

Monash Asia Institute Bulletin (1/2010)

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The Director, Professor Marika Vicziany, the MAI Executive Committee, Research Fellows, Staff and Students of the Monash Asia Institute wish you a Happy New Year for 2010.

Monash Asia Institute and Monash News

Item 1. Seminar

Social Science and Health Research Unit, Monash University

Friday 22 January 2010, 10:00 am
Room 5.21, Building F
Monash University, Caulfield campus

Adolescent Sexual Health in Rural Zimbabwe: Narrative of Hope and Risk

Professor Robert Power, Burnet Institute

Professor Robert Power is Principal for Disease Prevention at the Burnet Institute in Melbourne, Australia. He is also a Professor in the School of Population Health, University of Melbourne and an Adjunct Professor at Monash University. He has worked in the field of HIV prevention since 1985. His main focus has been on community-level interventions for injecting drug use and in reducing the spread of HIV infection. He is currently Technical Director of the British Department for International Development's Central Asia Regional HIV/AIDS Project and also of AusAID's bilateral in Indonesia.

RSVP to Jacqui.Nixon@med.monash.edu by Wednesday 20th January.

Item 2. Gandhian Library

INVITATION

Launch of the Gandhian Library, a gift from the late Prof. Vin D'Cruz

Come for breakfast at 9.00 am

Saturday 6 February 2010

Borderlands, Augustine Centre
2 Minona Street Hawthorn 3122 (Melway Reference 45, E11)

This is the first OASES breakfast for 2010. The breakfast provides a bridge into the accredited Graduate School, with an enlivening speaker offering an insight into the OASES Masters Program in Transformation and Integrative Studies.

Vin's life and contribution will be briefly outlined by his friend and colleague Prof Joseph Camilleri. The keynote address for the breakfast will be provided by Assoc Prof Tom Weber (also a friend and colleague of Vin's). Tom, who is recognised as one of Australia's top Gandhian scholars, has been asked to speak on Gandhi's relevance to the 21st century.

Vin's family have been invited as special guests to attend this celebration and launch.

Prof Vin D'Cruz was an Adjunct Research Associate of the Monash Asia Institute.

RSVP to:

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Cost \$20

Item 3. 7th International Congress of Morita Therapy

4 – 6 March 2010
Sebel Albert Park Hotel, Melbourne

This 7th Congress puts Shoma Morita, MD squarely in the circuit of historical figures in psychiatry and shows how Morita therapy is a culturally viable treatment outside Japan. Morita therapy is indigenous to Japan and provides a sophisticated theory on human development that informs psycho-social assessment and treatment. This therapy has since been found effective in treating a range of anxiety disorders, trauma-based disorders, including borderline features, dissociative-based disorders, and contextual and clinical depression.

The overriding theme of the congress, 'Contexts for Psychosocial Health', will provide much stimulating and thought provoking dialogue in a sequence of roundtable discussions.

Details: <http://www.conferenceworks.net.au/morita-therapy>

Item 4. Addition to MAI Family

Nick Herriman and Monika Winarnita (MAI Postdoctoral and Honorary Research Fellows respectively) and Kiki (occasional participant in CSEAS seminar series) are proud to announce the arrival of their son and brother Joseph Raymond Winarto Herriman, born 23 December 2009. All are well. The family is sad to be leaving MAI but looking forward to life at La Trobe Bundoora.

The MAI family warmly welcomes its newest member and look forward to continuing its research collaboration with Nick and Moni.

News from other institutions

Item 5. International Seminar

Telling Lives: Formations and Reflections in Diverse Narrative Traditions

24 – 26 February 2010
Department of English
University of Rajasthan, Jaipur

The objectives of the seminar are to explore and analyze the approaches to life writing in various non-fictional forms, analyzing narrative strategies with a focus on evaluating subjectivity, objectivity and ego projection. Interdisciplinary approaches to these forms of writings are welcome from scholars of the humanities and social sciences. The thrust should be on addressing some of the following issues in the context of auto/biography:

- Theorizing non-fictional genres
- Constructions/interpretations of the self
- Writing of History
- Memory and reality
- Canonization and subversion
- Gender perspectives
- Oral traditions

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Item 6. ACICIS Scholarship

The guidelines and selection criteria for the 2010 round of Overseas PhD Travel Fellowship Funding are now available, and have been posted at <http://www.aust-neth.net/>

Individuals currently enrolled in a PhD program at an Australian university and who are researching Southeast Asia are eligible to apply. Funding is available for students to conduct specific, defined tasks in the Netherlands related to their PhD. These tasks could include fieldwork, consulting an archive or library, engaging in language or disciplinary study, or consulting academic experts. Funds will cover economy class return travel between Australia and the Netherlands plus a living allowance for a period of between one and six months. The research must occur within the term of the PhD enrolment, and take place in the period from mid 2010 to June 2012. Up to four fellowships will be offered in this round.

The closing date for application is Friday, 16 April 2010.

For further information contact Helen.McMartin@anu.edu.au, tel 02 6125 0693.

Item 7. Website of the month: Digital Library of Lao Manuscripts (DLLM)

The National Library of Laos is pleased to announce the Digital Library of Lao Manuscripts, a web application which will make images of almost 12,000 texts from throughout Laos easily accessible for study.

The digital library can be viewed at www.laomanuscripts.net

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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