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Challenging Southeast Asian Development: The shadows of success (Taylor & Francis)
Jonathan Rigg (Professor, Department of Geography)

Three Centuries of Conflict in East Timor (Rutgers University Press)
Douglas Kammen (Assoc Professor, Department of Southeast Asian Studies)

Bao Zhiming (Professor, Department of ELL)

Tibet on Fire: Buddhism, Protest, and the Rhetoric of Self-Immolation (Palgrave Macmillan)
John Whalen-Bridge (Assoc Professor, Department of ELL)
18 September: *Radicals: Resistance and Protest in Colonial Malaya*

Dr Khairudin Aljunied, Associate Professor at the Dept of Malay Studies, spoke about his new book *Radicals: Resistance and Protest in Colonial Malaya*, a ‘history of the losers’ that examines becoming and being radical through the lens of the History of Ideas and Historical Anthropology. The talk was chaired by Dr Tim Barnard, Associate Professor at the NUS Dept of History, who supervised Dr Khairudin for his Honours thesis, and was his co-supervisor for his Masters. Dr Khairudin is currently working on *Muslim Cosmopolitanism: Southeast Asian Islam in Comparative Perspective* (2016, Edinburgh UP). The book examines investigates the complex ways by which cosmopolitan ideals and pluralist tendencies have been creatively employed and carefully adapted by Muslim individuals, societies, and institutions in Southeast Asia to bring about the necessary contexts for mutual tolerance and shared respect between and within different groups in society.
10 September: Archaeology on a Little Red Dot: Special Finds in Singapore
by Professor John Miksic, Department of Southeast Asian Studies

Professor Miksic will be delivering a talk on his latest book, Ancient Southeast Asia (Routledge, 2016), co-authored by Dr Goh Geok Yian, in June 2016 from 6-7:30pm (details and date TBC) at the Pod, NLB.

The next Professorial Seminar will be conducted by Professor Vineeta Sinha (Sociology & SASP). Details TBC.

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The dividing line between the animal and the human has become increasingly blurred, as capacities once thought unique to humans have been observed among animals (tool-use, cultural transmission, proto-linguistic use of signs, self-recognition, altruism, etc.). The blurring of the boundaries presents great challenges to our sense of what it means to be human. But it presents just as far-reaching challenges to the very way in which we formulate such questions. If we can no longer identify particular qualities as exclusively human, how do we conceive of our difference? This talk will argue that we need to employ a different logic, one not of mutual exclusive categories, but of mutual inclusion. It is only by moving to a new, directly ecological, logic, that we transform the current crisis in our sense of ourselves into an opportunity for a reconnection to the continuum of life.

Professor Massumi is one of the most well-known philosophers and theorists in the field of cultural studies and affect studies. He received his PhD in French Literature from Yale University in 1987 and has lectured internationally. He is now teaching in the Communication Sciences Department at the Universite de Montreal.
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18 September: From Kampungs to Condos: Land Transformation and the Changing Social Ecology of Land in Jakarta, Indonesia seminar by Professors Helga Leitner & Eric Sheppard

15 October: Friendship, Curiosity & the City: Dementia Friends and River Walks in Liverpool, a seminar by Prof Richard Phillips

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Forthcoming Events

9 November: Roundtable discussion with Prof John Hannigan (University of Toronto) titled "The Future of Urban Studies and Asia's Place in it"

16 November: Seminar by Ms Anna Gasco (Future Cities Lab) on the cross-border regional effects of Changi Airport
Joint with SRN

Event Highlights from Semester 1, AY 2015-2016

4 August: Hydrological and Geomorphological Responses to Tropical Reforestation: A Fresh Look at 'Traditional' and 'Modern' Views in the Light of New Evidence by Professor Sampurno Bruijnzeel
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29 October: A NUS-Humboldt Joint Workshop on Migration, Diversity and Encounters

Jointly organized by Asia Research Institute, the Migration Cluster of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore, and Humboldt University of Berlin.

In recent years the impact (new) migrants make on the multicultural and multiracial dimensions of cities in Europe and Asia has featured prominently on the research agenda. While this has led to an efflorescence of highly insightful publications little effort has been made to develop a collaborative perspective. The East-West divide, in that sense, sees itself replicated in research agendas which all too easily agree on ‘difference’ and ‘otherness’. With this workshop we wish to argue differently. Its main goal is to bring together researchers from two prominent universities, one located in the East (National University of Singapore) and one in the West (Humboldt University) and to have them enter into dialogue about what we can learn from each other’s findings. The focus will be on ‘migrant encounters’, especially where it concerns new or recent migrants and their arrival and subsequent integration into cities. How do migrants encounter each other and the local population in Eastern and Western contexts? How do these encounters take shape and what direction do they take? What can be learned from these encounters with respect to the development of the study of migration in Asia and Europe?

This half-day NUS-Humboldt Joint Workshop is a first step in a longer-term commitment to develop an integrated perspective on what Asian and European studies of migration can learn from each other and how they can benefit from each other. The workshop will be followed by an international conference in Berlin hosted by Humboldt University in May 2016.
Event Highlights from Semester 1, AY2015-16

1 October: Seminar on Thailand’s International Meditation Centers: Translating and Embodying Buddhism by Brooke Schedneck (Lecturer, Institute of SEA Affairs, Chiangmai University)

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28-29 August: Infrastructures: Provocations Towards an Inter-Disciplinary Dialogue, an international workshop co-organised with SEAS Dept & ARI STS Research Cluster
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21 September: Impacts & Challenges of Climate Change on Singapore Society

Winston Chow (Asst Prof, Geography), Melissa Low (Research Assoc, Energy Studies Institute), Cheong Kok Hwee (Deputy Director, National Parks Board), and Andrew Tan (Executive, Mitigation and Resilience Policy and Planning, National Climate Change Secretariat, PMO)
Event Highlights from Semester 1, AY 2015-2016

21 September: Research Visibility Workshop with NUS Libraries

The workshop featured sessions on ScholarBank@NUS, Academia.edu, and ResearchGate. Download the presentation slides here.

Fall 2015: Picture Singapore 2015: Change & Continuity


View the gallery of all entries here. The Picture Singapore 2015 Exhibit runs from 2 Nov-2 Dec. Visit ArtsBuzz Gallery at NUS Central Library to view the winning photos in person! The ten prize winning micro-stories from SRN’s Spring 2015 NUS 110 Word Competition will be on display as well.
CFPR’s seminars and workshops during the past quarter include:

21 August: Migrants' transition to adulthood in China: 
Marriage and job trajectories on the origin-education-gender intersections by Dr Mu Zheng, ARI and CFPR

26 August: Workshop: Exploring Collaborative Research Opportunities at the Intersection of Family, Gender and Social Change, jointly organized with ARI

4 September: Aging in East Asia: 
Multilevel perspectives on determinants of social relationships and mental health by Dr Ko Pei-Chun, ARI and CFPR

18 September: Implication of Retirement Age Extension for Human Capital in China, 2015-2050 by Dr Feng Qiushi, CFPR & Department of Sociology, NUS


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2 October: What will it cost you today? Gendered Discourses of Parenting in Singapore's National Environment Campaign by A/P Michelle Lazar, NUS Dept of ELL

9 October: Filial Piety from Afar: Migration, Gender and Elderly Care in China by Prof Susanne Y P Choi, Dept of Sociology, the Chinese University of Hong Kong

16 October: The Competitive Earning Incentive for Sons: Evidence from Migration in China by Dr Yi Junjian, NUS Dept of Economics

23 October: Complex Households and the Distribution of Multiple Resources in Later Life: Findings from a National Survey by Dr Juyeon Kim, Dept of Sociology, University of Seoul

30 October: Migration and the Social Structural Correlates of Adolescent Fertility in Vietnam, 1989 to 2009 by A/P Kim Korinek, Dept of Sociology, University of Utah

Forthcoming Events - CFPR Lunchtime Seminars

6 November: Methodology Workshop: Longitudinal Studies in the Social Sciences by Prof Jean Yeung, CFPR Director

13 November: Income and Wealth Inequality in China by Prof Xie Yu, Bert G. Kerstetter ’66 University Professor, Sociology Dept and Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University

16 November: China Family Panel Studies (CFPS) by Prof Xie Yu, Bert G. Kerstetter ’66 University Professor, Sociology Dept and Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University

20 November: Religion and Son Preference in India and Bangladesh: Comparing Hindus and Muslims on Son Preference and Sex Differentials in Child Health by Dr Abhijit Visaria, Postdoctoral Fellow, ARI & CFPR

23 November: Advances in Genomics and Social Sciences by Prof Guang Guo, Dr. George and Alice Wells Distinguished Professor, Dept of Sociology, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

4 December: Social Exclusion and Cognitive Impairment of the Elderly in China by Ms Yang Yi, PhD Candidate, Dept of Sociology, NUS

Upcoming conferences can be found on the CFPR website at http://www.fas.nus.edu.sg/cfpr/

Click here for highlights of publications by the CFPR director, Provost’s Chair Professor Wei-Jun Jean Yeung

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Notable recent activities at SSR include:

**19 August:** *Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Navigation Performance Measurement for Social Services* by Dr Robyn Tan, Research Fellow, Advocacy and Research Team, National Council of Social Service

**30 September:** *Behavioral Economics: Evidence for Chronic Disease Prevention* by Prof Eric Andrew Finkelstein
Dr Finkelstein, Ph.D., M.H.A. is the Executive Director of Lien Centre for Palliative Care and Professor of the Signature Research Program in Health Services and Systems Research at the Duke-National University of Singapore Graduate Medical School and Research Professor at Duke University Global Health Institute.

**23 October:** *What Questions Experimental Design Can and Cannot Answer in Program Evaluation* by Prof John C Ham, Associate Editor at the Journal of Econometrics and Labour Economics in NUS
Selected recent events


Coe, Neil Martin (2015), Consumption Economies, Key Theme Convener,
Lai, Karen Peak Yue (2015), Financialisation of everyday life, Major Theme Convener
Yeung, Godfrey Kwok Yung (2015), Global Production Economies, Major Theme Convener

Aug 28: Agri-Food Networks in Southeast Asia: Exploring Firm-Specific Strategies of Investment and Coordination in Indonesia

Dr Jeff Neilson, Assoc Professor Bill Pritchard and Dr Yayoi Lagerqvist, School of Geosciences, University of Sydney, Australia
Selected recent events (continued)

September 16: Seminar on Strategic Coupling with Global Production Networks: The Emergence of East Asian Firms in the Global Economy

September 22: Towards GPN 2.0? Global production networks and economic development in an interconnected world
Neil Coe, invited presentation to the Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology Visiting Speaker Series, NIGLAS, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Nanjing, China

September 23: Global value chains/global production networks: organizing the global economy
Neil Coe, invited lecture to Department of Geography Visiting Speaker series, College of Territorial Resources and Tourism, Anhui Normal University, Wuhu, China

September 23-24: 30th Pacific Economic Community Seminar: Improving Supply Chain Connectivity towards a Seamless Regional Community
Yeung, Henry Wai-chung, Opportunities and Challenges of Integrating SMEs into Global Value Chains, Co-Speaker, Session 2, Taipei, Taiwan

For more events, both recent and forthcoming, visit GPN’s site.
### Notable recent & upcoming events:

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<td>6 Aug</td>
<td><strong>Singapore Economics Review Conference, NAI Plenary Session:</strong> <em>Rethinking Social Security Provision in an Aging Society.</em> The panel of experts comprised Prof Monika Bütler, Director of Swiss Institute for Empirical Economic Research at the Universität, St. Gallen Switzerland; Prof Stephen Turnovsky, Assoc Prof Ngee-Choon Chia, NAI Co-Director, Prof Kitamura Yukinobu, Director of Institute of Economic Research at Hitotsubashi University, moderated the discussion. Prof Turnovsky provided an economic framework of social security reform in an aging society. Prof Bütler spoke on the unintended consequences of means-testing retirement benefits in Switzerland. Assoc Prof Chia presented an actuarial analysis of adding a means-tested basic pension support to the Central Provident Fund (CPF) system.</td>
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<td><strong>International Symposium on Housing Inclusion and Social Equity</strong> The Symposium features DPM Tharman Shanmugaratnam as the keynote speaker speaking on <em>Housing and Urban Planning: Levers for Social Inclusion.</em> A/P Chia Ngee Choon will be presenting on <em>Housing and Social Equity in Singapore.</em></td>
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<td>2 Dec</td>
<td><strong>Housing Design and Retirement Security in Singapore</strong> This seminar summarizes Singapore’s challenges and successes to date and discuss next age opportunities with a focus on the nexus of community housing design and retirement security. A/P Wong Yunn Chii, Head, NUS Architecture Department, and A/P Chia Ngee Choon will share their perspectives on the significant roles that community housing design and retirement security have played in the facilitation of citizens’ wellbeing and the prosperity of Singapore.</td>
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