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Monash University News

Exhibition title: The foreign I—images of Japan by Jenny Hall

Japanese Information and Culture Centre (JICC)
45th Floor, Melbourne Central Tower, Elizabeth St, Melbourne
1–29 May 2009
Hours: 9am–1pm, 2pm–5pm weekdays only

A selection of photography and digital artwork including candid photojournalistic images taken during 8 years living in Japan, as well as a new series of digitally-manipulated works inspired by Japanese life and culture.

To view more images: <http://jenny-hall.smugmug.com>

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Item 2. Seminar by School of Geography and Environmental Science

Characteristics of land-use change in Japan-Macro/micro level analyses by GIS

Wednesday 13 May 2009, 1:00pm
SGO2 (Manton Rooms, Ground Floor, Building 11, Monash University Clayton campus)

Presenter: Dr Jun Tsutsumi,
Associate Professor, Department of Humanities, Faculty of Law and Letters, Ehime University, Japan and
Visiting Scholar, Centre for Geographic Information Systems, School of Geography and Environmental Science, Faculty of Arts, Monash University

This presentation consists of three parts. First, some Japanese examples of land-use change (Sapporo, Maebashi, Matsuyama) are shown. Micro-level land-use maps of Sapporo city's CBD (1.9 million population), Maebashi city's CBD (300,000 population), and macro-level land-use maps of Matsuyama plain (approx. 20km x 20km area) are used in the analyses. Then, the effective use of maps will be discussed especially in terms of analysis and the publication process. Finally, GIS and WebGIS as data collecting / publication tools will be focused on.

Jun Tsutsumi is an Associate Professor of Geography (urban geography and GIS) at Ehime University, Japan. In this capacity he has already produced many publications comparing urban development processes in Japan and Australia (especially in Melbourne). He was a theme issue editor of Monash ePress Applied GIS Volume 2, No. 2, November 2006. He was a former visiting academic at SAGES, University of Melbourne (March-June 2005) and also a visiting fellow at the Japanese Study Centre at Monash (August-September 2008).

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All Welcome

Item 3. Seminar

Centre of Southeast Asian Studies, Monash University

14 May 2009, 11.00 am - 12.30 pm
Manton Rooms SG02, Ground Floor, Menzies Building (11) South
Monash University Clayton campus

The role of religious leadership in peace-building and dispute resolution processes in Lombok, Indonesia

Jeremy Kingsley, PhD candidate, Asia Law Centre, Melbourne University

This paper, based on 15 months fieldwork, evaluates peace-building strategies and dispute resolution processes on the eastern Indonesian island

of Lombok. Over the past decade, communal conflicts have emerged across the Indonesian archipelago as a result of economic and political instability. My research has considered both the formal and informal legal, religious and social institutions that influence peace-building and dispute resolution processes in Lombok. Lombok was affected by this violence, although it did not suffer to the same extent as other parts of Indonesia. The containment of violence occurred, in many regards, due to the significant role of the religious leadership of Tuan Guru (similar to kiyai in Java).

This paper will consider why they have taken this position. These issues will be reviewed by considering the provincial authorities' peace-building strategy preceding the 2008 Nusa Tenggara Barat (NTB) Gubernatorial elections in Lombok. The strategy involved the provincial authorities coordinating their activities with community and religious groups. It was developed in response to ethnic and political tensions that arose during previous elections. Jeremy Kingsley will investigate this 'dispute resolution partnership' and explore what it means for NTB and, potentially, Indonesia.

Details: <http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/mai/cseas/seminars/index.php>

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Item 4. Seminar

Hosted by Monash Asia Institute, Monash University on behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra.

Friday 15 May 2009, 10.00 am to midday followed by a light luncheon
Room SG02, Manton Rooms, Ground Floor, Building 11 (Menzies)
Monash University Clayton Campus

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China's security strategy in East Asia

Professor Zhu Feng, Deputy Director, School of International Studies
Center for International and Strategic Studies, Peking University

A leading Chinese security expert, **Professor Zhu Feng** is the Deputy Director of the School of International Studies at the Center for International & Strategic Studies (CISS), Peking University. He has written extensively on non-proliferation, missile defence regional security in East Asia, strategic dimensions of Sino-US relations, North Korean issues and US national security strategies.

Professor Zhu sits on the editorial boards of several scholarly journals, consults independently for the Chinese government and private sector, and is a frequent television, radio, and print media commentator on China foreign affairs and security policy.

A senior research fellow with the Center for Peace and Development of China, Professor Zhu has been a visiting scholar at Washington's Centre for Strategic and International Studies and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, as well as a research associate at the Fairbank Center for East Asian Studies at Harvard University.

Professor Zhu has authored and edited several books, including *Ballistic Missile Defence and International Security* (Shanghai: Shanghai People's Press, 2001), *International Relations Theory and East Asian Security* (Beijing: People's University Press, 2007), and *China's Rise: From Theoretical and Practical Perspectives* (co-edited with Professor Robert S. Ross, Cornell University Press).

After completing his undergraduate studies at the Department of International Politics, Peking University, Professor Zhu received his doctorate from Peking University in 1991.

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Item 5. Seminar

Presented by Monash University and the NGV International

New discoveries by Melbourne Archaeologists

Sunday 17 May 2009, 1-5 pm
Clemenger BBDO Auditorium
NGV International
180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

Join Melbourne archaeologists as they discuss:

Ancient Egyptian Colonisation of the Western Desert in the Pyramid Age
Associate Professor Colin Hope, Centre for Archaeology & Ancient History,
Monash University

New Light on Early Christianity in Egypt's Western Desert
Dr Gillian Bowen, Centre for Archaeology & Ancient History, Monash
University

The Stupa Complex in Kashgar, Western China
Dr Andrea DiCastro, Monash Asia Institute & School of Historical Studies,
Monash University

Australian excavations in Cyprus
Professor David Frankel, Archaeology Program, La Trobe University

Erotes on the Euphrates: A Figured Frieze in a Private House at Hellenistic
Jebel Khalid on the Euphrates
Dr Heather Jackson, University of Melbourne

In the Wake of the Sea Peoples and in the Footsteps of Goliath: Excavating
the Philistine site of Tell es-Safi/Gath
Dr Louise Hitchcock, Centre for Classics and Archaeology, University of
Melbourne

From the Field to Repository: Tell Qumluq and Qala'at Nejim - New Research
in North Syria
Dr Andrew Jamieson, Centre for Classics and Archaeology, University of
Melbourne

Cost \$25 Adult / \$20 NGV Member / \$22 Concession / \$18 Student (includes
afternoon tea)
Venue Clemenger BBDO Auditorium, NGV International
Event code P0979

***Special for Students: Bring a friend, show your current Student ID card,
and you will be able have two tickets for the price of one.**

Item 6. Centre of Southeast Asian Studies, Monash University

21 May 2009, 11.00 am - 12.30 pm
Manton Rooms SG02, Ground Floor, Menzies Building (11) South
Monash University Clayton campus

Pemuda Tionghoa: Locating Chinese youth in Indonesian nationalist history

Charlotte Setijadi-Dunn, PhD candidate, Anthropology, Latrobe University

Chinese Indonesian youth are more often than not perceived as politically apathetic. Although it is true that such perceptions are frequently applied to youth in general, in the context of New Order Indonesia Chinese youth were particularly stigmatised as unsympathetic and uninvolved in the nation-building process. In fact, these kinds of un-nationalistic views of Chinese youth have been prevalent throughout Indonesia's history since its inception as a nation. If in Indonesian nationalist narratives, the pemuda (youth) have been mythologised as possessing an 'historical destiny' to build Indonesia, Chinese youth have always been located outside of such national imaginings. Perhaps nowhere else is this more aptly illustrated than in popular historical

accounts of the Sumpah Pemuda (the 'Youth Oath') that took place during the Congress of Indonesian Youth in October 1928. This symbolic event whereby a 'pledge' of unity towards a unified Indonesian nation was made by regional youth delegations, there was never any mention of Chinese youth's involvement in official discourse.

The seminar will aim to locate the place of Chinese youth in Indonesia's history of nation-building. By deconstructing the ideological edifices and meanings underlying 'pemuda' in Indonesia, the separation of Chinese youth from nationalistic connotations attached to 'native' Indonesian youth will become apparent. I argue that this 'othering' of Chinese youth throughout the years has played a crucial part in constructing negative perceptions of young Chinese and their commitment to Indonesia. Furthermore, I contend that it is only when this paradigm is altered through the interrogation of historical facts that Chinese youth can be truly seen as 'pemuda harapan bangsa' ('the young hope of the nation'), much like their non-Chinese counterparts.

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Item 7. Seminar

Centre of Southeast Asian Studies, Monash University

28 May 2009, 11.00 am - 12.30 pm

Manton Room SG02, Ground Floor, Menzies Building (11) South
Monash University Clayton campus

Public relations and Indonesia's mining industry: A case study in the use of the personal influence model

Gregoria Arum Yudarwati, PhD candidate, School of Applied Communication, RMIT

During Suharto's dictatorship, which ruled Indonesia for 32 years, the mining industry enjoyed a kind of privilege to communicate with the government only through its official reports. The government used the military forces to secure mining areas. After Suharto's resignation in May 1998, however, there is more public demand for greater transparency, accountability, reliability, responsibility and fairness. This democratic atmosphere has challenged mining companies to better manage their relationships with stakeholders.

This paper describes the implementation of the personal influence model of public relations carried out by the mining industry in the Post-Suharto era. It is based on a case study of two mining companies in Indonesia. The study affirms the personal influence model of public relations when companies manage relationships with the media, government, and community. In media relations, practitioners try to establish personal relationships and even friendships with key individuals in the media by giving gifts, hosting lunches or dinners, and attending family celebrations such as marriages. Companies also maintain personal relationships with key persons in local government due to the policy of decentralised government, which leads to significant influence on local government by the company. This study also found that the personal influence model is used to manage good community relations. After Suharto's resignation, communities are demanding that companies be more socially responsible and fulfil their needs. To get a social licence to operate from community, the companies approach and build good personal relationships with formal and informal leaders, including religious, cultural, and opinion leaders.

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Item 8. Seminar

Centre of Southeast Asian Studies, Monash University

4 June 2009, 11.00 am - 12.30 pm
Manton Room SG02, Ground Floor, Menzies Building (11) South
Monash University Clayton campus

When boys go out to play: Extra-marital relationships in Lombok, Indonesia

Maria Platt, PhD candidate, Latrobe University

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Item 9. Seminar

Centre of Southeast Asian Studies, Monash University

Monday 8 June 2009, 11.00 am - 12.30 pm

Manton Room SG02, Ground Floor, Menzies Building (11) South
Monash University Clayton campus

The airmen and the head hunters: A true story of lost soldiers, heroic tribesmen and the unlikeliest rescue of World War II

Judith Heimann, US Foreign Service Officer & Author

Judith Heimann, a retired but still part-time US Foreign Service Officer, accompanied her late husband, also a Foreign Service Officer, to posts in Malaysia and Indonesia in the 1950s and 1960s and lived for two years in Borneo. Since retirement in 1992, she has been working as a part-time diplomat in Luxembourg, Belgium and at the Department of State in Washington, DC, and has written two non-fiction books. Her first book, *The Most Offending Soul Alive: Tom Harrison and His Remarkable Life*, (University of Hawaii Press, 1999) formed the basis for the 2007 BBC documentary, 'The Barefoot Anthropologist', presented by Sir David Attenborough.

Her second book, *The Airmen and the Head-hunters*, based chiefly on her interviews with surviving American airmen and Borneo head-hunters, came out from Harcourt in October 2007 and in paper in January 2009 and is about to become the basis for another TV documentary commissioned by BBC4, National Geographic International and Channel Thirteen (the Public Broadcasting station in New York City). Ms. Heimann is now working on a third book, a multi-voice memoir of Java in the Sukarno period. She divides her time between Washington D.C. and Western Europe.

Judith will present the story of her book and answer questions about it in a talk illustrated by Power Point.

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Other news

Item 10. Australia-Japan Peace Forum

hosted by Japanese for Peace (JfP)

Reconciliation, War Responsibility and Dialogue for Peace

Saturday 23 May 2009, 2pm - 5pm

Melbourne City Conference Centre, Chapel Hall

333 Swanston Street, (Corner of Swanston and Lt Lonsdale Streets, opposite the State Library)

We would like to facilitate a dialogue for peace among different cultures by learning about each other's history and memories of war. We hope our forum will make a small, yet significant step towards reconciliation.

Speakers and performers:

Dr David Palmer (American Studies Department, Flinders University; keynote speaker on war responsibility and reconciliation)

Ms Ryoko Adachi (author & editor of *Shadows of War & Echoes of War*)

Mr. Bill Flowers (ex-POW, Victorian President of the Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Association)

Prof. Vera Mackie (School of Historical Studies, University of Melbourne)

Ms Anna Song (Friends of 'Comfort Women' in Australia, FCWA)

Maya & Hiroko (Music performers, Healing Soul)

Admission fee: \$5 (refreshment and beverages included)

Please bring you own cup for the environment.

The forum is supported and funded by the Victoria Multicultural Commission.

Enquiries: info@jfp.org.au ; Website: www.jfp.org.au

Item 11. Conference

Friday 29 May 2009

National Museum of Australia, Canberra

Australia, Asia and the Pacific: Imaginaries, Histories and Futures

This conference, a joint initiative of Curtin University's Centre for Advanced Studies in Australia, Asia and the Pacific (CASAAP) and the National Museum of Australia, addresses significant issues relating to the past, present and future of Australia's regional relations.

Among the speakers are eminent academics and social commentators including Hanifa Deen, Regina Ganter, Brij Lal, Peter Mares, Suvendrini Perera, Bob Pokrant, Peter Reeves and Peter Stanley

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Item 12. Forum

Hosted by the Centre for Citizenship, Development and Human Rights, Deakin University, the City of Port Phillip & the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA)

Afghanistan 2009: Escalating violence, under-development and women striving for change

Guest speaker - Shazia from the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan

Wednesday 3 June 2009, 7.00pm - 9.00pm
(Refreshments at 7.00pm - forum commences at 7.30pm)
The Auditorium, St. Kilda Town Hall,
99A Carlisle St. St Kilda, Melbourne

Since the invasion of Afghanistan by NATO and American troops in 2001, life there has continued to be intolerable, particularly for women. The rhetoric given at the time of the invasion was that action was required for the 'liberation of women' and 'the establishment of a democratic, socially improved Afghanistan'. But seven years down the track, lack of security, abject poverty, the rise of corrupt and powerful warlords, and an ever-increasing number of civilian deaths and injuries caused by both insurgent and Western forces are commonplace. Life is hardest for women and girls; early forced marriage, rape, increasing numbers of destitute widows and extreme domestic violence and stark gender inequality are all part of everyday life. For girls, there is the constant fear of kidnap or assault in public places, even on the way to school and, just recently, the reintroduction of archaic, misogynist laws to control women's movements in public, and give men legal and sexual rights over their wives. Suicide by self-immolation is now frequent and tragic. At the same time, the extensive presence of Westerners in the country has seen property rent and food prices escalate, greatly disadvantaging ordinary Afghans. Many Afghans are on the brink of starvation.

RAWA, the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan, (<http://www.rawa.org>) has been actively supporting the most needy women and girls for over 30 years and continues its extraordinary work in these difficult times, running literacy classes, schools, orphanages, small business projects and much more, even under the threat of death, whilst publicly advocating for women's human rights. RAWA's work is vital, courageous and inspirational. It is a lifeline for many Afghani women.

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Entry by donation to support Shazia's RAWA projects

Item 13. Website of the month: WDL

<http://www.wdl.org/en/>

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