

**MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> COLLOQUIUM**  
***BOUNDARIES AND SHIFTING SOVEREIGNTIES:  
MIGRATION, SECURITY ISSUES AND REGIONAL  
COOPERATION***

**Thursday 30 November - Friday 1 December 2006**  
**UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND, ARMIDALE**  
**Convenors: Amarjit Kaur and Ian Metcalfe**  
**Venue: LT5: EBL Faculty**



**REVISED PROGRAM**

**WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2006**

7:30 pm **PUBLIC LECTURE (LT A2, Arts Building)**  
**Fr. David Holdcroft**  
'The Jesuit Refugee Service and Displaced Persons in Southeast Asia'

**THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2006**

8:00-8:45 am **REGISTRATION**  
8:45-9:00 am **Welcome and Opening by Professor Robin Pollard,  
Pro Vice-Chancellor Development & International, UNE**

***Session 1 International Migration***

**Chair: Howard Brasted**  
9:00-9:15 am **Tessa Morris-Suzuki (ANU)**  
'Rethinking Regional Migration: Reflections from the East Asian Experience'  
9:15-9:30 am **Binod Khadria (JNU, India and ARI, NUS)**  
'The Movement of Skilled Indian Workers in the Asia-Pacific Region: Mapping Emerging Geo-Economic Contours through a Telescope and a Microscope'  
9:30-9:45 am **Aswatini (LIPI, Indonesia)**  
'Indonesian labour Migration to Malaysia and Singapore'  
9:45-10:00 am **Arunajeet Kaur (NUS)**  
'Integrating 'foreign talent' into the multi-racial social fabric of Singapore and its policy implications: Case study of Indian professionals in Singapore since 1991'  
10:00-10:40 am **DISCUSSION**  
10:40-11:10 am **MORNING TEA**

***Session 2 International Migration & Health Issues***

**Chair: Michele Ford**  
11:10-11:25 am **Bligh Grant (UNE)**  
'Malaysia, Singapore & Australia: Contemporary Immigration Regimes Compared'  
11:25-11:40 am **Mary Ditton & Leigh Lehane (UNE)**  
'Problems in primary health care in rural Thailand'  
11:40-11:55 am **Jarurat Yanggratoke (Thailand)**  
'Policy Shift in Migrant Worker Policy and Its Effects on Thailand's Health System'

11:55-12:20 pm **DISCUSSION**  
12.20-1:30 pm **LUNCH**  
12.50-1:30 pm **MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE SOCIETY AGM**

***Session 3 Border Controls, Forced Migration & Labour Rights***

**Chair:** **Tessa Morris-Suzuki**  
1:30-1:45 pm **Michele Ford** (U. Sydney)  
'Temporary Migration, Labour Rights and Economic  
Citizenship in East and Southeast Asia: Some Preliminary  
Reflections'  
1:45-2:00 pm **Amarjit Kaur** (UNE)  
'Governance of migration and frameworks for border controls  
in Malaysia and Singapore'  
2:00-2:15 pm **Denis Wright** (UNE)  
'Forced Migration and Trafficking in South Asia'  
2:15-2:40 pm **DISCUSSION**

***Session 4 The State & Security Issues***

**Chair:** **Fadzilah Majid Cooke**  
2:40-2:55 pm **Michael Leigh** (U. Melbourne)  
'Nation and State in the Asia-Pacific Region'  
2:55-3:10 pm **Lily Rahim** (U. Sydney)  
'The Politics of Competitive National-Building  
and Communalism in Singapore and Malaysia'  
3:10-3:35 pm **DISCUSSION**  
3:35-4:00 pm **AFTERNOON TEA**

***Session 5 Security Issues and Regional Cooperation***

**Chair:** **Michael Leigh**  
4:00-4:15 pm **John Funston** (ANU)  
'The Thai State and Muslims in Southern Thailand: Should  
Malaysia be worried?'  
4:15-4:30 pm **Rita Camilleri** (Monash U.)  
'Regional Cooperation on Muslim Minorities'  
4:30-4:45 pm **Kiranjit Kaur** (UiTM, Malaysia)  
'The Media and Reporting on Security Issues in Malaysia'  
4:45-5:10 pm **DISCUSSION**  
6:00-7:30 pm **DINNER & Book Launches (Booloominbah)**  
Launch of Fadzilah Majid Cooke's book 'State, Communities  
and Forests in Contemporary Borneo' [A. Kaur]  
Launch of 14<sup>th</sup> James C. Jackson memorial Lecture – Amarjit  
Kaur [Howard Brasted]  
7:45 pm **ILLUSTRATED PUBLIC LECTURE**  
**(LT A2, Arts Building)**  
**Ian Metcalfe** (UNE)  
'Caves and Cave Temples of Peninsular Malaysia'

## **FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2004**

### ***Session 6 Islam, Identity and the State***

**Chair:** Lily Rahim

- 8:30-8:45 am **Nadra Hosen** (CCES, Indonesia)  
'Islam in Indonesia'
- 8:45-9:00 am **Nadirsyah Hosen** (UQ)  
'Syariah Law in Indonesia'
- 9:00-9:15 am **Zifirdaus Adnan** (UNE)  
'Islamic radicalisation in Indonesia with reference to suicide bombers.'
- 9:15-9:40 am **DISCUSSION**

### ***Session 7 Community, Economy and Society: Sustainable Development***

**Chair:** Christine Inglis

- 9:40-9:55 am **Fadzilah Majid Cooke** (University of Malaysia, Sabah)  
'Indigenous "Voluntary" Migration and Oil Palm: The Symbolic Dimension'
- 9:55-10:10 am **Helen Godfrey** (UNE)  
'The Forgotten Trade: Gutta Percha and the Telegraph– a Trading Ecology'
- 10:10-10:25 am **DISCUSSION**
- 10:25-11:00 am **MORNING TEA**

### ***Session 8 Transnationalism & Identity***

**Chair:** Ian Metcalfe

- 11:00-11:15 am **Christine Inglis** (RIAP, Sydney)  
'Transnationalism and its relevance to understanding migration in an uncertain environment: The case of Malaysia and Singapore'
- 11:15-11:30 am **Urmila Goel** (UNE/Germany)  
'Shifting boundaries on the internet: Strategies of "second generation Indians" in Germany'
- 11:30-12:00 pm **DISCUSSION**
- 12:00-12:15 pm **Colloquium Closing Remarks**
- 12:15-1:15 pm **LUNCH**

1:15-5:00 pm

## POSTGRADUATE WORKSHOP & TEA

**Chair: Amarjit Kaur**

The following students will make 20 minute presentations followed by discussion and feedback from Workshop Mentors:

**Alistair David Blair Cook** (University of Melbourne)

‘Normative Evolution and Regional Constraints: The International Refugee Regime in Southeast Asia’

**Sylvia Yazid** (Monash U.)

‘The Role of NGOs in Promoting the Rights of Indonesian Women Migrant Workers: Activism of Migrant Labour and Women's NGOs’

**Risa Tokunaga** (ANU)

‘Refugee communities in Malaysia: dynamics between border control and human rights’

**Gaim James Lunkapis** (Macquarie U.)

‘Social Impact Assessment Framework for Sustainable Local Resource Management in Sabah, Malaysia’

**Coral Kee** (U. Sydney)

‘The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) Crisis in Singapore’

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