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Summary of overall goals and objectives

The ARC Asia Pacific Futures Research Network (ARC-APFRN) is an international vehicle for building research capacity in the national research system to enhance understanding of Australia's role in the Asia Pacific region. The Network brings experienced researchers into dynamic collaboration with government and industry as well as students and ECRs through structured programs with a view to stimulating new research directions, partnerships and training opportunities. The aims of the network are to create flexibly-scaled, multidisciplinary, interregional research to address pressing problems in Australia's engagement with the region. It creates mechanisms by which postgraduates and ECRs can build connections with a pool of experts beyond their home institutions and by which researchers can engage in projects across multiple research institutions.

In its five-year plan the Network is exploring the following five themes: Governance and Security, Culture and Religion, Media and Communications, Health and Population, and Trade and Industry. These were selected to ensure that key issues within the Asia Pacific region are addressed within an interdisciplinary framework. The theme for 2007 was Health, Mobility and Population.

The ARC-APFRN has met all objectives as outlined in the original proposal, but has tailored its programs to adjust to the fact that we received 60% of the requested funding.

Contribution to the National Benefit

The global and regional problems facing Australia present unprecedented challenges for the country's national security. They also tax its capacity for understanding the region and the world. The globalising world presents a paradox often acknowledged but difficult to resolve. While problems and interests increasingly cross international boundaries, the cultures, histories and politics of national arenas remain fiercely defended.

Indeed national cultures and societies are highly specific and complex structures that call for close scrutiny if we are to understand their responses to the processes of globalisation. In this context, trans-national and regional problems require flexibly-scaled research, informed by new inter-regional and multidisciplinary approaches, to keep the community and government abreast of current and impending challenges.

The ARC Asia Pacific Futures Research Network is structured to make the connections necessary for this process to occur by bringing together academics, policy makers and community groups in the programs operated under its auspices.



Governance

The Network is overseen by a Management Committee (MC) chaired by Professor Louise Edwards (UTS). Each MC member represents a Node for each region of the Asia Pacific and the pan-regional theme of Islam. There were no major alterations to the governance structure of the Network during 2007.

Change in membership of the Management Committee

The position of South Asia Node Convenor was transferred mid-2007 from Dr Sanjay Seth (La Trobe) as a result of his departure to the UK. Professor John Fitzgerald (La Trobe) and Director of the South Asia Research Facility assumed the role of interim Node Convenor until the arrival of Professor Sisira Jayasuria at La Trobe at the end of the year.

2007 ARC-APFRN Management Committee:

- Prof Louise Edwards: University of Technology Sydney [Convenor]
- A/Prof Shahram Akbarzadeh: Monash University [Islam]
- Prof Colin Brown: Curtin University [Southeast Asia]
- Prof Stephanie Hemelryk Donald: University of Technology Sydney [China]
- Prof Purnendra Jain: Adelaide University [Japan & Korea]
- Dr Sanjay Seth and Prof John Fitzgerald: LaTrobe University [South Asia]
- Prof Margaret Jolly: Australian National University [Pacific]
- Prof Michael Wesley: Griffith University [Australia and Asia]

The MC met in Sydney on 17 April 2007. At this meeting Node Leaders reported on their activities. In addition a number of key issues were discussed relating to the overall operation and focus of the ARC-APFRN including:

Increased focus on the development of South Asia research in Australia

Concern was expressed over a need to focus on the development of South Asia research in Australia. It was agreed to allocate funds to cover research and production of a report and this will be a significant focus of the ARC-APFRN in 2008.

The committee agreed to allocate \$25,000 of 2007-2008 budgets to the preparation of a report outlining the state of research and study on South Asia in Australian universities. The goal of the project would be to outline the case for enhanced knowledge of South Asia within the university sector. The target audiences for the report would include decision makers in the higher education, business and government and NGO sectors. As a result of this decision, a steering committee has been established and work commenced on the gathering of necessary data for its compilation. (See p. 30)

The committee also discussed methods for enhancing communication between the ARC-APFRN, AusAID and the South Asia Research Facility (established at La Trobe as a consequence of the Network's cooperation with AusAID). *Please refer later in report for details of the conference, projects and studentships evolving from this relationship.* (See pp. 21-24)



Continued strong focus on Postgraduate and ECR training

The committee resolved to continue to focus on building sustainability in Asia Pacific Studies into the future by maintaining support for postgraduate and ECR events as well as ensuring this researcher cohort are included in every Network-funded event. In addition to funding the “Postgraduate and ECR Research Leadership and Management Workshop” at the University of Wollongong (see later in report for details), the Committee also agreed to support the ANU Summer Schools in Asia Pacific Studies with \$10,000. Although Asia Pacific Week has been operating independently of the ARC-APFRN for three years, Network funding helped ensure continued national participation by students. The uneven funding allocated to PhD students across Australian Universities is a serious problem in postgraduate education as a result of the diversity in individual departmental budget conditions. The ARC-APFRN continues to attempt to alleviate this inconsistency by devoting resources to postgraduates.

Languages and Asia Pacific research

Central to the production of internationally high-impact research of the nations of the Asia Pacific is the development of a strong language base among researchers. The committee discussed mechanisms for embedding Asian and Pacific languages into the Network’s events and for encouraging discussion of language matters within existing programs.

Maintaining innovative regional, national and international projects

The committee considered the spread of the funding across the various regions covered by the ARC-APFRN in order to check the balance between the nodes, the amount of interaction between nodes while still maintaining innovative project plans. It was noted that interregional projects required particular encouragement.

Communication and administration activities

Frequent communication and access to current and relevant information is obtained via ongoing and regular emails, various sub-committee meetings and through regular updates and contributions to the Network website www.sueztosuva.org.au.

The administration and communication activities of the Network have been made possible by the collaboration of a number of partner universities.

- Financial administration was provided by ANU until the end of January 2007 on which time the accounts were transferred to UTS. The financial report (Appendix B) includes expenditure from both ANU and UTS during the reporting period.
- ANU’s College of Asia and the Pacific provides excellent support for the Network’s website. Particular thanks are due to Ms Jude Shanahan.
- The International Centre for Excellence in Asia Pacific Studies, hosted at ANU, also provides listservs for the Management Committee and for the Postgraduate and ECR groups. Thanks to Ms Valerie Shavgarova for her help in establishing and maintaining these listservs in 2007.
- UTS’s Institute for International Studies has supported the establishment of the Network’s complete listserv of all participants.



Appointment of a Communications Co-ordinator

The position of Communications Co-ordinator was filled by Ms Nicki Davies in July 2007; this part-time role (17.5 hours per week) is funded from Network funds (\$20,000) and from UTS DVC-R funds (\$20,000). Throughout the latter half of 2007, a communications audit was undertaken and a decision to develop a new logo for the Network to be introduced in the first quarter of 2008. Ms Davies is working to raise the profile of the Network through a more regular flow of enhanced communications.

Network Advisory Council

There have been no changes to the Network Advisory Council. There were no meetings held with the Advisory Council in 2007. Advisory Council members are kept informed of the Network's activities via email and are invited to participate in Network events where relevant.

Node activities

The seven regional Nodes, headed by Management Committee members, have all operated region-based programs during the year with specific designated funding from both host institutions and the ARC-APFRN. This has involved sponsoring specific meetings and events relevant to their particular country or region of focus.

Node activities, reports and regular updates are placed on the Network website - www.sueztosuva.org.au. A summary of 2007 Node activities follows:

With the departure of Dr Sanjay Seth from La Trobe University in July 2007, Professor John Fitzgerald stepped in as the interim Node Convenor for the **South Asia Node**. He was succeeded in 2008 by Professor Sisira Jayasuriya who joined La Trobe University as a Professor of Economics in January 2008. The Node wishes to express its gratitude to Professor Fitzgerald for taking on the role of Node Convenor during the year.

The South Asia Node held its feature conference over two days at the end of June 2007. The conference was supported by Node funds and assisted by a grant from the La Trobe Institute for India and South Asia. The theme of the conference was "Historiography and Non-Western Pasts". It brought together historians of South Asia and of Aboriginal Australia to discuss the common challenges they faced in writing the history of people who had ways of remembering their pasts other than that of rationalist historiography (including myth, epic and legend). The conference assembled distinguished participants, including Henry Reynolds, Dipesh Chakrabarty, Jorn Rusen, Bain Atwood, Greg Denning and others.

The conference was deemed a notable success in terms of intellectual interest, attendance and future outcomes. Average attendance each day was over 50 people. Some papers delivered at the conference will be published in a special issue of the international journal, *Postcolonial Studies*, and all papers will appear in an edited volume.



Node activities (cont'd)

2007 also proved to be a year of vigorous national activity funded by the Network's **Pacific Node**. Most funds went towards the support of Pacific delegates attending the APFRN Signature Theme Conference from June 24-26 at Monash University: 'Transitions: Health and Mobility in Asia and the Pacific'. There was a sizable contingent of Pacific speakers. The Pacific Node funded air fares and accommodation for Dr Anne-Perez Hattori, coming from Guam, who gave a plenary address 'Fear and Loathing of Hansen's Disease on Guam 1899-1941'.

Central APFRN conference funds supported the travel expenses of a second plenary presenter, Esau Kekebata, who spoke on 'The intricate web of community health and wellbeing in Kwaio, Solomon Islands'. The Pacific Node also funded air fares and accommodation for two paper-givers from PNG: Fiona Hukula who spoke on HIV/AIDS and emerging identities in PNG and Herick Aeno who gave a paper entitled 'When PPS fails: Surveillance and sampling methods in suspicious settings'.

The Pacific Node also funded travel expenses for the Pacific Convenor from the Australian National University, Dr Katerina Teaiwa, who gave a visual and dance performance in the final plenary exploring how phosphate mining from Banaba and other islands in the Pacific provided the foundation for agricultural fertility and nutrition in twentieth century Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

Funds were also dedicated towards research assistance for the development of the template design for the electronic journal *Pacific Currents*, an important new initiative of the Australian Association for the Advancement of Pacific Studies. This will be launched in 2008 with the support of both International Centre for Excellence in Asia Pacific Studies [ICEAPS] (granted in August 2006 but released only in late 2007) and the central funds of ARC-APFRN.

Finally the Pacific Node reported great success from a collaborative two-day workshop held at the National Museum in Canberra on November 22-23, 2007 under the conjoint auspices of the Australian Association for the Advancement of Pacific Studies (AAAPS) and the National Museum. The plan for this was first formulated at a meeting at the Redcliffe Cultural Centre in Brisbane in September 2006, sponsored by Pacific Node funds. Community consultations there suggested that relations between Pacific collections in Australian museums and galleries and Pacific communities in Australia and the region were an important area for collaborative research and communication. Funding for the workshop came from AusAID, ICEAPS and the National Museum of Australia.

Central funds from the ARC-APFRN supported a Master Class for overseas delegates at the University of Queensland the previous day. The main Convenor for this event was Dr Susan Cochrane of the University of Queensland, assisted by the President of AAAPS Professor Clive Moore and the Vice-President Professor Margaret Jolly. Through collaboration with the Pacific Islands Museums Associations delegates came from many Pacific countries: Aotearoa New Zealand, PNG, New Caledonia, Palau, Solomons, Timor Leste, Tonga and Vanuatu and a representative of UNESCO from Samoa. In addition there was a great response from directors and curators of Pacific collections in museums and galleries across Australia and representatives of Pacific community organisations.



Node activities (cont'd)

The workshop reviewed the activities of the ICOM Australia Museums Partnerships program in the Pacific to date and the way that might be extended in the future. It also promoted a novel regional dialogue between Australian curators in museums and galleries and their counterparts in Pacific institutions.

The organisers would like to thank all the delegates and the staff at NMA (Dr Peter Stanley, Margo Neale, Anna Edmundson, Anne Faris and others) for the administrative oversight, the fantastic venue, catering and community events. The gift exchange and Fijian kava ceremony was a moving and pleasurable event. We especially want to thank Joycelin Leahy for her excellent work with Susan Cochrane in organizing difficult itineraries and for the superb baskets she imported from PNG for all delegates. Finally, thanks to Karolina Kilian of the Research School of Humanities, ANU who worked as an intern on the project and to Janet Beard of the Gender Relations Centre of the ANU for her assistance with local accommodation arrangements and budget oversight.

The Islam Node focused on generating collaborative links among scholars. These can be divided into two major categories, conferences to bring scholars together or visiting scholarship to take a distinguished scholar to more than one location. For example, the Islam Node support three conferences, including:

1. Melbourne University's Islamic Studies Post-Graduate Conference (13-15 November, 2007).
This allowed three interstate postgraduates to attend the conference.
Commitment \$1000
2. Monash University's Symposium on civil-military relationships: Implications for the health and mobility of civilian populations in Asia Pacific (November 2007) (See p. 12 for more detail)
Commitment \$6000
3. Deakin University's conference on 'Youth identity and migration: culture, values and social connectedness' (21-22 February 2008)
Commitment \$3000.

2007 also saw an Australian Postgraduate Award Industry (APAI) scholarship in Islamic Finance offered to individuals who hold or were eligible for an offer of entry into the PhD program of Monash University. The scholarship is funded by an ARC Linkage Projects grant and provides support for three years of full time study for a PhD research project in the general area of Islamic finance.



Node activities (cont'd)

In 2007, the **Japan-Korea node** supported four projects at the University of New South Wales, Melbourne University and Sydney University/ANU. The node advertised through different email and newsletter lists about its activities, inviting applications for small projects related to Japan and Korea. Projects funded included:

1. Construction of Japanese Language and Linguistics network (A/Prof. Chihiro Kinoshita Thomson -University of New South Wales)
2. 'Legal Education in Asia' (Ms Stacey Steele- Melbourne Law Centre, Melbourne University).
3. 'KAREC International Symposium: Strategic Cooperation in Korean Studies in Oceania and Southeast Asia', (A/ Prof Chung.Sok Suh, UNSW). (See p. 11 for more detail)
4. 'Nurturing the Next Generation of Women Researchers in Japanese Law' (Luke Nottage, University of Sydney, ANJeL Co-Director; ANU – Prof Kent Anderson)

The Node's aim in 2008 is to fund around four to five projects. The Node particularly seeks applications with emphasis on Korea since this is an area with a relatively small base in Australia compared to Japanese Studies. The Node is in contact with key Korea scholars in Australia and through them with the Korean Studies Association of Australia for dissemination of information.

The Japan and Korea Node is also hoping to facilitate networking a database of Japan scholars in Australia. This is being planned with additional funding from the Japan Foundation and some assistance from the Japanese Studies Association of Australia. A similar database for scholars of Korea in Australia has also been proposed.

The **China Node** held a meeting in Sydney in November 2007 with members from ANU, Tasmania, Adelaide, Melbourne, QUT and Sydney University attending. This proved to be an earnest brainstorming meeting resulting in a plan of activities to be funded in 2008 relating to the signature theme of 'Culture and Religion'. The Node meeting was held in conjunction with the Chinese Studies Association of Australia Executive meeting.

Summary:

Three areas in particular demonstrate the importance and success of the regional Node structure within the Network: the development of an Islamic Studies identity within Australia, the reenergising of South Asian Studies and the resurgence in the Pacific Studies field.

- Islamic Studies was in its infancy prior to the commencement of the ARC-APFRN and the funding and cooperation opportunities presented by the Network scheme has provided a vital foundation for this important new area.
- South Asian studies has received a major boost through the establishment of SARF and the joint-programs with AusAid
- The growth in Pacific Studies during the last few years has been greatly assisted by the Pacific Node's coordination and communication.

These developments confirm the value of the Node structure to the ARC-APFRN.



Summary of programs and research priorities for the year

In 2007 the Network theme was 'Mobility and Health in Asia Pacific Populations' (health and population) and the bulk of our funding and energies was directed at developing new programs and connections for programs in this area. To follow is a list of the programs initiated and funded by Network members.

Projects Grants Scheme

The Management Committee's Grant Subcommittees allocated \$121,572 grants over the course of 2007 to 20 workshops, conferences and symposia from 11 universities across four states and territories. These were offered over four rounds in 2007 and amounts of up to \$10,000 per project were available. Please refer to the website www.sueztosuva.org.au for copies of grant forms, guidelines and full details of successful applicants. Each successful application facilitates events of varying size ranging from small workshops of 20 people to larger conferences of over a hundred. The majority of Network supported events involve around 60 people. All events included international speakers with the goal of enabling Australian researchers of all levels access to experts from overseas. The smaller events are those directed specifically towards postgraduate training or closed specialist academic workshops. Larger events tend to include a broad audience of academics, policy-makers, practitioners, industry partners and members of the public. Examples of the sorts of events and impact on scholarships are included in this report. Full details are available on the website www.sueztosuva.org.au.

Industry, Government and Community Links

Over the course of 2007 the ARC-APFRN facilitated the connection between academics and a range of industry, government and community links.

Partners collaborating in our Health and mobility-related projects in 2007 included:

- Asia Australia Mental Health
- Asia Development Bank
- AusAid
- Beyond Blue: The National Depression Initiative
- Burnet Institute,
- Department of Immigration and Citizenship
- Emerging markets Group, Brussels
- International Network for Social Research on Disability
- International Monetary Fund
- Islamic Women's Council
- International Women's Development Agency
- Multicultural Women's Health Centre,
- NSW Food Authority
- Royal College of General Practitioners
- Sanitarium
- Sino Analytica
- World Bank

Other partners in 2007 (on topics other than health and mobility) include:

- A range of Ambassadors and consular staff
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation
- Department of Education Science and Training
- Fiji Broadcasting Corporation
- National Museum of Australia
- National Tertiary Educators Union
- Pacific Islands Museum Association
- Papua New Guinea National Broadcasting Corporation
- SBS



2007 Workshops and Symposiums

Project title: Biosecurity Challenges Facing Australia and its Region

Chief Organisers: Patricia Gray, Christian Enemark and Michael Selgelid

Affiliation: National Centre for Biosecurity (ANU)

Amount Awarded: \$5000

The symposium held at the John Curtin School of Medical Research, ANU over two days included over 90 participants from a wide variety of backgrounds including policy makers, academics, industry representatives and a group of 16 delegates from the Asia-Pacific region. Topics covered ranged from laboratory safety, to public communication in case of an epidemic, to importation times of pandemic influenza to ethical aspects of scientific research. A keynote address by Dr Suwit Wibulpolprasert, from the Ministry of Public Health in Thailand proved a definite highlight. Talking about his experiences with avian influenza, his presentation sparked much interest among the attendees.

The symposium was a resounding success with 100% positive feedback. It was very encouraging during the symposium to see participants interacting with each other in sessions and on the sidelines. The symposium organisers are optimistic that participants may commence new endeavours on biosecurity issues in a more multidisciplinary fashion.

The funding from the ARC-APFRN was used to cover airfares and accommodation for one guest speaker, Professor Malcolm Dando from the University of Bradford (UK), and accommodation for another guest speaker, Professor John MacKenzie (Curtin University, WA).

Professor Dando also gave his time to deliver a public lecture which was well attended by members of the public who had not attended the symposium. The presenters' slides and a copy of the conference booklet from the symposium will be made available on the National Centre for Biosecurity's website <http://biosecurity.anu.edu.au>.

Project title: Strategic Cooperation in Korean Studies in Oceania and Southeast Asia (KAREC)

Chief Organiser: Associate Professor Chung-Sok Suh

Affiliation: University of New South Wales

Dates: 8-10 August 2007

Amount Awarded: \$ 5000

The ARC-APFRN supported this symposium as part of the Korea-Australasia Research Centre's activities at UNSW to enhance cooperation in the Asia Pacific Region around research into Korea. It drew together key university administrators and educators from around the region including: Academy of Korean Studies (Korea), Seoul National University, University of Malaya, University of Indonesia and Universitas Pelita Harapan (Indonesia), University of Social Sciences and Humanities (Vietnam). In addition to providing a platform for comparing the state of the field of Korean studies in their respective countries, this event also developed mechanisms for cooperation on developing the field further. Major themes in the symposium were broadcasting research and public sector reform. These two themes have been identified as the major focus of activities for the group over the next five years. There were 68 participants in the symposium and included six members of the diplomatic corps from the region and 26 representatives from leading universities and the broadcasting industry. The ARC-APFRN funded the participation of Scottiporn Chittmitrapap (Thailand) and Profs Jonathan Parapak and Naniek N Setijadi and Mrs Gilang Iskander and Ida Sundari Husen (all from Indonesia).



Project title: Sexual Health and Mobility in China

Chief Organiser: Dr Elaine Jeffreys
Affiliation: University of Technology, Sydney
Dates: 8-12 November 2007
Amount Awarded: \$ 5000

The symposium was held at Blackfriars Campus UTS and drew China's leading sexual health expert, Dr Huang Yingying (People's University, China) into contact with Australian researchers and postgraduates. Dr Huang worked with postgraduates during her visit and at the public roundtable event on the evening of November 9th. Dr Huang, Dr Elaine Jeffreys (UTS) and Ms Johanna Hood (UTS Postgraduate) presented the results of their work to an audience of around 50 people. In addition, during question and discussion time two recently graduated PhD scholars, Dr Anna Hayes (USQ) and Dr Loretta Ho (UWA) joined the panel for open debate with the audience. The ARC-APFRN funded travel and accommodation for Dr Huang, Dr Hayes and Dr Ho.

The workshop explored China current soaring rates of sexually transmissible infections (STIs), including HIV/AIDS. Initially slow to respond to the imperatives of STI-HIV/AIDS prevention, governmental authorities, new professionals and community activists in China are now working independently or with international NGOs to introduce new ideas and services about sexual health. These range from the provision of sex education to Chinese youths, 100 percent condom use programs aimed at commercial sexual service providers and their clients, and programs that exhort rural male migrants and particular ethnic groups to practice responsible sex, and preferably monogamy, in order to safeguard Chinese women, their future children, and ultimately, the Chinese nation. The workshop provided participants with information on the latest developments in each of these programs.

Project title: Symposium on civil-military relationships: Implications for the health and mobility of civilian populations in Asia Pacific

Chief Organisers: Dr Aneela Z Babar and Mr Iftikhar Arman Rashid
Affiliation: Monash University
Dates: 9 November 2007
Amount Awarded: \$4000

The Monash Asia Institute convened a highly innovative event in November investigating trends in the evolving relationship between the military and civil society in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Key questions explored included: what are the overall implications of military involvement in the civilian affairs of the state? How has the role of the military impacted on political and social development? What are the direct and indirect effects on the emotional and physical wellbeing of the population? What are the outcomes in relation to social mobility and economic emancipation? What are the consequences on the development of civil society? These critical issues affect the welfare of the people and stability of the state, which helps reduce tension and conflict across the region.

The conference organisers are ECRs. Dr Aneela Babar is an Endeavour Fellow working on political Islam amongst Melbourne's Muslims, and Iftikhar Rashid (Ausaid MA scholarship holder) is working on madrassahs in Bangladesh. They focussed on drawing ECRs and postgraduates into connection with prominent scholars in this emerging interdisciplinary area.



Title: Security through knowledge: Intelligence and interpretation in the Asia-Pacific Region

Chief Organiser: Dr Felix Patrikeeff
Affiliation: University of Adelaide
Dates: 17-18 September 2007
Amount Awarded: \$ 7000

Adelaide University's event explored the diversity in perceptions of intelligence around the Asia Pacific Region. Recognising the diversity in approaches and mechanisms for gathering and managing intelligence, this event examined how Intelligence Agencies operate and collect material as well as how they solve practical problems of information gathering in a cross cultural perspective. Speakers include practitioners and academics in the field of intelligence including the key note speaker, Roy Giles, C.B.E., M.A., Hon D.Litt. (St Antony's College, Oxford University). The event was also connected to the Australian Institute of International Affairs, of which the organiser, Dr Patrikeeff, is President.

Project title: Public Service Broadcasting in Asia and the Pacific

Chief Organiser: Dr John Tebutt
Affiliation: LaTrobe University
Dates: 7 July 2007
Amount Awarded: \$ 5000

This event included a one-day seminar and workshop. The seminar brought prominent public broadcasting practitioners to Australia from around the region including: Joseph N Ealedona, Managing Director, Papua New Guinea National Broadcasting Corporation, President of the Pacific Islands News Association (PINA), Murray Green, Director, ABC International, Francis Herman, CEO, Fiji Broadcasting Corporation, Kalinga Seneviratne, Research Fellow, Asian Media and Information and Communication Centre (AMIC). The afternoon workshop was designed to explore 'Research Approaches & Methodologies for Policy Outcomes' specifically for ECRs and postgraduates. Dr Seneviratne served as discussant for the workshop and facilitated the interaction among participants. The ARC-APFRN funded the participation of key seminar presenters, ECRs and students.

Project title: Asia Pacific Skilled Migration to Australia Workshop

Chief Organisers: Dr Selvaraj Velayutham and Dr Amanda Wise
Affiliation: Macquarie University
Date: 19-20 April 2007
Amount Awarded: \$ 7806

Macquarie University's Centre for Research on Social Inclusion hosted this two-day workshop which was designed to bring academics and policy makers together to explore the increasing phenomenon of skilled migration to Australia—both under the permanent and temporary categories. The current phase is occurring at a time of a perceived skill shortage in Australia, growing global demand for affordable labour and increasing trend towards temporary and circular migration rather than permanent settlement. These trends have enormous implications for a range of issues including the assessment of migratory flows, sending and receiving contexts, migrant experiences, and settlement decisions. Asia represents as one of the largest source of skilled migrants for Australia, with India and China respectively the largest source countries. The workshop included case study presentations of migrant groups coming from the Asia Pacific region. The workshop concluded with a discussion of future research directions and policy implications.



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Project title: Asia Pacific Skilled Migration to Australia Workshop

International Speakers included: Binod Khadria (Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore) a leading Indian skilled migration researcher and Carmen Voigt-Graf (University of South Pacific) an expert on Pacific Islander migration to Australia. National presenters included: Robyn Iredale (ANU) and Siew Ean Khoo (ANU), Lesleyanne Hawthorne (University of Melbourne), Alison Langley (University of Melbourne), Graeme Hugo (University of Adelaide) and Amarjit Kaur (UNE). Scholars and students from around Sydney were also involved in the presentations including UWS, USyd and Macquarie. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship was represented by Naomi Hately who presented work on migrants to the Riverina.

Project title: Enhancing communication in ethnographic writing on Asia and the Pacific

Chief Organiser: Professors Kathryn Robinson and Kirin Narayan
Affiliation: Australian National University
Date: 9-13 January 2007
Amount Awarded: \$ 4975

This postgraduate workshop was run by Professor Kirin Narayan, Professor of Anthropology and Languages and Cultures of Asia at the University of Wisconsin Madison. She is both a distinguished anthropologist and a published novelist. She regularly runs writing workshops in the USA for students who are writing dissertations. The workshop drew on issues around the writing of ethnography that have been at the forefront of anthropological discourse for the past two decades. It sought to collectively forge and impart some practical tools for writing ethnography. How can vivid narratives effectively convey cultural context and social analysis? How can suspense be embedded in scholarly accounts? It outlined techniques for writing about places, persons, dialogues and stories encountered in fieldwork and how theory might be embedded within ethnography, the ranges of ethnographic genres, and border-crossings to other literary genres. Students from around Australia and one New Zealander attended.

Project title: Rankings, RAEs & RQFs: The Impact on Asian & Australian Universities

Chief Organiser: Emeritus Professor Jan Currie, A/Professor Lesley Vidovich, Dr Rui Yang
Affiliation: Murdoch University
Date: 15-16 February 2007
Amount Awarded: \$ 3000

The first day saw 14 presentations on the results from research in the Asian region on university rankings and research assessment exercises. The focus was on Singapore, Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China. A lively dialogue ensued as interaction from the audience was very high. The second day focused on the implications of this research for Australia and an emphasis on the Research Quality Framework. The Minister for Education, Julie Bishop, opened the day with an explanation of why the government was introducing the RQF and the budget it was supplying for the exercise. NTEU, DEST and spokespeople from the Labor Party and the Green Party also contributed to the debate.



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**Project title: Rankings, RAEs & RQFs:
The Impact on Asian & Australian Universities**

International speakers included: Professor Nian Cia Liu, Shanghai Jiaotong University (originator of world university rankings); Professor Anthony Cheung, City University of Hong Kong; Professor Barry Halliwell, DVC, National University of Singapore; Professor Fang Gong, Director Institute of Higher Education, Nanjing University; Associate Professor Mingeng Qu, Institute of Higher Education Nanjing University; Associate Professor Halimah Awang, Deputy Dean, Research and Development, Universiti Malaya. The highlight was the extraordinary interest in the symposium from high level research officers in universities with twenty PVCs, DVCs and Senior Research Directors/Officers in attendance. The interest from the Minister's office and DEST were highlights. Around 65 people attended the symposium.

Project title: The regional impact on health and trade policy of food safety issues in China

Chief Organiser: Dr Beatriz Carrillo Garcia and Dr Yang Jingqing
Affiliation: University of Technology Sydney
Date: 8 March 2007
Amount Awarded: \$ 8650

This symposium successfully brought together people who are directly involved with issues and processes that affect or involve food safety, food trade and implementation of food safety regulations in relationship to China. Three of the presenters were representatives of private commercial entities, while one was a member of a government agency of the state of New South Wales. The former 3 presenters are either based in China or travel to China on a regular basis, and have first hand experience on food safety implementation and/or policy setting. Exports of foodstuffs from China have been limited by low food safety standards and poor food safety assurance systems. With China's accession to the WTO raising food quality standards are imperative for the Chinese food industry if they are to successfully compete in international markets.

The seminar aimed to create a forum for industry experts and academics from China, Australia and other countries in the Asia Pacific region to discuss the implications of food safety issues on both health and trade related issues in the region. Participants included: Philippa Kelly (Brussels-based Consulting Company Emerging Markets Group-Beijing Offices) and senior advisor on agriculture, quarantine, quality and standards (SPS&TBT) to the EU-China Trade Project, the largest trade-related technical assistance project in China; Dr. Lisa Szabo (NSW Food Authority) and Chief Scientist for the NSW Food Authority; John P. Chapple (Sino Analytica) and General Manager of Sino Analytica, China's first independent residue analysis laboratory. Sino Analytica also advises a range of farming and food processing, and retail operations in China on a range of food safety issues; Dr. Greg Gambrill (Sanitarium Health Food Company) and Corporate Technical Manager with responsibility for all company manufacturing standards, including those food safety and product quality. He has been involved in sourcing food products from China and in due diligence assessments of potential Chinese partners for the last two years. The two conference organisers are ECRs.



Other successful grant applicants for 2007

- Project title:** **Writing Self/Representing Other: Migration, mobility and travel**
Chief Organisers: Associate Professor Lenore Lyons
Affiliation: University of Wollongong
Amount Awarded: \$ 8250
- Project title:** **Aids and Fragile States in Asia/Pacific: Policy Implications and Strategic Guidance**
Chief Organiser: Professor Dennis Altman
Affiliation: LaTrobe University
Amount Awarded: \$ 5000
- Project title:** **Pushing against globalisation: A Local Perspective of Commercial Regulation in Asia**
Chief Organiser: Professor John Gillespie
Affiliation: Monash University
Amount Awarded: \$ 7000
- Project title:** **Indigenous Expertise in Museums: Australia-Pacific Museum Studies**
Chief Organisers: Professor Amareswa Galla and Dr Susan Cochrane
Affiliation: University of Queensland
Amount Awarded: \$ 7000 (for more detail see p. 7)
- Project title:** **International Students in the Asia Pacific: Mobility, Migration, Wellbeing and Security**
Chief Organiser: Associate Professor Peter Kell
Affiliation: University of Wollongong
Amount Awarded: \$ 5000
- Project title:** **Health impacts of community enterprises in rural migrant sending areas of the Philippines: A writing and reflection workshop**
Chief Organiser: Professor Katherine Gibson
Affiliation: The Australian National University
Amount Awarded: \$ 6916
- Project title:** **A small Asian Mediterranean Sea: Gulf of Tongking through History**
Chief Organiser: Dr Li Tana
Affiliation: The Australian National University
Amount Awarded: \$6000
- Project title:** **Twice Diaspora: Harbin Russians in China and Australia**
Chief Organiser: Dr Pál Nyíri, Director, Applied Anthropology
Affiliation: Macquarie University
Amount Awarded: \$3500



Other successful grant applicants for 2007 (cont'd)

Project title: Religious Innovation in East Asia

Chief Organiser: Dr Benjamin Penny
Affiliation: The Australian National University
Amount Awarded: \$7600

Project title: Health and Education Implications of China's Accession to WTO

Chief Organisers: Kishor Sharma and Yapa Bandara
Affiliation: Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga
Amount Awarded: \$6500

Project title: Integrating Muslim Migrants in Liberal Democracies: Challenges & Policy Alternatives

Chief Organiser: Associate Professor Shahram Akbarzadeh
Affiliation: Monash University
Amount Awarded: \$ 5000

Project title: Timor-Leste Health and Development

Chief Organiser: Professor Anthony Zwi
Affiliation: University of New South Wales
Amount Awarded: \$ 3000

2007 successful grant applications (funded in 2007 but to be held in 2008)

Project title: Oceans of Story: Intercoloniality and Networks of Cultural Exchange around the Indian Ocean

Chief Organiser: Devleena Ghosh
Affiliation: University of Technology Sydney
Amount Awarded: \$ 10,000

Project title: Mental Illness and Contemporary East Asian Communities: Responding to Culture

Chief Organiser: Dr Guy Ramsay
Affiliation: University of Queensland
Amount Awarded: \$ 7000

Project title: Developing a Chinese Juvenile Justice Network in Australia

Chief Organiser: Professor Mary Farquhar and Dr Susan Trevaskes
Affiliation: Griffith University
Amount Awarded: \$ 7000

Project title: Asia Pacific Week Postgraduate Summer Schools

Chief Organiser: Dr Luigi Tomba
Affiliation: The Australian National University
Amount Awarded: \$10,000



Achievements of the Research Network 2007 (1)

Signature Event

This year's signature event was an outstanding success and the Network owes Professor Lenore Manderson and Ms Kathleen Nolan from Monash University a tremendous vote of thanks for organising a stimulating and innovative conference supporting our annual theme "Health and Mobility in Asia Pacific Populations"

Held between 27th and 29th June, the event was organised around five themes: Disaster and violence; population mobility; spread of disease; relationship of health, identity & wellbeing AND politics of health, health activism & social movements.

The conference involved 117 participants, and included 12 plenary presentations and 20 parallel sessions with 62 papers. As well as the academic research and health industry-related papers presented at the conference, creative works also featured including those of photographers, poets, musicians, actors, video artists and performance artists. The eclectic approach showed that questions of society, culture, politics and the economy in Asia and the Pacific are picked up and troubled in multiple discursive fields, artistic and scientific, commercial and personal.

The conference was interested in the underlying economic, social, political and cultural factors that have produced such transitions globally, including throughout the Asia-Pacific region. The shifts from agricultural to industrial production, from rural to urban settlements, from subsistence to mono-cultivation and modern economies, population movements on a temporary and permanent basis, and the remission of money, within countries and throughout the region, and forced population movement as a result of civil war, disaster and trafficking.

Transitions have occurred also with respect to technology and values specifically in regard to health and illness: in relation to ideals regarding diet and activity, the use of health and medical services, to the role of government in their provision, and in the nature of services (e.g. the routinisation of ultrasound, the movement of people within the region and beyond for high technology medical and surgical interventions). This conference addressed some of these patterns, narrowing the themes in consultation with members of the national program committee and international participants.

Industry partners included the Burnet Institute, Multicultural Women's Health Centre, the Islamic Women's Council and NGOs (e.g. IWDA [International Women's Development Agency], INSRD [International Network for Social Research on Disability]).

Scholarships were offered to enable as many students and junior researchers as possible within Australia, Asia and the Pacific the opportunity to attend the conference and network with experienced researchers in the broad field of health and mobility in the region.



Signature Event (cont'd)

Associated Workshops:

The signature event also hosted three workshops either side of the main conference. There were: the “Bias-Free Health Planning Workshop”, “Writing for Publication” workshop and the “Introduction to Ethnographic Film and Health Research” workshop.

The two-day Introduction to Ethnographic Film and Health Research course was run by the visiting medical and visual anthropologist Associate Professor Elizabeth Cartwright, Idaho State University, Idaho. The “Bias-Free Health Planning” workshop introduced participants to the concept of hierarchies embedded within health provision systems first developed by Mary Anne Burke (Global Forum for health Research, Geneva) and Margrit Eichler (U Toronto). Designed for both health practitioners, health policy makers and academic researchers, their framework is theoretically based, systematic, comprehensive, applicable to all hierarchies, and capable of including new insights as they emerge. It offers a set of questions that need to be answered in any given socio-historical context, depending on the types of hierarchies in a given context. The framework offers concrete solutions how to overcome these problems. The workshop, designed for people involved in project design, monitoring and evaluation as well as research, introduced the framework and illustrated its utility in: identifying various hierarchies (e.g. sexual orientation, age, caste, geographic location, etc.); analysing policies, programmes, service delivery and practices; its use in various disciplines and subject areas within health and beyond, and in diverse country settings.

The ‘Writing for Publication Workshop’ was designed especially for ECRs and Postgraduates. Each participant submitted a piece of writing that was workshopped within a group format throughout the day. In addition, participants were familiarised with the key stages in submission and review of journal articles in academic writing.

A sample of the many positive comments received on the Signature Event:

“It was an incredible few days and has left my head buzzing with ideas. I particularly wanted to comment on how supported I felt as a very junior researcher. At no point did I feel that I had less to offer than anyone else...”

An independent review by Professor Terry Hull (ANU) was published in Medical Sociology Online. His opening provides a sense of the conference success ...

“It is seldom that a report on a conference on health and mobility rates comment on performances, poetry, cinematography, and food. But equally, it is rare that all those issues would be integral to an academic program of high quality and true intellectual excitement. This is what happened in Melbourne at the Transitions conference...”

<http://www.medicalsociologyonline.org/>

For more information visit the conference website at Monash:
www.med.monash.edu.au/spppm/conference



Achievements of the Research Network 2007 (2)

Scaling Research Heights: Postgraduate and ECR Workshop on Leadership and Management in Research on Asia and the Pacific.

This highly successful workshop led by Dr Tim Scrase (CASTRANS, University of Wollongong) was designed to improve the sustainability of our field by enhancing leadership skills among a new generation of Asia Pacific Scholars. Feedback questionnaires from the participants confirmed the participants' overwhelming positive appraisal of their learning outcomes.

The event was held over two days (17-18 July) with 36 students and ECRs from 16 different Universities in attendance. The ARC-APFRN funded airfare and accommodation for the participants with the grant of \$20,000.

The workshop covered a range of topics including:

Workshop	Speaker(s)
1. Looking Ahead: Promotion and Establishing a Research Portfolio	Prof Lee Astheimer (PVC-R, UoW)
2. Research Mentoring for ECRs	Associate Prof Lenore Lyons (UoW)
3. Building and Managing Relationships with Industry and NGOs	Dr Tim Scrase (UoW)
4. Developing Research Networks and Cross Disciplinary Linkages	Prof Stuart Cunningham (QUT)
5. Research Issues and Trends in Asia and the Pacific: Partnerships for Research in Our Region	Prof Krishna Sen (ARC)
6. Shifting Gears: Maximising the Potential of Your Research	Wenche Ommundsen (UoW)
7. Research Grant Writing: Skills, Trends and Tricks	Julie Matarczyk and Sharon Hughes (UoW)

In addition to the speakers above, leading scholars from around Australia generously gave time to share their expertise and experience including:

- Prof Stephen Hill, AM, Honorary Professorial Fellow, University of Wollongong.
- Dr Sarjit Kaur, Universiti Sains Malaysia (Penang)

The workshop was sponsored by the ARC-APFRN with additional financial support from the University of Wollongong (ARC Key Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies (CAPSTRANS), The Faculty of Arts and the University Research Committee.



Achievements of the Research Network 2007 (3)

Continuation of AusAid Partnership and South Asia Research Facility, LaTrobe University

On September 27 and 28, the South Asia Research Facility (SARF) organised the second of its five annual conferences, focussing on current issues and presenting commissioned research on key topics nominated by AusAID.

The 2007 conference, titled 'South Asia Update and Poverty Dynamics', was held at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra. Around one hundred participants took part over the two days including representatives of foreign governments and international organisations, senior public servants, academic specialists, postgraduate students and members of the Press. The event received press coverage in a number of daily newspapers, SBS TV and on ABC Radio and TV.

The major goal for the annual conferences is to bring academic researchers with expertise in South Asian studies or Development Studies into interaction with Australian government and industry leaders. In addition, it provides scope for postgraduates and ECRs to interact with high level industry and academic leaders and to receive feedback on their work.

Of special note was the participation of Mr Nazrul Islam, Counsellor of the High Commission of Bangladesh; His Excellency Mr Jalil Abbas Jilani and Tanveer Khaskheli, High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan respectively; and His Excellency Mr Kusumpala Balapatabendi, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka.

Mr Praful Patel, Vice President of the World Bank, delivered the Opening Address on "Economic development in South Asia". Other leading World Bank participants included Mr Binayak Sen (who presented via Video-Conference) and Rinku Murgai in collaboration with Jyostna Jalan from Kolkata. Other speakers included Mr Richard Vokes, Asian Development Bank Country Director for Sri Lanka, and researchers from local and overseas universities and from the Australian Strategic Policy Institute. DACSA scholarship holders, funded through the node's contract with AusAID, were also active participants.

Professor Anne Krueger, of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and formerly Chief Economist at the World Bank and First Deputy Managing Director of the IMF, gave a special address on the topic "India's Reforms and Prospects" at the conference dinner.

Selected papers were refereed and published on the ARC-APFRN website http://www.sueztosuva.org.au/south_asia/sa_research_facility.php

The extensive collaboration between AusAid and ARC-APFRN members through the many preparatory meetings of the SARF Steering Committee ensured the conference's success in securing significant figures with global and regional responsibilities to Australia as speakers. Of particular note was the inspired work of Professor John Fitzgerald (LaTrobe) and Ms Tracy Lee (LaTrobe) and Mr Darian Clark (AusAid) and Dr Stephen Howes (AusAid).



Achievements of the Research Network 2007 (4)

PhD Scholarships: DACSA Scholarships

As noted in the 2006 report, throughout that year the ARC-APFRN administered the allocation of eight scholarships for students from South Asia funded by AusAid. The “Developing Australia’s Capacity in South Asia” (DACSA) scholars were distributed around seven universities and all the students were on-course during 2007.

All but two of the students attended the Network’s September ‘South Asia Update and Poverty Dynamics’ Conference in Canberra at the National Museum of Australia. One of the scholarship holders, Mr Venkatachalam Thiruppugazh, presented his work on post-disaster reconstruction in Pakistan to the forum. Professor Robin Jeffrey hosted a dinner for the students and key academics prior to the conference to enable them to meet each other and develop networks with their peers. Throughout the Conference itself, the scholarship holders were able to interact with the Vice President of the World Bank, Praful Patel, senior policy makers from AusAid and the Asia Development Bank, as well as the dozens of South Asia experts and students from around Australia’s various universities that were presenting papers or attending the conference.

One of the scholarship holders has unfortunately had to withdraw from his course of study as a result of the political crisis that occurred in Pakistan during 2007. A serving public servant on leave from the Pakistani bureaucracy, Mr Zulfiqar Shah, was recalled to Islamabad and has been unable to receive permission from his employers to return to Australia. Another area of difficulty is the diversity in conditions the scholarship holders have experienced between their respective universities. Some students are eligible for travel funding and others are not. This situation points to the ad hoc nature postgraduate education in Australia—students are subject to the vagaries of particular departmental budget conditions.

Overall, the program has been highly successful in bringing top quality South Asian researchers to interact with Australian students and researchers. As the scholarship holders include a range of mature and younger academics, the breadth of networks being formed for all those involved is diverse and promising. We anticipate that the connections developed will provide ongoing basis for cooperation between Australian and South Asian policy makers and academics well into the future.



Achievements of the Research Network 2007 (5)

Commissioned research of South Asia

As part of the ARC-APFRN's collaboration with AusAid the network coordinates the allocation of AusAid funds to researchers to complete reports on particular research problems as identified by AusAid. In so doing we draw Australian researchers into collaboration with AusAid and the ARC-APFRN.

Environment and Climate Change

In 2007 researchers at Murdoch University were commissioned to write a report on Climate Change and the Environment in South Asia and its impact on Aid service delivery (\$10,000). Leaders of this project include ECRs and Postgraduates: Dr Brad Pettitt is a lecturer and Programme Chair of Sustainable Development at Murdoch University.

He has previously worked for AusAid on Indonesian, South Asian and Afghanistan programs. His PhD thesis concerned the changing role of international development NGOs and used Oxfam as a case study. John Davis is a PhD candidate who studies strategic planning for natural resource management, catchment management, coastal sustainability, education for sustainability, program and project evaluation. He has extensive experience working in South Asia, particularly in Bangladesh.

Margaret Gollagher had recently been awarded her PhD thesis on Corporations and the Discourse of Sustainability. Her other research areas include technology, sustainable agriculture, community science, community engagement/deliberative democracy, rural sociology, role of traditional, Indigenous and local knowledge in sustainability.

Their brief is as follows:

AusAID is developing a new Environment Program in South Asia in line with AusAID's Environment Strategy that is being developed under the White Paper. Climate change, specifically on matters relating to adaptation, and emissions reduction through governance and technical improvements targeting energy efficiency, emissions controls in the energy and transport sectors, alternative energy sources, and reductions in deforestation, will be a key focus of the Strategy.

AusAID requires detailed advice on environment and climate change issues in individual countries (Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal) and for South Asia as a region, to inform its policy and program development process.



Achievements of the Research Network 2007 (5 cont'd)

Islamic Faith Based Schools

The Islamic Faith based schools report (\$20,000), was awarded to Monash Asia Institute to undertake research on new developments in the madrasahs in Pakistan, Bangladesh and India in order to understand their implications for aid and assistance delivery..

The research team is led by Professor Marika Vicziany of the National Centre for South Asian Studies. Mr Iftikhar Arman Rashid, graduate student at Monash, was also part of this research project.

Their brief was as follows:

Basic education is one of the key themes of AusAID's South Asia Strategy 2003-2007 and an area where the South Asia Program wishes to deepen its and other interested parties', understanding.

Additionally, the White Paper on the Australian Government's Overseas Aid Program notes the potential for AusAID to 'target interventions on pockets of education disadvantage using state, private, faith-based and non governmental organisations (for example in Indonesia, the Philippines and South Asia)'.

The Islamic Faith Based Schools (IFBS) sector in South Asia, but particularly in the AusAID priority countries of Bangladesh and Pakistan, is a field where AusAID is keen to strengthen its knowledge to develop options on engagement.

It is suggested that better quality education, including in IFBSs might lead to better life opportunities for young people in South Asia and reduced appeal of violent extremism.



Achievements of the Research Network 2007 (6)

Collaborations with AsiaLink and Asia Australia Mental Health on Mental Health in Asia

Over the course of 2006 and 2007, ARC-APFRN members collaborated with AsiaLink and Asia Australia Mental Health on two projects related to furthering the cooperation between Australia and China in enhancing mental health service delivery.

“Australia and China: Collaboration on Combating Depression”

Commenced in 2006 the “Australia and China: Collaboration on Combating Depression” received additional funding of \$19,250 from the International Centre of Excellence in Asia Pacific Studies. It involved working with Beyond Blue: National Depression Initiative” in opening these Australian-designed materials to a Chinese language audience in China.

The principle outcomes for the project were:

- The translation of materials currently on the “Beyond Blue: National Depression Initiative” website into Chinese.
- The launching of a website in China with this information available -see URL: <http://211.144.96.8:88/>
- The continued development of ties between mental health professionals in China and Australia

The activities that led to these outcomes included several meetings between Australian-based partners and Chinese-based collaborators in 2007. For example in March 2007 Professor Louise Edwards (UTS, ARC-APFRN), Ms Julia Fraser (AsiaLink) and Professor Ma Hong (Beijing University) met in Guangzhou to gain face-to-face feedback on the selection of the materials to be translated, the style and format of the translations and the progress on constructing the website from representatives of the Chinese Psychiatry Association (CPA), including President of the CPA, Professor Yu Xin, Vice President Xu Yifeng and Deputy Director of Health for Guangdong Province, Mr Huang Fei.

The project also required several meetings with Beyond Blue staff in Australia about the details of negotiating the use of the IP and logo. Our key contact at Beyond Blue was Chief Executive Officer Leonie Young and we received endorsement from Beyond Blue’s Director, Mr Jeff Kennet. Academics at UTS undertook the translation and polishing of the materials ensuring that the linguistic and cultural aspects of “translation” were considered. The cross-cultural interactions between the multiple parties were challenging but it was fundamental to our project that the relationships be forged and that they be long-lasting.

The project was launched in Shanghai by the Consul-General, Ms Susan Dietz-Henderson at her residence in Anfu Road on 20th September 2007. Numerous leading mental health professionals from China and Australia attended the event.



Achievements of the Research Network 2007 (6 cont'd)

“Protecting Children in Disasters”

The relationships developed in the “Combating Depression” project set the groundwork for a second project on Mental Health. The “Protecting Children in Disasters” project drew together an array of health administrators, government officials, mental health professionals, practitioners, teachers, community workers and researchers from both Australia and China in a pilot scheme aimed to be applied in other countries around the Asian region.

The program was to design and test a practical training program to facilitate improved outcomes in mental health first aid preparation and recovery for children (6-12 years) in communities confronted with disaster. It aimed to build community resilience in the advent of disaster by providing a simple set of core information and practices targeted at children’s mental health.

The materials resulting from the collaboration were designed to provide straightforward user-friendly guidelines for action in order to build capacity in mental health literacy among communities who may lack access to stable or well-resourced disaster-response infrastructure.

Professor Louise Edwards and Dr Minglu Chen (ARC-APFRN) served as evaluators for the project for which Asia Australia Mental Health and AsiaLink received pilot funding from AusAid. See report at: www.iis.uts.edu.au/chinagroup/images/Final_Evaluators_Brief_Edwards.pdf

Over 150 people were involved in the development of the materials and the testing of the program and included officials from China’s Ministry of Health, the Chinese Psychiatry Association, researchers from Beijing University and practitioners from numerous mental health hospitals around the country. School teachers, parents and community workers were enthusiastic in their contribution to refining the materials.

The project is currently being evaluated by AusAid and considered for further funding to extend its materials to rural China and Indonesia.



Indication of Activities and Strategies for 2008 (1)

In 2008 projects relating to “Crossing Borders of Cultural Meanings in the Asia Pacific” (culture and religion) will occupy the bulk of the energy and resources of network participants. The last round of grants in 2007 provided funding to the first projects with this theme. The first three application rounds in 2008 will do likewise (see below for detail of the projects funded for 2008 to date)

Signature Event

The 2008 Signature Event on Globalising Religions and Cultures in the Asia Pacific – Crossing Borders of Meaning will be held in Adelaide between December 1 and December 5 and organised by Dr Gerry Groot. It will bring international experts to Adelaide and then move them around to key centres around the nation. As with the 2005, 2006 and 2007 Signature Events, there will be public cultural activities as well as policy oriented presentations interspersed throughout.

Background

The conference is being organised by the Adelaide Asian Studies Group, a consortium of Adelaide-based scholars dedicated to promoting cooperation between South Australia’s three universities: the University of Adelaide, Flinders University and the University of South Australia and helping to raising the profile of Asian Studies throughout the state and across Australia.

Organisation

The Group’s organising committee consists of the chair, Dr Gerry Groot (University of Adelaide), Dr Michael Roberts (University of Adelaide), Ms Priya Chacko (University of Adelaide), Dr Shamsul Khan (UniSA), Dr Giancarlo Chiro (UniSA), Dr Zai Marshallsay (UniSA), Dr Peter Burns (Flinders University) and Prof. Francis Regan (Flinders University). The secretary is Mr John Videon.

Theme

The event’s theme ‘Globalising Religions and Cultures in the Asia Pacific – Crossing Borders of Meaning’ - reflects the importance of the often rapidly changing nature of religious beliefs, practices and subsequent cultural manifestations and reflections in the world today. Globalisation is both changing religion and culture within and across the borders of Asian Pacific states while also allowing and encouraging the transmission of ideas and believers around the rest of the world while proselytisation, especially with the aid of the internet and modern communication technology, let alone by missionaries of all sorts, is ever easier.

The salience of some of these changes, such as increases from religious fundamentalism, changes in notions of identity, to religion-related terror is now clear. There are however, also numerous more subtle or less obvious shifts occurring, from changes in common sense understandings of basic religious and cultural concepts to the rising popularity of alternative medicines and practices with religious underpinnings, martial arts and food consumption. This event therefore welcomes contributions from any scholars interested in the issues of change, adaptation, hybridisation and secondary consequences of religion in this region including political and social ones.



2008 Signature Event (cont'd)

Sub-themes

The event's sub themes for organising papers and presentations are:

- The current state of religions in the Asia-Pacific
- Manifestations of Religion and Culture – Religion & Identity
- Religious and Cultural Fundamentalisms
- Religion, Violence and State Policies
- Islamic Thinking at the Grassroots
- The spread of religions within and from the Asia-Pacific
- Popular Religions, Little Traditions and Cults
- The Asianisation of Western Traditions

Papers and contributions related to any of these themes will be welcomed

Event Structure

- Globalising Religions and Cultures in the Asia consists of nine key parts:
- Three public forums organised through the Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre at the University of South Australia
- Keynote speeches and talks by specially invited guests of the highest academic standing
- Four days of intensive panels on eight key themes
- Papers and presentations by scholars from all around Australia
- One day (Wednesday December 3) devoted to Early Career Researchers and Post-graduate students including a poster competition (organised by Ms Priya Chacko)
- Special Concluding Conference Dinner with an Asian inspired menu created by one of Australia's most famous chefs, Simon Bryant
- Special side events currently being negotiated
- One day of tours and events (Wednesday December 3) to allow conference participants to see some of the best of South Australia including the famous wine regions, the Barossa Valley and/or McLaren Vale, and unique Australian wildlife at Cleland National Park.
- Pride, Prejudice and Power in Cricket – a special workshop on the Asian Sub-continent religion of Cricket (November 29-December 1) organised by Dr Michael Roberts

Guest Speakers (subject to change and negotiations still underway)

Specially invited guests for the event presently include:

- Professor Riaz Hassan (Flinders University): Islam at the grassroots
- Professor Ron Herring (Ithaca) Genetically Modified Organisms and religious beliefs
- Professor Deepak Mehta – (University of Delhi) Muslims in India
- Professor Don Handelman – (Hebrew University) Religion & Nationalism
- Father Daniel Madigan – (Georgetown University) Missionaries
- Professor Koichi Iwabuchi – (Waseda University) Japanese Culture
- Ass. Professor David Cook - (Rice University) Fundamentalism
- Professor Brian Victoria - (Antioch College) Buddhism & War



Indication of Activities and Strategies for 2008 (2)

Other Forthcoming Workshops and Conferences in 2008

To date funds have been allocated to support the following programs. These either relate to the 2007 theme of Mobility and Health in Asia Pacific Populations (health and population) OR the 2008 theme of Crossing Borders of Cultural Meanings in the Asia Pacific (culture and religion).

Project title: **Inhabiting Diversity and the Asia Pacific workshop**

Chief Organiser: Dr Selvaraj Velayutham
Affiliation: Macquarie University
Amount Awarded: \$6500

Project title: **Health, culture and religion in South Asia : Interdisciplinary and cross-national social science perspectives**

Chief Organisers: Dr Assa Doron and Dr Alex Bloom
Affiliation: The Australian National University and University of Newcastle
Amount Awarded: \$6500

Project title: **ASAH (Asian Society of Architectural Historians): New Links**

Chief Organiser: Dr Anoma Pieris
Affiliation: University of Melbourne
Amount Awarded: \$7000

Project title: **The Body and Globalisation Workshop**

Chief Organiser: Professor Vera Mackie
Affiliation: University of Melbourne
Amount Awarded: \$5330

Project title: **Women in Asia: Emerging Researchers Showcase**

Chief Organiser: Associate Professor Helen Creese
Affiliation: University of Queensland
Amount Awarded: \$6500

Project title: **Pride, prejudice, power and race in contemporary cricket**

Chief Organiser: Dr Michael Roberts
Affiliation: University of Adelaide
Amount Awarded: \$9000

Project title: **Oceanic Connections: Enhancement of the 2nd conference of the Australian Association for the Advancement of Pacific Studies**

Chief Organisers: Dr. Katerina Teaiwa and Professor Stewart Firth
Affiliation: The Australian National University
Amount Awarded: \$4500



Indication of Activities and Strategies for 2008 (3)

South Asia report

As a result of the Management Committee's April recommendations to produce a report on the state of South Asia research capacity in Australia, a Steering Committee was formed comprising senior academics and ECRs in South Asian studies. The Steering Committee aimed to bring expertise from across a range of regions in Australia as well provide an opportunity for mentoring of ECRs. The overarching goals for the report are to promote awareness of the importance of South Asian Studies to Australia in the twenty-first century.

The Management Committee of the ARC-APFRN had noted that this aspect of Asia Pacific Studies was in the most vulnerable state and had suffered major decline over the last two decades. The report aims to present a series of recommendations for building Australia's research capacity in South Asian Studies in the light of the rise of the region's rapidly growing economic, cultural and political influence.

The steering committee comprises:

- Network Convenor, Professor Louise Edwards, Chair, UTS
- Ms Nicki Davies, Project Coordinator, UTS
- Professor Robin Jeffrey, Director ANU's College of Asia Pacific
- Professor Sisira Jayasuriya, ARC-APFRN Node Leader for South Asia and Director, South Asia Research Facility (SARF), LaTrobe University
- Ms Tracy Lee, Administrative Officer SARF, LaTrobe University
- Associate Professor Tim Scrase, President of the South Asian Studies Association of Australia, CAPSTRAN, University of Wollongong
- Dr Kama McLean, History, UNSW
- Associate Professor Peter Mayer, Treasurer Asian Studies Association of Australia, Politics, University of Adelaide
- Associate Professor Devleena Ghosh, Humanities, UTS
- Dr Assa Doron, Faculty of Asian Studies, ANU

The committee met by teleconference on 2 November 2007 to establish the parameters for the report. A budget of \$25,000 was allocated to the project. The Steering Committee outlined key issues to be outlined, key locations of information and data and major target audiences and stakeholders.

The project will run through 2008 with a target completion date at the end of year. The Committee recommended that a South Asian Postgraduate be hired to undertake data gathering by way of 'skilling up' the individual in the scope and extent of their field.



Network URL Details

URL Details:

<http://www.sueztosuva.org.au>

The website is the central mechanism by which members are connected. The Network also has an email database by which information is circulated among members. Back issues of the Network's quarterly Email Bulletins are also available on the webpage. The website design will be updated in 2008 to complement a new logo design for the Network.

Register of Participants

The ARC Asia Pacific Futures Research Network Management Committee resolved at its first meeting in 2004 to operate an "open" network, allowing participants to self-nominate.

This decision was taken in order that the network:

- achieve the goal of serving as a central hub for disseminating information about new initiatives in Asia Pacific research around Australia,
- achieve the specific research goals of the Network through research programs by drawing on the best and most innovative ideas in Asia Pacific research from around the country (wherever they may originate and from whomever),
- facilitate the nurturing of ECRs and Postgraduates, who may not be able to participate if the network was the purview of only a few scholars.

At March 27th 2008 we had 312 participants who have formally signed the participant's agreements. These draw from 30 different universities in Australia and an additional 14 international or national research institutions. There are a number of other participants who received network information who have not formally signed the participant's agreement including internationals. (See Appendix A for full list of participants).

Postgraduate and ECR Database

In conjunction with the DEST funded International Centre of Excellence in Asia Pacific Studies, the Network designed and maintains a postgraduate and ECR email group. Interested parties join the list through the network's webpage. This list had 532 members (as at March 28) and also generates a database of thesis topics, supervisors and universities. The database provides the Network with excellent overview information about trends in research topics. List members are provided with information about events and scholarships directed at postgraduate students and ECRs.

Financial Summary

See proforma attached for summary of expenditure Appendix B.

In addition, Universities with Regional Node sites contributed \$10,000 to the operation of the network. Contributing institutions are: Curtin University of Technology, University of Technology Sydney, Griffith University, Australian National University, Monash University, LaTrobe University, and Adelaide University. In addition, UTS contributed \$20,000 in cash to support the convenor of the network in her role.



APPENDIX A

LIST OF NETWORK PARTICIPANTS MARCH 23 2007

These 312 participants have formally registered with the network.

Title	Last Name	First Name	Department	Institution
Mr	Ahmad	Imran Habib	Environment and Society	ANU
Dr	Akbarzadeh	Shahram	School of Political & Social Inquiry	Monash
Prof	Alexander	Nadja	Peace and Conflict Studies	UQ
Dr	Alexeyeff	Kalissa	Gender Studies and History	UniMelb
Dr	Allen	Bryant	Human Geography	ANU
Prof	Altman	Dennis	Politics	La Trobe
Prof	Anderson	Atholl	Archaeology and Natural History	ANU
Prof	Ang	Ien	Centre for Cultural Research	UWS
Prof	Antons	Christoph	Law	UoW
Dr	Aspinall	Edward	Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies	USyd
Dr	As-Saber	Sharif	Management	Monash
Dr	Bahari	Razif	Asian languages and cultures	Nanyang Technological University
Dr	Ball	Rochelle	Geography	UNSW-ADFA
Dr	Ballard	Christopher	Pacific and Asian History, RSPAS	ANU
Dr	Banivanua-Mar	Tracey	History	Melbourne
Dr	Barclay	Kate	Institute for International Studies	UTS



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Dr	Barnett	Jonathon	SAGES	Melbourne
Dr	Barton	Greg	Politics	Deakin
Prof	Bellwood	Peter	Archaeology and Natural History	ANU
Dr	Blackburn	Susan	School of Political and Social Inquiry	Monash
Dr	Boll	Valerie	Anthropology	SA Museum and CCRC ANU
Dr	Bourchier	David	Asian Studies	UWA
Dr	Bourke	Mike	Human Geography	ANU
Dr	Bowden	John	Linguistics, RSPAS	ANU
Prof	Brasted	Howard	School of Classics, History and Religion	UNE
Dr	Broadbent	Kaye	Griffith Asia-Pacific Research Institute	Griffith
Dr	Broom	Alex	Humanities and social science	Newcastle
Prof	Brown	Colin	Faculty of Media, Society and Culture	Curtin
Dr	Brown	Mark	Criminology	Melbourne
Prof	Budiman	Arief	Melbourne Institute of Asian Languages and Studies	Melbourne
Dr	Butcher	Melissa	RIAP	USyd
Dr	Carrillo Garcia	Beatriz	Institute for International Studies	UTS
Dr	Carton	Adrian	Modern History	Macquarie
Prof	Chakrabarty	Dipesh	History, South Asian Languages and Civilizations	Chicago
Dr	Chan	Anita	Contemporary China Centre	ANU



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Dr	Chu	Yingchi	Media Studies & Business School	Murdoch
Prof	Clark	John	Art History & Theory	Usyd
Dr	Clark	Marshall	International and Political Studies	Deakin
Dr	Cochrane	Susan	English, Media and Art History	UQ
Dr	Cokley	John	Journalism and Communication	UQ
Dr	Connors	Michael	Politics	LaTrobe
Dr	Cooke	Susette	Institute for International Studies	UTS
Mr	Cooney	Sean	Law	Melbourne
A/Prof	Copland	Ian	School of History Studies	Monash
Prof	Corbet	Jenny	Australia-Japan Research Centre, APSEG	ANU
Ms	Cousens	Diana	Monash Asia Institute	Monash
Dr	Coyle	Rebecca	Media: School of Arts and Social Sciences	SCU
Dr	Creese	Helen	School of Languages & Comparative Cultural Studies	UQ
Dr	Cribb	Robert	RSPAS	ANU
A/Prof	Crissman	Lawrence	International Business and Asian Studies	Griffith
Prof	Crouch	Harold	Political and Social Change	ANU
Dr	Crowdy	Denis	Contemporary Music Studies	Macquarie
Prof	Currie	Jan	Education	Murdoch



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Prof	Donald	Stephanie	Institute for International Studies	UTS
Mr	Donnelly	Charles	Monash Asia Institute	Monash
Dr	Doron	Assa	Anthropology, RSPAS	ANU
Dr	Douglas	Bronwen	Pacific & Asian History, RSPAS	ANU
Prof	Drysdale	Peter	Australia-Japan Research Centre	ANU
Dr	Dunn	Anne	Media and Communication	USyd
Dr	Dutta	Dilip	Economics	USyd
Dr	Dutton	Michael	Political Science	Melbourne
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Prof	Elson	Robert	School of History, Philosophy, Religion, and Classics	UQ
Prof	Esposito	John	Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding	Georgetown
Dr	Eves	Richard	Gender Relations Centre	ANU
Dr	Fahey	Stephanie	DVCI	Monash
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Prof	Fitzgerald	John	ICEAPS	ANU
A/Prof	Fletcher	Roland	Archeology	Usyd
Dr	Ford	Michele	Indonesian	USyd
Prof	Fox	James	Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies	ANU
Mr	Fry	Gregory	International Relations	ANU
Dr	Ganguly-Scrase	Ruchira	Sociology/CAPSTRAN	Wollongong
Prof	Gao	Mobo	Chinese	Adelaide
A/Prof	Garden	Don	History and Philosophy of Science	UniMelb
Dr	Gardner	Helen	School of History and Heritage	Deakin
Dr	Ghosh	Devleena	Writing, journalism and social inquiry	UTS
Prof	Gibson	Katherine	Department of Human Geography	ANU
A/Prof	Goldman	Laurence	School of Social Science	UQ
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Dr	Walton	David	Humanities	UWS
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A/Prof	Wu	Yanrui	Economics	UWA
Dr	Yamamoto	Hilofumi	Asian Studies	ANU
Dr	Yu	Haiqing	Asian Languages and Studies	Tasmania
Dr	Yue	Audrey	English with Cultural Studies	Melbourne
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APPENDIX B

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ARC Research Network name:

ARC Asia Pacific Futures Research Network

Administering Organisation:

University of Technology Sydney
 NB Some expenses during the reporting period were also processed by ANU (previous Administering Organisation) and appear in their financial records. These are marked with a double asterix **

Sources of Funding:

	Cash	In-kind
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARC Research Network Funding 	\$318,440 + \$110,621.88 (carry forward from 2006) Total \$429,061.88	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributing Organisations (cash and in-kind contributions by each organisation) 	\$10,000 cash each from Monash, Griffith, ANU, UTS, Adelaide, Curtin, LaTrobe. (sub-total \$70,000) Additional \$20,000 cash from UTS Total 90,000 Cash	\$10,000 Web design, host, update at ANU \$ 40,000 each of the partner university for overheads [UTSX2] (8X40,000=320,000)
TOTAL:	\$519,061.88	\$330,000

Expenditure ARC Research Network Funding and Contributing Organisation cash and in-kind contributions:

(Please report on the expenditure on the budget items as stated in the Approved Proposal (or any revised budget approved by the ARC) for the Research Network. Where applicable, provide details of items of expenditure as indicated below, e.g. salary components should be listed by individual, the cost of each workshop, individual working group, or other meetings should be given, as well as any research project funds expended).



Description	2007 ARC Research Network Funding (Please ensure that complete information is provided in regard to the expenditure of all ARC funding received in 2007.)	Contributing Organisation contributions	
		Cash	In-kind
<p>❖ Personnel Salaries and on-costs, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Network Convenor ❖ In-kind contributions for academic time that have been estimated using a conservative calculation that estimates Management Committee member's commitment to Network activities as 10% of their time (av. salary 120,000 per year). ❖ Research Assistance ❖ Network Communications Coordinator 2007 UTS <p>❖ Bringing People Together:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Node annual payments</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pacific Node (ANU)** 10,000 ○ Japan/Korea (Adelaide) 10,000 ○ China Node (UTS) 10,000 ❖ Management Committee Meetings and Event Attendance 22,772 ❖ <i>Signature Conference (Adelaide University)</i> 50,000 ❖ <i>Signature Conference (Monash University)**</i> 51,132 ❖ <i>Project grants for workshops and conferences. Those invoiced and paid in 2007 financial year listed below.</i> <p>Scrase T (UoW) Research Leaderships for Postgrads and ECRs 20,000</p> <p>Altman D. (LaTrobe) AIDS & Fragile States 5,000</p>			<p>85,000</p> <p>84,000</p> <p>17,000</p>



Gillespie J (Monash) Commercial Regulation in Asia	7,000		
Suh CS (UNSW) Strategic Cooperation in Korean Studies	5,000		
Yang JQ, Carillo B (UTS) Food Safety in China	8,650		
Lyons L (UoW) Migration, Mobility, Travel	8,250		
Kell P (UoW) International Students in Asia Pacific: Wellbeing and Mobility	5,000		
Jeffreys E (UTS) Sexual Health and Mobility in China	5,000		
Tebutt J (LaTrobe) Public Service Broadcasting X1	3,000		
Tebutt J (LaTrobe) Public Service Broadcasting X2 **	5,000		
Babar, A (Monash) Civil Military Relations and Health Impacts	4,000		
Gibson, K (ANU) Health, migration in Philippines	6,916		
Li T (ANU) Gulf of Tongking History	6,000		
Penny B (ANU) Religious Innovation in East Asia	7,600		
Ramsay G (UQ) Mental Illness in East Asia	7,000		
Robinson K (ANU) Ethnographic Writing	4,975		
Velayutham (Macq) Skilled Migration in Asia Pacific	7,806		
Gray P (ANU) Biosecurity Challenges	5,000		
Hill D (Murdoch) Mediating Transition in Indonesia	6,354.44		
Zwi, A (UNSW) Timor-Leste Health and Development	3,000		
Lee T (LaTrobe) South Asia Concept SARF**	5,000		
❖ Purchase of specific Assets or Intellectual Property			
❖ Portable hard-drive for Communications Coordinator	71.82		
❖ Other expenditure:			
❖ Web page maintenance ANU			10,000
❖ Partner University overheads			320,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	216,000 UTS 24,433 ANU		499,000
Carryover amount:	213,060		

Provide the reason for carryover in the column below:



It is essential that reasons be provided by carryover requests

** Late presentation of invoices from grant awardees in other institutions

It is the responsibility of the Research Network to ensure that the carryover amount requested in this document has been discussed with the Administering Organisation's Research Office and that it is consistent with the carryover amount, which is forwarded electronically, and in hard copy, to the ARC in a separate End of Year Report.

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Signature: _____

Date: 28 March 2008