In 2007 the International Institute for Asian Studies continued its well-established activities and developed several new initiatives. We welcomed 80 research fellows. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Japanese National Institutes of the Humanities, an umbrella organisation covering five research institutes and museums. Under this arrangement researchers from the Netherlands can stay at one of the participating institutions in Japan and Japanese scholars can spend some time at IIAS. The fifth International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) has taken place in August 2007 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. More than a thousand delegates from all over the world attended workshops and seminars during this conference, which is the largest international gathering of Asianists in the world. IIAS is grateful to the Institute of Occidental Studies (IKON), the Institute of the Malay World and Civilization (ATMA), and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia for hosting and co-organising this event in such an elegant and professional way.

The workshop series, sponsored by the Asia-Europe Foundation in Singapore and the European Alliance for Asian Studies, is a growing success. It testifies to the need for academic collaboration between Asian and European partners. Some of these workshops become the starting point for further programmatic co-operation. It is important that this workshop scheme is continued as it clearly fills a need and produces many good and interesting proposals.

In 2007 four issues of the IIAS Newsletter appeared, each of them featuring a special issue with a guest editor. Thanks to its appealing form and content, the Newsletter has grown into a very important means of communication across the world. It is published both in newspaper form and on our website. An important effect of the Newsletter is that academic specialists working in different areas become acquainted with one another’s work via brief and popular articles that explain the subject matter to a general readership. But it is also read outside academia. We hope it will continue to find new readers also outside the world of Asianists.

Throughout the year IIAS has organised academic meetings, small workshops, specialised conferences and lecture series, both in Leiden and Amsterdam. We will continue to play a bridging function between academia and society and act as a platform for meetings and debates. Our Amsterdam branch continues to pay attention to all sorts of outreach activities, that stimulate awareness of Asia through a blend of academic, societal and cultural events.

In 2006 IIAS signed an agreement with Amsterdam University Press (AUP) to start a common IIAS-AUP book series, a series of monographs and volumes resulting from IIAS activities, that have a wide distribution and address regional as well as cross-regional topics. The series has an international board of editors and all manuscripts are subjected to peer review. Besides this series the Institute also publishes the ICAS book series. In total, four books have been published in 2007. We anticipate a similar book production in the coming years.

In 2007 Professor Peter van der Veer stepped back from his function as President of the Board of IIAS. We should like to thank him for his guidance and inspiration during his presidency. He is succeeded by Professor Henk Schulte Nordholt, Professor in Southeast Asian Studies at the Free University of Amsterdam and Director of research at KITLV in Leiden.

The annual report is kept brief and succinct. For further information please refer to our website or contact us personally. We are always interested in your ideas.

Max Sparreboom
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Section 1

IIAS and its organisation
The International Institute for Asian Studies is a postdoctoral research centre based in Leiden and Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Its main objective is to encourage the study of Asia and to promote national and international cooperation in this field. The institute focuses on the humanities and social sciences and, where relevant, on their interaction with other sciences.

IIAS acts as an international mediator, bringing various parties together. In keeping with the Dutch tradition of transferring goods and ideas, IIAS works as a clearinghouse of knowledge and information. This entails providing information services, constructing international networks, and setting up international cooperative projects and research programmes. In this way, the IIAS functions as a window on Europe for non-European scholars and contributes to the cultural rapprochement between Asia and Europe.

Research

IIAS supports several thematic research programmes and projects that are developed and executed by national and international research teams. IIAS also offers various fellowships, most of which are post-PhD positions. Information and vacancies are announced via the IIAS website and in the IIAS Newsletter. The fellowships range from short-term visiting fellowships (minimum one month) to long-term research fellowships (maximum three to four years). The institute furthermore provides research facilities for post-PhD scholars, who wish to undertake research in the Netherlands, and who have obtained their own funding.

IIAS established extraordinary chairs at several Dutch universities (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Nijmegen University, and Leiden University), thus filling blank spots in Dutch university curricula in Asian Studies. Apart from these, working with its Asian partners, IIAS has initiated European chairs in Chinese Studies, Malay Studies, and Korean Studies, bringing Asian professors to the Netherlands and other European countries to teach and to do research.

Seminars

The institute organises international seminars, workshops, and conferences, which are often convened by IIAS research fellows. They are held both independently and jointly with other (inter)national institutes in the field. The institutional lectures organised by IIAS also provide a forum for discussion on new developments within the field of Asian Studies or Asia-Europe relations.

Publications

The IIAS Newsletter reflects the fore-mentioned clearinghouse function of IIAS. It is published four times per year and covers a wide regional and disciplinary scope (circulation 26,000 copies). The IIAS Newsletter is distributed all over the world – free of charge. Besides research articles, conference reports, and forum discussions, information is provided on organizations, institutes, conferences, and employment opportunities. An electronic version is available via the IIAS website.

In collaboration with several international publishers, IIAS publishes an average of four to five monographs and edited volumes per year on research that is linked to IIAS activities. With ISEAS Press, IIAS publishes two series: Maritime Issues and Piracy in Asia and a general series on Southeast Asia. In 2007, IIAS started two series with Amsterdam University Press: IIAS Series and ICAS Series.

Academic Cooperation

The institute considers academic cooperation indispensable to top-level research. IIAS, therefore, actively promotes, facilitates, and initiates academic cooperation at various levels – nationally as well as internationally – between research groups and institutes.

One of these networks is the so-called European Alliance for Asian Studies (Asia Alliance): a cooperative framework of institutes specializing in Asian Studies. Activities of the Asia-Alliance include regular Asia Updates, jointly organised workshops and conferences, and a structural cooperation with the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) by jointly organizing the Annual Asia-Europe Workshop Series.

IIAS also serves as the permanent secretariat for the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS). ICAS was set up to enhance and deepen contact between researchers from Asia, Europe, and the USA working in Asian Studies. The first convention was organised in 1998 in the Netherlands. It was initiated by IIAS in cooperation with the Asia Committee of the European Science Foundation, the Association for
Asian Studies (AAS, USA), and various professional organizations for Asian Studies in Europe. ICAS 2 took place in Berlin (2001), ICAS 3 in Singapore (2003), ICAS 4 in Shanghai (2005), and ICAS 5 in Kuala Lumpur (2007).

At a broader level, IIAS strives to link up with other groups in society, such as business people, policy makers, and the media by making expertise on Asia available to non-academic organizations through updates, consultancy services, and the like.

Information Services
The IIAS website provides information on the activities of the institute, as well as information on Asian Studies worldwide. Recently the IIAS launched the ASEM website, embracing diverse aspects of the ASEM process. In addition, the IIAS also hosts various websites.

The IIAS database contains up-to-date information on researchers and institutions in the field of Asian Studies (some 22,000 addresses). Selections can be made by country of residence, region of interest, and discipline.

Branch Office Amsterdam
In 1997, an IIAS Branch Office was established in Amsterdam. The University of Amsterdam (UvA), one of the founders of IIAS, underlined the importance of an active and visible role of the UvA in IIAS activities. The Branch Office offers facilities to IIAS research fellows to undertake research in Amsterdam, while simultaneously encouraging the involvement of scholars at the UvA in IIAS’ activities. In addition, the Branch Office closely cooperates with ASiA (Asian Studies in Amsterdam, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Science, UvA), and organises updates and seminars on contemporary developments in Asia.
Board
The IIAS Board is composed of delegates from various Dutch universities and institutes guaranteeing IIAS’ national scope. The Board is responsible for the general management of the institute and ensures that its objectives are achieved. IIAS policy documents, its budgetary and organisational plans and reports are submitted to the Board for approval. Members of the Board are appointed for a four-year period after which they can be re-appointed for another four-year period.

In 2007, Board meetings took place on 15 January, 30 May, 18 October and 6 December.

Board Members
- Prof. Peter van der Veer, Chairman
  Utrecht University College
- Prof. Barend ter Haar
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  Groningen University
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- Prof. Oscar Salemink
  Free University Amsterdam
- Prof. Ivo Smits
  Leiden University
- Prof. Patricia Spyer
  Leiden University

Secretary to the Board
- Prof. Max Sparreboom

Academic Committee
The Board has appointed an Academic Committee of seven members, all delegates from various Dutch universities and institutes and specialized in the field of Asian Studies, who are to advise the Board on the research policy of the institute. The Academic Committee is also concerned with the formulation of the research programmes, the selection of research fellows and the evaluation of scholarly results, and the academic policy of the institute. Members are appointed for an initial period of three years and can be re-appointed for another three-year period.

In 2007, meetings of the Academic Committee took place on 20 March, 6 June, and 20 October.

Members of the Academic Committee
- Dr Gerard Persoon, Chairman
  Leiden University
- Prof. Touraj Atabaki
  Leiden University
- Dr Ellen Bal
  Free University Amsterdam
- Prof. Harm Beukers
  Leiden University
- Prof. Chris Goto-Jones
  Leiden University
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  Groningen University
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  Leiden University

Secretary to the Academic Committee
- Dr Manon Osseweijer
Office staff
The director of IIAS is nominated by the Board and appointed by the Board of Directors of Leiden University. The director is in charge of the day-to-day management and administration of the institute, and is assisted by the coordinator of academic affairs.

Staff members
- Max Sparreboom
  Director, 0.6 fte
- Berry Bock
  Financial (since 31 August 2007)
- Ingrid Grant-Seedorf
  Secretary 0.9 fte (since 2 October 2007)
- Martina van den Haak
  Seminar coordinator, 0.8 fte (since 1 April 2007)
- Manuel Haneveld
  IT Manager, 0.9 fte
- Saskia Jans
  Fellowship coordinator, 0.8 fte (since 1 April 2007)
- Natasja Kershof
  Newsletter Editor, 0.8 fte (until 1 August 2007)
- Jeroen de Kloet
  Coordinator Amsterdam Branch Office, 0.2 fte
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  Secretary 0.9 fte (from 1 January until 1 August 2007)
- Heleen van der Minne
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- Anne-Marie Petit
  Secretary, 0.9 fte (until 3 September 2007)
- Joost Postma
  Database manager, 0.6 fte
- Marloes Rozing
  Seminar Coordinator and Financial Manager, 0.8 fte (until 15 April 2007)
- Josine Stremmelaar
  Executive Manager 1.0 fte
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- Paul van der Velde
  ICAS Secretary and Publications manager 0.4 fte
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  Secretary, 0.9 fte (since 16 July 2007)
- Thomas Voorter
  WWW officer, 0.8 fte
- Anna Yeadell
  Newsletter editor, 0.8 fte (since 5 March 2007)

Staff assigned to research programmes and networks
- Dr Mehdi Parvizi Armineh
  Programme coordinator, EPA: ‘Energy Programme Asia’
  (0.4 fte until 15 April 2007; 0.2 fte since 1 December 2007)
- Melody Lu, MA
  Programme coordinator, ‘Intermediated cross-border marriages in Asia and Europe’
  (0.4 fte until 9 September 2007)
- Dr Ellen Raven
  Editor, ABIA: South and Southeast Asia Art and Archaeology Index
  (0.2 fte)
- Gerda Theuns-de Boer, MA
  Editor, ABIA: South and Southeast Asia Art and Archaeology Index
  (0.3 fte)
The International Institute for Asian Studies has organised its research along research programmes and various types of individual research projects.

The research programmes are jointly funded by IIAS and partner organisations within the Netherlands and abroad. IIAS yearly hosts a large number of individual researchers who are then affiliated for a given period and use their time in Leiden or Amsterdam to carry out their own research projects. Many of these affiliated fellows are financially supported by national and international funding agencies or through agreements of IIAS with international counterparts.

In addition, IIAS appoints professors as part of an agreement with Dutch universities and foreign ministries and funding organisations. These professors are affiliated with IIAS, but teach at Dutch universities to strengthen the existing BA and MA teaching programme in Asian studies.

The IIAS extraordinary chairs were set up to stimulate Asian Studies at Dutch universities at which Asian Studies is not a major focus or to stimulate specific fields of study at universities with a well-established reputation in Asian Studies. Qualified scholars are appointed professor for one day a week at the host university. IIAS provides the funding for the teaching replacement of the scholar at his or her home university. In this section the research programmes are presented, followed by the affiliated fellows (categorised according to their expertise in a certain Asian region) and the IIAS professors.
Research programmes

Socio-genetic Marginalisation in Asia Programme (SMAP)

Programme coordinator:
- Dr Margaret Sleeboom-Faulkner
  Dept. of Anthropology, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK

Funding organisations:
Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
Amsterdam School of Social Science Research (ASSR)
IIAS

Programme outline:
This research programme traces the links between social marginalisation and genetic knowledge in the study of vulnerable minorities, healthcare and population policies, which leads to the following research problems:
1) The lack of universal regulation for genetic sampling by international companies and universities leads to disputable research practices among vulnerable populations;
2) Bioethical differences between healthcare systems are expressed in the different meanings allocated to concepts, such as ‘informed consent’, ‘health’, ‘environmental ethics’, and ‘family values’;
3) The development priorities and practices of genetic screening and testing for congenital diseases in different nation-states have various consequences for the livelihood and identities of diverging social groupings.

A central question of SMAP is, therefore, what are the healthcare needs and interests of different socio-genetic population groups with regard to genetic sampling and genetic testing, and how are they reflected in healthcare policies?

Researchers:
Dr Margaret Sleeboom-Faulkner

Dr Sleeboom-Faulkner has been developing SMAP since 2003. She coordinates the individual research projects to enable comparison regarding the application of the new genetic technologies in the fields of reproductive genetics, genetic sampling, and bio-banking in China, Japan and India. During the five-year programme it should become clear which groups and individuals may be regarded as vulnerable in these fields.

SMAP aims to produce insights that open up possibilities for new insights in the areas of policy-making, regulation or public debate, and will indicate promising areas of future research.

Sleeboom-Faulkner’s own research mainly focuses on bio-banking and genetic counseling in China and Japan.

Lectures/papers
‘Anthropology and bioethical boundaries in China’s stem cell research’, paper presented at the seminar organised by Melissa Leach, STEPS, The Freeman Centre, Sussex University, 19 June 2007.


Dr Jyotsna A. Gupta (0.5 fte, post-doctoral research fellow)

Period: 1 September 2004 – 1 September 2008

Topic: Reproductive Genetics and Counseling in India: Decision-making regarding genetic screening and prenatal diagnosis

Dr Gupta’s research focuses on reproductive genetic technologies (RGTs) and genetic counseling in Delhi and Mumbai in India. She studies how genetic counseling affects the perception of genetic risk. To understand these processes, she conducts participant observation in hospitals and genetic counseling clinics. In her analysis, Gupta uses the categories of gender, religious affiliation, educational attainment and socio-economic status to understand the parental decisions made regarding whether to stop a pregnancy or to carry the embryo to full term. At the same time, she relates her observations in these clinics to state regulation, developments in the field of genetic technologies, national and international bioethical guidelines, and the activities of parent and patient groups.

Lectures/papers


‘Motherhood in the era of markets’, lecture delivered at the All India Democratic Women’s Association, New Delhi, India, 14 February 2007.


Workshop

‘Het zit in je genen! De maatschappelijke aspecten van genetisch onderzoek’, workshop for high school teachers, organised by Dr Jyotsna A. Gupta, Leiden, the Netherlands, 16 November 2007.

Publications


Dr KATO Masae (0.8 fte, post-doctoral research fellow)

Period: 1 April 2005 – 1 April 2008
Dr Kato conducts research into the application of reproductive genetic technologies (RGTs) in Japan and its effects on genetic selection after prenatal diagnosis and during pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD). Her fieldwork focuses on the way parents take decisions about their offspring in genetic counseling sessions, and the way government guidelines, medical institutions, the family and cultural-medical practises affect these decisions. She relates her findings to political and public debates on the socio-cultural value of the embryo, so as to understand processes of validating humans. Dr Kato compares the application of RGTs in Japan with those in the Netherlands, and later extending the comparison to China.

Lectures/papers


‘On SMAP Project: How to see medical practices from socio-cultural perspectives’, lecture delivered at Kinki University, Osaka, Japan, June 2007.

‘Findings of field-research and the purpose of the project SMAP’, lecture delivered at Ochanomizu University, Tokyo, Japan, June 2007.


Publications


Dr Prasanna Patra (1.0 fte, post-doctoral research fellow)


Topic: Emerging issues in genetic sampling and data banking in India: A community-based perspective

Dr Patra conducts comparative research on genetic sampling, screening and bio-banking in India. He studies medical policies on three tribes with high levels of sickle cell anemia, whose socio-economic circumstances differ starkly, and investigates how screening affects the identity and health of the community. In general, Dr Patra researches what happens to genetic data, who does the sampling and under what conditions? Where are the data stored and who has access to them? He aims to make sense of the various behaviours and motives of various interest groups, including academic researchers, pharmaceutical companies, state agencies, sampled communities and NGOs.

Lectures/papers

Patra P.K. and A.K. Kapoor, ‘Bioethical issues in biobanking in India; what we anthropologists need to debate?’, paper presented as a keynote speaker at the National Seminar on Biological Diversity among Indian Tribes – Issues and Management of Health and Environment, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, India, 18-20 December 2007.


‘Informed consent and benefit sharing in genetic research and biobanking in India: an anthropological perspective’, paper was presented at the International Conference for Junior Researchers on Justice, Fairness and Biobanking – Conflicting Concepts? Ethical, legal and social perspectives regarding the claims for personal integrity, social obligation and sharing of benefits, Phillipps-University of Marburg, Germany, 8-14 October 2007.

‘Ethical issues in healthcare research for the marginalized communities in India in the age of genomics’, paper presented at the Master Class on Ethics, disease and care with Professor Arthur Kleinman organised at the International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands, 23 November 2007.

Publications


Jan-Eerik Leppänen (1.0 fte, PhD student)

Stationed at the Amsterdam School of Social Science Research (ASSR)
Period: 1 February 2005 – 1 September 2009

Topic: Ethnic minorities and multiple discourses of benefit-sharing in genetic sampling research among vulnerable ethnic groups of Southwest China

The aim of the research is to understand the role of Chinese ethnic minorities in bio-banking for which they are sampled genetically. This research hopes to gain a better understanding of the effects of the knowledge that genetic sampling (new genetic technology) generates. Apart from finding out how bio-banking activities alter relations between ethnic groups and the state, and what commercial stases are involved, it also aims to understand the social and cultural effects of these activities on the ethnic groups in question. In short, Leppänen explores the cultural politics of commercial and scientific interests in bio-banking activities among ethnic groups in Southwest China.

SUI Suli (1.0 fte, PhD student)
Stationed at the Amsterdam School of Social Science Research (ASSR)

Period: 1 September 2005 – 1 September 2009

Topic: Review of correlative laws and regulations with regard to new genetic technologies in China

Ms Sui conducts comparative research into the regulation of new genetic technologies regarding vulnerable populations. She reviews existing Chinese laws in relation to gender, and ethnic and socio-economic status, after which she will compare similar issues in the context of the regulation of genomics and society in India. Apart from weighing arguments in favour and against the universal regulation of biotechnology, she will offer recommendations on regulations that harm the interests of identified vulnerable populations.

Lectures/papers

Publications
Sui, S., Legal Issues on Imbalance of Sex Ratio in China Chinese Medical Ethics February 2007

Programme outline:
Since the end of the Cold War, state and non-state actors have assigned more significance to economic and resource concerns. Conflicts over the control of global oil and gas become more likely as consumption and imports rise, availability of oil and gas decreases, prices for these commodities increase and environmental conditions deteriorate. Internal conflicts could arise in countries where oil and gas are the main source of income, and where ethnic hostility, economic injustice and political competition add to instability.

Due to the growing energy import of countries such as China and India, but also the European Union and the United States, energy relations will be increasingly politicised. Competition and cooperation among consumer countries for energy supplies are likely to become more intense in the coming decades, while geopolitical events in the Caspian Region and the Gulf will influence developments in the oil and gas sector and policy-making in the consumer countries.

Energy supply security is touched by environmental constraints and technological opportunities. Where pollution creates cross-border tensions, new innovations in alternative and renewable resources, alongside efficiency measures, can reduce energy import dependence.

The objectives of this comparative research programme are to analyse the geopolitical and the domestic aspects of energy security challenges for the European Union (EU) and China, and the impact on energy security policy strategies. The geopolitical aspects involve the effects of competition for access to oil and gas resources and the security of energy supply among the main global consumer countries of the EU and China. The domestic aspects involve domestic energy demand and supply, energy efficiency policies, and the deployment of renewable energy resources.

Dr Mehdi Parvizi Amineh (0.2 fte, post-doctoral researcher/programme coordinator)


Topic: Domestic and Geopolitical Challenges to Energy Security for China and the European Union

Lectures/papers
‘The Comparative Study on Industrialization in the Middle East’, lecture delivered at the Institute of West Asia and African Studies (IWASS) of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing, 22 January 2007, Beijing China.


‘Iraq in Global Politics: Past, Present and Future’, lecture delivered at the University of Amsterdam, organised by the Universitaire Activisten-UvA, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 4 April 2007.


Publications

Mehdi P. Amineh, The Greater Middle East in Global Politics: Social Science Perspective on the Changing Geography of the World Politics (Editor and Contributor), in the special issue of the journal Perspectives on Global Development and Technology 6 (1–3), (2007).


Visiting fellow:
Dr GUO Xuetang
Institute of International Politics, Tongji University, China
Sponsored by NWO
The back of Geopolitics and China-EU Cooperation in Asian Security Affairs
1 February 2007 – 30 April 2007

Programme activities:
15 March 2007
Amsterdam, the Netherlands
China’s Geo-politics in Central Eurasia: Challenges and Opportunities
IIAS Lecture by GUO Xuetang
Venue: International School for Humanities and Social Sciences
Globalisation and transnationalism, although certainly not new phenomena, have become more prominent over the past few decades, resulting in worldwide movements of capital, goods and people. Most studies of these international flows have been framed in the conceptual and material context of the modern nation state. Consciously and unconsciously, most social science takes state territories as its natural units, and we are used to academic specialisations such as the sociology of India or the history of China. This research programme explores the limitations of ‘seeing like a state.’ It adopts a perspective that privileges participants in international activities, leading us to different understandings of processes of transnational movement. It focuses especially on a theme that is rarely highlighted in the study of transnational practices: the interface of legality and illegality. In the absence of a global sovereign authority it is impossible to distinguish, in an objective and timeless way, between the illegal and the legal in flows of people and commodities that cross international borders. What passes for ‘international crime’ is so closely intertwined with the domestic-legal that for analytical purposes ‘criminal’ and ‘not-criminal’ systems form a coherent whole, at times legal, at times illegal. Determining thresholds of distinction between the legal and illegal will always come, in other words, by appeal either to powerful state interests or international social mores rather than by an ability to ‘know’ in some objective fashion where the dividing line between the two lies.

The programme is built around four projects, carried out by four researchers, examining transnational flows across regions of Asia (Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, China, Israel, Dubai), focusing on participants’ identities and notions of (il)legality and (il)licitness:

**Unauthorised mass migration from Bangladesh to India**

This project looks at the changing patterns of legality/licitness in the flows of people and remittances across open borders between India and Bangladesh. The focus is put on networks of poor Bangladeshi migrants in Northeast India, their labour strategies in situations of extreme insecurity, their changing notions of licitness, and the transnational identities they have constructed.

**De-legitimising borderland practices in Pakistan**

The border between Afghanistan and Pakistan is notoriously porous because the borderlands are so-called ‘tribal areas’ where the Pakistani state has delegated much of its authority to ‘tribal’ institutions. This project attempts to look at the interrelation between changing notions of legality and licitness in the tribal areas; the construction of ‘tribal culture’, the changing strategic position of the tribal areas in domestic and international politics; and social transformations undermining traditional leadership and culture.

**Labour migration between China and Israel: Playing the system**

The focus of this project is put on Chinese migrants recruited to work in Israel under legal contracts. Many of these migrants find that their contracts are not adhered to and they are faced with a situation of illegality. While other migrants also seek to transfer to other employers. Our hypothesis is that these Chinese migrants as well as their labour brokers, employers, and the Israeli and Chinese states benefit from maintaining illegal employment. It is the permissiveness of the Israeli labour policy and Chinese official discourse on labour exports that allow this particular combination of the legal, the illegal and the licit to persist in transnational state-sponsored labour migration.
Moving between legal systems: South Indian women as domestic workers in Dubai

Domestic workers who cross national boundaries in search of employment form a category of transnational migrants of special interest in studying (il)legal-(il)licit linkages. South Indian women from Kerala working in Dubai deal with the multiple legal perspectives and normative perceptions. The project focuses on their trajectory from home to work and back, investigating in particular how they move in and out of legality/illegality.

**Supervisors:**
- Prof. Annelies Moors (UvA/ASSR)
- Prof. Mario Rutten (University of Amsterdam/ASSR)
- Dr Praveena Kodoth (Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, India)

**Activities:**
2-5 August 2007
IBL institutional panel at ICAS 5, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

20 September 2007
A special IBL meeting was held in Amsterdam (20/09/2007) were two colleagues from Australia - Michele Ford (University of Sydney) and Lenore Lyons (University of Wollongong) - presented their work and engagement with the IBL theoretical framework in a paper entitled ‘Illegal but Licit: An exploration of the practices of bordering and mobility in Indonesia’s Riau Islands’.

Public lecture series Mensen & Grenzen [People & Borders], organised by ASiA and IIAS and in cooperation with Radio Netherlands Woldwide at De Rode Hoed, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

13 November 2007
‘Immigration as engine?’ by Rima Sabban (Dubai)

11 December 2007
‘The Rumor of Trafficking’ by Dian Wong (Malaysia)

**Paper presentations:**

August 2007

September 2007
‘Livelihoods, Migration and Borders’, paper presented by Malini Sur at Panos South Asia’s conference on Borders and Media in Shillong, Meghalaya. This was conference to orient print and photo journalists to alternative ways of understanding borders and migration in North East India.

September 2007
‘Travel paths, push factors and gendered mobility: narratives of women domestic workers from Kerala to UAE’, paper presented by Bindhulakshmi Pattadath at an international workshop on Female labour migration in globalizing Asia: Translocal/Transnational identities and agencies, jointly organised by Asia Research Institute and Asian Metacentre for Population and Sustainable Development, National University of Singapore.

October 2007
Barak Kalir participated in a public discussion on Immigration and Integration in the Netherlands at the Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation, Amsterdam.

**Publications:**


Trans-Himalayan Languages Database Development: China and the Subcontinent

Programme coordinator:
- Dr Katia Chirkova (IIAS/CNRS, Paris, France)

Funding organisations:
- Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW)
- Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)
- IIAS

Research partners:
- Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology (IEA), CASS, Beijing, China
- Himalayan Languages Project (HLP), Leiden University, Leiden

Programme outline:
The project’s main goal is to combine the database of cognate words of Tibeto-Burman languages, maintained by the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology (IEA), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), since 1998, with language data of Professor van Driem’s Himalayan Languages Project (HLP) in order to create a joint, online database of Tibeto-Burman languages with a mirror-site in Leiden. The database will combine existing data under one unified standard and will enable historical reconstructions and multi-leveled research on Tibeto-Burman. Besides preservation of endangered language data, this database will give balanced and well-documented answers to currently debated questions of historical development, subgrouping and reconstruction within Tibeto-Burman.

The second goal of the project is to continue endangered language documentation already carried out within the HLP of Professor van Driem and by the IEA; and to conduct fieldwork on three languages spoken in China: Shixing (Qiangic language group), Bola (Burman language group) and rGyal-rong (Mkhono dialect, Qiangic). These three languages have been selected because they are severely endangered and not yet sufficiently documented, but also because they constitute important links for historical reconstruction within each respective language branch.

Finally, the current project will serve as basis for the “Trans-Himalayan database development: China and the Subcontinent (Phase II)” that will allow both sides to further expand the database up to 400 Tibeto-Burman languages, to compile descriptive grammars and dictionaries of the languages documented earlier in the project and to train a new generation of Ph.D. students and postdoctoral scholars.

Dr Katia Chirkova

Topic: Documentation of four varieties of Báimá

Lectures/papers:


Publications:
(Monograph with Sun Hongkai) Baimayu yanjiu 《白马语研究》. 2007.

Beijing 北京: Minzu Chubanshe 民族出版社.

Review of Wang Feng, Comparison of languages in contact: The distillation method and the case of Bai. Cahiers de linguistiques, Asie Orientale 36(2).


Catalogue of Sanskrit manuscripts

Programme coordinator:
- Dr Saraju Rath

Advisory Board:
- Prof. Jan Houben
- Dr Dory Heilijgers
- Prof. Max Sparreboom

Funding organisations:
J.Gonda Foundation
IIAS

Programme outline:
In 1929, two crates with 380 manuscript bundles, despatched from India, arrived at the Kern Institute, University of Leiden. The manuscripts were ordered in eleven series, and accompanied by a provisional title-list. This project, which started in January 2004, prepares and compiles a scientific catalogue of the ca. 500 South Indian Sanskrit manuscripts. These manuscripts, written in various ancient Indian scripts such as Grantha, Telugu, Malayalam, Nagari and Nandinagari, are at present accessible only by way of the List of South Indian palm leaf manuscripts (‘t Hart 1992). In the planned catalogue, the description of each separate manuscript or text will include an external description (condition, dimension, script, etc.), a description of contents (title, author, completeness, beginning and end of the Sanskrit text, colophon, summary of contents, etc.) and bibliographical references.

Now that each manuscript is being carefully examined and is being read folio by folio in a cursory manner, it turns out that the total number of texts significantly exceeds the number of the title list. Frequently, a manuscript bundle contains more texts than noted in the list. It is also becoming clear which texts from this collection are not yet published at all and which have been published in an old and rare Indian edition only. Among manuscripts of special value there is one containing the manual of the domestic ritual (prasnas 1-2) of an old Vedic school, Baudhāyana. This text is now available only in an imperfect edition on the basis of very limited manuscript material (Sastri 1920 and re-editions). To the same school belongs Kesavasvāmin’s Prayogasāra on Srauta rituals. This text is so far unedited in spite of its importance noted long ago by Caland and Kashikar. The manuscripts are also of importance for the study of the different scripts used for writing them. The van Manen collection gives an overview of manuscripts which were in use and in demand in South India in the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth century.

Dr Saraju Rath


Topic: Catalogue collection Sanskrit texts

Workshop
19 - 21 April 2007
Production, distribution and collection of Sanskrit manuscripts in Ancient South India
Siebold Huis, Leiden, the Netherlands
(See also page 41)
Intermediated cross-border marriages

Programme coordinator:
- Melody LU Chia-wen, MA

Funding organisation:
IIAS

Research partners:
1. Prof. Yang Wen-shan, Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan
2. Prof. Wang Hong-zen, Director of Graduate School of Sociology, National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaoshiung, Taiwan

Programme outline:
The past ten years witnessed a rapid increase of the intra-Asia flow of the cross-border marriage migration particularly between Southeast Asia and East Asia.

Meanwhile in Europe, the increasing flow of marriage migration within Europe, particularly from Central and Eastern Europe and former Soviet countries, also cause public alarms.

In 2007, a new project related to intermediated cross-border marriages was set up. This project entitled Gender, migration and family in East and Southeast Asia will carry out a comparative study on intra-regional flows of migration in East and Southeast Asia with a focus on gender and family. It aims at studying the linkage between the immigration regimes, transnational families and migrants’ experiences.

Melody LU Chia-wen, MA

Period: 1 February 2006 - 1 September 2009

Topic: Intermediated cross-border marriages

Workshop
21 September 2007
Transnational marriages in Asia and Europe
Leiden, the Netherlands

Lectures/papers
‘Taiwanese daughters-in-law, Chinese whores or the enemy other? Politics of cross-strait marriages in Taiwan’, paper presented at Taiwan Studies Symposium, Leiden, the Netherland, 20 June 2007


‘Where have our women gone? Impacts of population and migration policies on rural families in China’, lecture delivered at the China Seminar, Department of Chinese Studies, Leiden University, the Netherlands, 14 November 2007.

‘Social exclusion and negotiation strategies of marriage migrants in Taiwan’, lecture delivered at the IIAS fellow symposium, Leiden, the Netherlands, 29 November 2007.

Publications
Lu Chia-wen Melody, guest editor, IIAS Newsletter # 45, special issue on Transnational marriages in Asia. October 2007.

The Syntax of the Languages of Southern China

Programme director:
- Dr Rint Sybesma Dept. of Chinese Studies, Leiden University

Main funding organisation:
IIAS

Programme description:
This research programme aims at describing and analysing a number of syntactic phenomena in six languages spoken in Southern China and, consequently, comparing them in order to contribute to deepen our understanding of the phenomenon of human language. The research focus is on classifiers, modifiers and possessors in the nominal domain; on aspectual particles, resultatives and modality in the verbal domain; and on sentence-final particles. The languages involved in the project are Yue, Wu and Mandarin (all Sinitic) as well as the non-Sinitic Zhuang (Kadai/Tai), Miao (Hmong-Mien) and Wa (Mon-Khmer).

Lectures/papers:


Publications


Asia Design

Programme coordinators:
Prof. Chris Goto-Jones (Leiden University)
Dr Manon Osseweijer (IIAS)

Funding organisation:
IIAS

Institutes involved:
IIAS
MEARC
Delft School of Design
Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam

Programme outline:
This new programme consists of various individual research projects related to the broad theme of design in Asia. Graphic design and architectural design & urban planning are the two fields of interest. All projects address the social and cultural aspects of design.

**Graphic design**
In the field of graphic design IIAS has linked up with Asiascape.net. Established in September 2007, Asiascape.net is the home of the Contemporary East Asian Media Centre (CEAMC). It is an attempt to build a new international research coalition in the rapidly emerging fields of cyberculture (New Media, Convergence Culture, Video Games and other related media, such as fan culture) and animanga (Anime and Manga), especially as they relate to (or originate from) East Asia.

It is well known that a large proportion of this type of media emerges from the East Asian region (Japan, China and Korea) and Asiascape seeks to sponsor and organize research into the importance of these media as a series of transformative, cutting edge, transnational global commodities, and/or a series of cultural products that reveal much about East Asia itself. There is a scattered (and growing) group of international researchers working in this field and, in addition to conducting its own original research, Asiascape aims to provide a hub for the organisation and direction of this rapidly emerging field.

Asiascape is based at Leiden University and is funded through the generosity of the Netherlands Organisation of Scientific Research (NWO), Toshiba International Foundation (TIFO) and the Modern East Asia Research Centre (MEARC).

IIAS provides office facilities to visiting researchers in the context of Asiascape and is involved in the organisation of one of Asiascape’s workshops. In addition, IIAS offers financial support to create research time for Asiascape’s coordinator, Chris Goto-Jones.

www.asiascape.net

**Mapping Urban Complexity**
With the Delft School of Design (DSD) IIAS collaborates in the educational-research project entitled ‘Mapping Urban Complexity’. The DSD has organised a series of lectures ‘Friday Views on Mapping’, for which a group of guest speakers presented their views on mapping.

The project is extended to convey academic and educational platforms in several topics related to urban complexity and is translated into the development of a Masters programme and curricula at diverse levels and themes that will be explored in different studios, workshops, lecture series and theoretical seminars.

The central theme is the act of mapping as a cultural activity that reunites important aspects of perception and cognition, as an instrument for the visualization to different needs, and as a means to subjectively constitute space.

Furthermore, the DSD is planning a programme with universities in Singapore, Hong Kong and Tokyo, while it has already established links to Cape Town University and three universities in Mexico City. Where mapping urban complexity in an Asian context is concerned, IIAS has offered to link its networks in Asia by encouraging its partners to invite researchers to stay at IIAS under the conditions of the various agreements for cooperation (MoU). These researchers will have double affiliation, with IIAS and with the DSD.

www.bk.tudelft.nl
www.footprintjournal.org
Planned activities:
Workshop on graphic design in East Asia (2009), Leiden
This workshop will bring together experts on visual culture in Asia and Europe.
Its aim is to develop a research trajectory in the field of East Asian Design, in which academics work together with designers, museums, cultural entrepreneurs and NGO’s.

Workshop on mapping urban complexity in Asia (2009), Delft
This workshop will bring together Asian researchers and their counterparts from the Netherlands. During the workshop academic papers will be presented. Following the workshop a meeting will be held to explore the possibilities for international research cooperation.
Ageing in Asia and Europe

Programme coordinator:
- Prof. Carla Risseeuw (1 November 2007 - 1 January 2010)

Funding organisation:
IIAS

Research partners:
Research network involved:
Réseau de Recherche Internationale sur l’Age, la Citoyenneté et l’Intégration Socio-économique (REIACTIS), Paris, France
European Foundation for Social Quality (EFSQ), The Hague, the Netherlands

Programme outline:
During the 21st century it is projected that there will be more than one billion people aged 60 and over. This will actually reach nearly two billion by 2050, of whom three-quarters will live in the less-developed world. The bulk of the ageing population will reside in Asia. Ageing in Asia is attributable to the marked declines in fertility shown over the last 40 years and the steady increase in life-expectancy. In Western Europe, where the development of ageing populations came at a slower pace and could initially be incorporated into welfare policy provisions, governments are currently aiming to trim and reduce government financed social welfare and health-care, including pensions systems, unleashing substantial public debate and experienced insecurity. Many Asian governments are confronted with comparable challenges and dilemmas, involving both the state and the family, but which need to be addressed within a much shorter time-span. This research programme, in short, sheds light on how both Asian and European nations are reviewing the social contract with their people.

IIAS encourages its partners in Asia to invite researchers to stay at IIAS under the conditions of the various agreements for cooperation (MoU).
In 2007 the ABIA Project, with regional offices in India, Sri Lanka, and The Netherlands, maintained the ABIA Index bibliographical database on South and Southeast Asian art and archaeology. The work of gathering and processing data has been divided on a regional basis, whereas the results are brought together in joint on-line and in-print publications.

Project Leader:
- Dr. Kalyan Kumar Chakravarti (Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi), period 2007-2011
- Project coordinator at IGNCA: Dr. Ramesh C. Gaur
- Project leader Leiden office: Prof. Arlo Griffiths

General editors:
- Dr. K.K. Chakravarti and Prof. S. Settar (Asian publications)
- Dr. Ellen M. Raven (Western publications)

Main offices:
- Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi;
- Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology (PGIAR), University of Kelaniya, Colombo;
- Kern Institute of Indology, Universiteit Leiden and the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), Leiden/Amsterdam;
- Branche officers at Dhaka (Bangladesh), Kathmandu (Nepal), Islamabad (Pakistan)

Financial support:
- Ministry of Human Resources Development, Education and Cultural Affairs, Government of Sri Lanka;
- Presidential Grant, Sri Lanka;
- Central Cultural Fund (CCF), Colombo
- J. Gonda Foundation, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Amsterdam

At the Netherlands office, the two (part-time) ABIA editors, Dr E.M. Raven and Drs G. Theuns-de Boer, cover western academic publications on South and Southeast Asian art and archaeology. Data processed either in Leiden or at offices and branches in Asia are made accessible online via www.abia.net (hosted by the IIAS) and www.abia.lk. In 2007, the internet portal to the ABIA database was stylishly redesigned by Thomas Voorter of IIAS. The ABIA project receives continued financial support from the J. Gonda Foundation of the KNAW in Amsterdam. The ABIA board seeks strongholds in Southeast Asia, in order to be able to cover publications related to archaeological work, research projects and cultural heritage programs in the region.

In February 2007, the ABIA branch office at the International Centre for Study of Bengal Art (ICSBA) in Dhaka hosted the 9th international workshop of the ABIA project. At that occasion the ABIA project members contributed research papers to the International Conference on Bengal Art, held in Bogra. On 14-15 February Ellen Raven offered a training programme on ABIA data collecting and annotating at the ICSBA in Dhaka. Since the 9th workshop, 250 records on western publications were added to the ABIA database in Leiden. The Leiden editors also continued their editing of records on western and non-western publications (from Leiden and Asian offices and branches) earmarked for publication in ABIA Index Volume 3, under the joint editorship of Pieris and Raven. The book is to appear in the series Handbuch der Orientalistik published by Brill, Leiden. This printed volume will contain circa 1700 annotated records, of which circa 600 deal with western publications on the art and archeology of South Asia, as acquired and processed in Leiden.
Islam in Indonesia: The dissemination of religious authority in the twentieth century

Programme coordinator:
Dr Nico J. Kaptein (UL)

Main funding organisation:
Royal Netherlands Academy for Arts and Sciences (KNAW)

Co-sponsors:
ISIM, IIAS, CNWS
PPIM, Centre for the Study of Islam and Society of the Universitas Negeri Syarif Hidayatullah (State Islamic University, UIN), Jakarta

This programme, which started as a 5 year cooperative research programme executed within the framework of the Cultural Agreement between Indonesia and the Netherlands, in January 2001, is still linked to IIAS as a research network.

The research programme aimed at studying and documenting important changes which occurred in Muslim authority in Indonesia during the past century and which have contributed to the shaping of the present nationhood. The programme focused on four areas of religious dissemination in Indonesia, i.e.:

1. The traditional religious authority: ulama and fatwa
2. The mystical associations (tarekat) in urban communities
3. Muslim propagation activities (dakwa) in urban communities
4. Education

Dr Nico J. Kaptein
Programme Coordinator
Islam and state in the Netherlands East Indies: the life and work of Sayyid ‘Uthmân

Panels/workshops organised:
‘Dakwha on the Move: the propagation of the faith from the Netherlands East Indies until present day Indonesia’, panel organised at ICAS 5, Kuala Lumpur, 2 – 5 August 2007, (together with Kees van Dijk).

‘Muslim Youth as Agents of Change’, first international conference within the framework of the Indonesian Young Leaders Programme, 27-29 November 2007, Malang, Indonesia (with Prof. Wim Stokhof, Marise van Amersfoort, MA and Dr. Yahya Umar).

Publications:


Reviews:


Lectures:

‘Sayyid ‘Uthmân and the spread of Islam in the Netherlands East Indies’, ICAS 5, Kuala Lumpur. 2 – 5 August 2007,

PhD supervision:
- Jajat Burhanudin, Islamic knowledge, authority and political power: the ‘ulama in colonial Indonesia, Leiden University, co-promoter together with Prof. C. van Dijk, promoter, defended 30 October 2007.
Affiliated fellows

East Asia

Prof. Willem Boot
Leiden University, the Netherlands
Japanese and Korean Language and Literature
1 September 2006 – 1 September 2009

Prof. Arif Dirlik
University of Oregon, USA
Historical revisionism in 20th century China
1 May – 30 June 2007

Dr Katalin Ferber
Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan
The Legacy of Cameralist Sciences in Japan 1870-1905
1 February – 15 April 2007

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The back of Geopolitics and China-EU Cooperation in Asian Security Affairs
1 February 2007 – 30 April 2007

Prof. HAN Feng
CASS, China
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Security in the Asia-Pacific Region
1 December 2007 – 2 January 2008

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1 September 2006 – 1 September 2007

Dr HUANG Hong-chih
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A study of asset adequacy and retirement financial planning for aging society in Taiwan
1 July – 31 September 2007

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Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
The invisible hand: Modern studies of international relations in Japan, China and Korea
1 December 2007 – 1 July 2008

Dr KO Chyong-Fang
Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
Sponsored by the NSC
Bring Family Back? The impact of cross-border marriages on host societies.
20 August – 20 November 2007

Dr LI Yunbing
Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, CASS, China
Sponsored by CASS and KNAW
Trans-Himalayan database development: China and the Subcontinent
1 July – 31 August 2007

Dr LIU Zhengai
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Historical Memory and Identity: A Historical Anthropology Study of Manzu
20 June – 20 September 2007
Prof. MINOHARA Toshihiro  
Graduate School of Law, Kobe University, Japan  
Path to War: European-Japanese Relations from the Manchurian Incident and SIGINT, 1931-1941  
1 October 2006 – 30 September 2007

Dr David Odo  
Smithsonian Institute, Washington, USA  
Manfred and Hanna Heiting Fellowship, Rijksmuseum Amsterdam  
19th-Century photographs of Japan in the Rijksmuseum collection  
1 November 2006 – 1 May 2007

Prof. SAKAMOTO Hiroko  
Hitotsubashi University, Japan  
Intellectual History and Culture of Cartoons in Modern China: From the Points of View of Multicultural Linkage, Media and Gender  
1 August 2007 – 31 January 2008

Dr Shen Yang  
Beijing University, China  
Marking unaccusatives in Sinitic and its consequences  

Dr Siumi Maria Tam  
Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong  
Engendering Transnational Families: An Ethnographic Study of Nepalese Women in Hong Kong, Nepal and the UK  
6 – 30 September 2007

Dr WU Yongping  
School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University, China  
Sponsored by KNAW  
The Political Economy of Rent Seeking and Economic Privilege in China  
20 June – 20 September 2007

Prof. YU Yake  
Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences, China  
Sponsored by CSC  
Theory and Practice of Regional Integration: A Comparative Study on the Cases of EU and ASEAN  
1 August 2007 – 31 January 2008

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Sponsored by CSC  
Strengthening Asia-Pacific Multilateral Security Cooperation: European Experience  
15 February – 31 December 2007

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Conflict, security and development in the post-Soviet era: toward regional economic cooperation in the Central Asian region  
1 June 2007 – 1 June 2008

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Dr Birgit Abels
Independent researcher, Germany
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Sounds of (Be)longing. Islam, Place and Music in the Philippine Sulu Archipelago: The Bajau.
1 September 2007 – 1 September 2008

Ms Supaporn Ariyasajsiskul, MA
Thailand
PhD fellow sponsored by CNWS
Late Ayutthaya’s foreign Trade Policy: A Study in its regional and international Context with an Emphasis on the Reign of King Boromakot (1733-1758)
1 September 2003 – 1 September 2007

Dr Jet Bakels
Independent researcher, the Netherlands
Researching tribal Traditions in a changing Society
1 March 2006 – 1 March 2007

Dr Greg Bankoff
University of Auckland, New Zealand
Cultures of coping: Community and natural Hazard in the Philippines
1 September 2004 – 31 August 2008

Prof. Robert H. Barnes
University of Oxford, UK
Documentation pertaining to the political History of Nusa Tenggara Timur in the Nationaal Archief and the KITLV
15 March – 15 April 2007

Dr Ruth Barnes
University of Oxford, UK
Early textile collections from Eastern Indonesia in the National Museum of Ethnology, Leiden and photographic Collections from Eastern Indonesia in the KITLV

Dr Mathias Diederich
University of Khartoum, Sudan,
Sponsored by DAAD Foundation
Development of Islamic Political Parties in Post-Soeharto Indonesia
12 July – 10 August 2007

Dr Hans Hägerdal
Department of History, University of Vaxjo, Sweden
Sponsored by the Swedish Vetenskapsrådet
Early modern Timor; The meeting between indigenous Groups and colonial Interests
20 July 2005 – 31 October 2006 and 20 March – 19 April 2007 and ...

Dr Emi Helmiati
UIN Suska Riau, Indonesia
Analytical Study of Intellectual Genealogy and Islamic Thought in the Nineteenth Century Malay Riau
4 August – 4 November 2007

Wouter Hugenholtz
Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies (NIAS), the Netherlands
Land Rent Tax in Java 1812-1920
1 January – 31 December 2007

Dr Marianne Hulsbosch
University of Sydney, Australia
Pointy Shoes and Pith Helmets: Dress and Identity Construction in Ambon from 1850 to 1942
15 August – 15 November 2007

Dr Ritsuko Kikusawa
National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, Japan
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An examination of the genetic affiliation of the Malagasy languages: their internal and external Relationship in the Austronesian language family
1 December 2006 – 30 November 2007

Dr Jennifer Lindsay
Australia National University, Canberra, Australia
Sponsored by NWO; IIAS-KITLV fellow
Performance and Politics in Indonesia
1 September – 30 November 2007

Dr Jean-Louis Margolin
IRSEA/CNRS, Marseille, France
Europe and South/Southeast Asia since the 16th century
30 August – 30 September 2007

Dr Julia Martinez
CAPTRANS, University of Wollongong, Australia
Labour migration from the Netherlands East Indies to northern Australia
Dr Nathan Porath  
Independent researcher  
Sponsored by the USIP  
Islamic Education, Secular Education and Civil Society in South Thailand  
1 March 2007 – 1 September 2008

Prof. Lawrence Andrew Reid  
University of Hawai‘i, USA  
Reconstruction of Southern Cordilleran “Phrase Markers”  
1 December 2006 – 30 November 2006

Dr. Pornsiri Singhapreecha  
The Language Institute, Thammasat University, Thailand  
Sponsored by NWO  
The role and function of classifiers in Chinese, Zhuang and Thai  
1 January 2007 – 1 August 2007

Ms Aranya Siriphon  
Southeast Asian Studies Regional Exchange Program, Thailand  
Sponsored by SEASREP and IIAS  
Cultural Border, Contested Landscape and Hierarchies of Power: Sinicized Tai Migrant Workers along the Burma-Yunnan Frontier in the Labor Trade Context  
1 April – 30 April 2007

Dr David N. Soo  
Independent researcher, the Netherlands  
Globalisation: an Investigation into the emerging Asian Space Industry. A new Force in Space?  
4 October 2002 – 31 December 2007

Dr Chin Yee Whah  
School of Social Sciences, University Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia  
Chinese entrepreneurship in Malaysia  
1 April – 30 June 2007

South Asia

Prof. Arjun Appadurai  
New School University, New York, USA  
Utopias/Dystopias: Modern Desires and Their Discontents  
21 May – 13 June 2007

Dr Sekhar Bandhopadhyay  
University of Wellington, New Zealand  
Meanings of Freedom: Decolonization and Politics of Transition in West Bengal, 1947-1952  
1 October – 21 December 2007

Dr Maarten Bode  
Independent researcher, the Netherlands  
The Politics of Value and the Construction of cultural Commodities: Marketing, buying and criticizing Indian indigenous medical Products, 1980-2000  
1 February – 1 November 2007

Dr Peter Custers  
Independent researcher, the Netherlands  
Religious Tolerance and Intolerance – the Historical Experience of Bangladesh  
22 October 2007 – 22 October 2008

Véronique Degroot  
Independent researcher, the Netherlands  
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Candi, Space and Landscape. A Study of Distribution, Orientation and Spatial Organisation of Central Javanese Temple Remains  
1 January 2007 – 31 December 2007

Prof. Chris Fuller  
London School of Economics, UK  
The Tamil Brahmans: A Traditional Elite in a Global Age  
19 February – 18 March 2007

Dr Alessandro Graheli  
Università ‘La Sapienza’, Rome, Italy  
Sponsored by the Gonda Foundation  
Medieval Bhakti  
1 November 2007 – 1 March 2008

Dr HUANG Cheng-long  
Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China  
Trans-Himalayan database development: China and the Subcontinent  
1 July – 31 August 2007

Dr Igor Kotin  
Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg, Russia  
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Surnamis (Hindustani) and non-resident Indians in the Netherlands  
1 November 2007 – 15 January 2008

Dr Scott Kugle  
Department of Religion, Swarthmore College, USA  
Pilgrimage to pluralism: Religious co-existence in Hyderabad and the Indian Ocean Religion  
1 August 2006 – 1 August 2007
Prof. Ruby Lal
Emory University, USA
Debates on Family and Childhood among the Muslim Nobility in Colonial North India
1 May – 30 June 2007

Prof. LIU Guangkun
Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, CASS, China
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Trans-Himalayan database development: China and the Subcontinent
1 July – 31 August 2007

Dr Alex McKay
Independent researcher, New Zealand
The History of Tibet and the Indian Himalayas
1 October 2000 – 1 May 2008

Dr Dipika Mukherjee
Independent researcher, the Netherlands
Negotiating Languages and Forging Identities: Surinamese-Indian Women in the Netherlands
1 December 2006 – 1 December 2008

Prof. Gyanendra Pandey
Emory University, USA
Mobility, Culture and Social Inequality: global Flows and Local Arenas
1 May – 30 June 2007

Prof. Om Prakash
Delhi School of Economic, University of Delhi, India
Sponsored by the Van den Bergh-Van Heemstede Foundation
The trading world of the Indian Ocean, 1500-1800
15 June – 15 September 2007

Dr Karuna Sharma
Independent researcher, the Netherlands
From Reverence to Devaluation: Women and Labour in Medieval India c. 1200- c. 1800
2 January 2006 – 2 January 2008

Dr Suhnu Ram Sharma
Deccan College, Pune, India
Sponsored by the Gonda Foundation
A Grammar of Manchad Language
1 May – 31 September 2007

Dr Anna Slaczka
Independent researcher, the Netherlands
Sponsored by IIAS three months fellowship
Indian Shaivism and the Religion among the Khmers: the study of mutual Relations during the Angkor Period
1 November 2006 – 30 April 2007

Dr Markus Schleiter
Independent researcher, Germany
Sponsored by IIAS three months fellowship
Governmental development work and its impacts on everyday biomedical treatment of Disease at the Birhor ‘tribe’ in Orissa, India
5 March – 5 June 2007

Prof. SUN Hongkai
Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, CASS, China
Sponsored by CASS and KNAW
Trans-Himalayan database development: China and the Subcontinent
1 July – 31 August 2007

Dr Vincenzo Vergiani
University of Rome ‘La Sapienza’, Italy
Sponsored by the Gonda Foundation
An annotated Translation of the Sādhanasamudde of Bhartrhari, with the commentary Prakirnaprakāśa of Helārāja
1 March – 30 June 2007

Dr WANG Feng
CASS, China
Sponsored by CASS and KNAW
Trans-Himalayan database development: China and the Subcontinent
1 July – 31 August 2007
IIAS Professors in Asian Studies

Prof. CHIU Hei-Yuan
Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
Holder of the European Chair of Chinese Studies
Sponsored by BICER, Taiwan, and IIAS
Religion, Occultism and Social Change in Taiwan
1 September 2007 – 31 August 2007

Prof. KIM Myungshin
Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea
Holder of the Chair on Korean Studies
Sponsored by AKS and IIAS
The correlation of aesthetics and politics; North Korean literature

Prof. Mashudi Kader
School of Humanities, University Sains Malaysia, Malaysia
Holder of the European Chair of Malay Studies
Sponsored by Ministry of Education in Malaysia, Leiden University and IIAS
The morphology and the movements of constituents in the syntax of classical Malay
1 October 2006 – 1 October 2008

Prof. TSAI Yen-Zen
Graduate Institute of Religious Studies, National Chengchi University, Taiwan
Holder of the European Chair in Chinese Studies
Sponsored by BICER, Taiwan, and IIAS
Chinese religion
28 August 2006 – 1 September 2007
IIAS Extraordinary Chairs

Prof. Henk Schulte Nordholt
Royal Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV), Leiden, the Netherlands
Holder of the Extraordinary Chair at the Erasmus University Rotterdam
History of Southeast Asia
1 October 1999 – 1 October 2007

Papers/lectures
‘Bali and regional autonomy’, lecture given at Chatham House London.

Lecture at the Jurusan Sejarah (26 April 2007) and the Jurusan Pemerintahan (27 April 2007), Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia


Workshops/conferences

Publications


‘Clifford Geertz’, Inside Indonesia 89, 2007, p. 34.


Prof. Hein Steinhauer
Department of Southeast Asian Languages and Cultures, Leiden University, the Netherlands
Holder of the Extraordinary Chair at the Radboud University Nijmegen
Ethnoliguistics with a special emphasis on Southeast Asia
1 September 1998 – 1 September 2008

Papers/lectures:


‘La morphologie bizarre du dawanais (Timor occidental)’, lecture presented at Université de Poitiers, 12 October 2007.

Publications:
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Seminars and lectures
26 February - 1 March 2007
6th Asia Europe Young Parliamentarians Meeting
Organised by ASEF/BuZa/Tweede Kamer/IIAS
Sponsored by ASEF/BuZA
Venue: The Hague, Netherlands

21 - 23 March 2007
3rd Asian Space Conference
Convenors: Dr Timo Rolf Bretschneider and Dr David Soo
Organised by Nanyang Technological University, Singapore/IIAS
Venue: Singapore

19 - 21 April 2007
Production, distribution and collection of Sanskrit manuscripts in Ancient South India
Workshop
Convenor: Dr Saraju Rath
Sponsored by J. Gonda Foundation, CNWS, LUF, IIAS
Venue: Leiden University, Netherlands

23 - 25 May 2007
Confucianism among world religions; A dialogue with Tu Weiming
Workshop
Convenor: Prof. Yen-Zen Tsai
Sponsored by Isaac Alfred Ailion Foundation, KNAW, MEARC, CvB, CNWS, IIAS
Venue: Leiden University, Netherlands

22 – 23 June 2007
Caring for the environment: the role of religion and identity in Southeast Asia
Workshop
Convenors: Dr Gerard Persoon and Prof. Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao
Sponsored by CAPAS, CML, IIAS
Venue: Leiden University, the Netherlands

9 – 11 July 2007
5th Urban Language Seminar
Convenors: Dr Marinus van den Berg and Prof. Vincent van Heuven
Sponsored by: NWO, Nanjing University, IIAS
Venue: Leiden University, the Netherlands

12 – 14 July 2007
Masterclass Urban Language Research Methodology
Convenors: Dr Marinus van den Berg and Prof. Vincent van Heuven
Sponsored by: NWO, Nanjing University, IIAS
Venue: Leiden University, the Netherlands

2- 5 August 2007
ICAS 5
Sponsored by Institute of the Malay World and Civilization (ATMA) and Institute of Occidental Studies (IKON), National University of Malaysia
Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

5 – 8 September 2007
2nd NSC-IIAS Conference Public and private old-age security arrangements in Asia and Europe
Convenors: Prof. Carla Risseeuw and Prof. Cheng Li-Chen
Sponsored by: NSC, Taipei Representative Office Brussels, IIAS
Venue: Leiden University, The Hague Campus, The Hague, the Netherlands

21 September 2007
Transnational Marriages in Asia and Europe
Convenor: Melody Lu, MA
Workshop
Venue: Leiden, the Netherlands

16 November 2007
Het zit in je genen! De maatschappelijke aspecten van genetisch onderzoek
SMAP workshop for high school teachers
Convenor: Dr Jyotsna Gupta
Sponsored by: NWO, IIAS
Venue: Leiden University Medical Centre, the Netherlands
22 November 2007
**Reflections on the idioms of distress concept**
Lecture by Prof. Thomas Wenzel (Medical University of Vienna, Austria)
Event within the context of the Cleveringa Programme 2007
Venue: Leiden, the Netherlands

23 November 2007
**Ethics, disease and care**
Masterclass by Prof. Arthur Kleinman (Harvard University, USA)
Event within the context of the Cleveringa Programme 2007
Venue: Leiden, the Netherlands

19 December 2007
**Corruption. How corruption pervades social and political systems and how to cope with it**
DPRN regional expert meeting Southeast Asia & Oceania
Venue: Amsterdam, the Netherlands
19 - 21 April 2007
Leiden, the Netherlands

Production, distribution and collection of Sanskrit manuscripts in Ancient South India

Sponsored by J. Gonda Foundation, CNWS, LUF, IIAS
Convenor: Dr Saraju Rath

This international workshop was organised in connection with the ongoing work on the Johan van Manen collection of South Indian palm leaf manuscripts which is carefully preserved at the Kern Institute, Leiden, since 1929.

The aim of the workshop was threefold:
(1) to study the production, distribution and collection of palm leaf manuscripts from early to modern times;
(2) to get a better picture of the ancient, pre-modern, and recent history of currently available manuscripts of the smaller and larger, public and private collections inside and outside India;
(3) to place the Johan van Manen collection of ca. 400 South Indian palm leaf manuscripts in a larger context.

The introductory lecture of Prof. Christopher Minkowski (Oxford, UK), entitled ‘The Lives of Manuscripts and the Defects of Scribes’, dealt with the information that can be gleaned from the lines which are often found at the end of manuscripts beyond the final colophon in which the scribe gives information about himself and frequently a statement regarding the possible faultiness of the manuscript, a prayer for its protection, etc. After this lecture a total number of 14 speakers, who had been specially invited, contributed with presentations within the above specialised field, covering the detailed data of the old manuscripts belonging to ancient South India.
23 - 25 May 2007
Leiden, the Netherlands

Confucianism among world religions: A dialogue with Tu Weiming

Sponsored by Isaac Alfred Ailion Foundation, KNAW, MEARC, CvB, CNWS, IIAS
Convenor: Prof. Yen-Zen Tsai

Confucianism has played a determinant role in shaping the political ideology, social structure, intellectual outlook, human relationship, and general way of living among Chinese people and in East Asian countries in the past two millennia. With the demise of imperial China, the influence of Confucianism might have dwindled, but its vitality has been continuously present in Chinese society and many parts of the world.

Quite a few civil groups, including religious ones, both in China and Taiwan are enthusiastic about promoting the recitation of Confucian classics with the aim to retrieving what has been fundamental but lost in their cultural and spiritual heritage. Indeed, as a living tradition and with quick growth of its importance, Confucianism has gained a new status in our global context that needs our serious reevaluation.

Sinological studies in Europe has a long tradition, and Confucianism is part of this academic interest. In view of the complexity and new significance of Confucianism, however, it is pertinent to expand the Sinological confines and understand and interpret it along with such world religions as Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. Hence the goal of this workshop was to examine Confucianism in the context of world religions and to explore the religious dimensions of this tradition in its modern transformation from comparative perspective.

Issues discussed included beliefs and rituals in Confucianism, renewed popular interest in reading the Confucian classics, pluralism, modernity/post-modernity, globalization, definition of religion, insider/outsider, etc. To have a better focus and to sharpen overall discussion, Professor Tu Weiming, foremost spokesman for contemporary Confucianism, was invited as the keynote speaker and general respondent.
Asian DNA at the forefront
Public lectures and debates at Leiden University, Leiden, organised within the framework of the research programme Socio-genetic Marginalisation in Asia Programme. Organised by Dr Margaret Sleeboom-Faulkner, Dr Masae Kato and Ms Saskia Jans (IIAS), and sponsored by NWO, ASSR, and IIAS.

18 September 2007
Chinese beliefs on foetal life and implications for social policies
Speaker: Dr Nie-Jing Bao (Bioethics Centre, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand)

2 October 2007
Indian women’s reproductive bodies in the free market of a globalised world
Speaker: Dr Jyotsna Agnihotri Gupta (IIAS/University for Humanistics, Utrecht)

13 November 2007
Comparison of concept of bioethics between the East and the West
Speaker: Prof. Hiraku Takebe (Graduate Programme of Genetic Counselling, Kinki University, Higashiosaka, Japan)

4 December 2007
Chinese DNA. How China uses genome projects to construct Chineseness
Speaker: Dr Wen-Ching Sung (Anthropology, University of Toronto, Canada)

Mensen & Grenzen
Public lecture and debate series in De Rode Hoed, Amsterdam, organised within the framework of the research programme Illegal But Licit.
Moderator: Peter Vermij (science journalist)
Organised by Dr Sikko Visscher (IIAS), Prof. Willem van Schendel in cooperation with Mrs Myrle Tjoeng.
Sponsored by ASiA and IIAS

23 October 2007
De immoraliteit van grenzen: Laveren tussen open grenzen en ‘gated community’
Speaker: Dr Henk van Houtum (Geopolitics and political geography, Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen/Nijmegen Centre for Border Research)

13 November 2007
Fastest growing economy, largest flow of migrant workers. Dubai: How do they manage?
Speaker: Dr Rima Sabban (Sociology, Dubai University College, Dubai)

11 December 2007
The rumour of trafficking. Migration policy in the face of moral panic and migrant agency
Speaker: Dr Diana Wong (Social Science Research Council, SSRC, New York, USA)
During the 21st century, it is projected that there will be more than one billion people aged 60 and over. By 2050, this will actually rise to nearly two billion. It is estimated the bulk of the ageing population will reside in Asia. Ageing in Asia is attributable to the marked declines in fertility over the past 40 years and the steady increase in life-expectancy. In Western Europe, where the development of ageing populations was more slowly paced and initially could be incorporated into welfare policy provisions, Governments are currently aiming to trim and reduce government-financed social welfare and health care, including pension schemes. This has unleashed a substantial public debate and created degrees of financial and social insecurity. Many Asian governments are also confronted with comparable challenges and dilemmas, involving both the state and the family, but which – comparatively – need to be addressed within a much shorter time-span. In other words, both sets of nations are reviewing their social contract with their people.

The convenors had invited researchers to speak on two themes:

a. Policy making, local (commercial) initiatives and self-organisation;

b. Understanding the contextualized meaning of community, family, personhood and sociality.

The conference, with over 20 invited speakers from Asia and Europe, was held at The Hague Campus of Leiden University. The first two days consisted of academic paper presentations, which were opened by key-note address of Prof. Alan Walker (University of Sheffield) and Dr Jean-Philippe Viriot-Durandal (Université de Franche-Comte, France).

On the third day several cases of care of the elderly were presented. Frits Tjadens, senior advisor to Vilans Knowledge Centre for Long—term Care in the Netherlands and Nies van Grondelle (Pharos Centre) discussed the results of research about health and well-being among older Turkish, Moroccan, Suriname and Antillean people and of older people from the Moluccas as specific cases of older refugees.

In the afternoon, an excursion was made to the Chinese-run home for the elderly in Rotterdam (Stichting Welzijnsbehartiging Chinezen in Rotterdam Wah Fook Wui) and the unique initiative of Humanitas senior homes, led by Professor Hans Becker, who gave a lively talk on the aims of his organisation with its ‘extended family approach’. The conference participants were shown around the premises and shared a meal with the residents.
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IIAS fellow lectures in Leiden

23 January 2007  
Is immediate cognition possible? The Buddhist answer  
Speaker: Dr Victoria Lysenko (Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia)

12 February 2007  
The passions of the great leap famine and their transformation  
Speaker: Prof. Stephan Feuchtwang (Anthropology, London School of Economics, London, UK)  
In collaboration with CNWS

20 February 2007  
The Tiananmen incident in the twilight of Mao’s era: A re-evaluation  
Speaker: Dr Warren Sun (Monash University, Melbourne, Australia)

6 March 2007  
An interpretation of the Confucian classics as scripture: The case of ‘classics recitation movement’ in contemporary Taiwan  
Speaker: Prof. Yen-zen Tsai (Cheng-chi University Taiwan/European Chair of Chinese Studies)

26 March 2007  
The invisible link: Creating wealth in Europe and in Japan  
Speaker: Dr Katalin Ferber (Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan)

24 April 2007  
A Combination of Aesthetics and Politics; The Correlation of the Origin of North Korean Government and the Development of North Korean Literature  
Speaker: Dr Myungshin Kim (Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea/Chair of Korean Studies)

1 May 2007  
Letters from Aru Islands. Maluku-Australian perspectives on the Arafura pearl-shell industry in the 1930s  
Speaker: Dr Julia Martinez (History and Politics, University of Wollongong, Australia)

10 May 2007  
The Comoditization of Ayurvedic Medicines: Anthropological Research on the Modernization of Indian Medicine  
Speaker: Dr Maarten Bode (independent researcher)

15 May 2007  
Music life of the scholar-officials in Ming and Quing dynasties  
Speaker: Dr Wang Yi (Institute of History, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China)

29 May 2007  
Sentences expressing three arguments in Betsimisaraka Malagasy  
Speaker: Dr Ritsuko Kikusawa (National Museum of Ethnology, Osaka, Japan)

How to say ‘no’ in Manchad: a study of negative constructions  
Speaker: Prof. Suhnu Ram Sharma (Deccan College, Deemed University, India)

12 June 2007  
The intelligence factor in diplomacy: The failure of the 1941 U.S.-Japan negotiations and the Asia-Pacific war  
Speaker: Prof. Tosh Minohara (Graduate School of Law and Politics, Kobe University, Japan)

29 November 2007  
IIAS Fellow Symposium

Social exclusion and negotiation strategies of marriage migrants in Taiwan  
Speaker: Melody LU Chia Wen (IIAS research fellow)

A Comparative Study on Socio-genetic Marginalisation: Japan in ‘Asia’ in Relation to the ‘West’ as a Reference Group  
Speaker: Dr Masae Kato (IIAS research fellow)

Decolonisation and its Anxieties: Politics of Transition in West Bengal (India), 1947-52.  
Speaker: Dr Sekhar Bandyopadhyay (Victoria University Wellington, New Zealand)

Theology and Aesthetics in Gauḍāya Vaiśnavism  
Speaker: Dr Alessandro Graheli (University of Roma “La Sapienza”, Italy)

The Transformation of Political Elites in Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia, 1924-2007: A Comparative Historical Analysis  
Speaker: Dr Irina Morozova (IIAS affiliated fellow/Alexander von Humboldt fellow, Hamburg, Germany)
Leiden Southeast Asia Seminars
These lectures are co-organised by Leiden University, the Royal Netherlands Institute for Caribbean and Southeast Asian Studies (KITLV), the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern world (ISIM) and IIAS and are held at the KITLV.

20 June 2007
The evolution of Chinese Malaysian entrepreneurship: from British colonial rule to post-NEP policies
Speaker: Dr Chin Yee Whah (Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia)

20 September 2007
Aceh: the shadow economy of insurgency and peace
Speaker: Dr Edward Aspinall (Australian National University, Canberra, Australia)

11 October 2007
From Lombok with affection: Ethnic harmony in Lombok
Speaker: Prof. Tamrin Amal Tomagola (University of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia)

18 October 2007
Issues in Malay postcolonial literature: Before and after independence
Speaker: Prof. Suhaimi Abdul Aziz (Deputy dean of Graduate Studies and research, School of Humanities, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia)

31 October 2007
Mobilising Culture and Tradition for Peace – Reconciliation in the Moluccas
Speaker: Dr Birgit Bräuchler (Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore)

8 November 2007
Festival Politics: Singapore’s 1963 Southeast Asia Cultural Festival
Speaker: Dr Jennifer Lindsay (Southeast Asia Centre, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia)

15 November 2007
Learning from the East Java mudflow: Disaster politics in an un-natural disaster
Speaker: Dr Jim Schiller (Flinders University School of Political and International Studies, Australia)

30 November 2007
From Adat to Pancasila and return: ‘Normal’ secularisation of religion in Indonesia
Speaker: Dr Stephen Headley (Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcités (CNRS, UMR 8582) & Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris, France)
Branch Office Amsterdam/ASiA events

9 January 2007
Amsterdam, the Netherlands
New Forms of Urban Governance: Cases and perspectives from India
Seminar
Convenor: Dr Sikko Visscher

12-13 February 2007
Indonesian Chinese Studies at the Crossroads? Challenges and Prospects; Dutch and Japanese Explorations
Conference organised in cooperation with NIOD and Kyoto University

21 February 2007
Crony Capitalism in Asia
Seminar organised in cooperation with Leiden University
Convenors: Drs. Marleen Dieleman and Dr. Tak-Wing Ngo

28 February 2007
Local Politics in Indonesia
Book Launch and Film
Organised by ASiA and KITLV

7 March 2007
Caste, race and the disappearance of hierarchy
Lecture by Prof. Chris Fuller (London School of Economics)

7 March 2007
Cosmospatriots: On Distant Belongings and Close Encounters

15 March 2007
China’s Geo-politics in Central Eurasia: Challenges and Opportunities
IIAS Lecture by GUO Xuetang (Institute of International Politics, Tongji University)
Venue: International School for Humanities and Social Sciences

2 April 2007
Turkije - China: 1 - 0??
Debate on the second generation and differences in entrepreneurship and political participation between the Chinese and Turkish communities in the Netherlands.
With a performance by stand-up comedian Amar al-Jadouri
Organised by: UvA, IIAS/ASiA i.s.m. CPIPF

11 April 2007
Reinventing the City – Space and Power in Asia and Beyond
Presentations and debate

23 April 2007
Between Tourist Souvenir and Sojourner Memento: Meiji-era photograph albums of Japan
Speaker: Dr David Odo (Manfred and Hanna Heiting Scholar, Rijksmuseum Amsterdam/Smithsonian Institution Washington, USA)

21 May 2007
Making Poverty History? Unequal Development Today
Wertheim lecture by Prof. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary General for Economic Development at the UN
Organised by ASSR and ASiA/IIAS

24 May 2007
Beyond Gender and Sexuality
Research seminar in cooperation with the Mosse Foundation.

24 May 2007
Queer Existence under Global Governance: Or, Is Global Governance Bad for Asian Queers
Mosse lecture by Prof. Josephine Ho (National Central University, Taiwan)

1 June 2007
Book presentation of Prof. Peter Ho with Yan Ting Yuen (filmmaker).
Dat is Chinees voor mij
Convenor: Dr Jeroen de Kloet

13 June 2007
Seminar Anthropology and Activism, with Dr Chayan Vaddhanaphuti of Chiang Mai University
Convenor: Dr Sikko Visscher

14 June 2007
2nd Amsterdam Asia Research Day
Presentations of Amsterdam PhD projects on Asia
Convenor: Dr Sikko Visscher

15 June 2007
Seminar Subaltern Pasts and Subaltern Futures
Seminar with Prof. Gyanendra Pandey
Convenors: Dr Jeroen de Kloet and Michiel Baas

10 July 2007
Symposium Moving Forward - Working Together in Contemporary Dance
Convenors: Dr Jeroen de Kloet and Borneoco

31 August - 1 September 2007
Inaugural European South Asia PhD Seminar
Convenors: Prof. Mario Rutten and Prof. Willem van Schendel

27 September 2007
De andere kant van de medaille
Workshop voor journalisten en wetenschappers in de aanloop naar de Olympische Spelen
Convenor: Frénk van der Linden (NPS, Nieuwe Revu, NRC Handelsblad)
Organised by Amnesty International, IIAS/ASiA and the Nederlandse Vereniging van Journalisten (NVJ)
9 November 2007
**Haunted by Chineseness**
Seminar on transnational Chinese art and dance
In collaboration with the Shen Wei Dance Company
Convenor: Dr Jeroen de Kloet
Organised by IIAS/ASiA, Het Muziektheater and SPUI25

November 2007
**Book launch - Cosmopatriots**
Writer: Dr Jeroen de Kloet

18 December 2007
**Identity and Citizenship in Taiwan during the 1950s:**
An overview of the field
NICAM work-meetings 2007-2008
Speaker: Dr Ann Heylen
Discussant: Dr Tak-wing Ngo (Leiden University)
Venue: NIOD, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Seminars/lectures co-sponsored by IIAS

12 - 16 March 2007
Canton and Nagasaki compared: 1730-1830
Conference organised by Zhongshan University, Guangdong
Venue: Cultural Institute of Macao and Consulate General NL, Guangzhou, China

9 May 2007
Words at play, language at a loss
Speaker: Xu Bing (artist)
Lecture organised by Dr Francesca Dal Lago
Sponsored by The Hulzéwé-Wazniewski Foundation, Department of Chinese Studies (Leiden University), CNWS

4 – 7 June 2007
The Writing of History in 20th Century China: Between Linear Time and the Reproduction on National Consciousness
Workshop organised by Prof. Axel Schneider and Dr Viren Murthy
Venue: Lipsius Building, Leiden

14 June 2007
Lecture Mearc promotion Dick Stegewerns
Convenor: Prof. Ivo Smits
Venue: Leiden

22 – 23 June 2007
Workshop: Rentseeking Politics in China
Convenor: Dr Tak-Wing Ngo
Venue: Leiden

6-8 December 2007
China on Display: Past and Present Practices of Selecting, Exhibiting and Viewing Chinese Visual and Material Culture
International Symposium
Convenor: Dr Francesca Dal Lago (CNWS/Leiden University)
Venue: Leiden
Section 4
Branch Office
Amsterdam
and ASiA
In 2007, the Branch office of the International Institute for Asian Studies has, like in previous years, served as the home for 11 fellows, facilitated research and education and initiated numerous outreach activities. The Amsterdam Branch aims to strengthen its cultural profile, it targets at fellows who work at the intersection of art and academia. The Branch’ interest in critical (postcolonial) theory, cultural studies and media studies is reflected in the alliances established in the cultural field over 2007 for its outreach activities.

Fellows
- Dr Mehdi Amineh, IIAS research fellow, Coordinator of Energy Programme Asia (EPA)
- Prof. Arjun Appadurai, New School University, New York, USA
- Prof. Arif Dirlik, University of Oregon, USA
- Dr Maarten Bode, independent researcher, the Netherlands
- Dr GUO Xetang, Institute of International Politics, Shanghai, China; fellow within the Energy Programme Asia (EPA)
- Prof. Ruby Lal, Emory University, USA
- Dr Irina Morozova, Moscow State University, Russia/Alexander von Humboldt fellow
- Dr David Odo, Smithsonian Institution Washington, USA
- Prof. Gyanendra Pandey, Emory University, USA
- Prof. SAKAMOTO Hiroko, Hitatsubashi University, Japan
- Prof. YU Yake, Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences, China

In collaboration with the platform Asian Studies in Amsterdam (AsiA), the IIAS Branch Office organised a large number of academic and outreach activities.
Asian Studies in Amsterdam (ASiA)

ASiA is a joint endeavour of the University of Amsterdam and the IIAS. Amsterdam has long been a knowledge centre regarding Asia due to colonial links and later flows of goods, money, people and services. Numerous academic programmes and institutes are the direct result of this past. Connecting knowledge demand and supply on Asia in Amsterdam is the central goal of ASiA. ASiA aims to promote and facilitate the study of Asia through academic research and the organising of outreach activities within the Amsterdam region.

Regarding research, ASiA supports existing programmes and also facilitates the formulation and budgetary applications of new initiatives.

Research support goals:
- Supporting academic research programmes that are relevant to the University of Amsterdam.
- Creating and maintaining an inventory of research competencies and programmes.
- Organisation of Asia research seminars with partners from inside and outside the university.
- Strengthening existing networks by stimulating and supporting small-scale internal activities regarding research and its results.
- Supporting researchers who recently received their PhD through short fellowship grants for subsidy applications.
- Initiating and strengthening cooperation with Asian universities and research institutes.

ASiA actively supports the programme Illegal but Licit: Transnational Flows and Permissive Polities in Asia.

In cooperation with the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research (ASSR), ASiA organises the annual Wertheim lecture for the Asia research community of Amsterdam.

Outreach
Stimulating the interest in Asia at various levels through activities aimed at audiences outside the university. Long and short-term alliances will be forged with individuals and institutions who have compatible expertise and goals in the realm of Asia.

The goals are:
- Making an inventory of Asia related activities and possible partners.
- Organizing outreach activities resulting from existing research aimed at extra-academic audiences or addressing the queries of specific knowledge users.
- Organizing benchmark Asia related events for a wide audience.

Networks
ASiA’s role is partly anchored in the effectuation of networks and the creation of synergies resulting in new research and outreach activities. Initiating and entering national and international networks of expertise and platforms of scholarly exchange is a central goal within this network strategy. Twice a year, ASiA organises the Amsterdam Asia Research Day, an opportunity for PhD students and their supervisors to meet and network. Internationally, ASiA is initiating a European PhD network in cooperation with universities in Heidelberg, Lund and Edinburgh. An example of bilateral initiatives is the Zomia research network in cooperation with Yale University.
Section 5
Publications and Information Services
The cooperation with AUP commenced at the end of 2006 was formalized by the signing of a contract, which stipulates the way IIAS and AUP will cooperate in the future. Two editorial boards were nominated. The members for the IIAS Publications Series are: Prasenjit Duara (University of Chicago); Carol Gluck (Columbia University); Christophe Jaffrelot (Centre d’Études et de Recherches Internationales-Sciences-po); Victor T. King (University of Hull); Yuri Sadoi (Meijo University); A.B. Shamsul (Institute of Occidental Studies / Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia); Henk Schulte Nordholt (Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies); Wim Boot (Leiden University).

The members for the ICAS Publications Series are: Jennifer Holdaway (Social Science Research Council); Christopher A Reed (Ohio State Faculty); Anand A. Yang (Director of the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies and Chair of International Studies at the University of Washington); Guobin Yang (Barnard College, Columbia University); Wim Boot (Leiden University).

In 2007, the cooperation resulted in four books. Two were published in the IIAS Publications Series and two in the ICAS Publications Series.

**IIAS Publications Series**

Series Editors: Prof. Max Sparreboom & Dr Paul van der Velde
Publications Officer: Martina van den Haak, MA

*Their Footprints Remain: Biomedical Beginnings Across the Indo-Tibetan Frontier.*
Alex McKay
Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

*Global Indian Diasporas: Exploring Trajectories of Migration and Theory.*
Alex McKay
Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

*Within Brill’s Tibetan Studies Library, IIAS financially supported the publication of:*

**ICAS Publications Series**

Series Editor: Dr Paul van der Velde
Publications Officer: Martina van den Haak, MA

*Dieleman, Marleen*
*Rhythm of Strategy: A Corporate Biography of the Salim Group of Indonesia.* Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

*Wong, Sam*
Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

The books of Marleen Dieleman and Sam Wong were launched on 4 August 2007 during ICAS 5 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**Other publications**

IIAS was also involved in the publication of a number of volumes with other publishers:

*Amineh, Mehdi Parvizi*
*The Greater Middle East in Global Politics Social Science Perspectives on the Changing Geography of the World Politics.* Leiden, Boston: Brill Academic Publishing

*Bal, Ellen*
*They Ask If We Eat Frogs: Garo Ethnicity in Bangladesh.*
Singapore: ISEAS Press.

*Joseph, Rabba*
*Languages of the Greater Himalayan Region, Volume 1.*
Leiden, Boston: Brill Academic Publishing

*Plaisier, Heleen*
*A Grammar of Lepcha, Languages of the Greater Himalayan Region, Volume 5.*
Leiden, Boston: Brill Academic Publishing
The IIAS Newsletter bridges the institute with the community of Asia scholars and the interested public worldwide. In 2007, the 48-page broadsheet was distributed, free of charge, to an average of 26,000 individuals and institutes in 78 countries, making it the largest-circulation publication in the field. The newsletter can also be read online.

Keeping with the eclecticism of past issues, newsletters in 2007 contained commentary and opinion, short research essays, book reviews, poetry, cartoons and photography, as well as coverage of IIAS-organised events, research programs, publications and new initiatives. The majority of authors were associated to IIAS as fellows, through research networks, or via IIAS-sponsored workshops and conferences.

Each issue featured a collection of articles on a theme, coordinated by a guest editor:

Comparative Intellectual Histories of Early Modern Asia (Sheldon Pollock, #43);
Asia’s Colonial Photographies (David Odo, #44);
Transnational Marriage in Asia (Melody Lu, #45)

Numerous authors were approached by commercial and/or academic publishers.
As the gulf between specialist knowledge and public discourse grows wider, we hope the IIAS Newsletter becomes a thought-provoking instance of science-journalism for Asian studies.
The IIAS website (www.iias.nl) had an average of 9,270 page views per day over the year 2007 (total of 3,382,440 page views in 2007). The website contains information about the institute, its research activities, fellowships, publications, database and network activities, as well as an online version of the IIAS Newsletter.

IIAS also hosts, designs and maintains the website of, among others:
- the European Alliance for Asian Studies (www.asia-alliance.org)
- the Secretariat of the International Convention of Asia Scholars (www.icasssecretariat.org)
- the European Conference on Agriculture and Rural Development in China (www.ecardc.org)
- ABIA South and Southeast Asian Art and Archaeology (www.abia.net)
- the Himalayan Languages Project (www.iias.nl/himalaya)
- Asian Studies in Amsterdam (www.iias.nl/asia)
- the International Conference on Austroasiatic Linguistics (www.iias.nl/icaal)
- the European Association for South Asian Studies (www.easas.org)
- Asian Borderlands Research Network (http://www.asianborderlands.net)

The IIAS Network portal (www.iias.nl/portal) is an open database of international events, job opportunities, and weblinks in the field of Asia Studies. Any visitor can post relevant Asia-related information to this database.

In 2007, IIAS started New Asia Books: http://www.newasiabooks.org. This site is an indispensible tool for identifying, bookmarking, evaluating and purchasing new publications. It provides up-to-date listings of all recent and new academic English language books on Asia as well as reviews, comments, and debates on new publications. Visitors can take advantage of the personalised features of this site - such as bookmarking and alerting services - and do not have to pay for registration.

IIAS has continued to work with Selligent as the supplier for its Customer Relation Management (CRM) system. Staff members have received additional training to work with the system as efficiently as possible. In the coming years, the CRM system will act as the institutes’ memory.
Section 6
National and International Cooperation
University of Amsterdam

Since 1997 IIAS has a Branch Office in Amsterdam, strongly supported by the University of Amsterdam, which provides international researchers with office facilities.

The platform Asian Studies in Amsterdam (ASiA) is a joint endeavour of the University of Amsterdam and IIAS. ASiA provides an added value within the University of Amsterdam by intensive collaboration with the research school ASSR (Amsterdam School of Social Science Research). ASiA stimulates and facilitates the process of formulating research proposals in the field of Asian studies, which are academically and institutionally embedded in the ASSR. ASiA supports where the external funding (derde geldstroom) and the regular financial means of the ASSR end. The strive for excellence within the research groups is stimulated by not only selecting research themes on the basis of academic demand but also on performance and impact. The organisation of outreach activities related to these research projects strengthens the research profile of the University of Amsterdam and the ASSR and brings the acquired knowledge to the notice of a broader public.

The ASSR is also the research school where the two PhD students within the Socio-genetic Marginalisation in Asia Programme (SMAP; see pages 14-17) are trained and supervised.

Leiden University

Apart from being based in Leiden and hosted and facilitated by Leiden University, IIAS is directly involved in cooperation with the various University departments that are involved in Asian Studies, at the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Law, and the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Some of the members of the IIAS Board and IIAS Academic Committee are appointed at Leiden University; many of IIAS’ counterparts for fellows as well as convenors of workshops and other academic events are colleagues from the departments of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, South Asian and Southeast Asian Studies.

Extraordinary chairs and IIAS professors in Asian Studies

IIAS established extraordinary chairs at Erasmus University in Rotterdam and the Radboud University in Nijmegen, thus filling blank spots in Dutch university curricula in Asian Studies. In Rotterdam, until 1 October 2007 the chair held the position to teach in ‘History of Southeast Asia’; as of 1 May 2008, the new chair will focus on the ‘History of Asia’. In Nijmegen, the teaching commitment is described as ‘Ethnolinguistics with a special emphasis on Southeast Asia’ (see also page 36).

At the same time, together with its Asian partners IIAS has initiated international IIAS professorships through Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with Asian partners. The idea is to bring Asian professors to Leiden and Amsterdam to teach, carry out research, and organize seminars in the Netherlands. In addition, the international professors will visit our partner institutes of the European Alliance for Asian Studies. The international IIAS professor, minimally at an assistant professor level, is nominated by the sending institute/country and selected by a joint selection committee. The duration of the professorship’s term is six months to two years and is co-financed by the home country/institute. This is another way in which IIAS strengthens Asian Studies in the Netherlands (see also page35).
The European Alliance for Asian Studies (Asia Alliance)

The European Alliance for Asian Studies (Asia Alliance) is a co-operative framework of European institutes specializing in Asian Studies. The aim of the Asia Alliance, established in 1997, is to contribute to bringing together the fragmented forces in Europe on Asian Studies. It aims to establish scholarly excellence in central areas of research and expertise on Asia, to benefit each institute’s national research environments and the European community at large. In the new world order that has emerged during the past decade, Asia has become an important global partner for Europe. A more profound mutual understanding between the two continents is essential. Existing expertise on Asia in Europe has to be improved and optimized to meet Europe’s as well as Asia’s needs. In Europe, the required restructuring of Asian Studies can be achieved by combining the individual strengths and endeavours of the various existing institutes of Asian Studies. The Asia Alliance’s open structure enables other European institutes to join.

The Asia Alliance includes the following members:

**Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS)**
NIAS is a research institute focusing on political, economic, business, cultural, and social transformations in modern Asia in their wider context and in a historical perspective. NIAS has a special mandate to stimulate the development of Asian studies in the Nordic region. NIAS works in partnership with the University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen Business School, Lund University and the Nordic NIAS Council.
Director: Dr Jørgen Delman

**German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)**
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ias@giga-hamburg.de
www.giga-hamburg.de/ias

**European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS)**
EIAS, founded in 1989, is a Brussels-based policy and research think-tank supported by the European Union (EU), which aims to promote understanding and co-operation between the EU and Asia.
Interim director: Dr Dick Gupwell

**German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)**
The Institute of Asian Studies (IAS), now part of GIGA, was founded in 1956 on the initiative of the German Parliament and the German Foreign Ministry. It has been assigned the task to study political, economic, and social developments in Asian countries.
Director: Dr Patrick Köllner
Centre for International Studies and Research (CERI)

Centre for International Studies and Research (CERI) is the largest of eight dedicated research centres of Sciences Po, the foremost teaching and research institution in the social sciences in France. Since its creation in 1952, CERI has developed research in international relations and comparative politics; it has made Asia central to its entire comparative intellectual agenda.

Director: Dr. Christophe Jaffrelot

Centre for East Asian Studies (CEAO)

The Centro de Estudios de Asia Oriental (CEAO, Centre for East Asian Studies) was established in 1992 at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), one of the most prestigious Spanish public universities. The Centre’s main aim is to promote research on East Asian Studies and co-operation with Asian scholars in all the academic areas.

Director: Prof. Taciana Fisac

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)

The School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) is the only higher education institution in the UK specialising in the study of Asia, Africa and the Near and Middle East. Founded in 1916, the School is part of the federal University of London. SOAS offers a full range of social science and humanities degree programmes, as well as languages and cultures, all with a distinctive regional focus.

Director: Prof. Colin Bundy

Swedish School of Advanced Asia-Pacific Studies (SSAAPS)

The Swedish School of Advanced Asia-Pacific Studies, set up as a result of Sweden’s Asia policy of 1999, is an academic support programme, research school and research academy with links to all major Swedish universities. SSAAPS promotes research at the international frontline.

Director: Prof. Thommy Svensson

Secretariat

The Alliance’s secretariat is run by IIAS, which organises meetings and takes care of publicity, the Alliance website and financial matters. In addition, IIAS has the task of exploring the possible participation of new partners. IIAS is also involved in the co-organisation of many of the activities that take place under the flag of the Alliance. It hosts the ASEF-Alliance Annual Asia-Europe Workshop Series.

The Alliance is not intended to merge the respective institutes, but to step up the momentum and interaction that has been growing between them and to provide a framework within which greater co-operation can occur.

Meetings & workshops

In 2007, the Alliance members had a meeting on 30 October in Leiden.

For more information, please visit www.asia-alliance.org
The Annual Asia-Europe Workshop Series

The Asia-Europe Workshop Series, sponsored by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and the European Alliance for Asian Studies, continues to stimulate innovative research on Asia-Europe relations and to strengthen existing links between scholars and institutions. Our call for proposals for the series of 2007/2008 encouraged researchers to submit proposals for workshops on contemporary topics of interregional and multilateral importance to both Asia and Europe.

On 19 April 2007, an international committee assessed all proposals and selected six proposals. The selected workshops, of which one took place in 2007 and the others will be organised in 2008, are listed below.

28-30 November 2007, Kyoto, Japan
Transboundary Environmental Management in Asia and Europe
Convenors: Gerard Persoon (Institute of Environmental Studies, Leiden University, the Netherlands) and Tanaka Koji (Center for Integrated Area Studies, Kyoto University, Japan)

7-9 January 2008, Bangi, Malaysia
Now you see them, now you don’t. Defining irregular migrants in Europe and Asia and the immigration measures applied to them
Convenors: Blanca Garces (University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands) and Shamsul Amri Baharuddin (University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia)

28 February – 1 March 2008, Singapore
Gatekeepers in a Digital Asian-European Media Landscape: The rising structural power of internet search engines
Convenors: Ang Peng Hwa (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) and Marcel Machill (University of Leipzig, Germany)

8-12 April 2008, Peniche, Portugal
From Ming dynasty Chinese naval gigantism to universal physics in a seaway. Structural analysis of ancient wooden ships in Asia and Europe.
Convenors: Jean-Yves Blot (Portuguese Institute of Archaeology, Portugal) and Ana Vongkh (Wuhan University of technology, China)

30 May-1 June 2008, Konstanz, Germany
Value of Children and Intergenerational Relations: European and Asian perspectives
Convenors: Isabelle Albert (University of Konstanz, Germany) and Gang Zheng (Chinese Academy of Sciences, China)

October 2008, Quezon, Philippines
Towards the Development of Teaching Program for Higher Education in Environmental Governance
Convenors: Ebinezer Florano (University of the Philippines, Quezon City, the Philippines) and Jona Razzaque (University of the West of England, UK)
International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS)

The International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) has established itself as one of the largest biennial gatherings for Asia Scholars to meet and discuss new developments in their fields. Conventions were held in Leiden (1998), Berlin (2001), Singapore (2003), Shanghai (2005), and Kuala Lumpur (2007), drawing an average of 1,200 participants from over 50 countries. The ICAS Secretariat is hosted by IIAS. Its main task is safeguarding the continuity of the ICAS process.

ICAS at Ten

While the first ICAS was held in 1998, preparations for this first edition started in 1997. After ten years, ICAS has brought more than 5,000 academics from 60 countries together at five conventions where four thousand papers were presented in more than a thousand panels. Behind these figures lies a world of multiple interactions across borders and disciplines, which has resulted in new long term international research partnerships.

Frank Conlon of H-Asia coined ICAS as follows: ‘This initiative of promoting “Asian Studies in Asia” has provided (along with earlier meetings in Leiden and Berlin) a dynamic new venue in which scholars in Asia and of Asia can meet for intellectual exchange.’

Sharing a future in Asia

From 2-5 August 2007, ICAS 5 took place in the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. It was hosted (under the aegis of the ICAS Secretariat) by the Institute of Occidental Studies and the Institute of the Malay World and Civilisation, both based at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. The local host picked ‘Sharing a future in Asia’ as its overarching theme, alluding to Asia’s brisk progress.

The opening address was held by Deputy Prime Minister Dato’seri Njib Tun Razak on 2 August and the keynote speeches were delivered on 3 August by Gananath Obeyesekere, Professor of anthropology at Princeton University and Dato’ Dr Abdul Rahman Embong, President of the Malaysian Social Science Association.

Lively debates and discussions took place in more than 300 panels in 22 concurrent sessions during ICAS 5. The local organizer, Professor Shamsul AB dubbed ICAS as the ‘Olympics of Asian Studies’. The majority of the nearly 1,500 participants were from the social sciences and humanities originating from over 50 countries. Interestingly, the interdisciplinary and interregional nature of the convention has drawn an increasing number of natural scientists. This is an important development for ICAS, as we can only start working towards solutions for global problems by transcending borders and widening our focus.

ICAS Book Prize 2007

Established in 2004, this global competition aims to create an international focus for publications on Asia while at the same time increasing the visibility for Asia studies worldwide. All scientific books pertaining to Asia and published in 2005 and 2006 were eligible.

The Reading Committee reviewed 80 books and 10 dissertations. The members of the Reading Committee were:

- Anand Yang (Chair, director Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, Seattle and past President of the AAS);
- Jennifer Holdaway (Program Director Social Science Research Council, New York) Christopher Reed (associate Professor Department of History of The Ohio State University and winner of the IBP Humanities 2004);
- Guobin Yang (Associate Professor, Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Bernard College, Columbia University)
- Paul van der velde (Secretary ICAS and Secretary IBP Reading Committee 2007).

The prizes were awarded on the 2nd August 2007 by Deputy Prime Minister Dato’seri Njib Tun Razak, during the ICAS dinner. Four prizes were awarded:

The Prize for the best study in the field of the humanities went to Madeline Zelin for *The Merchants of Zigong* (Columbia University Press 2006).

The Prize for the best study in the field of the Social Sciences went to Pei-Chia Lan for her study *Global Cinderellas. Migrant Domestics and Newly Rich Employers in Taiwan* (Duke University Press 2006). Both recipients received 2500 euro.
For the first time the Colleagues Choice Award was awarded. Nordin Hussein received the prize for his *Trade and Society in the Straits of Melaka: Dutch Melaka and English Penang, 1780-1830*.

As best dissertation in the field of Asia studies was chosen Karen Laura Thornber’s *Negotiating and Reconfiguring Japan and Japanese Literature in Polyintertextual East Asian Contact Zones: Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan*.

**ICAS Publication Series**

In 2007, contracts with Amsterdam University Press were finalised for the publication of the ICAS Publication Series. Within the Monograph Series two volumes were published, which were both launched on 4 August 2007 during ICAS 5 in Kuala Lumpur:

The reworked version of the dissertation of the prize winner ‘best dissertation’ of the ICAS Book Prize 2005 Sam Wong was published under the title: *Exploring Unseen Social Capital in Community Participation. Everyday Lives of Poor Mainland Chinese Migrants in Hong Kong*.

Marleen Dieleman’s book is entitled *Rhythm of Strategy: A Corporate Biography of the Salim Group of Indonesia*.

In 2008 and 2009, eight edited volumes will be published which are based on selected contributions to ICAS 4 and 5.

**ICAS 6 Daejeon, South Korea, 6-9 August 2009**

The next torch-bearer is Chungnam National University (CNU) and its Centre for Asian Regional Studies (CARS) in Daejeon Metropolitan City in South Korea. Daejeon boasts more than one hundred institutes focussing on a wide variety of applied sciences. Daejeon is the capital of science in the heart of the Korean peninsula. It is a major communication and transportation hub with a one-hour bullet train link to the international airport near Seoul. Daejeon merges its long history of culture and tradition with leading research in science and technology. The intriguing intersection of natural and human sciences has been a decisive factor in why Daejeon was chosen above two other cities in Korea to be the next venue for ICAS.
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List of Abbreviations

AAS Association for Asian Studies
ABIA South and Southeast Asian Art and Archaeology Index
AKS Association for Korean Studies
ASEF Asia-Europe Foundation (Singapore)
ASEM Asia-Europe Meeting
ASIA Asian Studies in Amsterdam (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
ASSR Amsterdam School of Social Science Research (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
BICER Bureau of International Cultural and Educational Relations (Taiwan)
BuZA Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken/Ministry of Foreign Affairs
CASS Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing, China)
CCF Central Cultural Fund (Colombo, Sri Lanka)
CEAO Centro de Estudios de Asia Oriental (Madrid, Spain)
CERI Centre for International Studies and Research (Paris, France)
CML Centrum voor Milieuwetenschappen / Institute of Environmental Sciences (Leiden, the Netherlands)
CNRS Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (Paris, France)
CNWS Research School for Asian, African and Amerindian Studies (Leiden, the Netherlands)
CRLAO Centre de Recherches Linguistiques sur l'Asie Orientale (Paris, France)
EACS European Association for Chinese Studies
EASAS European Association for South Asian Studies
EIAS European Institute for Asian Studies (Brussels, Belgium)
EPA Energy Programme Asia (Leiden, the Netherlands)
ESCAS European Society for Central Asian Studies
EU European Union
GIGA German Institute of Global and Area studies (Hamburg, Germany)
GISTDA Geo-Informatics and Space Technology Development Agency (Thailand)
ICAS International Convention of Asia Scholars
IGNCA Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (New Delhi, India)
IIAS International Institute for Asian Studies
IISH International Institute for Social History (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
ISEAS Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore)
ISIM International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (Leiden, the Netherlands)
KITLV Royal Netherlands Institute for Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (Leiden, the Netherlands)
KNAW Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
LUF Leiden University Fund (Leiden, the Netherlands)
MPI Max Planck Institute
NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
NIAS Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (Copenhagen, Denmark)
NIOD Netherlands Institute for War Documentation (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
NSC National Science Council (Taiwan)
NU Nahdatul Ulama
NUS National University of Singapore (Singapore)
NWO Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (The Hague, the Netherlands)
PGIAR Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology (University of Kelaniya, Colombo, Sri Lanka)
PPIM Pusat Pengkajian Islam dan Masyarakat
SMAP Socio-genetic Marginalization in Asia Programme
SOAS School of Oriental and African Studies (London, United Kingdom)
SSAAPS Swedish School for Advanced Asia Pacific Studies (Stockholm, Sweden)
UIN State Islamic University (Jakarta, Indonesia)
UU Utrecht University (Utrecht, the Netherlands)
UvA University of Amsterdam (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
VU Vrije Universiteit (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
WOTRO Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research (The Hague, the Netherlands)