Queensland). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 24 October 2011. Reproductive health in Thailand; the consequences of unplanned pregnancy in Thailand; medical travel; HIV and social isolation in Australia; autism in Vietnam; postpartum complications and abortion in PNG; reproductive morbidity in Timor Leste.

Zheng Yi, PhD (Pittsburgh). Visiting Senior Research Fellow from 1 December 2010 to 28 February 2011. Comparative and Chinese intellectual history, cultural history, aesthetics; modern (including early modern) literary culture, scientific culture; contemporary cultural forms and historical contexts.

ASSISTANT PROFESSORS ON FASS WRITING SEMESTER SCHEME

Amos, Timothy David, PhD (Australian National University). At ARI 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011; from Department of Japanese Studies, FASS. Human rights, marginality, alterity, and social stratification in Japan from the early modern period through to the present, with a particular focus on historic outcaste communities.

Goh Chor Leng, Esther, PhD (University of Hong Kong). At ARI 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011; from Department of Social Work, FASS. Children, families, parenting, and grand-parenting in urban China and Singapore.

Xu Lanjun, PhD (Princeton). At ARI 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011; from Department of Chinese Studies, FASS. History of youth and children in modern China; Chinese Opera Films in Sinophone East Asia of the 1950s and 1960s.
5.0 RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES
Research Clusters

The research clusters in ARI each focuses 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.

The new Metacluster: Historical Sociology of Asian Connections was initiated in April 2011. It has recruited several participants from existing clusters as well as from FASS interested in a historical sociological approach. Current research shows that the various parts of Asia are becoming increasingly interconnected and interdependent. These countries are beginning to derive benefits and face challenges from this emergent or re-emergent region which needs to be grasped by a new paradigm that goes beyond “methological nationalism” and develops a historical view of regional connections. The metacluster has launched a very active reading group drawn from ARI and NUS faculty. It organised a conference on Global Modernity and Asian Urban History (12 – 13 September 2011) jointly with the NUS Global Asia Institute and several talks. The metacluster appointed Dr Arun Bala in December 2011. His interest lies in civilisations and modern science, and he is researching on the deployment of neo-Lakatosian model for scientific method, involving the consilience of research programmes, to explain how reservoirs of knowledge from different Asian traditions came to be epistemologically incorporated in the making of modern science.

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

The theme Transnational Migration and Global Cities continues to provide a central thread in the work of the cluster, drawing attention to the material processes and discourses of globalisation and transnationalism as they intersect in Asian cities. In this vein, cluster members focused on deepening critical scholarship on Asian migration by exploring new knowledge frameworks through which to understand the complex and diverse linkages between global change and transnational mobility, both within and beyond Asia. In addition to core members, the cluster welcomed during the year a number of visiting researchers including A/P Steven McKay (UC Santa Cruz), Dr Xiang Biao (Oxford University), Professor Rashidah Shuib (Universiti Sains Malaysia) and Dr Song Jiyoung (NUS).

The cluster’s flagship conference of the year, entitled Crossing Borders, Traversing Boundaries: Bridging the Gap between International and Internal Migration Research and Theory (13 – 14 October 2011), provided a critical forum for migration scholars to explore theoretical points of convergence and divergence in internal/international migration studies, with the aim of developing a more nuanced understanding of the changing (but still crucial) role of the nation-state in shaping migration processes and the experiences of migrants.

Another major highlight was the interdisciplinary workshop on Householding in Transition: Emerging Dynamics in ‘Developing’ East and Southeast Asia (25 – 26 July 2011), jointly organised with the Department of Geography at Royal Holloway University of London, and the IGU Commission on Gender and Geography. The workshop brought together scholars working on issues surrounding marriage and family, ageing and care, and migration and the “left-behind”, with the aim of understanding the social and multiscalar implications of changing household trends in these regions.

Other events included the Roundtable on Cosmopolis: Ideas, Aspirations and Practices (26 January 2011), jointly organised with the Asian Urbanisms cluster and Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, which provided opportunities for participants to exchange ideas on cosmopolitanism that were relevant to their research. As part of the cluster’s public outreach efforts, a keynote lecture entitled Making (Quasi) Citizens? Student Migration Trends, Trajectories and Futures was delivered at the ARI ASIA TRENDS 2011 lecture series in collaboration with the National Museum of Singapore.

During the year, two of the research cluster’s major projects reached their concluding phase. The Wellcome Trust-funded project on Children and Migrant Parents in Southeast Asia (CHAMPSEA), which examines migration, gender dynamics and the impact on left-behind children’s health and well-being in four Southeast Asian countries, was successfully brought to a close in mid-2011 (details are reported elsewhere in this Annual Report). Cluster members also had their hands full with the last phase of fieldwork and data analysis for the MOE Tier 2 project on State Boundaries, Cultural Politics and Gender Negotiations in Commercially Arranged International Marriages in Singapore and Malaysia (also reported in more detail elsewhere). A heartening sign is the fact that both projects have already achieved by the end of the year not just a long list of conference papers, working papers and reports, but their findings have gained acceptance for publication in several well-regarded internationally refereed journals.

The year 2011 also marked the successful conclusion of the two-year project Technologies of Governmentality and Migration Policies in South Korea and Taiwan, jointly supported by ARI and the Korea Foundation which resulted in one article published this year and two forthcoming. The cluster also embarked on a one-year project in September 2011, Great Migrations: Southeast Asia and New Theorisations of Global Mobilities, which utilises Southeast Asia as a cultural and linguistic window through which to conceptualise historical and contemporary forms of transnational...
mobility within and across the region. Cluster members have also actively pursued a number of other migration-related projects on topics such as international student mobilities; migration and development linkages; migration policy in Southeast Asia; neighbouring China and transformations in the China-Vietnam borderland; migration and its impact on care arrangements; local-immigrant integration issues; migration and food heritage; and medical tourism.

The cluster continues to attract external grants from awarding bodies such as the UK Department for International Development (DFID), which funds the Migrating Out of Poverty Research Programme Consortium (RPC) of which the Asia Research Institute is a core partner. In February and March 2011, project members organised and hosted two international meetings where migration scholars, development professionals, and representatives from international and non-governmental organisations gathered to discuss pertinent issues on migration and development.

Cluster members remain focused on delivering high quality publications stemming from individual and collaborative research. With regard to the latter, two edited volumes stemming from earlier conferences were accepted for publication – Migration and Diversity in Asian Contexts (ISEAS Press) and Return: Nationalizing Transnational Mobility in Asia (Duke University Press) – as well as a Special Issue of Pacific Affairs. A policy report was also published from the Inter-Asia Roundtable on Transnational Migration and Children in Asian Contexts held in August 2010. Two other Special Issues of internationally refereed journals have been submitted for consideration and two more are in preparation. There is no doubt that as the cluster continues to thrive, there will be work aplenty in the year ahead!

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**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

**Ms Grace Baey**: Labour migration issues in Southeast Asia; borders and boundary-making; identity politics; international political economy

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

**Dr Dhiman Das**: Health economics and public policy

**Ms Wajihah Hamid**: Migration; South Asian Diaspora; transnationalism

**Dr Maureen Helen Hickey**: Migration and development; internal migration in Thailand; gender, masculinity and migration; labour migration and shifting political identities

**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

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**Ms Theodora Lam**: Transnational migration, children’s geographies, gender, geographical education

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

**A/P Steven McKay**: Work and labour markets, transnationalism and migration, masculinity, race, the Philippines and the Filipino labour diaspora

**Prof Rashidah Shuib**: Prevalence of domestic violence against women and well-being in Malaysia; microcredit and empowerment

**Dr Song Jiyong**: Irregular migration and human security in East Asia

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

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

**Dr Zhang Juan**: Borders and boundary-making, subjectivity, mobility and contemporary Chinese cultural politics

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**Dr Elaine Ho**
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Asian Urbanisms

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

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

The Asian Urbanisms cluster had nine core members in 2011, including three postdoctoral fellows (Wang Shuyi, Tripta Chandola and Andrew Johnson) and two research fellows (Michelle Miller and Peter Marolt), as well as thirteen associates from departments and institutes across the two NUS campuses. During 2011, the cluster also played host to eight international visiting fellows: Dr Trevor Hogan (La Trobe University); Dr Kulbhushan Balooni (Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode); Dr Heloise Weber (University of Queensland); Dr Achmad Nurmandi (Universitas Muhammadiyah, Yogyakarta); Dr Alpana Sivam (University of South Australia); A/P Tim Simpson (University of Macao); Professor Per Ola Söderström (University of Neuchâtel); and Dr Yeoh Seng Guan (Monash University, Malaysia).

In addition to regular cluster seminars, three main events were hosted by the cluster over the course of the year: (1) Decentralisation and Urban Transformation in Asia (organised by Michelle Miller and Tim Bunnell, and co-sponsored by Asia Foundation); (2) 3rd Inter-Asia Roundtable on Recycling Cities (see page 61); and (3) Asia's Civil Spheres: New Media, Urban Public Space, Social Movements (organised by Peter Marolt and Rita Padawangi, and co-sponsored by the Office of the Deputy President [Research and Technology] and the Cities cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences). In terms of research projects, 2011 saw the initiation of work on Urban Collaborations and Connections across local government boundaries in Indonesia (by Tim Bunnell and Michelle Miller). Three cluster members, three cluster associates and four other urban scholars at NUS have also collaborated in an MOE Tier 2 research grant application on Urban Aspirations, which was submitted in October. Through such collaborative research initiatives – internationally as well as within NUS – Asian Urbanisms seeks to establish the Asia Research Institute as a locus for leading edge urban theorisation based on empirical insights from Asia.
**RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS**

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

Dr Kulbhushan Balooni: Natural resources and environmental management with a focus on decentralised governance, policy and institutional analysis, and property rights in South and Southeast Asia

Dr Tripta Chandola: Processes and politics of marginalisation and othering in urban contexts, particularly Delhi, India’s capital city, using sensorial methodologies to inform the practices, politics and cultures of everyday life

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

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

Dr Andrew Alan Johnson: Interplay between urbanisation and popular religiosity, especially as it relates to ideas about authority, charisma and legitimacy in Thailand

Prof Gavin Jones: Determinants of urbanisation and studies of mega-urban regions in Southeast and East Asia

Dr Peter Marolt: Urban and cultural-political geographies, particularly studies pertaining to activism, the Internet, and public space in (urban) Asia

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

**Dr Achmad Nurmandi:** Urban politics and urban planning, urban services management, and strategic and knowledge management in the local government

**A/P Timothy Simpson:** Role of architecture and urban space in consumption practices; the functional role the city of Macau plays in China’s post-socialist transition

**Dr Alpana Sivam:** Policies for delivering affordable and sustainable housing, aged-friendly cities and neighbourhoods, and urban space/public space in different cultural contexts

**Prof Per Ola Söderström:** Cultural and material dimensions of urban change, more specifically, postcolonial urbanism, urban policy mobility and urban comparativism between cities in Europe, Africa and Asia

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

**Dr Heloise Weber:** Historical and contemporary relations of development and inequalities, in particular, the politics of the global social relations of development

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

**Dr Yeoh Seng Guan:** Interfaces between cities, religion, media and civil society in the Southeast Asian region; visual ethnography

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Dr Kelvin Loh
Department of Sociology

Dr Erik Mobrand
Department of Political Science (From 31 March 2011)

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Adjunct Prof Tay Kheng Soon
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Dr Zhang Jun
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Changing Family in Asia

The range of issues affecting the family in Asia is reflected in the international conferences organised by the Changing Family in Asia research cluster in 2011. In 14 – 15 March, the focus was on Shifting Boundaries of Care Provision in Asia: Policy and Practice Changes, jointly organised with the Family, Children and Youth Cluster and the Health Cluster of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS. The convenors of the conference were Yanxia Zhang and Jean Yeung. This conference examined how the boundaries of care provision for the elderly and young children have shifted between the family, state, market and voluntary sector over time and across different national contexts in Asia; the effect of policy changes on these shifts; and the implication of these recent changes for social stratification.

On 21 – 22 July, the focus shifted to Transitioning to Adulthood in Asia: Courtship, Marriage and Work, again organised jointly with the Family, Children and Youth Cluster of FASS and co-funded by the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports and the National Population and Talent Division. The convenors of the conference were Jean Yeung and Cheryll Alipio. This conference focused on the challenges facing young adults in Asian countries as they navigate the major life transitions typical of this group (completing education and seeking employment, leaving home, dating, marriage and family formation) in the rapidly changing social and economic context of Asian countries. Few Asian countries have adequate programmes to help young adults with these challenges. This conference was attended by more than 200 participants including faculty members, students, policy makers and practitioners. A roundtable forum on Comparative Care Policies, jointly organised with the FASS Family, Children and Youth cluster was held after the conference.

The cluster was also involved less centrally in organising two other conferences. Householding in Transition was co-organised with the Department of Geography, Royal Holloway University of London and the International Geographical Union Commission on Gender and Geography. Masculinities in Asia was co-organised with the NUS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences through its Asian Studies Division, gender studies minor programme and "Doing Asian Studies" Reading Group. The cluster gives priority to ensuring that findings of its conferences and workshops are published to ensure their wider dissemination. Plans are well in hand for publications arising from the two conferences organised by the cluster in 2011. A special journal issue on Shifting Boundaries of Care Provision in Asia: Policy and Practice Changes will appear in International Journal of Social Welfare. Another special issue on Transitioning to Adulthood in Asia will appear in the ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

During the year, the results of earlier cluster conferences and research projects were published. The book Changing Marriage Patterns in Southeast Asia: Economic and Socio-Cultural Dimensions, was published by Routledge, and the special issue of the Asian Journal of Social Sciences on...
Divorce in Asia appeared. Forthcoming publications from previous conferences also include a special issue in the Journal of Family Issues on Asian Fatherhood and a book Economic Stress, Human Capital, and Families in Asia by Springer.

Apart from their individual research, cluster members also continued to work on several larger research grants. The MOE Tier 2 project State Boundaries, Cultural Politics and Gender Negotiations in Commercially Arranged International Marriages in Singapore and Malaysia was completed during the year, as was Unmarried Crisis – The Rising Trend of Singlehood among Chinese Singaporeans, funded by Singapore’s Family Research Fund. Work under the project Projecting Urbanisation and City Growth (a Global Asia Institute grant) continued. Two other large externally funded projects, with matching fund from MOE, have also been initiated this year, one focuses on Chinese Children’s Socio-psychological Well-being, the other examines Internal Migration and Family Relationships in China.

**RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS**

**Prof Jean Yeung Wei-Jun** (Research Leader from 1 Nov 2011): Intergenerational studies, family and children’s well-being and policies, poverty, fatherhood, and China’s economic and demographic transition

**Prof Gavin Jones** (Research Leader till 31 Oct 2011): Delayed marriage and non-marriage; international marriage; divorce trends; determinants of fertility

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

**Dr Chee Heng Leng**: Health and healthcare; marriage, family, state and migration

**Dr Christine Hellwig**: Indonesian/ Malay language, literature, culture and history, women and gender studies, feminist theory and postcolonial studies; geographical area: Malay-Indonesian archipelago

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

**Dr Lee Hyun ok**: Gender relations in political economic changes

**A/P Maznah Mohamad**: Gender and Islam; Malay family; Islam and State; social movements; political trends in Malaysia

**Dr Maria Platt**: Marriage, gender and Islam within Indonesia and the Southeast Asian context

**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

**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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(From 1 July 2011)
The first international event of the Cultural Studies in Asia research cluster for 2011 was a workshop on *Travel Writing: Practice, Pedagogy and Theory*, organised by Research Fellow, A/P Dinah Sianturi, on 24 – 25 February. The need to explore the varied facets underlying the genre’s production has become more urgent as the phenomenon of travel itself becomes intertwined with globalisation, migration, tourism, media digitalisation, and international relations. The practice, pedagogy and theorising of travel narratives can no longer be treated as distinct from each other if more socio-culturally responsive, rewarding and innovative ways of articulating travel experiences are to be encouraged. This workshop addresses the need to create dialogue among writers, teachers and theorists, in hope that new sites of interaction, even collision, can be teased out through the exchange. It also aims to explore how debates assumed to be integral in earlier studies of travel texts may unravel into new strands of investigation as the global political and economic shifts that highlight the rise of Asia.

The workshop on *Film and Cinema in Singapore* was co-organised with Dr Liew Kai Khiun and A/P Stephen Teo, both former ARI Fellows, now at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communications, Nanyang Technological University. Motion picture has been present in Singapore for more than a century. It occupies a highly intimate aspect of daily living. As part of the recent trend in which the cinematic text and experience have been accorded greater scholarly attention as part of the critical recognition of the broader significance of screen cultures, there has been the burgeoning of popular and scholarly interests in the evolution of film and cinema in Singapore, with studies ranging from industry networks, analysis of film texts and film archiving to unearthing of socio-cultural memories of audience experiences with the big screen. As a multidisciplinary phenomenon, critical research and writings on Singapore cinema have involved scholars coming from diverse academic backgrounds from Communications Studies to History, Geography, and Sociology. There has also been the increasing inclusion of film studies in educational curriculums from the primary to tertiary levels. This conference served as a platform for both scholars and practitioners to review existing paradigms in addition to charting new approaches and directions into the study of film and cinema in Singapore.

The third international event organised by the cluster was the workshop on *Inter-Asia and the Japanese Empire*, on 3 – 4 March. The study of the Japanese empire has generally followed the post-independence trajectory based on the framework of nation-states, i.e., Japanese colonialism in Taiwan, Japanese occupation in Indonesia, resulting in reproducing essentialist and homogenising technologies of colonialism. Even when attempting to go beyond the national (and nationalist) frame, Japanese empire studies is often constricted by regionalist thinking that is deeply entrenched in Area Studies. With emphasis on comparative and associative analyses, the workshop disrupted the normative and formalist approach to the study of the Japanese empire. Mobilising the notion of “Inter-Asia,” the workshop substantively and methodologically examined a nexus of comparable and overlapping issues that inter- and intra-regional approaches can offer. By associatively thinking together and collaboratively inquiring into a cluster of comparable and interlocking topics such as modernities, visual cultures, religion, tourism, the Cold War, race relations, and so forth, the workshop addressed significant gaps and the unevenness extent within the current terrain of Japanese empire studies.
In addition to the two workshops, the cluster collaborated with the Asian Civilisations Museum to present a public lecture by A/P Cheng Yinghong of Delaware University and a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at ARI, on *The Decline and Revival of Chinatown in Havana: 1959 – 2000s* on 27 October, at the ACM Auditorium. Called “the little Paris in the Caribbean” and once the largest Chinese community in Latin America, Havana’s Chinatown drastically declined after the 1959 Cuban revolution but has undergone a limited revival since the 1990s. This lecture introduced the dramatic transformation of the ethnic space in the context of socialist revolution and reforms, the Cold War and post-Cold War, and Sino-Cuban relations. It addressed a number of concerns essential in discussions on the history of Chinese migration and its interactions with local and global politics. With new and as yet unpublished research material, A/P Cheng provided local audience in Singapore – a place with high concentration of Chinese immigrants and their descendants – a comparative perspective for the understanding of Chinese migration.

In addition to these larger events, the cluster also organised a seminar for Dr Jothie Raja, Visiting Researcher at the Law Faculty of the National University of Singapore and Visiting Affiliate at the Asia Research Institute. Her dissertation, *Legislating Illegitimacy: Law, Discourse and Legitimacy in Singapore*, won the Melbourne Law School’s Harold Luntz Graduate Research Thesis Prize, an honourable mention from the American Law & Society Association Dissertation Committee; and the University of Melbourne Chancellor’s Prize for Excellence in the PhD Thesis. In this seminar, based on her forthcoming monograph, *Authoritarian Rule of Law*, to be published by Cambridge University Press, Dr Raja examined, through legislation and public discourse in Singapore, how political power reconfigures the category “rule of law” such that state lawfulness is performed through strategic appropriations of “rule of law” procedure even as crucial pillars of “rule of law” substance are dismantled.

**RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS**

- **Prof Chua Beng Huat** (Research Leader): East Asian pop culture; multiculturalism
- **A/P Cheng Yinghong**: World history; Asia history; China’s international relations post 1949
- **A/P Steve Ferzaccia**: Ethnography of health and medicine
- **Dr Sun Jung**: South Korean popular cultures and online youth cultures; social media
- **Dr Yuko Kikuchi**: Modernities in art and design in East Asia
- **Dr Kim Sujeong**: Transnational media and cultural practices; global television culture and audiences; and cultural identity

**RESEARCH CLUSTER ASSOCIATES**

- **Dr Charles Leary**: Hong Kong cinema; American cinema; performance for the moving image; and the history of film criticism
- **Dr Celine Lee Yi-Chin**: Taiwanese traditional theatres, Dramas by Gao Xing-Jian, Peking Opera; comparative studies of Chinese and Western theatres; cross-cultural theatre arts; contemporary drama theories; mass communication; and folk arts
- **A/P Leo Ching**: Colonial and postcolonial studies; East Asian cultural studies; and theories of globalisation
- **A/P Dinah Roma Sianturi**: Contemporary travel theory and criticism; cultural representation/dialogues in travel writings on Asia; ecocriticism; and literature

- **Dr Brenda Chan**
  Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University
- **Dr Chua Ai Lin**
  Department of History (Till 30 June 2011)
- **A/P Philip Holden**
  Department of English Language and Literature
- **Dr Liew Kai Khiun**
  Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University
- **A/P Stephen Teo**
  Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University
- **A/P Bobby Wong**
  Department of Architecture
Religion and Globalisation in Asian Contexts

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

Although a primary research strength over recent years has been in the study of Islam in Southeast Asia, the cluster also includes scholars working on diverse religious traditions and contemporary movements. Over the coming year, the cluster will be actively developing a new research agenda focused on NGOs and religion in Asia. This project aims to examine both how engagement with different religious communities is having an impact on the kinds of work that NGOs do and how they interact with diverse public spheres, as well as how, at the same time, organisational structures, modes of networking and patterns of activity within the global NGO milieu are having a pronounced effect on how religion is understood, experienced and practised in diverse contexts across contemporary Asia.

Cross-faculty interaction and collaboration is also being pursued through a series of annual conferences on Religion, Law and the State, which involves faculty from ARI, FASS and the Faculty of Law. The first of these conferences on the changing roles of Islamic legal professionals in contemporary Southeast Asia (co-sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York) was held at ARI in February 2009. The second was on the theme of East Asian Perspectives on Legal Order (co-sponsored by the Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto, the Shibusawa Ei’ichi Memorial Foundation, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada), and the third, held this year, dealt with the theme of Law and Religious Pluralism in Contemporary Asia.

In addition to this event, the cluster also held a number of workshops, seminars, roundtables and other events over the past year, including Religious Pluralism in Asian Global Cities (co-organised by Chiara Formichi and Juliana Finucane), Religious Revival in Ethnic Areas of China (organised by Liang Yongjia), Muslim Religious Authority in Contemporary Asia (co-organised by Jeremy Kingsley and Michael Feener) and Chinese Thought as Global Social Theory (co-organised by Leigh Jenco and Michael Feener, jointly with the American Council of Learned Societies, and with funding support from the Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange). Work is currently underway to edit materials prepared for these workshops for publication over the coming year.
**RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS**

**A/P Michael Feener**  
(Research Leader): Intellectual and cultural history of Islam in the Middle East and Southeast Asia; secularisation and state management of religion; religion and NGOs

**Prof Bernard Arps**: Social and political processes in which language plays a formative role

**Dr Julius Bautista**: Catholicism in the Philippines; religious studies

**Dr Robin Bush**: Islam and politics in Indonesia; changing roles of mass-based religious organisations; religion and development/social justice

**Dr Joanna Claire Cook**: Democratisation of religious practice in Thailand

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

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

**Dr Philip Fountain**: Emerging engagements between “religion” and international aid and development

**Dr Kikue Hamayotsu**: Islam and politics in Indonesia and Malaysia

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

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

**A/P Liang Yongjia**: Popular religion; World renunciation; Esoteric Buddhism; ethnicity, Southwest China

**Dr Al Makin**: Classical Islamic literature, particularly on the early concept of prophet-hood; public intellectual debates in the current Islam in Indonesia

**Dr Levi Mclaughlin**: Rise of new religious movements in the modern era

**Prof Judith Ann Nagata**: Religion, ethnicity and culture in North America and Southeast Asia

**Dr Deepa Nair**: Rise of religious nationalism in India; globalisation and South Asian diaspora; education and curriculum reform in South Asia

**Dr Arskal Salim**: Islamic legal theory; law and Muslim politics; Islam and human rights; legal anthropology of Muslim societies

**A/P Tan Sor Hoon**: Chinese philosophy; pragmatism; moral and political philosophy from cross-cultural comparative perspectives

**Dr Zhong Yijiang**: Religion and modernity in East Asia, exploring these issues from the thematic perspectives of authority, epistemology and space

**RESEARCH CLUSTER ASSOCIATES**

**A/P Gary Bell**  
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**Dr Daniel Goh**  
Department of Sociology

**Dr Arif A. Jamal**  
Faculty of Law  
(From 1 July 2011)

**Dr Pattana Kitiarsa**  
Department of Southeast Asian Studies

**A/P Vineeta Sinha**  
Department of Sociology

**A/P John Whalen-Bridge**  
Department of English Language and Literature
In its second full year of operation, the Science, Technology, and Society (STS) research cluster is greatly expanding its activities, global connections, and publication projects. Although one of the newest and smallest of the ARI research clusters, STS manages a large “flagship” grant project, *Asian Biopoleis: Biotechnology and Biomedicine as Emergent Forms of Life and Practice* (co-funded by the Ministry of Education and the NUS Humanities and Social Sciences Research Fund) and a second grant, *Mapping the Technological and Cultural Landscape of Scientific Development in Asia*, funded by the Global Asia Institute. The cluster has also begun to grow and branch into new areas with the hire of three postdoctoral fellows in 2011, two of whom work at the boundary of STS and environmental studies, including climate change.

The cluster conducted three international workshops in 2011, beginning with *Asian Biopoleis* in January. Ten NUS scholars gathered with collaborators from MIT, JNU, Edinburgh, UC Berkeley, Tokyo University, and other prominent research groups interested in the bioscience-society relationship in Asia. The workshop produced two special issues of two international refereed journals, both scheduled for publication in 2012. A second workshop under the same grant is scheduled for the summer of 2012, and a third in 2013.

Our second international workshop, *Afterlife and Death in a Digital Age: Asian Perspectives* was the first to activate STS cluster scholars and their overseas collaborators working in the fields of “internet and society” and “human-computer interaction”. The framework of afterlife and death was also path-breaking. Papers from this workshop are being prepared for publication.

The third international workshop, *Climate Change, Disaster Management, and Urban Sustainability: Three Asian Challenges* was jointly organised with (and co-funded by) the Japanese Research Institute of Science and Technology for Society (RISTEX), a branch of the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST). Nine prominent Japanese scholars (from institutions including Tokyo University, Tokyo Institute of Technology, and Kyoto University) joined scholars from China, Taiwan, South Korea, Vietnam, India, and the US. The workshop greatly expanded and solidified ARI’s relationship with the Asian STS research community, and was unique in bringing together scholars and government policy-makers. We have been invited to participate in a second workshop in Seoul.

This last conference was also partially co-funded by the STS cluster of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), with which the ARI cluster maintains a close relationship. The ARI cluster also benefitted from the founding of a third STS-oriented institution in 2011, Tembusu College at NUS’ University Town, which provided the venue for ARI-RISTEX workshop. Tembusu College offers joint-appointment opportunities for STS cluster scholars who wish to do some undergraduate teaching related to their research, as well as housing for visiting scholars willing to engage with students.

In addition to the three large workshops, the cluster hosted two public lectures
invited to be officers in a number of international societies, and were invited to speak at numerous overseas seminars and workshops. An ARI-administered scholarship also funded the first Singaporean PhD student to study under the joint PhD programme with our STS partners at Edinburgh University. All of this indicates that after just two and a half years, ARI is becoming well-recognised as the principle Asian centre for global STS scholarship.

### RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS

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

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

**Dr Michitake Aso**: History of science; environment, health and politics in French Indochina; environmental history

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Dr Margaret Tan**: Pervasive/wearable computing history and aesthetics; philosophies of technology and critical theory in new media; performance, installation, and new media arts history and practice; feminist history/theory in art, science and technology

**Dr Tinn Hong-Hong**: History and social study of technology; IT and computing in East Asia; Taiwan

**Dr Jerome Whittington**: Anthropology of climate change; green energy development; environment; Southeast Asia

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

### RESEARCH CLUSTER ASSOCIATES

**A/P Ryan Bishop**
Department of English Language and Literature (Till 30 June 2011)

**Dr Catelijne Coopmans**
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**Dr John Paul Dimoia**
Department of History

**Dr Axel Heinz Gelfert**
Department of Philosophy

**Dr Denisa Kera**
Communications and New Media Programme

**A/P John Phillips**
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**Dr John van Whye**
Departments of History and Biological Sciences

**Dr Karen Jane Winzoski**
Department of Political Science (Till 30 June 2011)
Metacluster: Historical Sociology of Asian Connections

The goal of exploring Asian Connections derives from current research that shows that East, Southeast and more recently, South Asia are becoming increasingly interconnected and interdependent. These countries are beginning to derive benefits and to face challenges from this emergent or re-emergent region which needs to be grasped by a new paradigm that goes beyond “methodological nationalism” and area studies.

Many of these ties are actually resurgent since they had also flourished in earlier periods of history. Can we see patterns of integration, interdependence and conflicts over the long term? What are the large-scale global forces and trends which Asia initiates and responds to? What are the implications of the longer-term comparative and historical perspective for the contemporary world? In several historical periods, China’s economic power – especially in the coastal region – was significantly driven by its role as lynchpin of an Asian maritime trade nexus that funnelled vast quantities of silver into the interior. What are the points of similarity and difference this time around? What are the changing patterns of Islamic networks in the region? To what extent does the contemporary revival of Asian Buddhism seek to re-integrate the old Buddhist links in the region?

The principal engine of the metacluster is the reading group drawn from social scientists, historians and area studies specialists in both ARI and the Faculties. We met several times this year to discuss topics such as macro-historical arguments, theories of space from the perspective of contemporary globalisation and the role of geography in historical formations. Our conference held jointly with the Global Asia Institute’s Global Modernity and Asian Urban History in September allowed us to see how these broader trends and conceptions could work in specific sites of inquiry in East Asia such as Shanghai, Dalian, Hong Kong and Tianjin. The conference in 2012 will focus more on South and Southeast Asian cities. There are also future plans for workshops and conferences with the Science, Technology and Society, Asian Urbanisms and Asian Migration clusters.

RESEARCH CLUSTER MEMBERS

Prof Prasenjit Duara (Research Leader): Social and cultural history; problems of development; nationalism and imperialism; religion; historical thought; social theory

Dr Arunasalam Balasubramaniam: Exploration of how a neo-Lakatosian model for scientific method, involving the consilience of research programmes, can be deployed to explain how reservoirs of knowledge from different Asian traditions came to be epistemologically incorporated in the making of modern science

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

Dr Peter Marolt: Urban and cultural-political geographies; post-disciplinary studies pertaining to environmental activism, the Internet and (urban) Asia

Dr Martin Saxer: Effects of China’s rapid economic growth, its strategic decisions to secure influence and natural resources in adjacent countries, and its efforts to prevent unrest

Prof Thongchai Winichakul: Cultural and intellectual history of early modern and modern Thailand and Southeast Asia, especially the encounters between Southeast Asian societies and the West

Dr Zhong Yijiang: Religion and modernity in East Asia, exploring these issues from the thematic perspectives of authority, epistemology and space
Aceh Project

Over the past seven 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 (ICAIOS) in Banda Aceh. Anthony Reid and Michael Feener currently sit on its International Board of Directors.

As years pass since the tsunami and the end of the conflict in Aceh, the scholars associated with ARI’s Aceh Project continue to monitor the situation on the ground and to produce critical analyses of the long-term effects of the dramatic social transformations that have occurred there. Over the course of the past year, they have continued to pursue their own individual studies and field research in Aceh, and they have produced several articles and book chapters on this work. This year also saw the publication of a new book by Michael Feener, Patrick Daly and Anthony Reid, entitled Mapping the Acehnese Past. This work is also being published in Indonesian translation by the Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (KITLV) office in Jakarta.

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

PROJECT MEMBERS

A/P Michael Feener (Coordinator): Islamic law in contemporary Aceh
Dr Michelle Miller: Decentralisation and post-conflict governance
Dr Arskal Salim: Legal pluralism in post-tsunami Aceh

PROJECT ASSOCIATES

Dr Leena Avonius
International Centre for Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies

Dr Caroline Brassard
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

Dr Patrick Daly
NUS University Scholars Programme

Prof Anthony Reid
Australian National University
Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis

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. Headquartered at the Asia Research Institute (ARI), NUS, in Singapore, AMC was constituted through a collaborative effort between ARI, NUS; the College for Population Studies (CPS) at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Austria. The National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH) at the Australian National University joined as a principal collaborator in 2002. AMC’s research foci includes: population-development-environment-health interactions at the regional level, rapid urbanisation, urbanism and health in Asia, and demographic change, migration and the “Asian family”, and their impacts on social and psychological well-being.

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

In 2011, AMC continued 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 South-east 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 in their home country by migrant parents. Work for the project has been progressing smoothly since January 2007 and the funding ended on 31 March 2011.

The CHAMPSEA team continued with the analyses of both the quantitative and qualitative data throughout the year, as well as conducted dissemination activities in the respective countries. Members of the team met in Singapore in February to participate in the APMJ-CHAMPSEA workshop, prepare reports and publications, bring the project to a close, lay out the plans for dissemination activities, and initiate preparations for future follow-up longitudinal studies. The team remained busy in preparing for publications as well as participating in multiple conferences and workshops around the world to share the findings from the study.

Within the year, the project welcomed members of the CHAMPSEA in-country teams, Dr Maruja Asis (Scalabrini Migration Center) and Dr Sukamdi (Center for Population and Policy Studies, Gadjah Mada University) to AMC as Academic Visitors to prepare the study findings for dissemination in their respective countries.
The hard work of the CHAMPSEA team has also led to several publications:

**Reports**


**Articles in internationally refereed journals and books**


**Programme Members**

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

**Ms Theodora Lam**

Transnational migration, children’s geographies, gender, geographical education


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

In 2011, the research project entered its final phase. We completed all fieldwork by August 2011, and turned our attention to analysis and writing. The material collected gave us considerable insights into the dynamics of marriage migration within the Asian region, a fast growing phenomenon which has far-reaching demographic, social and cultural implications. It has allowed us to advance theorisations, broadly speaking, in the areas of state boundaries in migration and marriage, intra-Asian cultural politics across the social hierarchy of nations, and gender negotiations interacting with identity politics.

Specifically, we have engaged in scientific debates and theorisation on issues related to social capital, citizenship rights, the production and construction of legality/illegality, “trafficking” and “safe migration”, the social meaning of remittances, intimate labour, sexuality and social exclusion, global householding, and “entrepreneurial marriage”. The significance of the project lies in moving beyond constructs based on a logic rooted in colonialism and post-colonialism to focus on intra-Asian regional geopolitics surrounding transnational mobilities and marriage, thereby highlighting regional hierarchies in development and modernity.

The part of our research that focussed on Chinese (PRC) marriage migrants yielded very interesting observations about the myriad ways in which marriage migrants negotiate their migratory process and trajectory. From this initial set of observations, we have generated some hypotheses regarding the ways in which Chinese migration occurs and the trajectories and forms that they assume. We have embarked on a follow-up research project entitled Great Migrations: Southeast Asia and New Theorisations of Global Mobilities that we hope will lead us to an exciting new research agenda on Asian migrations.
Forthcoming publications:


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

Dr Zhang Juan: Borders and boundary-making, subjectivity, mobility and contemporary Chinese cultural politics

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

EXTERNAL COLLABORATORS

Prof Rashidah Shuib: Prevalence of domestic violence against women and well-being in Malaysia; microcredit and empowerment

Dr Vu Thi Kieu Dung: Development, migration, and women’s health in Asia and North America
Migrating Out of Poverty Research Programme Consortium

*Migrating out of Poverty* is an international research programme consortium (RPC) funded by the United Kingdom’s Department for International Development (DFID). It focuses on the relationship between migration and poverty, with the aim of maximising the development impacts of migration whilst minimising the costs and risks of migration for the poor. A key facet of the consortium is the communication of research through policy engagement and capacity building initiatives directed at delivering high quality research evidence into policy and practice.

The consortium is coordinated by the University of Sussex, led by newly appointed CEO, Prof Richard Black, and Research Director, Dr Priya Deshingkar. It has five core partners located across different regions in Asia and Africa: the Asia Research Institute (ARI) in Singapore; the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) in Bangladesh; the Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) in Ghana; the African Centre for Migration and Society (ACMS) in South Africa; and the African Migration and Development Policy Centre (AMADPOC) in Kenya.

As a core partner of the consortium, ARI’s role is to manage and facilitate the consortium’s agenda within Southeast Asia through a range of research, communications, and capacity-building initiatives. In February 2011, the project team organised a regional meeting which brought together migration scholars and representatives from various NGOs and international organisations in Southeast Asia. Participants engaged in fruitful dialogue sessions concerning the current trends and gaps in migration research, and ways to translate research into policy-engagement activities in the region.

The project team also co-organised and hosted the consortium’s first global meeting in Singapore on 2 – 4 March 2011, which was held at the NUS Shaw Foundation Alumni House. The RPC Secretariat, DFID, regional core partners, and members of the Consortium Advisory Group (CAG) met to discuss ways in which to strengthen the consortium’s research agenda and its involvement in regional and national policy discussions on migration and development. Communications officers from the different core partner institutions also gathered to exchange information and ideas.

The consortium ended its inception phase in November 2011, following the submission of its inception report to funding agency DFID. It has received confirmation for its continuation into the implementation phase, which is planned to span a period of five to six years. For more information on the Migrating out of Poverty RPC, please visit: http://migratingoutofpoverty.dfid.gov.uk
EVENTS
Regional Meeting: 17 – 18 February 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenor: Prof Brenda Yeoh

Global Meeting: 2 – 4 March 2011, NUS Shaw Foundation Alumni House
Convenors: Prof Brenda Yeoh and RPC Secretariat (University of Sussex)

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

Dr Dhiman Das: Health economics and public policy

Ms Theodora Lam: Transnational migration, children’s geographies, gender, geographical education

Ms Grace Baey: Labour migration in Southeast Asia; borders and boundary-making; geographies of exclusion; identity politics; and international political economy

Ms Wajiah Hamid: Migration, South Asian Diaspora and transnationalism

Ms Tam Nguyen: Sexual minority and stigmatisation, biopsychosocial interactions, health and quality of life
Asian Biopoleis: Biotechnology and Biomedicine as Emergent Forms of Life and Practice

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

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

ARI’s project is funded in part by a Tier 2 grant from the Ministry of Education, and a matching grant from the NUS Division of Humanities and Social Sciences. Recruited from leading global universities, our research team has begun to organise conferences and publish internationally, supervise postdoctoral fellows, train graduate students, and maintain strong connections with similar leading research groups around the world. We are working most closely with four other research clusters, located in Europe (Edinburgh University), North America (MIT), South Asia (JNU) and East Asia (East Asian STS Network).

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

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

The workshop was co-organised by members and associates of the ARI Science, Technology, and Society (STS) research cluster and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences STS Cluster. Professor Prasenjit Duara, Director of ARI and Associate Professor Gregory Clancey, leader of the ARI STS Research Cluster opened the workshop. Special issues for three leading journals – East Asian Science, Technology and Society (published by Duke), Science, Technology and Society (published by Sage) and Theory, Culture and Society (published by Sage) – are shortly to be published. The PI and collaborators are currently in the planning stages for the second workshop to be held in July 2012.

The project also hired two PhD scholars Ms Liz Chee (Department of History) and Ms Birgit Beurgi (Department of Sociology). Ms Chee and Ms Birgit are in the initial stages of working on projects on Asian biomedical science practices and communities.

For more information on the project, visit: www.ari.nus.edu.sg/asianbiopoleis/index.html

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

Asia Trends is one of ARI’s flagship events designed specifically for the interested public and the public sector in mind. It is an annual event with speakers speaking on the key trends in Asia to a public audience. The 2011 event was the ninth in the annual series and typically attracted participants from local ministries, schools and universities and members of the public.

Begun in 2009, the Inter-Asia Roundtable is another of ARI’s flagship events. It serves as an annual platform to bring senior, established scholars working on particular dimensions of Asia together into dialogue. Regardless of the specific theme, this event focuses on inter-Asia flows, or a comparative Asian perspective. The inaugural Inter-Asia Roundtable 2009 with the theme “Gender Relations in the 21st Century Asian Family” brought together some of the key researchers in the study of families in different parts of Asia. The second Inter-Asia Roundtable 2010 on “Transnational Migration and Children in Asian Contexts” took up the challenge of developing critical accounts of children in migratory circumstances which capture the diversity of experiences in Asia. The summary of papers and panel discussions from the Inter-Asia Roundtables are published in a yearly policy brief booklet. The third Inter-Asia Roundtable 2011 on “Recycling Cities” examined waste practices and products in urban Asia. Discussions at the Roundtable included but also extended beyond conventional definitions of recycling (as making new products using materials from waste products).

Besides the above flagship events, ARI also organises public lectures on Asian affairs as part of its public outreach to the local and regional community. Distinguished scholars are invited to share their works and views on regional and world events with those interested in these issues. This includes a well-attended talk by Ted Fishman in June 2011. Since the late 2010, ARI, together with the Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM) initiated a new series of ARI-ACM lectures that will be held at the ACM on a regular basis.

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

Newsletters and Reports

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

Similarly, the ARI Annual Report starting from its 2002/2003 issue to the latest 2011 issue is published in print and uploaded on ARI’s website. The report gives our stakeholders and other interested parties an update of the Institute’s developments and achievements for the past year. Its reach and readership have also expanded over the years.

Academic reports such as the ARI Working Paper Series and specific-themed Aceh Working Papers Series, and selected conference reports and proceedings are also available on ARI’s website for knowledge-sharing. Such academic reports have been highly accessed by the community. For example, the ARI Working Paper Series website attracted 190,077 hits and downloads in 2011.
Media Coverage

ARI researchers have also been active in sharing their expertise and expert views through media interviews. In 2011, four researchers were interviewed on seven occasions by local and international presses such as The Straits Times (Singapore), Berita Harian (Singapore), NDDaily (China), The Daily NNA (Singapore and ASEAN edition), and The Economist (international). The media reports are accessible from the ARI website at www.ari.nus.edu.sg/publications.asp?pubtypeid=15.

Digital and Social Connectivity

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

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

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

ARI continues to explore new avenues of social media to further enhance its social connectivity with its various stakeholders locally, regionally and internationally.
7.0 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 2011, the Institute organised about 25 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.

Asian Biopoleis: Biotechnology and Biomedicine as Emergent Forms of Life and Practice
6 – 8 Jan 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: A/P Gregory Clancey, Dr Connor Graham and Dr Philip Cho

The last century brought developments in biotechnology, bioscience and biomedicine that promise to characterise life in the 21st century. Singapore and the Asian region are currently at the epicentre of these developments with new and newly developed science centres focused on biotech/science/medicine being embedded within the ever-encroaching sprawl of urban space. With dramatic population and economic growth in the region these trajectories promise to have global impact.

Such developments provoke new questions about the historical trajectories, policy impact and features of such centres, questions dealt with at this workshop. The six paper sessions provided insights into issues related to biotech/science/medicine in the region. The Biomedicine in Singapore and Consumer Genomics and Citizen Science and DIYBio Movements workshop sessions (seven presentations) examined the context of (emerging) biotech/science/medicine in Singapore and Asia. The sessions Securities, Standards and Policy and Laboratories, Networks and Practices (six presentations) centred on the products, objects and media, environment and work relating to Asian biotech/science/medical labs, institutes, and policy-making centres. Finally, the Biosampling and Biobanking and Philosophy, Religion and Meaning (eight presentations) sessions spoke to concerns regarding the politics, ethics, and implications of biotech/science/medicine for future life in Asia.

Roundtable – Cosmopolis: Ideas, Aspirations and Practices
Jointly organised with the Migration and Cities Research Clusters, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
26 Jan 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenor: A/P Ho Kong Chong
The roundtable discussion brought together a group of individuals from ARI and FASS with interests around the idea of the Cosmopolis. The event provided an opportunity for these speakers and a small group of participants to discuss ideas and developments surrounding cosmopolitanism and how this ideal influences urban aspirations and is reflected in everyday practices. The roundtable discussion format allowed the speakers to talk about their work and the small group exchanges allowed each participant to take away ideas and insights which will be useful to their research. Professor Ulf Hannerz, Emeritus Professor of Social Anthropology at Stockholm University presented at this roundtable discussion.

Regional Meeting for the Migrating Out of Poverty Research Programme Consortium
Organised in collaboration with the University of Sussex, UK
17 – 18 Feb 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenor: Prof Brenda Yeoh

Migrating out of Poverty is a six-year research programme consortium (RPC) funded by the Department for International Development of the government of the United Kingdom. It focuses on the relationship between migration and development and is located in six regions across Asia and Africa. The main goal of Migrating out of Poverty is to provide robust evidence on migration drivers and impacts that will contribute to improving policies affecting the lives and well-being of poor migrants, their communities and countries through a programme of innovative research, capacity building and policy engagement. The RPC will also conduct policy analysis in order to understand the migration policy process in developing regions and will update and extend world renowned migration databases at the University of Sussex to include internal migration.

The title “Migrating out of Poverty” reflects an aspiration to see a more balanced view of migration; one that moves away from simplistic negative portrayals of migration to a recognition that migration can lead to poverty reduction and development. Although migration does not necessarily lead to such positive outcomes, it is a goal of the Migrating out of Poverty RPC to produce research which sheds light on the circumstances in which migration can most effectively reduce poverty. Communication of research will be a central facet of the Migrating out of Poverty Consortium, with the specific aim of getting high quality research evidence into policy and practice.

Travel Writing: Practice, Pedagogy and Theory
24 – 25 Feb 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Prof Chua Beng Huat and Dr Dinah Sianturi

As the recent years have witnessed the formal establishment of travel writing studies into the academe, there has emerged a greater need to explore the varied facets underlying the genre’s production, and how they bear on each other. This has become more urgent as the interest in the phenomenon of travel itself has necessarily been imbricated in more current inquiries such as globalisation, migration, tourism, gender studies, digitalisation, and international studies. Alongside this development is a keener awareness of how the practice, pedagogy and theorising of travel narratives are no longer perceived as distinct from each other if more socio-culturally responsive, rewarding and innovative ways of articulating travel experiences are to be encouraged.

This workshop addressed the need to create more productive occasions into the critical inquiry of travel texts through a dialogue among writers, teachers and theorists. It is hoped that by articulating issues thought to be loosely related from each other, new sites of interaction, even collision, can be teased out through the exchange. It also explored how debates assumed to be integral in earlier studies of travel texts may unravel into new strands of investigation as the global political and economic shifts that highlight Asia’s rise are considered.
Global Meeting for the Migrating Out of Poverty Research Programme Consortium
Organised in collaboration with the University of Sussex, UK
2 – 4 Mar 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenor: Prof Brenda Yeoh

The Asian Migration cluster is a core partner of the newly established Migrating out of Poverty Research Programme Consortium (RPC) headed by the University of Sussex in the UK, and funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID). With its focus on the relationship between migration and development, the Consortium aims to provide high-quality research evidence that will contribute to improving policies that impact the lives and well-being of migrants, their communities and countries through a programme of innovative research, capacity building, and policy engagement.

The cluster’s RPC team (PI Prof Brenda Yeoh) is responsible for coordinating and promoting the Consortium’s agenda within the Southeast Asian region through a range of research, communications, and capacity-building strategies focused around four major themes: i) migration drivers in and from poor countries; ii) migration impacts on poverty reduction; iii) migration policies; and iv) migration data including poverty.

The Consortium has four other core partners in Bangladesh, Ghana, Kenya, and South Africa. Further details about the RPC are available at: www.migratingoutofpoverty.org

Inter-Asia and Japanese Empire
3 – 4 Mar 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: A/P Leo Ching, Prof Chua Beng Huat and Dr Dinah Sianturi

This two-day international workshop was organised by the Cultural Studies cluster, with A/P Leo Ching of Duke University as principal convenor. By emphasising on comparative and associative analyses, the workshop aimed at disrupting the normative and formalist approach to the study of Japanese empire. Mobilising the notion of “Inter-Asia,” it probed substantively and methodologically the nexus of comparable and overlapping issues that inter- and intra-regional approaches can offer.

Through an inquiry into a cluster of topics such as modernities, visual cultures, narratives, religion, tourism, the Cold War, race relations, and so forth, the workshop addressed significant gaps and the unevenness extant within the current terrain of Japanese empire studies. It brought together conversations that have been sequestered into separate camps, and opened a new chapter in studies of colonialism, empires, and postcoloniality.

Decentralisation and Urban Transformation in Asia
Organised in collaboration with The Asia Foundation, USA
10 – 11 Mar 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Dr Michelle Miller and A/P Timothy Bunnell

This multidisciplinary conference explored the relationship between different forms and degrees of decentralisation and urban change in Asia. Recent regional trends toward the devolution of state power and resources have implications for the emergence of city-regions as important actors within and beyond nation-states, and as sites of innovation in addressing challenges related to urban growth, public service delivery, community building, and the management of resources for livable and sustainable cities. The shift in responsibility from central governments to the local level also has import for internal migration flows from rural-to-urban areas (and vice versa) and for the changing material fabric of urban centres, both in their built environment and in the lived spaces of city residents.
Shifting Boundaries of Care Provision in Asia: Policy and Practice Changes
Jointly organised with the Family, Children, and Youth Research Cluster and Health Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
14 – 15 Mar 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Dr Zhang Yanxia and Prof Jean Yeung

This international conference featured two keynote speeches by Professors Mary Daly and Ito Peng and 14 presentations that examined the conceptualisation of care, social norms for care, and the extent to which boundaries of care provision between the family, state, market, and voluntary sector have shifted over time and across different regions in Southeast and East Asia. The researchers considered both elderly care and childcare and explored the implications of these changes in policies and practices for the family institution, intergenerational dynamics, and social stratification by class and gender in Asia. A roundtable forum comparing care policies and practices in Europe, Japan, Korea, and Singapore was held on 16 March, after the conference.

Placing Religious Pluralism in Asian Global Cities
5 – 6 May 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Dr Chiara Formichi and Dr Juliana Finucane

This workshop took a critical approach to the concepts of “religious pluralism” and “the global city,” arguing that both are value-laden normative constructs that illuminate aspirations more often than realities. As a starting point, Michael Peletz’s description of pluralism was followed, as not simply the existence of diversity, but diversity that is accorded legitimacy. As such, in our examination of the spaces of religious pluralism in global cities (or absence thereof), we examined the quality of relations that emerge in encounters in these urban places among people of different religious traditions. Central conference questions included: What social, cultural, political, economic factors intersect in the places of these encounters that either promote or erode sociability? Where are the places in global cities that these encounters take place, and how have their boundaries changed in light of recent urban transformations? How have religious groups, whose boundaries are shifting, either contributed to the creation of these places or somehow played a role in their contraction?

Afterlife and Death in a Digital Age: Asian Perspectives
Jointly organised with the Centre for Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Division of Information Studies, Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
26 – 28 May 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Dr Natalie Pang and Dr Connor Graham

New technologies are often described as transformative in our lives. Yet it is often neglected that they have as much impact on our deaths. As people in different countries and regions, including Singapore and Asia, are spending more and more time “connected” to various digital technologies and environments in the course of their lives, so their deaths have more profound consequences in and for these same technologies and environments. Indeed, the claim that society is saturated by technology seems to be increasingly rational as we spend more time moving through and inhabiting ecologies of different environments and technologies that we are variously tethered to. Regardless of the exact form of this impact, the digital age forces us to reconsider death and afterlife.

This workshop gathered key scholars from different disciplines in Singapore, the Asian region and beyond to solicit contributions on afterlife and death in a digital age around specific cultural practices and rituals and the temporal and material aspects of grieving, remembering, commemorating and forgetting. It also discussed new forms of grieving, remembering, commemorating and forgetting and the preservation of individuals, information assets and
different aspects of society, and the ongoing management of the ties between the living and the dead.

**Roundtable – Issues of Planning for Asian Urban Agglomerations: The Cases of Mumbai and Jakarta**

Co-supported by the Global Asia Institute, National University of Singapore
10 Jun 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Prof Gavin Jones and A/P Timothy Bunnell

United Nations data indicate that 11 of Asia’s cities are in the top 20 of the world’s largest urban agglomerations. Mumbai is listed as the world’s fourth largest urban agglomeration by the United Nations. Analyses of mega-urban regions, identifying a zone of rapid urbanisation lying outside the officially designated urban agglomeration, show that the populations of some other Asian urban agglomerations are large enough to enter the world’s top 20. Of these, Jakarta (ranked 24th by the United Nations) could well be included in the top 10 if more realistic boundaries were used for its urban agglomeration.

Mumbai and Jakarta, then, are among the very largest of the world’s mega-urban regions. These urban agglomerations cut across many administrative boundaries; indeed, in the case of Jakarta, its population lies in three of Indonesia’s provinces and quite a large number of kabupaten (districts). Among the questions discussed in this roundtable were: How is planning conducted for these urban agglomerations that are organic in their morphology and economy, but disparate in their administrative arrangements? Is there an overall planning authority responsible for this? Is it done in an ad hoc way through the national planning agency? Has there ever been a master plan for the mega-urban region?

**Transitioning to Adulthood in Asia: Courtship, Marriage, and Work**

Jointly organised with the Family, Children and Youth Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore; and co-funded by the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports; and the National Population and Talent Division, Singapore
21 – 22 Jul 2011, NUS Kent Ridge Campus
Convenors: Prof Jean Yeung and Dr Cheryll Alipio

This conference brought together international researchers, practitioners and policy makers to discuss new trends and challenges youth face in their paths to adulthood across Asia. Professor Tan Eng Chye, NUS Deputy President (Academic Affairs) and Provost delivered the opening address as Guest-of-Honour for the conference. Professor Frank Furstenberg of the University of Pennsylvania and Dr Peter Xenos were the keynote speakers. Scholars presented new findings from about 10 Asian countries on markers and tempos of transition into adulthood, norms and practices of dating and courtship, and young adults’ transition to marriage and labour markets.

**Householding in Transition: Emerging Dynamics in “Developing” East and Southeast Asia**

Jointly organised with the Department of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London; and IGU Commission on Gender and Geography
25 – 26 Jul 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Dr Katherine Brickell, A/P Shirlena Huang, Prof Gavin Jones and Prof Brenda Yeoh

Bringing together scholars working on these interconnected trends, the workshop aimed to shed light on the changing household structures and dynamics which are increasingly shaping the domestic landscapes of some of Asia’s lesser understood country contexts (including Burma, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Laos, Thailand, the Philippines, and Vietnam). These are countries defined as falling in the United Nations “medium” and “low” human development index 2009/2010. Identifying differences and commonalities in terms of patterns and experiences, the workshop was designed to encourage a comparative country perspective (whilst also being sensitive to household variations in terms of type and headship, gender, age, life-course, and rural/urban differentiation).

Papers presented drew on innovative and original empirical research related to current theoretical and conceptual debates on the “household”. Among other themes, the papers addressed: (non)marital and divorcée householding; intergenerational householding: ageing and care; mobile householding: migration and the “left behind”.

**Co-support by the Global Asia Institute, National University of Singapore**

**Convenors: Prof Gavin Jones and A/P Timothy Bunnell**
Masculinities in Asia
Jointly organised with the Asian Studies Division, Gender Studies Minor Programme, and “Doing Asian Studies” Reading Group, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
4 – 5 Aug 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: A/P Thang Leng Leng, Dr Chie Ikeya, Dr Chee Heng Leng, A/P Michelle M. Lazar, A/P Ong Chang Woei, Dr Suriani Suratman, Dr Reiko Yamagishi and A/P Yong Mun Cheong

This workshop sought to contribute to current understandings of masculinities and gender in Asia and stimulate a comparative, interdisciplinary and intergenerational dialogue among scholars of gender across regions in Asia, broadly defined as South, East, Southeast, and Central Asia. Twenty-five researchers from various countries such as Bangladesh, Canada, US, UK, Indonesia and Singapore presented on a wide range of competing, intersecting, and changing articulations and experiences of masculinities in the region: metrosexual, consumerist, and otherwise “softer” masculinities; well-heeled corporate masculinity as well as military masculinities; and Islamic and Hindu masculinities. The presentations and engaging discussions that followed explored the varied ways and degrees to which processes of colonialism, modernisation, nationalism, globalisation, and consumer and neoliberal capitalism informed these plural and moving masculinities, and highlighted a number of issues encompassing masculinities in Asia. These issues included, among many others, sexuality, marriage, domesticity, consumption, and violence.

Religious Revival in the Ethnic Areas of China
25 – 26 Aug 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenor: A/P Liang Yongjia

The workshop examined the current revival of religious faith and practices in Chinese ethnic areas, and explored the reasons, variations, and implications to China and Asia. Scholars from major universities in mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore and the UK presented their findings based on empirical study of the ethnic areas in contemporary China. Professor Ma Rong from Peking University delivered the first keynote address on another “dual structure” in contemporary Chinese society. Professor Maria Jaschok from University of Oxford gave the second keynote address on religion and gender in several Hui Muslim communities. Fourteen papers were presented in six panels, revolving around relocalisation vs. de-ethnicisation, great and little traditions, the global and the modern, the politics of dignity, cultural heritage, and ethnic religions. Professor Prasenjit Duara gave a closing remark on some key issues on the different modes of knowledge production and the global force of nationalised religions.

Global Modernity and Asian Urban History
Jointly organised with the Global Asia Institute, National University of Singapore
12 – 13 Sep 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Prof Prasenjit Duara, A/P Timothy Bunnell and Dr Miodrag (Misha) Petrovic

Twenty years from now, Asian cities are expected to contain the majority of the world’s urban population. They are the places in which global modernity unfolds and can be observed, and in which various organisational actors cooperate and compete in defining and producing institutions of such a modernity. Some of them are also rapidly becoming the most visible centres of what it means to be modern in the current era of polycentric, globalised modernity. Beijing, Shanghai, Tokyo, Seoul, Hong Kong, and Singapore, to name but a few most obvious candidates, are not any longer representative of an alternative, non-Western, “Asian” modernity. They are, quite obviously, globally modern, as they already serve, in many aspects of planning, governance, and infrastructure, as role-models both for the developing world and for their Western counterparts.
This workshop aimed to put these observations in a broader historical context. Among issues discussed were: What were the patterns of change and growth in these cities before they became global cities? Does it make sense to talk about regional or even global patterns, and if so, what kind of mutual observation and influence among these cities have created such patterns?

Asia’s Civil Spheres: New Media, Urban Public Space, Social Movements
Jointly organised with the Office of Deputy President (Research and Technology); and Cities Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
29 – 30 Sep 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Dr Peter Marolt and Dr Rita Padawangi

This international workshop examined the nexus of New Media, urban public space, and social movements. Over two days, the organisers, together with keynote speaker Professor Mike Douglass, 23 paper presenters and scores of dynamic participants explored the ways in which various actors across Asia utilise New Media, thus altering the spatialities and connections between political participation and social change in urban Asia. Post-workshop publications will zoom in on the interdependences between cyber- and actual physical space, and help re-conceptualise the meanings of “political action”, “public space”, “place-making” and “social movements” for our globally networked Information Age.

Film and Cinema in Singapore
Jointly organised with the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
6 – 7 Oct 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Dr Liew Kai Khiun and A/P Stephen Teo

The recent decade has witnessed the burgeoning of popular and scholarly interests in the evolution of film and cinema in Singapore, with studies ranging from industry networks, analysis of film texts and film archiving to unearthing of socio-cultural memories of audience experiences with the big screen. As a multidisciplinary phenomenon, critical research and writings on Singapore cinema have involved scholars coming from diverse academic backgrounds from Communications Studies to History, Geography, and Sociology. Accompanying this growing scholarly interest has also been the increasing inclusion of film studies in educational curriculums from the primary to tertiary levels.

In this respect, this conference served as a platform for both scholars and practitioners to review existing paradigms in addition to charting new approaches and directions into the study of film and cinema in Singapore. Themes included: historical evolution; geographies of cinema; audience reception; archiving film; cultural and media policies and politics; cultural economy and film industry.

Crossing Borders, Traversing Boundaries: Bridging the Gap Between International and Internal Migration Research and Theory
13 – 14 Oct 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Prof Brenda Yeoh, Dr Maureen Hickey and Dr Melody Lu

The primary aim of this workshop was to provide an important intellectual space for scholars working on internal and international migration in the region to come together to exchange knowledge, share research findings, explore theoretical points of convergence and divergence within migration studies, and to map possible pathways for future collaboration. Participants critically interrogated the conceptual divide between internal and international migration through a close investigation of both “macro” processes and “micro” decisions that drive and shape migration within and across national boundaries. They also sought to identify and develop “nodes” of theoretical
convergence where internal and international migration can be linked, compared, and conceptualised as part of larger political-economic processes, particularly in discussions of the relationship between migration and development. Overall, the workshop sought to promote collaborative exchange, research and writing between scholars working on issues of internal and international migration in Asia by fostering innovative methodological and conceptual approaches to bridge the internal/international migration divide.

Law and Religious Pluralism in Contemporary Asia
Jointly organised with the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
17 – 18 Nov 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: A/P Gary F. Bell and A/P Tan Sor Hoon

This workshop looked at how the law deals with religious pluralism in Asia. Is there a place for legal pluralism in the law – i.e. does the state apply different laws to different people depending on their religious affiliation (as is the case in Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, etc.) and how does this relate to the nature of the state (secular or not)? What are the justifications for legal pluralism in state law and in religious law? Furthermore, how does state law deal with religious groups – does it treat all religions equally; does it forbid some religions; does it facilitate/regulate/control religious activities? Are there spheres of religious law beyond the reach of the state – for example ecclesiastical courts of the Churches which exist without support or recognition by the state, or other informal religious laws that is widely followed without being sanctioned by the state or even against the state’s prohibition of such practices (unregistered Muslim marriages in Indonesia)? How Asian jurisdictions reconcile these concepts may prove useful in our world today where States everywhere are challenged by religious pluralism.

Muslim Religious Authority in Contemporary Asia
24 – 25 Nov 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Dr Jeremy Kingsley and A/P Michael Feener

Contemporary Muslim leaders across Asia confront major changes in their diverse socio-political environments, experiencing varying degrees of democratisation, the rise of populist religious movements, and the (re-)assertion of autocratic rule. Within these contexts, Muslim religious leaders face complex questions regarding how to exercise authority in the public sphere. This workshop sought to develop a nuanced assessment of the developing roles of Muslim religious leaders (ulama) in modern Asia, pursued through contextualised studies of social, legal and political dynamics of Islamic religious leadership in diverse Asian contexts. In doing so, it will address questions including, but not limited to: How do ulama and their religious organisations engage with electoral politics? What is the involvement of ulama and their religious organisations with political parties, politicians and the state bureaucracy? How are political activities undertaken by ulama and their religious organisations regulated by the state?

Climate Change, Disaster Management, and Urban Sustainability: Science, Technology and Society Approaches to Three Asian Challenges
Jointly organised with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore; and the Research Institute of Science and Technology for Society (RISTEX), Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)
6 – 7 Dec 2011, NUS University Town
Convenor: A/P Gregory Clancy

The three phenomena of climate change, disaster management, and urban sustainability are normally considered separately, and by different groups of experts. This workshop explored the links between them, and how lessons and approaches drawn from one realm might
influence the others. Public involvement in solving such problems was also discussed. The inter-disciplinary field of STS (variously constructed as “Science, Technology, and Society”, “Science and Technology Studies”, or “Science and Technology for Society”) is a useful methodology, platform, and discourse around which these linkages can be activated.

This was the first workshop jointly organised by the principal STS institutes in Japan (RISTEX) and Singapore (the STS Clusters of ARI and FASS at the National University of Singapore), and thus also reflects joint concerns of both countries and of the regions they are in - East and Southeast Asia. It followed a 2010 meeting in Tokyo in which STS pan-regional funding was discussed.

**Chinese Thought as Global Social Theory**

Jointly organised with the American Council of Learned Societies; and co-funded by the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, Taiwan
8 – 9 Dec 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: A/P Michael Feener and Dr Leigh Jenco

This workshop explored how, and under what conditions, so-called “non-Western” traditions of thought can serve to inspire and structure more generally applicable social and political theory, with a particular focus on Chinese thought. It explored the tenability of Chinese thought as generalisable social theory by recognising that theoretical mobility is underwritten by comparative judgments that identify equivalences and differences between communities of argument, and which determine their relevance or adequacy.

Participants discussed how the distinct experiences motivating new theoretical production for and within particular Chinese locales might be reinscribed with more general significance. This required a reconfiguration of the frame of comparison: rather than construct an equivalence between these “local” applications and some more “universal” theory such as Marxism or democracy, how might the comparison be reversed to accord these Chinese engagements more authoritative generality? What are the conditions, both domestic and international, under which scholars within and outside the Sinophone academic world can come to move Chinese theories and experiences from “local knowledge” to “universal knowledge”?

**History as Controversy: Writing and Teaching Contentious Topics in Asian Histories**

Jointly organised with the Singapore Heritage Society, Singapore; and Humanities and Social Studies Education, National Institute of Education, Singapore; and with support from the Lee Foundation, Singapore
14 – 15 Dec 2011, NUS Kent Ridge Campus
Convenors: Dr Syed Khairudin Aljunied and Dr Mark Baildon

Controversy, debate, and argumentation are central to disciplinary work and participating in academic controversy involves contestation, challenge, and rigorous debate as part of progressive knowledge building and the advancement of fields of study. History writing and teaching, being one of many forms of disciplinary work, involves a continual evaluation of the strength of claims and accounts and consideration of rival as well as competing perspectives. This work is central to citizenship as well. Bringing together students, teachers and scholars of history, this workshop aimed to shed light on philosophical, methodological and practical questions concerning the teaching and writing of historical controversies in Asia. It took a comparative country perspective, seeking to interrogate controversial events, ideologies and personalities that defined the contours of the past and the present in countries across Asia and sought to mark out differences and commonalities, connections as well as disjunctures between them.
Asia Trends 2011

As part of the continuing effort to open the scholarly resources of ARI to the general public, Asia Trends 2011, the 9th lecture series, was held in April and May 2011 in collaboration with the National Museum of Singapore. Each evening lecture was sponsored by a research cluster from within ARI. A distinguished speaker from overseas is invited to present on an ongoing research work while a discussant, usually from the NUS community, offers a response relevant to research developments in Singapore.

This year’s series was inaugurated by a lecture organised by the Science, Technology, and Society Research Cluster on one of the most colorful controversies in the history of science. Dr John van Wyhe revisited the controversy of Darwin’s receipt of an essay by Alfred Russel Wallace in 1858. The incident led to Darwin being suspected of stealing the ideas of Wallace’s essay – that of the origin of species. By utilising multi-archival sources and charting the dates, sea and land routes through which Wallace’s letters could have reached Darwin, Dr Wyhe offered a new reading of the controversy to contradict many of the conspiracy theories that have emerged from it.

The subsequent lecture featured the noted Chinese anthropologist, Prof Wang Mingming, who inquired into the contemporary situation of religion in China. At the outset, he narrowed his exploration of the topic by framing his talk as an ethnographic account of his observations of a conference on “folk beliefs” to which he was invited as a speaker. The strategy effectively led to an interesting foregrounding between the “sacred and the secular,” the governmental policies to regulate religion and the resistance that they have elicited.

Dr Chin-Chun Yi of Taiwan presented the findings of her 10-year-old longitudinal “Taiwan Youth Project” that charts the changes among the Taiwanese youth as they go through the pressures, challenges and changes from adolescence to young adulthood. Dr Ravinder Sidhu of Australia, on the one hand, discussed the current developments in the phenomenon of student migration in Asia, both as source and destination. Particularly, the talk looked at the “inclusions and exclusions” experience by student migrations in local communities of their host countries. Relevant to the study are the governmental policies that could be more responsive to the plight of student migrants.

The series was concluded by a lecture of Prof Doobo Shim on the presence of the Korean Wave in East Asia. It examines the various factors that paved the way for Korea’s becoming the veritable powerhouse of pop culture in Asia.

Solving the Darwin-Wallace Mystery of 1858
21 Apr 2011
Organised by the Science, Technology, and Society Cluster
Dr John van Wyhe, Departments of Biological Sciences and History, NUS
A/P Gregory Clancey, Asia Research Institute, Department of History, and Tembusu Residential College, NUS

A Drama of the Concepts of Religion: Reflecting on Some of the Issues of “Faith” in Contemporary China
28 Apr 2011
Organised by the Religion and Globalisation in Asian Contexts Cluster
Prof Wang Mingming, Peking University, China
A/P Liang Yongjia, Asia Research Institute, NUS

From Adolescence to Young Adulthood: Challenges for Taiwan Youth Facing a Changing Society
5 May 2011
Organised by the Changing Family Cluster
Dr Chin-Chun Yi, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
A/P Ho Kong Chong, Department of Sociology and Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS
Inter-Asia Roundtable 2011

Recycling Cities

1 – 2 Aug 2011, NUS Kent Ridge Campus
Convenors: A/P Timothy Bunnell, Dr Peter Marolt, Dr Michelle Miller and Dr Wang Shuyi

Providing a platform to discuss major issues and trends in Asia, the Inter-Asia Roundtable has fast become one of ARI’s flagship events. Each of the ARI research clusters takes a turn at organising this annual event, and it was up to Asian Urbanisms to put together the third Inter-Asia Roundtable, held 1 – 2 August 2011 at University Hall.

We invited a trans-disciplinary group of scholars who each work on various aspects of recycling, to re-examine waste practices and products in urban Asia and open up discussions of what is rapidly becoming a critical issue for cities across Asia. Conceptualising cities as at once generators of waste and key sites for innovative practices of reuse and recycling, the contributors showed that recycling is clearly more than a technical component of waste management. Presentations and discussions over the two days extended our understanding of both existing practices of recycling and aspirational possibilities.

All five presenters submitted full draft papers prior to the roundtable event and two discussants were assigned to each paper. In addition to comments from the two discussants, each paper formed the basis for open discussion of around 75 minutes. Contributors are currently in the process of revising their respective papers accordingly. Deliverables include a journal special issue and proceedings, both edited by Tim Bunnell, Peter Marolt, Michelle Miller and Tim Winter (University of Western Sydney).

For the duration of the event, a photographic exhibition on Recycling in Urban Asia featured the works of Cindy Godden and Tim Winter. The photo essays can be found online, at http://ccr.uws.edu.au/recyclingcities/

Waxing Korean Wave in East Asia

19 May 2011
Organised by the Cultural Studies in Asia Cluster
Prof Doobo Shim, Sungshin Women’s University, Korea
Dr Liew Kai Khiun, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Making (Quasi)Citizens? Student Migration Trends, Trajectories and Futures

12 May 2011
Organised by the Asian Migration Cluster
Dr Ravinder Sidhu, University of Queensland, Australia
A/P Shirlena Huang, Department of Geography and Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS

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Public Lectures

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

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

From November 2010, the Asia Research Institute partnered the Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM) in Singapore to introduce a new series of joint lectures for the general public and local academic community. ARI and ACM plan to co-organise two or three public talks each year. These ARI-ACM talks are listed among the public lectures below.

HUMANITY BETWEEN GODS AND BEASTS? ONTOLOGIES IN QUESTION

Prof Sir Geoffrey Lloyd, University of Cambridge and Needham Research Institute, UK
Jointly organised with the Science, Technology, and Society Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore
11 Jan 2011, NUS Kent Ridge Campus

ARI-ACM LECTURE – THAILAND’S CRISIS AND THE RISE OF ASIA

Jointly organised with the Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore
Prof Thongchai Winichakul, National University of Singapore
7 Jun 2011, Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore

GRAY NEW WORLD: HOW THE AGEING OF THE WORLD’S POPULATION CHANGES YOU, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR WORK AND THE WORLD

Jointly organised with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; and the Virtual Institute for the Study of Ageing (VISA), National University of Singapore; in partnership with MPH Distributors, Singapore. Venue sponsored by the National Library Board, Singapore
Mr Ted C. Fishman, Bestselling Author of China Inc. and Shock of Gray
29 Jun 2011, National Library Building, Singapore

ARI-MBRAS LECTURE – A RUSSIAN IN MALAYA: NIKOLAI MIKLOUHO-MACLAY’S MALAYA EXPEDITIONS (NOVEMBER 1874 – OCTOBER 1875) AND THE EARLY ANTHROPOLOGY OF ORANG ASLI

Jointly organised with the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society (MBRAS)
Dr Sandra Khor Manickam, National University of Singapore
8 Oct 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus

ARI-ACM LECTURE – THE DECLINE AND REVIVAL OF CHINATOWN IN HAVANA 1959-2000S

A/P Cheng Yinghong, National University of Singapore; and Delaware University, USA
27 Oct 2011, Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore
# ARI Seminar Series, 2011

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 4:00pm to 5:30pm at the NUS Bukit Timah Campus.

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Sufis in Sri Lanka: Tradition, Conflict, and Innovation
Jointly organised with the Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS
Prof Dennis B. McGilvray, University of Colorado-Boulder, USA

10 May 2011
Curse or Blessing?
Local Elites in Decentralised Natural Resource Governance
A/P Kulbhushan Balooni, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, India

23 May 2011
The Cursed Virtue: Government Infrastructural Investment and Household Consumption in Chinese Provinces
Jointly organised with the Centre for Governance, Institutions and Organizations, NUS Business School; and the Family, Children and Youth Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS
Prof Yao Yang, Peking University, China

24 May 2011
China and the World in the Next Ten Years
Jointly organised with the Centre for Governance, Institutions and Organizations, NUS Business School; and the Family, Children and Youth Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS
Prof Yao Yang, Peking University, China

31 May 2011
Anti-Japanism in Asia: Postwar, Postcolonial and Popular Culture
A/P Leo Ching, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Duke University, USA

6 Jun 2011
The State of the Study of the Indonesian State: Paradigms and Prospects
Prof Donald K. Emmerson, Stanford University, USA

14 Jun 2011
Development and Immiseration; Global Politics of the “Comparative Episteme”
Dr Heloise Weber, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Queensland, Australia

21 Jun 2011
The End of Political Islam? The Rise and Fall of Religious Parties in Muslim Democracy, Indonesia
Dr Kikue Hamayotsu, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Northern Illinois University-DeKalb, USA

28 Jun 2011
Jointly organised with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences; Institute of Life Sciences; and Virtual Institute for the Study of Ageing, NUS
Mr Ted C. Fishman, Bestselling Author of China Inc. and Shock of Gray

16 Aug 2011
An Abode of Islam – Preaching Peace in Eastern Indonesia?
Dr Jeremy Kingsley, Asia Research Institute, NUS

29 Aug 2011
Sustainability and the Crisis of Transcendence: The Long View from Asia
Prof Prasenjit Duara, Asia Research Institute; Office of Deputy President (Research and Technology); and Department of History, NUS

6 Sep 2011
Gender Projects in Motion – Masculinities and Filipino Migrant Seafarers Onboard and Back Home
A/P Steven McKay, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of California-Santa Cruz, USA

16 Sep 2011
Religion and Politics at the Margins: A Dalit Religious Sect and Electoral Politics in West Bengal, India
Prof Sekhar Bandypadhyay, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

20 Sep 2011
A Shadow-play from Java in Japan: The Cross-religious Resonance of a Quest
Prof Bernard Arps, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Leiden University, The Netherlands

23 Sep 2011
The Politics of Thailand’s Middle-income Peasantry
Jointly organised with the Department of Sociology, NUS
Dr Andrew Walker, Australian National University, Australia

27 Sep 2011
Urbanisation, Housing and Social Sustainability: Case Study – Delhi
Dr Alpana Sivam, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of South Australia, Australia

4 Oct 2011
Law as A Contested Field: Religion, Tradition (adat) and the State in Aceh, Indonesia
Dr Arskal Salim, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and The Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, UK

11 Oct 2011
Performing Chineseness for the Rising China: Patriotic Music in the Sinophone World since the 1980s
A/P Cheng Yinghong, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Delaware State University, USA

18 Oct 2011
Representing Hip-hop in Singapore: A Study of the Malay Youth
Dr Kamaludeen Mohamed Nasir, National Library Board, Singapore
25 Oct 2011
Fostering Governance and Development: Accountability From Below
A/P Salim Kassim-Lakha, Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Melbourne, Australia

8 Nov 2011
Taming Dissent: Informal Workers, Indian State and Business Elite
Dr Manjusha Nair, Department of Sociology, NUS

15 Nov 2011
Confucian Limits to Meritocracy
A/P Tan Sor Hoon, Asia Research Institute and Department of Philosophy, NUS

22 Nov 2011
Globalisation, Market Transition, and Variety of Models: A Comparison of Four Automakers in the Chinese Car Industry
Dr Feng Quishi, Department of Sociology, NUS

29 Nov 2011
Elderly Care and Intergenerational Relations in China
Prof Jean Yeung, Asia Research Institute and Department of Sociology, NUS

Study Groups

While ARI seminars are designed to address a wide academic audience, ARI also acts as host to a variety of study groups, bringing together NUS scholars and others to discuss interdisciplinary issues. There are four country-based groups that 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 2011.

STUDY GROUP ON MYANMAR-THAILAND
Convenors:
Dr Maitrii Victoriano Aung-Thwin, Department of History, NUS
Dr Titima Suthiwan, Centre for Language Studies, NUS

9 Nov 2011
The Grassroots’ Approach to “Poverty Alleviation”: Strategies and Implications
A/P Ardeth Thawnghmung, University of Massachusetts, USA

STUDY GROUP ON INDOCHINA
Convenors:
Dr Alfred Montoya, Asia Research Institute, NUS (Till 28 July 2011)
Dr Jerome Whittington, Asia Research Institute, NUS (From 18 August 2011)
Dr Michitake Aso, Asia Research Institute, NUS (From 29 September 2011)

23 Feb 2011
Spirit-mediumship Face to Modernity: Caodaism and the Treatment of Spirits in Vietnam and Abroad
Dr Jérémy Jammes, Research Institute on Contemporary Southeast Asia (IRASEC), Thailand

28 Feb 2011
The Construction of Development “Subjects”: Expanding Microfinance to Vulnerable Groups in Cambodia
Ms Jolynna Sinanan, University of Melbourne, Australia
21 Mar 2011
Phở, Migration and the Impact of Regionalism on the Vietnam War
Mr Jason Picard, University of California-Berkeley, USA

30 May 2011
Life-writing, Politics and Subjecthood in 20th Century Vietnam
Ms Chi Thuc Ha, University of California-Berkeley, USA

23 Jun 2011
Collective Memory and Embroidery of the Hmong of North Eastern Laos
Dr Simeon S. Magliveras, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

2 Jun 2011
Negotiations of Place, Belonging and Ownership through the Built Environment in One Fishing Village in Post-tsunami Aceh
Ms Catherine Elliott, University of Tasmania, Australia

6 Jun 2011
The State of the Study of the Indonesian State: Paradigms and Prospects
Prof Donald K. Emmerson, Stanford University, USA

20 Jun 2011
Balinese Women Today: Prospects and Challenges
Dr Ni Wayan Pasek Ariati, SIT Study Abroad Program, Indonesia

22 Jun 2011
“Indo as Other” Revisited
Dr Thomas M. Hunter, University of Michigan, USA

20 Oct 2011
A Film Screening – In the Aftermath of Peace: Hope and Struggle in Aceh
Mr Sandeep Ray, Department of History, NUS

STUDY GROUP ON MALAYSIA
Convenors:
A/P Maznah Mohamad, Departments of Malay Studies and Southeast Asian Studies, NUS
A/P Goh Beng Lan, Department of Southeast Asian Studies, NUS

9 Mar 2011
When History Becomes Heritage: The Interaction of Heritage and Muslim Identity Politics in Penang; Who and Where are the Malays?
Jointly organised with the Department of Malay Studies, NUS; and York University, Canada

STUDY GROUP ON INDONESIA
Convenors:
Dr Michelle Miller, Asia Research Institute, NUS
Dr Douglas Kammen, Department of Southeast Asian Studies, NUS

7 Mar 2011
Seno Gumira Ajidarma and the Writing of Urban Space in Indonesia
Jointly organised with the Asian Urbanisms Cluster, ARI
Dr Andy Fuller, University of Melbourne, Australia

9 Mar 2011
The Consequence of Decentralisation to Urban Development; A Note of Study on a Decade of Implementation in Indonesian
Dr Ramalis Sobandi, Ministry of Public Work (MPW), Indonesia

27 Jun 2011
Ransacking the “Field”? Collaboration and Competition between Local and Foreign Scholars Doing Research in Post-conflict Aceh
Dr Antje Missbach, Humboldt-University, Germany

28 Jul 2011
Indonesian Horror Films: Ghosts of Historical Trauma
Dr Thomas Barker, Department of Sociology, NUS
Other Events

24 Jan 2011
China’s Dreams: The Futurology of Non-official Intellectuals in the PRC
Prof William A. Callahan,
University of Manchester and Oxford University, UK

11 Aug 2011
Qingxiang: The Transnational Repercussions of Village Pacification in Coastal Chaozhou, 1869-1891
Prof Melissa Macauley,
Northwestern University, USA

21 Oct 2011
Second China-India-Singapore Dialogue on Higher Education
Jointly organised with the Office of the Vice-President (University and Global Relations), East Asian Institute, and Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS; and in collaboration with the International Relations Office, NUS
Prof Han Min,
Ministry of Education, China
Prof Zhu Qingshi,
South University of Science and Technology, China
Dr Pawan Agarwal,
Planning Commission, India
Prof Pankaj Chandra,
Indian Institute of Management, India
Mrs Tan Ching Yee,
Ministry of Education, Singapore
Prof Tan Chorh Chuan,
National University of Singapore, Singapore

ASIAN MIGRATION CLUSTER SEMINARS
10 Feb 2011
Struggling to Sustain Marriages and Build Families: Mobile Husbands/Wives and Mothers/Fathers in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh
Jointly organised with the Migration Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS
Dr Catherine Locke,
University of East Anglia, UK

1 Jul 2011
Chinese Managers, Labour Discipline, and the New Developmental Cosmopolitanism
Prof Pál Nyíri, Vrije Universiteit, The Netherlands

10 Aug 2011
Phone Clones: Authenticity Work in the Transnational Service Economy
A/P Kiran Mirchandani,
University of Toronto, Canada

ASIAN URBANISMS CLUSTER SEMINARS
7 Mar 2011
Seno Gumira Ajidarma and the Writing of Urban Space in Indonesia
Jointly organised with the Indonesia Study Group, ARI
Dr Andy Fuller,
University of Melbourne, Australia

14 Apr 2011
Monsoon Marketplace: Spatial Histories of Consumer Capitalism
Mr Elmo Gonzaga,
University of California-Berkeley, USA

10 Nov 2011
Subject Formation in the Era of Biometric Registration: A Case Study from India
Jointly organised with the Cities Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS
A/P Ursula Rao,
University of New South Wales, Australia

12 Dec 2011
Roundtable – The Travels of Iconic Architecture
Co-sponsored by the Cities Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS
Prof Per Ola Söderström,
Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
Prof Jane M. Jacobs,
University of Edinburgh, UK
A/P Timothy Simpson,
Asia Research Institute, NUS; and University of Macau, China

CHANGING FAMILY IN ASIA CLUSTER SEMINARS
16 Jun 2011
Population Ageing at the Local Level and Health at Older Ages in Japan
Jointly organised with the Family, Children, and Youth Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS
Prof James M. Raymo,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

17 Jun 2011
Educational Differences in Divorce in Japan
Jointly organised with the Family, Children, and Youth Research Cluster, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS
Prof James M. Raymo,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
2 Nov 2011  
**Roundtable – Singapore Population Trends and Implications**  
Dr Yap Mui Teng,  
Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS  
Prof Gavin Jones, Asia Research Institute; Global Asia Institute; and Department of Sociology, NUS  
A/P Tilak Abeysinghe,  
Department of Economics, NUS

10 Nov 2011  
**School Achievement and College Access of Mainland Chinese Immigrant Students in Hong Kong**  
Jointly organised with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS  
Prof Suet-ling Pong,  
Pennsylvania State University, USA

17 Feb 2011  
**"Buatan Asia Tenggara": Southeast Asia’s Unique Role in the Rise of the Modern Muslim World, 1875-1935**  
Jointly organised with the Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy Singapore  
Dr Sean Foley,  
Middle Tennessee State University, USA

OPEN CLUSTER SEMINARS

24 Mar 2011  
**Staging “Bandung”: A Cultural History of the Asia-Africa Conference of 1955**  
Dr Naoko Shimazu,  
Asia Research Institute, NUS; and Leiden University, The Netherlands

29 Apr 2011  
**Sino-Indian Engagement: The View From India**  
Jointly organised with the Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS  
Dr Pradeep Taneja,  
University of Melbourne, Australia

4 Nov 2011  
**Professions Without Borders: Global Ethics and the International Rule of Law**  
Jointly organised with the Humanities and Social Sciences Research Division, Office of Deputy President (Research and Technology), NUS  
Prof Charles Sampford,  
Institute for Ethics, Governance and Law

5 Dec 2011  
**Outward FDI From Brazil, China, and India**  
Prof Adhip Chaudhuri,  
Georgetown University, USA
PUBLICATIONS

A total of 11 publications in the form of edited volumes and special issues of journals were successfully published in 2011 as a result of workshops and seminars held and sponsored by ARI between 2006 – 2009. The average length of time between event and publication was about three years. In addition, 12 monographs, jointly-authored books and edited volumes were published by ARI scholars and 17 of these were published by ARI alumni.
New Books

The disciplines and specialities of ARI members are remarkably diverse, a diversity which is reflected in the books they produce. Those they published in 2011 are detailed below. In some cases, the terms of ARI appointees are shorter than the period required for seeing a book through to publication, and in such instances, two codes are used:

* Published during the period of the ARI appointment but based largely on earlier work
+ Published after the member has left ARI, but based on work wholly or partly done in ARI

Amos, Timothy D.
*Embodying Difference: The Making of Burakumin in Modern Japan
University of Hawai‘i Press, Honolulu, 2011

Chang Kyung-Sup and Turner, Bryan S. (eds)
+Contested Citizenship in East Asia: Developmental Politics, National Unity and Globalization

Devadas, Vijay and Prentice, Chris (eds)
+Postcolonial Popular Cultures
Special Issue of Continuum: Journal of Media & Cultural Studies 25 (6), 2011

Bräuchler, Birgit (ed)
+Reconciling Indonesia: Grassroots Agency for Peace
Routledge, London/New York, 2011

Daly, Patrick; Feener, Michael; and Reid, Anthony (eds)
From the Ground Up: Perspectives on Post-Tsunami and Post-Conflict Aceh
ISEAS, Singapore, 2011
(from ARI co-organised First International Conference on Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies, 24 – 27 February 2007)

Duara, Prasenjit
Prasenjit Duara Reader (杜贊奇 读本)
From West Heavens to the Central Plain: India-China New Thought Series
Nanfang Daily Press, Guangzhou, 2011
Feener, Michael; Daly, Patrick; and Reid, Anthony (eds)

*Mapping the Acehnese Past*

KITLV Press, Leiden, 2011

(from ARI co-organised First International Conference on Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies, 24 – 27 February 2007)

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Herold, David Kurt and Marolt, Peter (eds)

*Online Society in China: Creating, Celebrating, and Instrumentalising the Online Carnival*

Routledge, 2011

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Kong, Lily

*Conserving the Past, Creating the Future: Urban Heritage in Singapore*

Urban Redevelopment Authority, Singapore, 2011

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Fischer, Johan

*The Halal Frontier: Muslim Consumers in a Globalized Market*

Contemporary Anthropology of Religion

Palgrave Macmillan, 2011

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Hill, David T.

*Jurnalisme dan Politik di Indonesia: Biografi Kritis tentang Mochtar Lubis 1922-2004 sebagai Pemimpin Redaksi dan Pengarang*

Yayasan Obor Indonesia, Jakarta, 2011

[Translated by Warief Djaanto Basorie and Hanna Rambe, edited by Atmakusumah]

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Liang Yongjia (guest ed)

*Reflections on Chinese Ethnicity and Ethnic Politics*

Chinese Sociology and Anthropology 42 (4), 2010

[Available in 2011]

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Gubhaju, Bina and Lai Ah Eng (eds)

*How Fares the Family? Resilience and Transformation of Families in Asia*

Special Issue of Marriage and Family Review 47 (8), 2011

(from ARI international conference on Resilience and Transformation of Families in Asia, 4 – 5 August 2008)

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Jones, Gavin W.; Hull, Terence H.; and Mohamad, Maznah (eds)

*Changing Marriage Patterns in Southeast Asia: Economic and Socio-Cultural Dimensions*

Routledge Contemporary Southeast Asia Series, 2011

(from ARI organised workshop on Changing Marriage in Southeast Asia, 12 – 13 December 2008)

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Liew Kai Khiun and Jinna Tay (guest eds)

*Transnational Asian Television*

Special Issue of International Journal of Cultural Studies 14 (3), May 2011
Maitrii Aung-Thwin
+ The Return of the Galon King: History, Law, and Rebellion in Colonial Burma
NUS Press, Singapore, 2011

Maung Aung Myoe
+ In the Name of Pauk-Phaw: Myanmar’s China Policy since 1948
ISEAS, Singapore, 2011

Miller, Michelle Ann (guest ed)
Ethnic and Racial Minorities in Asia: Inclusion or Exclusion?
Special Issue of Ethnic and Racial Studies 34 (5), 2011
(from ARI co-organised international workshop on Autonomy and Armed Separatism in South and Southeast Asia, 26 – 27 June 2008)

Manguin, Pierre-Yves; Mani, A.; and Wade, Geoff (eds)
+ Early Interactions between South and Southeast Asia: Reflections on Cross-Cultural Exchange
ISEAS, Singapore, 2011
(from ARI co-organised conference on Early Indian Influences in Southeast Asia: Reflections on Cross-Cultural Movements, 21 – 23 November 2007)

McCargo, Duncan
+ Mapping National Anxieties: Thailand’s Southern Conflict
[Available in 2011]

Mohamad, Maznah and Aljunied, Syed Muhd Khairuddin (eds)
+ Melayu: The Politics, Poetics and Paradoxes of Malayness
NUS Press, Singapore, 2011
(from ARI organised workshop on Race and Nation, Family and Economy: Malayness and its Debates, 20 – 21 January 2009)

Masri Maris (translator)
Menuju Sejarah Sumatra: Antara Indonesia dan Dunia
Yayasan Pustaka Obor Indonesia & KITLV-Jakarta, Jakarta, 2011
[Indonesian translation of An Indonesian Frontier: Acehnese and Other Histories of Sumatra (2004) by Anthony Reid]

Miksic, John N.; Geok Yan Goh; and O’Connor, Sue (eds)
+ Rethinking Cultural Resource Management in Southeast Asia: Preservation, Development, and Neglect
Anthem Press, London, 2011
(from ARI organised workshop on Rethinking Cultural Resource Management in Southeast Asia, 25 – 27 July 2006)

Reid, Anthony
+ To Nation by Revolution: Indonesia in the 20th Century
NUS Press, Singapore, 2011
Ricci, Ronit
Islam Translated: Literature, Conversion, and the Arabic Cosmopolis of South and Southeast Asia
The University of Chicago Press, 2011

Sinha, Vineeta
Religion-State Encounters in Hindu Domains: From the Straits Settlements to Singapore
ARI-Springer Asia Series 1

Waterson, Roxana and Behera, Deepak Kumar (eds)
Research with Children in Asia-Pacific Societies
Special Issue of The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology 12 (S), 2011
(from ARI co-organised international conference on Asia-Pacific Child Researchers, 17 – 20 July 2006)

Ricci, Ronit and Putten, Jan van der (eds)
Translation in Asia: Theories, Practices, Histories
(from ARI co-organised workshop on Translation in Asia: Theories, Practices, Histories, 5 – 6 March 2009)

Teo Youyenn
Neoliberal Morality in Singapore: How Family Policies Make State and Society
Routledge Contemporary Southeast Asia Series, 2011

Yeoh, Brenda S. A. and Huang, Shirlena (guest eds)
In and Out of Asia: The Cultural Politics of Talent Migration
Special Issue of Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies 37 (S), 2011

Roy, Anjali Gera and Chua Beng Huat (eds)
Travels of Bollywood Cinema: From Bombay to LA
OUP, Delhi, 2011
(from ARI organised workshop on From Bombay to LA: The Travels of South Asian Cinema, 9 – 10 February 2009)

Turner, Bryan S.
Religion and Modern Society: Citizenship, Secularisation and the State
Cambridge University Press, 2011

Zheng Yangwen
China On the Sea: How the Maritime World Shaped Modern China
Brill, 2011
Scholarship on Asia, particularly on the rapidly developing and complex nations and regions in East, Southeast and South Asia, has seen many exciting developments in recent years, due not only to significant events in Asia but also to the emergence of new research methodologies, theoretical orientations, scholarly paradigms, and multi-disciplinary approaches and collaborations. As an institute dedicated to research on Asia, in one of Asia’s best universities, and networked with prominent Asia scholars in other leading universities, ARI has played a central role in these crucial innovations in Asia scholarship.

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The ARI Working Paper Series (ARI WPS) has published 172 academic research papers online. Paper submissions are invited from a worldwide pool of scholars working on Asia and are peer-reviewed before being approved for publication. In 2011, a total of 23 papers were published and the series website attracted 190,077 hits and downloads. Papers are all downloadable as full text documents in Adobe Acrobat pdf format free of charge at: www.ari.nus.edu.sg/publications/ariwps.htm. The ARI WPS is also linked to the Social Science Research Network (www.ssrn.com) as one of its Partners in Publishing. The working papers can be searched and accessed through the SSRN’s e-Library, thus ensuring a wider readership.

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Newsletters

In 2011 three issues of the ARI newsletter (for the months of March, July and November) were published. The newsletter reaches out to a local, regional and global readership of some 8,000 subscribers and is also uploaded on ARI’s website. It publicises recent and forthcoming events, research work of individual researchers, new books published, keynotes given as well as awards and recognition won by staff members.

Articles and Book Chapters

Andaya, Barbara


Barnes, Robert


Bautista, Julius

Benney, Jonathan

Bräuchler, Birgit


Budianta, Melani

Bunnell, Tim


“Post-disaster Economic Development in Aceh: Neoliberalization and Other Economic-geographical Imaginaries” (with N. A. Phelps and M. A. Miller), Geoforum, 42 (4): 418-426.


Chee Heng Leng

Cheng Yinghong


Cho Younghan

Choo Kukhee

Chua Beng Huat


Devadas, Vijay


Douglass, Michael


Duara, Prasenjit


Feener, Michael
Fischer, Johan

Formichi, Chiara

Fountain, Philip

Gerritsen, Anne

Goh, Esther

Graham, Elspeth

Gubhaju, Bina

Hellwig, Christine

Hughes-Freeland, Felicia

Johnson, Andrew Alan

Jung, Sun

Kim Tae-Ho
Kong, Lily
“From Precarious Labor to Precarious Economy: Planning for Precarity in Singapore’s Creative Economy”, City, Culture & Society, 2: 55-64.


Kusno, Abidin
“Runaway City: Jakarta, the Pioneer and the Last Frontier”, Inter-Asia Cultural Studies, 12 (4): 515-530.

“Runaway City/Leftover Spaces: Editorial Introduction” (with Melani Budianta and Hilmar Farid), Inter-Asia Cultural Studies, 12 (4): 475-483.


Lai Ah Eng


Lam, Theodora


Leary, Charles

Leong Chan-Hoong


Liang Yongjia

Liew Kai Khiun


Lu, Melody Chia-Wen
“Appearance and Techniques of Migration Control: Examining Labour Migration Regimes in East Asia”, in E. Guild and S. Mantu (eds) Constructing and Imagining Labour Migration: Perspectives of Control from Five Continents, Surrey: Ashgate, pp. 87-108.

Marolt, Peter

McCargo, Duncan

Miller, Michelle


Mohamad, Maznah


“Muslim Women’s Groups in Malaysia”, Oxford Islamic Studies Online, July 2011.


Nair, Deepa

Nyíri, Pál

Reid, Anthony

Rinaldo, Rachel

Roy, Anjali


**Saxer, Martin**


**Simpson, Timothy**


**Söderström, Per Ola**


**Tan Sor Hoon**


**Wieringa, Saskia**


“Gender Variance in Asia; Discursive Contestation and Legal Implications”, *Journal of Gender, Technology and Development*, 14 (2): 143-172.

**Xiang Biao**


**Xu Lanjun**


**Yeoh Saw Ai, Brenda**


Yeoh Seng Guan


Yeung Wei-Jun, Jean


Zhong Yi Jiang

9.0 ARI RECOGNITION
Awards and Honours

Dr Lai Ah Eng became a member of a United Nations media project, Global Experts. Global Experts is a central part of the Alliance of Civilization (AoC) established in 2005, at the initiative of the Governments of Spain and Turkey, under the auspices of the United Nations. AoC aims to improve understanding and cooperative relations among nations and peoples across cultures and religions, and to help counter the forces that fuel polarisation and extremism.

Professor Thongchai Winichakul was elected the Vice President of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), USA, for the period 2012 – 2013. Subsequently, he will be President of AAS for the period 2013 – 2014.

Professor Jean Yeung Wei-Jun’s paper, co-authored with John F. Sandberg, Pamela E. Davis-Kean and Sandra L. Hofferth, “Children’s Time with Fathers in Intact Families”, has been listed as the fifth-most highly cited article of the decade (2001 – 2010) in the most prominent journal in the field of family studies, Journal of Marriage and Family.

Keynotes and Plenaries

Bunnell, Tim

Chua Beng Huat
“Regionalisation of Media Industry and Identities in Asia”, International Conference on Asian Identities - Trends in the Globalised World, Centre for Academic Services, Srinakharinwirot University, Bangkok, Thailand, 10 – 11 February 2011.

“Pop Culture and ‘Soft Power’ Competition in East Asia”, Symposium on Theatre and Performance in the Asia-Pacific: Regional Modernities in the Global Era, School of Culture and Communications, University of Melbourne, 26 – 28 September 2011.

“Regionalisation of Media Industry and Pan-Asian Identity Formation”, Voices Series 2: Media, Politics and Identity in Contemporary Southeast Asia, Centre for the Study of Communication and Culture, Nottingham University (Malaysia), Kuala Lumpur, 5 November 2011.


Duara, Prasenjit
“Hong Kong as Global Frontier”, Conference on Hong Kong in the Global Setting, Hong Kong University, 11 – 12 January 2011.


“Sustainability and the Crisis of Transcendence”, Inaugural Lecture at Opening of Centre for Asian Modernities and Traditions, Leiden University, The Netherlands, 9 September 2011.

“The Multinational State and the 1911 Revolution in Global History”, International Conference Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the 1911 Revolution, Kobe, Japan, 10 December 2011.


Jones, Gavin

“International Marriage in Asia: What Do We Know, and What Do We Need to Know”, Seminar on Global Perspectives on Marriage and International Migration, The International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSPP), Seoul, Korea, 20 – 21 October 2011.

Lai Ah Eng


Mohamad, Maznah

“The Masculinist Protection Logic and Disjunctures of Contemporary Syariah”, Conference on Spirited Voices from the Muslim World: Islam, Democracy and Gender Rights, University of Sydney, Australia, 28 – 30 April 2011.

Tan Sor Hoon

“Wisdom-knowledge in Good Government”, Uehiro Graduate Conference, University of Hawaii, Manoa, Honolulu, United States, 16 – 18 March 2011.


Yeung Wei-Jun, Jean


“Social Exclusion and Mortality for Chinese Elderly”, Annual Meeting of Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association (ISA), Opportunity, Meritocracy, and Changing Patterns of Social Inequality, University of Iowa, Iowa City, 9 – 12 August 2011.


“Socioeconomic and Policy Factors Affecting Elderly Care in China”, National University Hospital, Singapore, 30 September 2011.

10.0 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.

Over the years, ARI has provided internship opportunities to students from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, City University of Hong Kong, University of British Columbia, University of California at Berkeley, Nanyang Technological University, and NUS’ Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

In total, ARI provided internship opportunities to the following nine interns in 2011.

Tay Yi Wen  
Department of Sociology, NUS  
10 Jan – 15 Apr 2011

Siu Hiu Fan, Fanny  
City University of Hong Kong  
6 Jun – 12 Aug 2011

Chai Kan, Andrea  
Chinese University of Hong Kong  
13 Jun – 5 Aug 2011

Cheung Pok Man, Boris  
Chinese University of Hong Kong  
13 Jun – 5 Aug 2011

Mo Na  
Chinese University of Hong Kong  
13 Jun – 5 Aug 2011

Rachel Bok  
Department of Geography, NUS  
1 Aug – 11 Nov 2011

Nallu Dhinakharan  
Department of Geography, NUS  
1 Aug – 11 Nov 2011

Charles Brian Suresh  
Department of Political Science, NUS  
1 Aug – 11 Nov 2011

Vishal Daryanomel  
Department of Political Science, NUS  
1 Aug – 11 Nov 2011
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 2011, two students graduated, bringing the total number of graduates on ARI’s PhD scholarships programme to six since the start of the programme. Twenty students remained on ARI scholarships, supervised in ARI through different departments.

**GRADUATED**

Zhou Wei  
PhD (Sociology)

Jayeel Serrano Cornelio  
PhD (Sociology)

**ON-GOING STUDIES**

Didi Kwartanada  
Department of History

Jun Guarin Cayron  
Department of Southeast Asian Studies

Alice Nah Han Yuong  
Department of Sociology

Maria Andrea Medina Soco  
Department of Geography

Joseph Nathan Cruz  
Department of Sociology

Kim Ji Youn  
Department of Sociology

Stefani Haning Swarati Nugroho  
Department of Sociology

Tan Lee Ooi  
Department of Southeast Asian Studies Programme

Tabassum Zaman  
Office of Programmes

Fiona-Katherine Seiger  
Department of Sociology

Yenny Rahmayati  
School of Design and Environment

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Hannah Keren Griffiths  
School of Design and Environment

Fan Xue  
Department of Chinese Studies

Claire Lee Seung Eun  
Department of Sociology

Robert David Williamson  
Office of Programmes

Bubbles Beverly Asor  
Department of Sociology

Danicar Mariano  
Department of Geography

Angeline Eloisa Javate Dios  
Department of Geography

Shelley Mae Jalandoon Sibya  
Department of Sociology
Joint HYI-NUS Doctoral Scholarships

Since June 2009, ARI has been one of the principal NUS partners in the Joint Scholarship Programme (JSP) for PhD Studies in the fields of East and Southeast Asian Studies with the Harvard Yenching Institute (HYI) in the United States. Under this programme, successful candidates from HYI partner universities in Southeast Asia will be enrolled in an NUS PhD course and be co-supported by the HYI-NUS doctoral scholarship. Students may spend up to one and a half years of their 4.5-year candidature at the Harvard University or other US universities.

Graduate and Other Teaching At NUS

**Bautista, Julius:** Department of Southeast Asian Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught SE 3211 Religion, Society and Politics in Southeast Asia; SE 1101E Southeast Asia: A Changing Region; and SE 4299 Research in Religion in Southeast Asia.

- Dean’s Office, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught XD 2101 Approaches to the Study of Religion and GEK 1045 Introduction to World Religions.
- Supervised 1 PhD student, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
- Member of supervisory panel for 4 PhD students, Department of Southeast Asian Studies; and 1 PhD student, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

**Bunnell, Timothy:** Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught GE 4213 Cultural Analysis.

- Supervised 3 honours, 1 MA and 2 PhD students, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
- Member of advisory committee for 3 PhD students, Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

**Chee Heng Leng:** Department of Geography, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, co-taught GE 6660 Independent Study Module for 1 PhD student.

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

**Chua Beng Huat:** Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught CSA 6102 Cultural Studies in Asia; and SC 6770 Graduate Research Seminar.

- Supervised 2 PhD students, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
- Supervised 2 PhD students, Cultural Studies in Asia Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.
- Member of thesis committee for 1 PhD student, Department of Chinese Studies; 1 PhD student, Department of Southeast Asian Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

**Clancy, Gregory:** Supervised 1 PhD student, Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

**Feener, Michael:** Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught HY 6770 Graduate Methods Seminar; HY 3246 History of Muslim Southeast Asia; and 2 independent study modules.
Supervised 1 PhD student, Department of Architecture, School of Design and Environment.

Jones, Gavin: Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught SC 6880 Topics in Social Organization.

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

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

Song Jiyoung: Department of Political Science, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught PS 3252 Human Rights in International Politics and GEK 3006 International Politics in Northeast Asia.

Tan Sor Hoon: Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, taught GEK 2009 Democracy and Education.

Yeoh Saw Ai, Brenda: Supervised 4 MA and 4 PhD students, and co-supervised 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 SC 5101 Graduate Research Methods and SC 3222 Social Transformations in Modern China.

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

Graduate Forum

6th Asian Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies
11 – 15 Jul 2011, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
Convenors: Prof Gavin Jones, A/P Michael Feener, Dr Chee Heng Leng, Dr Maria Wendy Platt, A/P Titima Suthiwan, and Prof Thongchai Winichakul

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

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

A total of 72 papers were presented at this year’s forum, in three parallel sessions over the three days. The diversity of themes can be gained from viewing the headings of the 21 different panels. Examples include: climate and environment, colonial discourse, urban spaces, gender and identity, agriculture, Malaysian history and politics, cultural heritage, narratives of conflict, economics, public health and education, and post-disaster. As usual, there were times when some of the audience wished they could be in two places at once, but parallel sessions are the only way to fit in this many papers within the time constraints.

Three keynote speakers lent depth and interest to the programme. ARI Visiting Research Professor Robin Jeffrey, spoke on “Mobile Phones, Methodology and Me: An Old Researcher Meets New Technology”, Professor Janet Hoskins, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Southern California, spoke on “What is a Refugee Religion? Emigration, Exile and Exodus in the Vietnamese Diaspora and Homeland” and ARI Visiting Senior Research Fellow Dr Xiang Biao, spoke on “The Displacement of the Present and the Resurrection of the Now”.

The Graduate Forum finished with a field trip to the Peranakan and Asian Civilisations Museums, followed by dinner.
Asian Graduate Student Fellowships 2011

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 two and a half months. The aim of the fellowships is to enable scholars to make full use of the wide range of resources held in the libraries of NUS and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, with access to mentors. They have access to writing classes, as well as other “academic bootcamp” activities, such as how to make academic presentations and write proposals. The graduate students take up their appointments from May to July each year.

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

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