

Monash Asia Institute Bulletin (11/2009)

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Monash Asia Institute and Monash News

Seasons Greetings from the Director, MAI

The Director, Executive Committee, Heads of Centres, Staff, Research Fellows and Postgraduates of the Monash Asia Institute take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe break over the coming New Year holidays. We also thank you all for your interest and support in our activities during what has again proved to be a most exciting and productive year.

Monash Asia Institute, as with Monash University, is closed from 23 December 2009 until 3 January 2010. The university will reopen on 4 January 2010.

Item 1. **Anwar Ibrahim presents the 2009 Herb Feith Lecture**

Hosted by Monash Asia Institute (Monash University), Herb Feith Foundation (Monash University), Centre for Studies in Religion and Theology (Monash University), Globalism Research Centre (RMIT University) and National Centre for Excellence in Islamic Studies (University of Melbourne)

Friday 4 December 2009, 6:00 pm
Melbourne City Conference Centre
333 Swanston Street (at the corner of Little Lonsdale)
Melbourne, VIC 3000
see: <http://www.melbourneccc.com.au/>

2009 Herb Feith Lecture

'Islam and Democracy'

Anwar Ibrahim

In this special seminar, Anwar Ibrahim will present a 30–40 minute lecture. A panel of commentators will then reflect on the presentation.

Mr Anwar Ibrahim, former Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister of Malaysia, has been described as the moderate voice of Islam in Southeast Asia, an economic rationalist and an effective politician.

This free public lecture is presented in honour and memory of one of Australia's finest scholars, Herb Feith (1930–2001) – teacher, scholar, activist and humanitarian.

ALL WELCOME

Enquiries: Mr Sven Schottmann <Sven.Schottmann@adm.monash.edu.au>

Item 2. MAI PhD confirmation

Tuesday 8 December 2009, 10.00 am
Room H5.95, Monash Asia Institute
Level 5, H Building, Monash University Caulfield campus

The new merchants of Prato: the rapid growth of Chinese entrepreneurship in Prato, Italy

Ms Anja Fladrich, PhD candidate, Monash Asia Institute

In the new millennium and as a corollary of China's stronger global integration, an increasing number of Chinese enterprises have been set up in Europe. Amongst these are state-owned enterprises and multinational companies that have been supported by the Chinese government and its "Going Out"-Strategy zouchuqu. Attracting less attention are Chinese micro-enterprises and small to medium enterprises that have been set up by new Chinese migrants (xin yimin), many of whom have migrated to Italy.

The Tuscan city of Prato constitutes one of the most concentrated Chinese communities in Europe, where more than 3,500 Chinese enterprises are evidence of Chinese migrants' entrepreneurial aptitude. Drawing upon Schumpeterian entrepreneurship and the concept of personal networks (guanxi), the author argues that the rapid growth of Chinese enterprises in Prato is fuelled by dormant entrepreneurship of Chinese migrants following a 'charted path' of employment in Chinese firms, where they accumulate knowledge and equity.

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Item 3. Additions to MAI Family

The staff and students welcome the newest additions to the MAI family and extend their congratulations to proud parents:

Dr. Alexandra Haendel and Associate Professor Shahram Akbarzadeh on the birth of their little angel, Benedict Egidius Bagher Akbarzadeh-Haendel who arrived on 5 November 2009 at 21:27.

David Hanan, from the Department of Film and Television Studies, and his wife Liti, welcome their beautiful daughter Maya, who was born by caesarean section on 26 November 2009. Mother and child are both well.

News from other institutions

Item 4. Lecturer in Hindi

Part-time, fixed-term (3 year) (Level B) position in the School of Social Sciences.

La Trobe University has had a long commitment to teaching and research in South Asia, including the teaching of Hindi. This position is being offered in collaboration with the Australia India Institute at the University of Melbourne. You will be expected to possess a collegial and cooperative personality and experience in teaching Hindi as a second language.

Remuneration: Package of \$81,004 to \$96,190 *p.a.* pro rata (inclusive of 17% employer superannuation)

- Reference Number: 50028093
- Campus: Bundoora
- Closing Date: Close of Business, Friday, 4 December, 2009

Applicants must obtain details on how to apply by downloading the Position Description <<http://www.seek.com.au/advhomes/directorhr/50028093.doc>> La Trobe University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Item 5. Book Launch Human Rights Day

"Xanana: Leader of the Struggle for Independent Timor-Leste"
by Sara Niner

Launched by Terry Bracks
Timorese and World Music by Zelda Da

Thursday 10 December 2009 6-8pm
Bella Union Trades Hall (crn Lygon, Russell and Victoria Sts) Carlton

This is the political biography of Xanana Gusmão, leader of the East Timorese struggle for self-determination and first President of the new nation of Timor-Leste.

Twenty-four years of warfare with Indonesia transformed Xanana from an apolitical outsider into a tough guerrilla commander and, ultimately, the central unifying figure of East Timorese nationalism.

Dr. Sara Niner is a writer, research consultant and Research Associate in Anthropology (School of Political and Social Inquiry) at Monash University, where she has recently completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship focussing on women, handcrafts and development in Timor-Leste.

Book Reading with Sara Niner and Sian Prior Sunday 13th Dec 2-4pm St. Kilda Library

For more information about the author and the book go to

<http://saraniner.blogspot.com/>

To purchase the book go to <http://www.scholarly.info/purchase.htm>

Item 6. Call for Papers

7th International Language for Specific Purposes Seminar
"Glocalisation of New Literacies"

4-5 May 2010

Best Western Premier, Seri Pacific Hotel Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Important Dates

31 January 2010: Submission of Abstract

15 February 2010: Notification of Acceptance

28 March 2010: Submission of Full Paper

Major Strands

Presentations may relate to the following major strands within the themes of the seminar:

- **Teaching / Teacher Training**
English for Academic Purposes (EAP), Teaching Methodology, Materials Design and Adaptation, Curriculum and Syllabus Design, Testing and

Evaluation, Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL), LSP Initiatives (e.g. projects, Techniques, Innovations), Adult Learning, Computer Mediated Communication (CMC), Distance Learning

- **Professional Areas**
English for Specific Purposes (ESP) / Language for Specific Purposes (LSP), English for Professional Purposes / English for Occupational Purposes (EOP) - e.g. Tourism, Journalism, Health, Engineering, Workplace Literacy, Business English, Collaborative Projects with Industries
- **Communication**
Media, Information Communication Technology (ICT), Corporate and Organisational Communication, Interpersonal Communication
- **Research Issues**
Ethics, Genre / Discourse Analysis, Linguistics / Applied Linguistics / Needs Analysis, Target Situation Analysis
- **Language Consultancy**
Editing, Translation, Language Audit

Details: <http://seminar.spaceutm.edu.my/lsp2010/Index.html>

Contact the LSP Secretariat at +607 - 521 8159 / 8170 or e-mail lsp2010@spaceutm.edu.my / lsp2010s@gmail.com

Item 7. Research Fellowship

Summary

To apply for a Research Fellowship you need to complete the online application.

The scheme of 1851 Research Fellowships is intended to give a few PhD level scientists or engineers of outstanding promise the opportunity for conducting research for a further period. Awarded for three years, they provide an exceptional opportunity for PhD graduates to pursue further research at the highest level. Approximately eight awards are made each year.

The Fellowships are open to candidates in any of the physical or biological sciences, in mathematics, in applied science, or in any branch of engineering. Candidates in science subjects should normally have recently obtained their PhD degree, or be in the final stages of their PhD studies. Those offering engineering do not have to be in possession of a PhD, but must be of at least PhD standard.

Applications from qualified engineering researchers are particularly encouraged. To this end the Royal Commission offers an additional fellowship to further strengthen its support for engineering research. This is designated the Brunel Fellowship and was introduced in 2006 to mark the 200th anniversary of the great Victorian engineer's birth.

The Research Fellowship stipend payable in 2010 is £28,500 for the first year, and £30,000 for the second and third years. In addition a London (Overseas) Weighting of £2,500 per annum is payable in appropriate cases. Final year fellows are also sponsored to attend a [Royal Society communication skills course](#). Stipends are reviewed annually.

A candidate must be a citizen of the United Kingdom or the Commonwealth, or of the Republics of Ireland or Pakistan. He or she should *either* have spent at least two out of the past three years at a UK Institution, *or* be intending to hold the Fellowship at a UK Institution, *or both*.

Applications are made online via this website (link below) and must include two references, plus certification from the institution at which the Fellowship is to be held. **Applications must be received by 5pm Thursday 25 February 2010.** Appointments to the Fellowship will be made during June 2010. Fellowships commence at the beginning of October in the year of award.

Details: http://www.royalcommission1851.org.uk/res_fellow.html

Item 8. Website of the month: TISS

<http://www.tiss.edu/index.php>

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) was established in 1936, as the Sir Dorabji Tata Graduate School of Social Work. Since its inception, TISS has demonstrated its commitment and responsiveness to social needs through its work for the promotion of sustainable, equitable and participatory development, social welfare and social justice.

About the MAI Bulletin

The Monash Asia Institute Newsletter incorporates news items from the research centres of the Monash Asia Institute, partner organisations and other groups working to promote Asian Studies in Australia.

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