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Director's Welcome...

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2009 June edition of the ICG Bulletin.

Over the past two months the Institute's ongoing seminar series continued to attract growing numbers of our Deakin colleagues. The most recent seminar 'An Empirical World of Asia Cosmopolitanism' was co-presented by Prof Baogang He and Dr Kevin Brown, addressed the complex issue of cosmopolitanism in a number of Asian societies. As this seminar shows, questions of political culture, value orientations and global interconnectedness remain at the heart of our deliberations on how best to understand and account for various emerging manifestations of political tendencies and ethical orientations. The ICG will continue to hold these seminars and other thematically focussed workshops throughout the year and we look forward to your involvement in these.

The big signature event to be organised by the ICG in November 2009 is our upcoming International conference on '[Migration, Citizenship and Intercultural Relations](#)'. More details about this are available in this bulletin (page 7). But we are pleased to announce that the Conference has attracted a number of prominent researchers from Australia and overseas who will share with us their latest research on the key questions outlined in the conference call for papers.

Emeritus Professor Riaz Hassan and **Professor Michael Humphrey** are among the confirmed speakers whilst others such as Oxford's **Professor Stephen Castles** and former Deakin, NUS and Cambridge sociology chair **Professor Bryan Tuner** have also given initial indication to attend and present. The conference has also received sponsorship funding from the Australian Research Council Asia Pacific Futures Research Network - Islam node and has already attracted a number of interesting proposals by prospective national and international speakers. We do hope that many of our Deakin colleagues will also present at the Conference and make the most of this unique opportunity to exchange ideas and build research networks.

Details of all ICG Events including seminars, symposiums, workshops and conferences are available on our website. <http://www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/icg/events/index.php>

Please forward your suggestions and contributions to citglob@deakin.edu.au.

Regards,

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To India, in search of water...



In early June I undertook a nine day trip to the south of India to research a chapter for my forthcoming (co-authored) book *Plastic Water: The social and material life of bottled water* (MIT Press). Traveling with Chippy Sunil, who wore her research assistant hat for the trip, we visited several areas in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, in what proved to be an extraordinary experience of tracking the ebb and flow of water debates in these regions. The book will take a global look at the rise of bottled water as a widely marketed and consumed source of drinking water, and the politics of water provision and access at play in these burgeoning markets. India offers a particular set of circumstances for this study: insufficient public infrastructure, endemic water pollution, and a massive population differentiate Indian water politics from those of Australia, or elsewhere in the 'Global North'.

Bottled, or containerised water, has come to fulfil a very particular function when publically available water is untrustworthy or even absent. Unlike Australia, however, the cost of bottled water makes it prohibitive to many in India. The raft of local activist movements that these inequities and resulting conflicts have generated in this country, situate water as one of its most visible political issues. And yet what a water rights activist may identify as a concern fundamental to life in its most basic terms, a middle-class Indian going about their daily life may simply register as a pragmatic point – that if safe water isn't provided from the tap, then they have to buy it. Through the research it became evident that there are no homogenic 'water politics' in India, but a myriad of relations to and meanings of water provision and access, from daily domestic routines to trans-national politics. Sometimes the bottle is present in these practices, networks and disputes, sometimes it is absent, but guided by our hunt for the bottle, Chippy and I encountered a wide range of water realities, gathered a large amount of material, and were on several occasions drenched by rain in a country that, according to many, is increasingly in the grip of a severe water crisis.

By Dr Emily Potter

Thai-Australian exchange

Continuing from the previous Thai Burma Railway field study in March, a return visit to Australia by Thai staff and students from Chulalongkorn University was undertaken in April. Conducted by staff and students from Deakin University Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies, and Prof Joan Beaumont, Director, Faculty of Arts, Australian National University, visitors were introduced to the specific traditions and cultural values surrounding the Anzac mythology. Field trips included the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, the site of the former Prisoner of War camp in Cowra, and Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance, Victoria Barracks and the Dawn Service on Anzac Day. Staff and students from both universities are currently drafting chapters for a book on cross-cultural interpretations of the railway.



Book Launch



Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific hosted the Australian launch of the 'Key Issues in Cultural Heritage' Series, at Abbotsford Convent on Tuesday 28 April. The first two volumes in the series *Places of Pain and Shame: Dealing with 'Difficult' Heritage* (edited by Prof William Logan and Dr Keir Reeves), and *Intangible Heritage* (edited by Laurajane Smith and Natsuko Akagawa) were officially launched by Prof Jennifer Radbourne, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Education.

The series is an outcome of an Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Grant project, while many of the contributors and editors are closely associated with the Faculty of Arts and Education and CHCAP.



Grants & Achievements:

[Professor Fethi Mansouri](#) has been successful in the Faculty's 2009 round of funding. He is the recipient of Faculty Emerging Research Grant application titled Migration and Intercultural Research Group (MIRG) (\$10,000)

[A/Prof Andrea Witcomb](#), [A/ Prof. Michele Langfield](#) and [Dr Linda Young](#) joined forces with the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) to tender for a 'Survey of Migrant Heritage Places and Objects' for Heritage Victoria. If successful, the team will be authoring a thematic essay on the history of migration to Victoria 1945-2007, undertaking a pilot case study for the identification of heritage places and objects related to this history as well as a number of heritage assessments for particular sites with potential state heritage significance.

[Professor Sue Kenny](#) and [Dr. Phil Connors](#) have been appointed research consultants to the Surf Coast Shire for research into Transport Needs in the Shire. The research aims to ascertain the viability of a public transport route that takes in Moriac, Anglesea and Torquay. Community studies have identified a need for more public transport access in the area and the findings from this research will be used as the part of the process to access funds from the Department of Transport to undertake a trial of the proposed bus route. The research is being conducted on behalf of Surf Coast Shire and Transport Connections Victoria.

[Dr Nina Weerakkody](#), Awarded a Faculty of Arts & Education Teaching and Learning Research Grant 2009- \$5000 for the project 'The causes and effects of the cultural divide: Teaching and learning of international students in a multicultural classroom.' The project focuses on intercultural communication and the key features of anxiety, adaptability, and intercultural communication competence, drawing on current research on effective programs that develop intercultural skills, and training for staff and students.

[Dr Ismet Fanany](#), [Prof. Sue Kenny](#) and [Dr Michelle Miller](#) submitted 'Strengthening Local Autonomy in Indonesia through Capacity Building and Community Development', Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Project, Application for funding commencing 2010.

[Dr Joost Coté](#) is joint team leader in a successful application to The Australia-Netherlands Research Collaboration workshops funding program to fund an international three-day workshop to be held in Surabaya in January 2010. The workshop will be lead jointly by team leaders Dr J. Coté (Australia), Dr Freek Colombijn, (Vrij Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands) and Mr Purnawan Basundoro, (Head Dept. of History, Universitas Airlangga, Surabaya). The workshop will be held at Universitas Airlangga, Surabaya, Indonesia, and is entitled: An anthropological-historical enquiry into the state, social inequality, and urban space.

[Assoc. Professor Matthew Clarke](#) (with Dr Heather Wallace, Deakin University, Dr Mike Leach, Swinbourne - first-named Chief Investigator, and Dr Simon Feeny, RMIT University), AusAID's Australian Development Research Awards Scheme: Understanding Attitudes to National Identity in Melanesia, 1 June, 2009 to 30 October, 2010 (\$153,025). This research will develop and implement a survey of popular attitudes to nation and national identity in four Melanesian states (Solomon Islands, PNG, Vanuatu, and East Timor). It will achieve this by conducting a medium scale survey of tertiary students (n=300+ in each target country) in the respective national capitals. The data generated will improve understandings of regional, ethnic, intergenerational and linguistic faultlines in the region. The premise of this research is that a better understanding of challenges of nation-building will inform more effective state-building agendas, and enhance the effectiveness of aid initiatives.

[Assoc Professor Matthew Clarke](#) (with Dr Simon Feeny - first-named Chief Investigator, and Prof. Tim Fry, RMIT and Dr Mark Rogers Oxford Uni, UK), Scaling Up Aid and the Millennium Development Goals in the Pacific: Absorptive Capacity, Sustainability and Efficiency, 1 May, 2009 to 30 April, 2012 (\$330,590). The research examines four important questions concerned with how aid can assist Pacific countries with progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

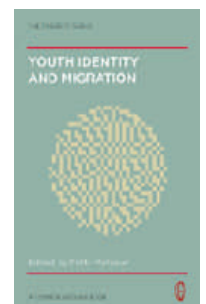
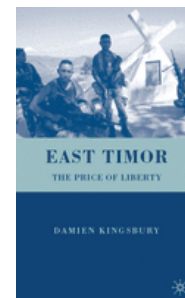
1. What are the absorptive capacity constraints faced by Pacific countries and how can aid be used to relieve them?
2. How should donors respond to absorptive capacity constraints in their aid allocation decisions?
3. How sustainable are the impacts of foreign aid in the Pacific and how can sustainability be improved?
4. Which Pacific countries convert foreign aid flows into improvements in health and education most efficiently and what factors determine this efficiency?

[Dr Linda Young](#) undertook various consultancies over the year, building on her research focuses. She piloted a test of the Victorian Historic Themes Framework on community collections in the Central Goldfields; assessed movable cultural heritage items in properties belonging to or used by Australian Customs and Border Security, and developed management policy for them; and conducted a significance assessment of the building and object collection at Old Gippstown Historic Village in Moe. Such contacts with the community are invaluable for keeping in touch with current professional directions, and often introduce new topics and case studies into student material. A research paper will probably follow from the latest work at Old Gippstown, on the management challenges of such institutions, which she had already surveyed in a major article published in the International Journal of Heritage Studies in 2008.

Books:

Kingsbury, D. (2009) East Timor: The Price of Liberty, Palgrave, New York.

Mansouri, F., (2009) Youth Identity and Migration, Common Ground Publishing, Melbourne



Book Chapters:

Mansouri, F., Jenkins, L., and Leach, M. (2009) Cultural Diversity and Migrant Youth in Secondary School', in F. Mansouri (ed.). Youth Identity and Migration, Common Ground Publishing, Melbourne pp. 105—118.

Mansouri, F. and Miller, M. (2009) 'Migrant youth, cultural identity and media representations', in F. Mansouri (ed.). Youth Identity and Migration, Common Ground Publishing, Melbourne pp. 45-62.

Journal Articles:

Cote, J., (2009) "The sins of their fathers": culturally at risk children and the colonial state in Asia, *Paedagogica Historica*. Vol. 65, No. 1 & 2, Feb-April 2009, pp, 129 - 142.

Davey, G., (2009) "Child's play? The perils of modern childhood research," *TEACHER The National Education Magazine*, published by Australian Council for Educational Research, Camberwell Vic. January/February.

Davey, G., (2009) Entry on "Graffiti" for *Encyclopedia of Women's Folklore and Folklife*, /2 vols, Edited Liz Locke, Theresa A. Vaughan, and Pauline Greenhill, Greenwood Press, Westport Connecticut and London.

Hsieh, C., and **Lofgren, H.**, (2009) Biopharmaceutical innovation and industrial developments in South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan. *Australian Health Review* 2009; 33 (2): 245-257.

Lofgren, H., (2009) was the guest editor for a special issue of *Australian Health Review*, vol 33, no 2, May 2009, titled *The Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and the Dilemmas of Medicines Policy*.

Lofgren, H., (2009) From the editor: The economic crisis, the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, and the dilemmas of medicines policy. *Australian Health Review* 2009; 33 (2): 171-175.

Lofgren, H., (2009) Medicines policy and drug company investments: the Irish experience (book review). *Australian Health Review* 2009; 33 (2): 295-298.

Murrell, C. (2009-In Press) Foreign correspondence: autonomy and news production., *Australian Journalism Review*.

Other Activities:

Dr Scott Burchill : Lecture - 'Globalisation: the dark side' to VCE students at Caulfield Grammar School on Monday, 18 May 2009.

Dr Scott Burchill : Lecture - 'terrorism' to 680 VCE students for Social Education Victoria (<http://www.sev.asn.au>) at the Melbourne City Conference Centre, 333 Swanston St Melbourne on Friday, 15 May 2009.

Associate Professor Damien Kingsbury has been invited and accepted the honorary position as Editorial Board Member for *Asian Politics and Policy Journal* for one year from July 2009 to June 2010.

Assoc. Prof. Damien Kingsbury: Public address - 'Recent Political Developments in Timor-Leste', Friends of Los Palos, Annual General Meeting, Mornington Civic Center, 14 May 2009.

Professor William Logan has been appointed to the Protecting Cultural Heritage International Scientific Committees (ISC). The 2010 World Universities Congress will be held in Canakkale, Turkey, to explore the overarching theme "What should be the new aims and responsibilities of universities within the framework of global issues?"

Mr Jonathan Sweet was elected to the Australian National Committee at the International Council of Museums Australia (ICOM) Annual General Meeting.

Dr Linda Young and Mr Jonathan Sweet attended the Museums Australia Conference in Newcastle, NSW in May.

Centre for citizenship, development and human rights, Deakin university, The City of Port Phillip & the Revolutionary Association of the women of Afghanistan (RAWA) held a forum on Afghanistan 2009: Escalating violence, under-development and women striving for change with guest speaker: Shazia on Wednesday 3 June 2009 at St. Kilda Town Hall.

Media Coverage

Dr Scott Burchill (2009), Senior Lecturer in International Relations - In Learn this week (April 28) <http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,25379837-5011680,00.html>

CHCAP - 'Dark side can shed light on humanity', "Places of Pain and Shame" also featured in an article in The Age: <http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/dark-side-can-shed-light-on-humanity-20090506-avba.html?page=-1>

Assoc. Prof. Damien Kingsbury (2009)

5 May ABC 774 - world affairs

8 May Reuters Jakarta - Yudhoyono's bid for a second term as president

15 May 2DU - on the Opposition's blockage of the Budget

18 May ABC News Radio - Sri Lanka war

18 May SBS TV News - Sri Lanka war

18 May ABC Sydney Drive program - Sri Lanka war

19 May ABC 774 world affairs

19 May Radio Australia - Sri Lanka war

21 May ABC News Radio - Sri Lanka war

Dr Michelle Miller (2009) Interviewed on 2 May. Television interviews on 'Festivals and Celebrations' and 'Man and Animal' for two episodes of *Culture X, Series 2*, forthcoming on *Channel 12, Arts Central, Mediacorp*, Singapore, July 2009.

Dr Emily Potter (2009) Interviewed on The New Indian Express, Kerala, India, on 10 June about her forthcoming book *'Plastic Water: The social and material life of bottled water'* (MIT Press).

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Dr Emily Potter (2009) Interviewed on Asianet News, Kerala, India, on 12 June on her forthcoming book *'Plastic Water: The social and material life of bottled water'* (MIT Press).

Dr Andrew Vandenberg (2009) Panel discussion: The Return of Socialism? Hosted by Hugh Chiverton on Radio 3, Radio Television Hong Kong, 10:30-11:15am, 27th April.

Dr Nina Weerakkody (2009) Interviewed on K-Rock and Bay FM radio on 1 May 2009 about the images of the Ku Klux Klan that appeared on the Torquay Tigers website.

Dr Nina Weerakkody (2009) Quoted in the Sunday Age on mobile phones and young people for the article 'The call of the child: kids get upwardly mobile'; on 26 April, p. 5.

Conference Presentations



Fethi Mansouri

Professor Fethi Mansouri (2009) 'Multiculturalism, Social Inclusion and Race Relations in Contemporary Australia'. The Seventh International Conference on the New Directions in the Humanities. Beijing, China, 2-5 June.

Dr David Hundt and Dr Andrew Vandenberg (2009) 'Grappling with Globalisation: Contention and Crisis in Sweden and Korea' at the ICG Seminar series 2009, Deakin University, Melbourne.

Professor Fethi Mansouri and Dr Vince Marotta (2009) convened the ICG Symposium on 'Migration and Inter-cultural Encounters: From Theory to Empirical Research' held at Deakin University on Friday 8 May.

Dr Joost Cote (2009): Centre of Southeast Asian Studies, Monash University, 30 April "Writing the (modern) history of the Pamona of Central Sulawesi".

Dr Joost Cote (2009): "Crossing Boundaries: Interrogating identity politics, power and meanings of built form in Southeast Asia", Faculty of Architecture (Building and Planning) The University of Melbourne, 4 June, Paper: "Defining the colonial modern: kampung improvement, volkshuisvesting, and the 'progressive' project in Semarang, Java, 1900 - 1920".



David Hundt

Prof. William Logan (2009), Keynote Speaker, paper presented "The Historic Urban Landscape of Asia", at Forum UNESCO 12th International Seminar, Historic Urban Landscapes: A new concept? A new category of World Heritage Sites?, Hanoi Vietnam. 5-10 April.

Dr Colin Long (2009), presented paper "Preservation of socialist urban landscapes: Functional integrity of historic urban landscapes" at Forum UNESCO, 12th International Seminar, Historic Urban Landscapes: A new concept? A new category of World Heritage Sites?, Hanoi Vietnam, 5-10 April.

Dr Fengqi Qian (2009), 'Internationalising the war memories – the building and the rebuilding of the Naging Massacre Memorial', paper to be presented to the conference 'Curating Difficult Knowledge', University of Concordia, Canada, 15-18 April 2009.



Andrew Vandenberg

Dr Michelle Miller (2009) Organising the *International Symposium on Ethnic Minorities in Asia: Subjects of Citizens?* at the National University of Singapore's Asia research Institute on 25 – 26 June 2009. Michelle submitted a grant proposal last year to ARI/NUS to hold this symposium and was awarded SG\$22,000 to contribute towards the event and preparation of the forthcoming publication.

Dr Michelle Miller (2009) 'Opening Address/ Introductory Remarks', *International Symposium on Ethnic Minorities in Asia: Subjects or Citizens?*, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 25 – 26 June 2009.

Dr Michelle Miller (2009) 'Subjects or Citizens? Problematizing Ethnic Minority Rights Claims in Asia', *International Symposium on Ethnic Minorities in Asia: Subjects of Citizens?*, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 25 – 26 June 2009.



Joost Cote

Ms Colleen Murrell (2009) 'The local and the foreign: an explanation of the newsgathering roles of the fixer and the correspondent in today's Iraq' 'Journalism in the 21st Century: Between Globalization and National Identity' conference to be held in 16 –17 July 2009, University of Melbourne.

Centre for Citizenship Development and Human Rights (2009) Afghanistan Escalating violence, under-development and women striving for change. The Centre for Citizenship Development and Human Rights, along with The City of Port Phillip co hosted a public Forum at the St Kilda Town Hall on June 3rd. The guest speaker from Afghanistan Shazia spoke on the escalating violence, under development and women striving for change in Afghanistan. Rebecca Barber from World Vision Australia spoke on education in Afghanistan - the lack of it, and some of the challenges facing increasing access to education, particularly for women.



William Logan



Colin Long



Fengqi Qian



Michelle Miller



Colleen Murrell

CALL FOR PAPERS

International Conference on Migration, Citizenship and Intercultural Relations

Thursday 19 November - Friday 20 November 2009

Venue: hd3.008/3.009 (Melbourne campus at Burwood), Deakin University

Conference website - <http://www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/icq/events/conf-2009.php>

Background

The recent transnational turn in the study of migration has signified a shift in conceptual thinking and methodological approaches to researching migration, and post-migration communities. While previous research has focussed on isolated aspects of social networking, cultural adjustment, and economic empowerment, recent studies are beginning to examine the migration settings themselves, where modes of local, national and transnational practices are negotiated in the context of intercultural interactions. This Conference, therefore, proposes to examine outcomes of migration and immigration as essential dimensions for contextualizing discussions about national identity, intercultural relations and citizenship, and the formation and representation of cultural identity.

By organising this conference we hope to stimulate interdisciplinary intellectual debate policy/professional discussion and ongoing research collaboration that deals with citizenship, multiculturalism and intercultural relations. We welcome papers that address any of these issues from disciplinary or inter-disciplinary perspectives. The following streams will be used as broad thematic guidelines for organising the Conference sessions, and we would appreciate it if participants identify the relevant stream for their contribution. Contributors to the conference will be invited to subsequently submit their papers for publication in a special volume of the Journal of Intercultural Studies (JIS) on citizenship, migration and intercultural relations. An edited volume will also be explored as an additional or alternative publication output.

We invite proposals for papers that address the following key questions:

- With increasing diversity in a globalised world, what kinds of multicultural societies can we envisage for our increasingly diverse communities?
- What kind of cultural and national identities will be formed within these societies and what role will they play in the public sphere?
- Do transnational connections translate into weaker notions of local belonging or can they be used as a resource to strengthen local communities?
- Do migrant and minority ethnic groups experience a sense of inclusion?
- How is this sense of inclusion recognised or manifested in a multicultural society?
- Does government policy contribute to building a sense of belonging and inclusion among recent migrants and other ethno-cultural groups?
- What types of intercultural relations exist in a culturally diverse society?
- What is the role of these intercultural relations in fostering inclusive and ethical visions of citizenship?

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Multiculturalism, Identity and Citizenship
- Race, Ethnicity and Intercultural Relations
- Transnational Work and Temporary Migration
- Muslim Diaspora in the West
- Moving Beyond Xenophobia: Race Relations and Social Inclusion
- Transnationalism and Global Ethics

Please send 250 word proposals/ abstract* by 15 August 2009 to:

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* Abstracts will be refereed by the Organising Committee.

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