A semi-annual newsletter to fill you in on all the latest developments from the interdisciplinary FASS Research Clusters

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Event Highlights from S1, 2013

Singapore: a Rapidly Rising World City in East Asia Specialization Network – Jan 22
Seminar by Associate Professor Ma Lili, a visiting researcher at the Cities Cluster from the
School of Economics and Management, Northwest University, Xi’an, China.

Hacking the City and The Future of Things – February 5-6
Workshop and seminar by Dr. Chris Speed, a Reader in
Digital Spaces with the Edinburgh School of Architecture and
Landscape Architecture at the University of Edinburgh, UK.

Empire Food to Post-Colonial City: Circulating Foodscapes in London,
Toronto, and Singapore – Feb 7
Seminar by Dr. Jayeeta Sharma,
Assistant Professor in History at the
University of Toronto.

The Changing Practice of Recreational Running in Cities: Questioning How Exercise Comes to Happen in Particular Urban Environments - Apr 23
Seminar by Dr. Russell Hitchings, Department of Geography UCL.
Event Highlights from S1, 2013 cont.

Asian Urbanisms in Theory and Practice: The Future of the Vernacular City July 1-2
A workshop, jointly organized with Urban Knowledge Network Asia (UKNA) at International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS), ARI Asian Urbanisms Cluster, and the Future Cities Lab. The workshop included a tour of Bukit Brown and Armenian Street, as well as the CityPossible II film festival at the Substation. The themes “The Idea of the City”, “Cities by and for the People”, and “The Future of Cities” were addressed.

Geographies of Aspiration: Urban Places, Constitutive Connections, and Methodological Innovations July 22-23
A workshop jointly organized with cities@manchester, University of Manchester and ARI Asian Urbanisms Cluster.

A Walk in the Park: Singapore’s Green Corridor in Light of Manhattan’s High Line - Aug 5 by Professor David Strand (co-organized with the Singapore Research Nexus)

August 19 ‘Conversations over Walls: Friendship and Aspiration Amongst Low Wage Migrants in Singapore and Dubai’ by Dr. Laavanya Kathiravelu, Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity.

Forthcoming Events Semester II, 2013

September 5-6: Workshop on Friendship and the Convivial City, organized in collaboration with The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity and the ARI Asian Urbanisms Cluster.
The 4th Symposium for the Consortium of Asian and African Studies (CAAS) was held on 28-30 January 2013 at the University Hall Auditorium in the National University of Singapore (NUS). It was organized by the Research Division of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), in association with CAAS; co-sponsored by the FASS Cities Research Cluster and FASS Graduate Studies Division. The theme of the symposium was “Sustainable Cities” and a total of twenty eight papers were presented over two and a half days.

There were faculty and graduate student level representation from:
• Columbia University
• Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (HUFS)
• Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO)
• School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London
• Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (TUFS),
• University of Auckland
• NUS
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Global Change Issues in the Asian Region Workshop - 25 January 2013

‘Global Change Issues in the Asian Region’ was a day long open workshop jointly organized by the Environment and STS research clusters. The presentations featured global change related projects currently being conducted by NUS and international scholars. Presentation topics focused on human health and climate change, case studies of degradation processes as a result of global change and the environmental effects of mining and corporate responsibility amongst many others.

In addition to the participation of FASS Geography faculty members, the following overseas academics also took part in the workshop: Marwan Hassan (University of British Columbia), Antonio Dinnis Ferreira (Escola Superior Agraria de Coimbra, Portugal), Sangbum Shin (Yonsei University, Korea), Kathryn Robinson (Australian National University), Barry Newell (Australian National University) and Katrina Proust (Australian National University).

Upcoming Events

Open Environment Cluster meeting scheduled for September 13th 2013.
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*Brownbag Seminar Series*

8 March - Unintended Advocacy: Foreign ownership and Workplace gender equity in Japan
by Dr Jiwook Jung, NUS Sociology Department

15 March - Television and International Family Change
by A/P Rukmalie Jayakody, Pennsylvania State University

22 March - Hiring domestic help and family well-being among Chinese couples in Hong Kong
by Dr. Cheung Ka Lok, NUS Sociology Department/ARI
Event Highlights SII 2013 cont.

Distinguished Visiting Professor Frank F. Furstenberg Jr., Emeritus Professor of Sociology and Research Associate in the Population Studies Center at the University of Pennsylvania gave a number of talks this past semester:

9 April 2013: Public Lecture – Imaging family change: Some “lessons” from the West and dilemmas for Asia

19 April 2013: Behind the Academic Curtain: How to Find Success and Happiness with a PhD.

26 April 2013: Family Complexity and Intergenerational Relations

Upcoming Events

5-6 December 2013 - Living Alone: One-Person Households in Asia
A joint conference with the Health Cluster and ARI
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14 February - Management of acute and procedural pain by Elvira Lang, MD, FSIR, FSCEH
In this talk Dr Lang demonstrated the evolution of the use of rapid rapport skills and guidance in self-hypnotic relaxation techniques and provided video demonstrations of their actual clinical use.

NUS - Tsao Foundation Ageing Research Initiative workshop: ‘New Perspectives on Health Retirement and successful Ageing’ - 22 March
This workshop marked the renewal of $750,000 funding from the Tsao Foundation to FASS. Three FASS researchers presented on the following topics:

Harnessing research to inform policy: Understanding long term care and frailty in Singapore by A/P Angelique Chan, Director, Tsao Foundation Ageing Research Initiative, Dept of Sociology, NUS, and Associate Professor, Health Services and Systems Research, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School

Rethinking Housing Policy and Its Implications on Retirement Adequacy by A/P Chia Ngee Choon, Department of Economics, NUS

Prevalence and correlates of successful aging: A comparative study between China and South Korea by Asst Prof Feng Qiushì, Sociology Department.
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NUS - Tsao Foundation Ageing Research Initiative seminar: Emotion regulation during stress and healthy biological ageing - 15 May
by Dr. Kirstin Aschbacher, University of California San Francisco

Upcoming Events

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13 March
Seminar on The American University Meets The Pacific Century: Notes From The University Of Illinois
by Professor Nancy Abelmann, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

15 March
Seminar on The Moral Economies of Pyramid Subcontracting: Down-Sourcing Risk Among Transnational Labourers in Asia
by Associate Professor Amanda Wise, Macquarie University

20 March 2013
Seminar on Imagined Mobility: Migration, Transnationalism & the Indian (Middle Class) Student-Migration
by Dr Michiel Baas, Leiden University
14 March 2013 - Graduate Student Workshop on Migration Methodologies!
This event was part of a workshop series that began in September 2007. It aimed to benefit graduate students of migration studies, especially those who had just returned or were about to embark on fieldwork. Paper presentations at the workshop were evaluated by two invited experts in Migration research - Professor Nancy Abelmann from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Dr. Amanda Wise from Macquarie University.

4 April 2013
Seminar on Everyday Objects: Plastik, Art and Geographies of Materiality by Dr Deirdre McKay, Keele University

11 April 2013
Seminar on The Most Distant Other, ‘the North Korean Arrival’ in South Korea: the Stranger or Mediator? by Dr Kim Sung Kyung, Sungkonghoe University
Event Highlights 2013 S1 cont.

14 August 2013
‘Hafu - The Film’. Screening and Panel Discussion
with Hafu’s Director and Co-producer Lara Perez Takagi,
Dr Tim Amos (Japanese Studies), A/P Thang Leng Leng
(Japanese Studies), Dr Elaine Ho (Migration Cluster)
and Fiona Seiger (Migration Cluster)

Upcoming Events

27 August 2013
Migration Research Cluster Open Meeting

31 August 2013
Seminar: A Search for a Place to Call Home: Negotiation of Home, Identity and
Senses of Belonging among New Zealand’s New Migrants from the People’s
Republic of China (PRC) by Dr Sally Liu (ARI, NUS)

Date TBA
Seminar: Transnational Flows and Permissive Polities: Ethnographies of Human
Mobilities in Asia
(Exact title TBC) by Dr Malini Sur (ARI, NUS)
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Orders and Itineraries: Buddhist, Islamic, and Christian Networks in Southern Asia, c. 900-1900
organised by the Asia Research Institute, and co-sponsored by the Religion Cluster at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS
21 - 22 Feb 2013

FASS Religion Cluster Open Lunch Meeting
26 Mar 2013
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Upcoming Events


FASS Religion Cluster Graduate Student Seminar on Chinese Religion - 1 Nov
Workshop on the Impact of Social Science on Policy Research in Singapore
- 4 March 2013
Panelists: Assoc. Prof Paulin Straughan (FASS-NUS), Dr Irene Ng (FASS-NUS), Ms. Charlotte Beck (MSF-Ministry of Social and Family Development), Dr Leong Chan Hoong (IPS-Institute of Policy Studies), Dr Hui Yew-Foong (ISEAS-Institute of Southeast Asian Studies), Dr Justin Lee (NCSS-National Council of Social Service)

“Monnikenheide: Social Inclusion in Belgium”
- 9 April 2013
Speaker: Wivina Demeester (former State Secretary for Public Health and Handicapped Care and Minister of Budget and Science in Belgium)
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Seminar: Sustainable Urban Transport Mobility and Transport Policy in Singapore
15 April 2013
Panelists: Assoc. Prof Anthony Chin (FASS-NUS), Assoc. Prof Paul Barter (LKYSPP),
Assoc. Prof Gopinath Menon (NTU), Adrien Moulin (UITP-International Association of
Public Transport)

Upcoming Events SII 2013

Building an Inclusive Society: Understanding and Empowering the Poor in
Singapore - A Forum
24 September 2013
- jointly organized by SSP (Social Science and Policy Research Cluster), SRN (Singapore
Research Nexus) and CSDA (Center for Social Development Asia)

The Panel Study Methods and Its Uses in Social Policy Research
November 2013 (TBC)
Workshop jointly organised by SSP (Social Science and Policy Research Cluster) and IPS
(Institute of Policy Studies)
Cluster Symposium: Nuclear Power in Asia: Two Years After Fukushima
20 – 22 March 2013
This symposium consisted of five events:
1. Screening of German documentary film *Unter Kontrolle*
2. Panel discussion on Nuclear Power in Southeast Asia and South Asia
3. Screening of Indonesian documentary film *Nuklir Jawa*
4. Teaching “Disaster” in the Classroom: A Workshop (in conjunction with Teach 3.11)
5. Keynote Lecture by Professor Kath Weston (University of Virginia) - “The Unwanted Intimacy of Radiation Exposure: Inescapable Ecologies after 3.11”
### Other past events

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### Upcoming Events

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**Open STS Cluster Meeting** – date TBC
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Animals of Empire: Singapore, American Zoos, and the Wildlife Trade, 1900-1940 – 4 Feb by Prof Daniel Bender, Canada Research Chair in Cultural History and Analysis at University of Toronto

Singapore's Connections with Asia and the World – A workshop - 15 March, 2013

Singapore on Screen, Undergraduate Short Film Competition - Screenings and Awards March 16

Upcoming Events

24 September 2013
“Building an Inclusive Society: Understanding and Empowering the Poor in Singapore” (jointly organized by the SSP Cluster, SRN and CSDA )
• Panel 1: Research and Conceptual Issues of Poverty
  Speakers: Mr Laurence Lien (National Volunteer and Philanthropy Center), Assoc. Prof Irene Ng (FASS-NUS), Assoc. Prof Hui Weng Tat (LKYSSP-NUS)
• Panel 2: Policies and Strategies to Uplift the Poor
  Speakers: Assoc. Prof Vasoo S. (FASS-NUS), Ms Seah Yang Hee (Ministry of Social and Family Development), Mr Teo Tee Loon (Lakeside Family Centre)

Singapore on Screen 2013 Student Short Film Competition
Admissions now open until December 15th 2013