

Citation – Professor Howard Brasted

Emeritus Professor Howard Brasted has served the University of New England with distinction for over 46 years. He has served in a number of frontline administrative capacities, including two periods of membership of the UNE Council, as Head of School of Classics, History and Religion (2004-2006), the Director of the UNE Asia Centre (2000-2008), and a member of the Academic Board between 2012 and 2016. Externally, Professor Brasted was an ARC Assessor from 1996-2000 and 2005-2006. He now holds the title of Emeritus Professor on account of his outstanding achievements, his unfailing collegiality and his passionate commitment to the traditional values of the university.

Emeritus Professor Brasted maintains a leading role in making the University of New England a centre of teaching and research excellence in the fields of South Asian history and Islamic studies. Partly in recognition of this, the South Asian Studies Association (SASA) shifted its headquarters from Melbourne to Armidale in 1984, as did its peer reviewed international journal *South Asia*. Professor Brasted was both the long-term Secretary of SASA and Editor of *South Asia* (1984-2002), currently a Q1 journal that ranks as one of the top three in the world in this field. He continues to serve on its Editorial Committee. Professor Brasted's efforts to build UNE's Islamic Studies programme, with a unique focus on Muslim societies in Asia, put UNE at the forefront of the political push for Australians to become more 'Asia literate'.

As Secretary of the South Asian Studies Association (SASA) from 1984 to 2002, an association of some 350 members – 150 Australian, 200 international - he managed its affairs on a daily basis, besides regularly representing South Asianists to government, the media and other professional bodies. He appeared before the Australia-India Parliamentary Group in 1996, and made a submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade in 1997. Over and above all this he organised and convened seven international conferences held under the biennial umbrella of the Asian Studies Association of Australia.

In terms of scholarship, his productivity has been substantial as the author of two monographs, five edited books, and dozens of peer reviewed articles and book chapters to date, published by leading publishing houses such as Oxford University Press, Macmillan, Palgrave Routledge, and Sage. Professor Brasted's significant ongoing contributions include four chapters in the *Routledge Handbook of Political Islam*, the *Routledge Handbook of Populism in Asia*, and *Religion and Extremism in Asia* (Palgrave), scheduled to appear in 2021.

Early in his career at UNE, Emeritus Professor Brasted broke new interpretative ground in his studies of Indian nationalism, child labour, women workers in Asia, and labour standards in India. In recent years, his international reputation has been built on a body of research on Islamist radicalisation, which has attracted many PhD students to UNE from overseas, especially from Pakistan and Bangladesh. He remains a vital leader and an active mentor to teachers and researchers in UNE's Department of Archaeology, Classics and History. Emeritus Professor Howard Brasted has served the University of New England with distinction for over 46 years. He has served in a number of frontline administrative

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