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Our Researchers

Ted Goossen, Faculty Associate | Professor Ted Goossen (Humanities) is co-editor of *Monkey Business International: New Writing from Japan*, a new journal that will be launched on 1 May 2011 in New York City. The journal is published in collaboration with *A Public Space* (a nonprofit literary magazine committed to creating a new forum for literature in the 20th century) and features new material from Haruki Murakami, Yoko Ogawa, Hideo Furukawa, Mina Ishikawa, manga artists The Brother and Sister Nishioka and Barry Yourgrau, among many others. The publication was compiled, translated and edited by Motoyuki Shibata (University of Tokyo) and Professor Goossen.

"We offer nothing in the way of a 'concept' or 'lifestyle' aimed at a particular age bracket or social group, no useful information to help you get ahead," write the editors. "Our inspiration for the name *Monkey Business* is the immortal Chuck Berry tune. No other work of art that I know of deals with the aggravations we face every day so straightforwardly and with such liberating humor. That is the guiding star we follow on this journey."

For more information, please visit www.apublicspace.org/pre-order_monkey_business.html.

Professor Goossen's article on "Japan's Literature of the Apocalypse" recently appeared in the *Globe and Mail*. It can be accessed here: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/arts/books/japans-literature-of-the-apocalypse/article1956370/>.

Joan Judge, Faculty Associate | Professor Judge (History) received a US\$ 25,000 grant in support of an upcoming conference she is organizing on "Gender and Transcultural Production: Chinese Women's Journals in their Global Context, 1900-2000", to be held at the University of London in May. She received the grant from the American Council of Learned Societies. The grant is funded by the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange.

This conference is the part of Professor Judge's [A New Approach to the Popular Press in China: Gender and Cultural Production, 1904-1937](#) project. The keynote speaker, Jennifer Scanlon, will present on "Ephemeral, Material, Instrumental: Meditations on Women's Magazines."

Philip Kelly, Faculty Associate | Professor Kelly was featured in a recent *Globe and Mail* article on the Filipino diaspora in Canada. In the article, "The Philippines now Canada's top source of immigrants," Professor Kelly said that Filipino caregivers are now an even better educated group than the skilled worker class as the proportion of caregivers with a university degree rose 58 per cent from 1993 to 2009. Kelly also commented on the statistics available on the educational attainment of Filipino youths in Canada.

The 18 March 2011 article by Joe Friesen can be found here: www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/the-philippines-now-canadas-top-source-of-immigrants/article1948315/.

Keith Barney, Graduate Associate | Mr. Barney's (Doctoral Candidate, Geography) article "[China and the Mekong Region: Beyond the Territorial Trap](#)" was published by *New Mandala* this March, and "[Large Acquisition of Rights on Forest Lands for Tropical Timber Concessions and Commercial Wood](#)

[Plantations](#)”, a report that Mr. Barney helped prepare for the International Land Coalition, was also recently published.

YCAR News | YCAR Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 27 April 2011 | 1:30 to 4pm | 280N York Lanes | York University

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This meeting allows the Executive Committee, Director and Associate Director to report directly to the wider YCAR membership on activities at the Centre over the last year. The draft YCAR Annual Report, including the Statement of Operations for 2010.2011 and the proposed budget for 2011.2012, will be voted on at the meeting. The AGM also elects new members to the Executive Council. Especially important this year is planning in light of the proposal for new structure and policy for Organized Research Units (ORUs).

We need a quorum of faculty members in order to be able to make these important decisions. Please RSVP to Alicia (ycar@yorku.ca) if you are able to attend. A draft of the report and budget will be available for reading in the YCAR offices and online one week prior to the AGM at www.yorku.ca/ycar.

YCAR Events | Workshop series provides space for feedback on graduate research

Research on sex-selective abortion and son preference and on the role of China in Darfur, Sudan, were the focus of the final two presentations in the YCAR Graduate Workshop series for 2011.



On 7 March, Sugandha Nagpal (Master’s Candidate, Sociology) spoke on the presence of sex-selective abortion in Canada and India, and theories concerning why this continues to happen both in and outside of India, despite legislation. In India, sex-selective abortion and son preference are established phenomena that cut across rural/urban, educational and socioeconomic status divides. Increasingly, media reports, sociological and medicolegal literature have identified sex-selective abortion in diasporic Indian communities. Ms. Nagpal’s paper utilized a transnational, anti-racist feminist and reproductive justice lens to map the complex dynamics of sex-selective abortion in the South Asian Canadian context.

Professor Sharada Srinivasan (Social Science), who is supervising Ms. Nagpal’s research, offer valuable feedback as faculty discussant.

“China – A Responsible Stakeholder? China’s Role in the Darfur Crisis” was the title of the final presentation in this year’s series by Sonja Regler, a YCAR Visiting Graduate Associate and doctoral candidate at the Free University of Berlin. She is also working on a project for the Asia Business and Management Programme, which is based at YCAR. Her presentation generated much discussion on the subject of China’s roles and responsibilities in Sudan.



Ms. Regler said that the Western media have primarily focused on China as a major contributing factor to the Darfur conflict. China is the biggest investor in the Sudanese economy and has been criticized for being a defender of Sudanese government policy.

China, though, views its own role differently. It perceives the United States as deliberately exaggerating the scale of the Darfur crisis in order to promote Western intervention to enable the United States to recover its lost influence in Sudan, and gain a bigger share in Sudanese oil exploitation.

China initially refused to cooperate in international endeavors dealing with the Darfur crisis. Recently, however, China's role has been shifting from that of protector of the Sudanese government to facilitator, building a bridge between the United States and the Sudanese government.

Her presentation also evaluated the extent to which China can be seen as a responsible stakeholder in the Sudan, by looking at China's interaction with the United Nations Security Council.

The faculty discussant was B. Michael Frolic (Political Science).

The YCAR Graduate Workshop series is an opportunity for graduate students conducting research on Asia and the Asian Diaspora to present their research in progress to graduate students and a York faculty member. This series is intended to be an opportunity for York students in graduate programmes as well as Visiting Graduate Associates to get presentation experience and valuable feedback on their research in a friendly and supportive environment. The series will run again in Winter 2012.

If you are interested in presenting in 2012, please email ycar@yorku.ca.

Story and photographs by Miriam Katz.

YCAR Events | China's modern history through the lens of gender discourse and of a camera

The Critical China Studies reading group welcomed well-known scholar Gail Hershatter (University of California, Santa Cruz) to Toronto in March as part of two March events that focused on China's modern history.

In the lecture, Professor Hershatter gave a detailed account of the successes and problems she and her collaborator faced in their decades-long encounters with rural women in China's Shannxi Province. Rereading rural women's own experience through the tumultuous recent history of the People's Republic including the land reform, the Great Leap Forward, implementation of new marriage laws and women's literacy programs, Hershatter scrutinized China's modern history through the lens of the gender discourse and actual lived experience in rural China.



Her talk, titled **"The Gender of Memory: Rural Women and China's Collective Past"** was held on 3 March 2011 and supported by Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation, the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, YCAR and the Department of History.

Sing Tao Daily published a story about Professor Hershatter's talk. It can be accessed at: <http://news.singtao.ca/toronto/2011-03-04/city1299228775d3039332.html>.

Gail Hershatter is Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Department of History at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Her books include *The Workers of Tianjin, 1900-1949* (1986), *Personal Voices: Chinese Women in the 1980s* (with Emily Honig, 1988), *Dangerous Pleasures: Prostitution and Modernity in Twentieth-Century Shanghai* (1997, awarded the Joan Kelly Memorial Prize in Women's History, American Historical Association), and *Women in China's Long Twentieth Century* (2007). Her book "The Gender of Memory: Rural Women and China's Collective Past" is forthcoming from the University of California Press in 2011. She is Vice-President of the Association for Asian Studies.

Gail also spoke to the group at a Critical China Studies meeting at the University of Toronto during her visit.



Professor Joan Judge, the organizer of Critical China Studies, also brought the reading group to York on 11 March 2011 for "**Camera Sinica: Uses and Meanings of Photography in China, Early Twentieth to Early Twenty-first Centuries**".

The day-long event included presentations from Joan Judge, Yi Gu, Meng Yue and Tong Lam, who highlighted their own understanding of uses of the photographic medium. Complex uses of photographic images

gave new meanings to China's social and cultural projects in the past one hundred years. This workshop focused on the photographic medium as an important tool for the study of China's modern history.

Joan Judge (History) read a unique archive of photographs of "Republican Ladies" against a series of courtesan albums and questioned what their blurred boundaries reveal about the dynamism and ambivalence of the early Republican moment (1912-1917). **Yi Gu** (University of Toronto, Scarborough) examined the complex iconography of death in the art photography of painter, dramatist and social reformer Pan Dawei (1880-1929). **Meng Yue** (Department of East Asian Studies, University of Toronto) with **Tong Lam** (Department of History, University of Toronto, Mississauga) discussed Wang Zuoliang's photography of garbage in contemporary Beijing in the context of other ecological crises such as rainforest deterioration.

The York University-based discussants included: Carol Zemel (Visual Arts); Zulfikar Hirji (Anthropology) and Marlene Kadar (Humanities).

"Camera Sinica" was supported by the Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation, and YCAR.

The **Critical China Studies Reading Group** has been in existence since January of 2009. Initiated by Professor Judge, its monthly meetings bring together from 15 to 20 professors and graduate students from York University, the University of Toronto, McMaster University, and Wilfred Laurier University.

These informal sessions serve as a lively, interdisciplinary forum in which members of the group can present their work in progress. Presentations since its inception have been on a range of topics including traditional Sinology, history of science, gender studies, print culture, art and design, photography, postcolonial studies and law.

In addition to Professor Hershatter, the group has also brought in renowned outside speakers who both share a work in progress with members of the group and give a more formal public lecture, including Benjamin Elman (History of Chinese Science, Princeton University) and Lydia Liu (Chinese Literature, Columbia University).

Photographs by Doris Sung: Gail Hershatter; Lt-Rt: Joan Judge (History), Tong Lam (University of Toronto, Mississauga), Yi Gu (University of Toronto, Scarborough), Meng Yue (University of Toronto), Marianne Kadar (Humanities), Carol Zemel (Visual Arts).

YCAR Events | YCAR research associates share finding on Dhaka urban life and an ageing diaspora

Each year, YCAR invites its Research Associates to share their ongoing research with the community. In Winter 2011, YCAR welcomed Dr. Ghazy Mujahid and Dr. Akbar Hussain.

Dr. Ghazy Mujahid discussed the emerging demographic structure of aging in east, south, and southeast Asia and its implication for a range of issues, including poverty and income security, health care costs, living arrangements, gender equity, independence and dignity in old age, elder abuse, and elder rights.

In his 16 February 2011 presentation, “Population Ageing in Asia: Trends, Issues and Implications for Diaspora in Canada, he also reflected on how aging in Asia is and will affect Canada, given immigration trends. He argued that governments need to consider a range of policy responses. For families in Canada, he suggested such measures as providing incentives to employers to facilitate family leave (to enable Canadian residents to look after aging family members in Asia and Canada) and measures to facilitate the visits and immigration sponsorship of the elder members of newcomer families.

For seniors of Asian heritage in Canada, he drew attention to the need for specialized English and French language courses, more culturally sensitive health services and other means to improve access to healthcare, the regularization of commonly used traditional medicines, and community care and activities for elders, amongst other policy responses.

Dr. Mujahid particularly drew attention to the increasing numbers of aging family members who remain in China when families immigrate to Canada. He noted the need for expedited processing of their applications to immigrate to Canada and for an agreement between Canada and China on the payment of pensions, amongst the policy responses that should be considered.

Dr. Ghazy Mujahid has more than 30 years of experience of working in the area of population and development in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. For more than 20 years, he worked for the United Nations International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). He has a number of publications to his credit including most recently “The Senior Population in Peel Region” published in 2010 by the Social Planning Council of Peel; and “Assuring Income Security in Old Age: Views of the Mongolian Elderly”, published by UNFPA in 2010. Dr. Mujahid has a Masters in Economics from the University of Karachi (Pakistan) and a Doctorate in Economics from the University of Cambridge.

Dr. Mujahid's presentation can be accessed here:
www.yorku.ca/ycar/Events/Mujahid_presentation.pdf.

On 2 March 2011, **Dr. Akbar Hussain** presented a rich enunciation of his study of the changing dynamics of urban life in Dhaka, Bangladesh. His paper mapped the history of urban development over the last five decades and discussed how Dhaka, which is the ninth largest city in the world, is responding to urbanization. In particular, he provided rich insight into the booming private real estate development as well as the changing desires and demands of the middle and elite classes.



Akbar Hussain is an Anthropologist with 15 years of teaching and research experience. Currently he is teaching at Jahangirnagar University in Bangladesh. He obtained his PhD and MA in Anthropology from the University of Tsukuba, Japan and conducted post-doctoral research work with a fellowship from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). He is the author of a book and has numerous journal articles.

Dr. Hussain's talk, "Living in the High-rise Flats and Model of Urban Life: Perspectives of Dhaka City, Bangladesh", was co-presented with the City Institute at York University (CITY).

Photograph courtesy of Dr. Akbar Hussain

Opportunity | YCAR Strategic Initiatives call for proposals

The York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) (www.yorku.ca/ycar) is accepting proposals from York University faculty for modest seed-funding for innovative research initiatives that would enhance the scholarly understanding of Asia and/or Asian Diaspora while advancing the strategic objectives of the Centre.

The aim is to use YCAR funds to help the ability of researchers to secure external grants for creative research initiatives that also have strong potential to help YCAR meet one or more of its key strategic goals. These include: expanding its external funding and the sources of that funding, expanding its administrative capacity, and increasing its profile outside York University.

As such, the PI should be willing to base the research initiative at YCAR. In addition to having strong scholarly research goals, the initiative must be consistent with the mandate of YCAR, have the potential successfully to secure external funding, and have the clear potential to achieve one or more of the following key strategic goals:

1. Permit YCAR to expand its administrative capacity on a cost-recovery basis;
2. Involve collaboration with key external partners in Canada or internationally (such as strategically placed researchers; research institutions; granting agencies, donors, or other funders; policymakers; NGO or community groups);
3. Enhance the wider public understanding of Asia or Asian Diaspora communities in ways that enhance the visibility of YCAR.

The YCAR Director and Coordinator will be available to support the successful applicants as they develop

the external funding applications that grow out of these initiatives.

Applicants should submit their proposals to the YCAR Executive Committee at ycar@yorku.ca by **31 August 2011**. The proposals, which will be adjudicated by an ad hoc committee of the YCAR Executive Committee, should include the following:

1. A description of the research initiative (its nature and scholarly and other aims), the names and CVs of the principle investigator/organizer(s) and key collaborators, an outline of activity plans for each year of the initiative, a budget;
2. A plan for securing external funding, including the names of the funders to whom an application will be made, the deadline dates for the applications, and descriptions of the criteria for the particular funding competitions of relevance. Successful applicants must commit to sending YCAR copies of its applications to external funders well in advance of the competition deadlines;
3. A detailed 1-2 page explanation of how the research initiative will help YCAR meet one or more of its key strategic goals.

For more information and to discuss ideas that might be developed into proposals, please contact Susan Henders (Director) at henders@yorku.ca or Shubhra Gururani (Associate Director) at gururani@yorku.ca.

Opportunity | Partners for Development Program

The Partnerships with Canadians Branch (PWCB) of the Canadian Development Agency (CIDA) recently launched a call for international development projects under its Partners for Development Program.

All information necessary for submitting an eligible proposal can be found on CIDA's website (www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/ACDI-CIDA.nsf/eng/ANN-112915755-RLZ) including an application form, a list of countries of focus and countries eligible for official development assistance.

The objective of the project is to support the international work of Canadian organizations that will contribute to Canada's efforts to effectively reduce poverty through projects and programs that are sustainable, and have clear results that will make a difference in the lives of people in developing countries.

CIDA will also concentrate half of PWCB funding in CIDA's countries of focus and half in other countries eligible for official development assistance and align 80 per cent of PWCB funding to CIDA's priority themes. The value of the project can be up to \$2 million for up to five years.

The deadline for submission to ORS is **14 April 2011** with submission to the agency due at 2pm on 28 April 2011. For further details on the opportunity, please consult the following link: <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/acdi-cida/ACDI-CIDA.nsf/eng/ANN-112915755-RLZ>

Opportunity | Jarislowsky CAPI East Asia (Japan) Chair

The Peter B. Gustavson School of Business and the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives invite applications for the Jarislowsky CAPI East Asia (Japan) Chair. The Chair will be at the rank of professor in the Faculty of Business. The Chair will also be a member of, and play a key role in, the Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives. The appointment is effective 1 January 2012. East Asia (including Japan) focused scholars with an established reputation in their area of expertise, an established publication record, teaching

experience, fluency in an Asian language, and a network of personal and institutional contacts in East Asian Studies are encouraged to apply. The Chair should have a good understanding of and practical experience working in Japanese and East Asian cultures and environments. The Jarislowsky CAPI East Asia (Japan) Chair complements CAPI's two other chairs in Asia-Pacific Relations, namely Legal Relations and China.

Applicants should send their full CV, samples of their work, details of their present research agenda, preferred teaching subjects and names and coordinates (including e-mail addresses) of three referees, to the Director, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives, Rm C147, Sedgewick Building, P.O. Box 1700, STN. CSC, Victoria, BC, Canada, V8W 2Y2, or e-mail to capi@uvic.ca.

The deadline is **30 April 2011**. For more information, visit www.capi.uvic.ca/opportunities/jarislowsky-capi-east-asia-japan-chair.

Opportunity | École d'été sur l'Inde

L'École de politique appliquée est heureuse de pouvoir offrir cette année École d'été sur l'Inde à son campus de Sherbrooke, en Estrie avec Christophe Jaffrelot, du 30 mai au 6 juin 2011

Ces écoles d'été sont offertes aux étudiantes et étudiants de premier cycle ayant accompli plus de 48 crédits de 1er cycle et aux étudiants de 2e cycle. Il s'agit d'un cours d'un cours de trois crédits universitaires.

L'École de politique appliquée de l'Université de Sherbrooke présente une école d'été portant sur l'Inde et son impact dans le monde. Une approche multidisciplinaire abordera les différents aspects (politique, économique, religieux et social) du monde indien. Les cours sont donnés par l'éminent spécialiste Christophe Jaffrelot et plusieurs conférenciers sont invités.

Cette école d'été vise à faire comprendre le changement profond qui s'opère en Inde et comment cela marquera le 21e siècle. C'est en observant l'Inde que nous pouvons anticiper les défis mondiaux de demain. Ce pays deviendra le plus peuplé de la terre en plus d'exercer une influence considérable sur le développement mondial.

Pour toute question relative à ces Écoles d'été, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec nous: politique@usherbrooke.ca.

Previously Listed Opportunities:

Graduate School of Korean Studies (30 April 2011)

For more information: <http://intl.aks.ac.kr/english/viewforum.php?f=26>

Upcoming Event | Cohort Spaces: Reflections on Creating Knowledge about India and China

Saturday, 9 April 2011 | 10am to noon | 280N York Lanes | York University

Through the story of the India China Institute at the New School, and travels between the U.S., China, and India, Victoria Marshall will reflect on the everyday project of sharing knowledge and the long term project of creating knowledge at the mid-way point of her India China Institute 2011-2012 fellowship.

Victoria Marshall is an Assistant Professor of Urban Design at Parsons the New School for Design at the New School, New York. She is an India China Institute Fellow 2010-2012 focusing on the theme of social innovation for sustainable environments.

She is the director of the BS Urban Design Program, the first undergraduate urban design program in an art and design school in the United States. Her scholarly focus linking urban design, drawing and ecology is present in her research as well as TILL, a Newark based landscape architecture and urban design practice which she founded in 2002. She is a member of the Baltimore Ecosystem Study Urban Design Working Group, a Long Term Ecological Research project sponsored by the National Science Foundation. She has taught at University of Pennsylvania, as well as Columbia University, Harvard University, Pratt Institute and the University of Toronto.

The lecture and the 'Intersections: New Approaches to Science and Technology in 20th Century China and India' workshop are kindly supported by the SSHRC Strategic Knowledge Cluster, Situating Science and the following York University sponsors: Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, Office of the Vice President, Research & Innovation, York Ad-Hoc funding, York Alumni Association and the York Centre for Asian Research

For more information, visit <http://ists.news.yorku.ca/>. RSVPs are welcome to Alasdair at amcmill@yorku.ca.

Upcoming Event | The Limited Reach of Religious Doctrine: Debt, Slavery and Who Could Become a Buddhist Nun (or Monk) in Early India

Friday, 15 April 2011 | 5pm | Muzzo Family Alumni Hall 100 | University of St. Michael's College

The University of Toronto/McMaster University Yehan Numata Buddhist Studies Program is pleased to announce a free, public lecture by Professor Gregory Schopen (UCLA): "The Limited Reach of Religious Doctrine: Debt, Slavery, and Who could Become a Buddhist Nun (or Monk) in Early India."

Professor Gregory Schopen (MA McMaster University, 1975; PhD ANU, 1979) has taught at the Universities of Michigan, Washington, Indiana, Texas, Stanford and California. He was awarded a prestigious MacArthur "genius" fellowship (1985-1990) in recognition of his work in Buddhist Studies, which has been described as "Unquestionably the freshest, most exciting scholarship to have emerged in the field in half a century." Professor Schopen's numerous publications include *Bones, Stones and Buddhist Monks* (University of Hawai'i Press, 1997), *Buddhist Monks and Business Matters* (University of Hawai'i Press, 2004) and *Figments and Fragments of Mahāyāna Buddhism in India* (University of Hawai'i Press, 2005).

Upcoming Event | Nation Building in Canada: Chinese Perspective

Friday, 15 April 2011 | 2 to 5pm | Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library, 8th floor | 130 St. George Street | University of Toronto

The event includes panels on 'Chinese Canadians: Past and Present', and 'From Segregation to Integration-Launch of the 2010 Chinese Canadian Heritage Project'.

For more information or to register, please visit:

<http://webapp.mcis.utoronto.ca/EventDetails.aspx?eventid=10351>.

Upcoming Event | Corporate Social Responsibility in the Pacific Rim

14-15 April 2011 | The University of British Columbia | CK Choi Building, Conference Room 120 | 1855 West Mall | Vancouver, BC

The Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution Research Project (sponsored by the SSHRC), The Canadian Business Ethics Research Network (CBERN) Pacific Region (sponsored by SSHRC) and The National Centre for Business Law (NCBL) invite you to attend a conference on "Corporate Social Responsibility in the Pacific Rim."

There is no charge to attend this event; however, seating is limited. Please RSVP and include your CV, to Simon Handelsman, CBERN Pacific Region Coordinator, pacific@cbern.ca to indicate the panels you would like to attend.

For those participants that cannot attend, we will be conducting a **LIVE blog** for you to follow during the course of the event. During the CBERN panel, there may be opportunity for remote participants to send questions during the 'Question and Answer' session. Details on the event blog will be posted one week prior to the event, at www.cberrn.ca/regional_hubs/pacific/csrpacificrim/.

Upcoming Event | Buddhist Nuns in India

16-17 April 2011 | 9:30am to 4:45pm | Trinity College, Combination Room | University of Toronto

The University of Toronto/McMaster University Yehan Numata Buddhist Studies Program is pleased to announce an international conference on the lives of ordained Buddhist nuns in India from the time of the Buddha until the eventual disappearance of the bhikṣuṇī saṅgha from Indian soil. All conference sessions are free and open to the public. For more information on session times and panelists visit: <http://buddhiststudies.chass.utoronto.ca/buddhist-nuns-in-india/>.

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Upcoming Events | 2011 Asian Heritage Month Activities

May 2011

May is Asian Heritage Month in Canada. A list of events being held across the GTA in 2011 can be found at: www.asian-heritage-month.org or at www.vmacch.ca/NewEvents/Asian%20Heritage%20Month%20Events%20in%20May%202011.pdf.

Upcoming Event | A Tribute to Ruth Hayhoe

Friday, 6 May 2011 | OISE | University of Toronto

The Comparative International Development Education Centre at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) is hosting a one-day conference in honour of Dr. Ruth Hayhoe's extensive work in comparative education.

Professor Ruth Hayhoe is a specialist in Comparative Education and a Sinologist. From 1997 to 2002 she headed the Hong Kong Institute of Education, and is now President *emerita*. She is also a professor in the Department of Theory and Policy Studies in Education at OISE where she served from 1986 to 1997, including appointments as Chair of the Higher Education Group and Associate Dean.

Before that she held teaching positions at Heep Yunn School in Hong Kong, at Fudan University in Shanghai and at the Roehampton Institute of Higher Education in London, as well as holding a diplomatic post at the Canadian Embassy in Beijing from 1989 to 1991.

She is the author of about 75 articles and book chapters, as well as several books on Chinese education and East West relations in education, including *China's Universities and the Open Door* (New York: M.E. Sharpe, 1989), *China's Universities 1895-1995: A Century of Cultural Conflict* (CERC, University of Hong Kong, 1999), and *Portraits of Influential Chinese Educators* (Hong Kong: CERC, University of Hong Kong and Europe: Springer, 2006).

For more information, please visit:

www.oise.utoronto.ca/cidec/Hayhoe_Tribute_Conference/index.html.

Upcoming Event | China and India/Global Power Shift/Opportunities for Canada and Alberta
9 - 10 May 2011 | Coast Edmonton Plaza Hotel | University of Alberta

The Institute for Public Economics at the University of Alberta will be hosting “China and India/Global Power Shift/Opportunities for Canada and Alberta” conference in Edmonton, Alberta this May. With their economies shifting from a state-controlled economic structure to a more market-based structure over the past 20 years, China and India’s economies continue to grow rapidly. With the U.S. facing enormous fiscal challenges at all levels of government and weak consumer demand, China and India trade and investment opportunities will provide Canada and Alberta an increasingly lucrative market for raw materials, manufactured goods, technology, educational exchanges and business services. These countries’ requirements for raw materials and technology may provide Canada with some leverage to improve market access for Canadian materials and services. Canada’s experience and openness to foreign trade and investment also offer opportunities for mutual gain through increasing trade and investment with these nations. The challenges for Canadian and Alberta businesses and governments are to ensure that such opportunities are recognized and sufficient resources devoted in order to change “**may** materialize” to “**will** materialize”.

This conference requires advanced registration. For more information on session times and speakers visit: www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/ipe/ipe_conference_2011.cfm.

Upcoming Event | Asian-Canadian Collaboration in Education: Pathways of Enrichment
Tuesday, 10 May 2011 | 4-7:30pm | OISE Auditorium | University of Toronto

The theme of the Sixth Annual Asian Heritage Month Education Roundtable is "Asian-Canadian Collaboration in Education: Pathways of Enrichment". It will provide an overview of how Canadian schools and universities can carry out exchange programs with their counterparts in Asia, especially Hong Kong, China and India. The presenters will also highlight specific exchange programs and networks that have proved to be successful. You will gain insights into how to develop these exchange programs, what are the possibilities, and how best to utilize them in ways that suit your school's resources and requirements.

The Asian Heritage Month Lecture will be given by Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, Vice-Chancellor and President of University of Hong Kong speaking on “The Higher Education Scene in Hong Kong”. Professor Ruth Hayhoe (OISE, University of Toronto) will give a Plenary Speech on “Hong Kong Education Reforms in a Global Context,” focusing on the reform of HK’s overall education system, initiated in 1997 and completed this year, with the implementation of four year university education. Professor Roopa Desai Trilokekar (Education) will speak on “The Contemporary Context of Indian Higher Education” and Professor Sheila Embleton (Languages, Literatures and Linguistics) will speak about “Opportunities and Challenges for Canada-India Educational Exchanges.” It will be followed by a reception.

For more information, please visit:
www.vmacch.ca/NewEvents/Asian%20Heritage%20Month%20Events%20in%20May%202011.pdf.

Publications of Interest | Winter 2011 issue of CCSEAS Newsletter

The Canadian Council of Southeast Asian Studies (CCSEAS) published the Winter 2011 edition of their biannual newsletter. This issue of the newsletter contains a report from the field from Jun Jia Ye regarding dissertation research in Singapore as well as a review of James Scott's *The Art of Not Being Governed* by Karen McAllister. The newsletter is available online from the CCSEAS website: www.casa-acea.ca/.

Call for Abstracts | Teaching South Asia: Transforming/Transformative Pedagogical Engagements

This panel seeks to share experiences of instructors of a diversity of undergraduate and graduate South Asia-related courses in the Humanities. Some of the questions to be raised include:

- teaching South Asia through film and other media;
- teaching vernacular literatures in English translation;
- teaching social issues through literary texts;
- teaching South Asian religions in the contemporary Canadian university;
- queer/LGBTQ texts and teachers in the South Asian Studies classroom;
- "South Asian" as a critical category and South Asian identities in the classroom;
- The making of South Asian Studies and interdisciplinary pedagogies;
- the future of South Asian studies in the Humanities disciplines;
- New directions and topics for the study of South Asia in the Humanities.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the panel organizers Sailaja Krishnamurti (skrishna@yorku.ca) or Shobna Nijhawan (shobna@yorku.ca) by **8 April 2011**. The panel will be presented at the "Engaging India: A Multi-Disciplinary Conference" in June 2011. *See the next entry for further information.*

Call for Abstracts | Engaging India: A Multidisciplinary Conference

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is pleased to announce *Engaging India: A Multi-Disciplinary Conference* and *Ontario Regional Round Table/Workshop on India-Canada Education Collaboration* to be held from 17-18 June 2011 at Carleton University, Ottawa. The conference and the round table are being organized in conjunction with the Canadian Members' Council meeting scheduled for 19 June 2011.

All decisions on the acceptance of the panel and paper proposals will be made by a National Program Committee on the recommendations of the program-subcommittees. We especially encourage panels and papers that deal with contemporary developments in the fields of humanities and social sciences as they relate to India studies, as well as panels that attempt to explore how these developments are relevant to challenges facing India in terms of issues of development, sustainability, science and technology transfers.

Panel proposals should have thematic integrity with the names of the presenters and the discussants. A brief description of the theme of the panel and the proposed contribution of the individual participants are required. All individual submissions should include the title and an abstract. A brief bio-data, 100-150 words, should be included as part of all the submissions. All proposals should be submitted

electronically. The deadline is **15 April 2011**. For more information visit: www.sici.org.

Call for Papers | Counter Cultures: The Space and Place of the Chinese Shop

The “Chinese shop” in all its manifestations (laundry, bakery, restaurant, general store, etc.) has been integrally connected to Chinese migration and the experience of overseas Chinese. Indeed, the Chinese shop has been both a site of economic and symbolic exchange – a complex locus of power and performative societal tensions and identifications. As such, the consideration of Chinese shop space provides an intriguing starting point from which to investigate many key socio-political issues for Chinese diasporic communities.

Hosted at Ryerson University in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, this conference aims to bring together an interdisciplinary group of scholars to investigate how the space and place of the Chinese shop (broadly defined) has been conceived of and experienced for overseas Chinese. In particular, it seeks to explore the transformative socio-cultural, economic and political processes that create the space and place of the Chinese shop both within Chinese diasporic communities and in terms of encounters between the Chinese and their host societies. We encourage panels and papers with diverse disciplinary approaches to this theme, including those that consider the Chinese shop within transnational, hemispheric and/or comparative contexts.

The deadline is **29 April 2011**. For more information visit: <http://digitalcommons.ryerson.ca/cc/>.

Call for Papers | New York Conference on Asian Studies

The University at Buffalo, State University of New York, will host the 47th annual meeting of the New York Conference on Asian Studies (NYCAS) from 16-17 September 2011.

The NYCAS 2011 program committee invites proposals for panels, roundtables, and individual papers on all aspects of Asian and Asian-American history, culture, and contemporary life, representing disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, and professional schools. Interdisciplinary proposals are also welcome.

We encourage scholars from New York state, neighbouring states and provinces, and beyond to share their research at the conference.

In formulating proposals, participants are encouraged to consider the NYCAS 2011 theme —ASIA AT WORK AND PLAY— which calls attention to the ways in which the labour and creativity of people in and from Asia have transformed the world. The conference will feature an address by Dr. Gail Hershatter, noted historian of Chinese gender and labour and president of the Association for Asian Studies, as well as a wide range of presentations and performances.

Panels and roundtables will be held at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, adjacent to the university’s North Campus, at 2402 North Forest Road in Amherst, New York.

On Friday evening, September 16, NYCAS attendees will enjoy a plenary speech by Melissa Chiu, Vice President for Global Art Programs at the Asia Society, and an exhibition opening of work by students from the Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing. The Friday evening events will be held at the Center for the Arts, University at Buffalo North Campus, and co-sponsored by the Confucius Institute at the University at Buffalo. Conference participants are also invited to a Saturday evening exhibition opening and reception with renowned Vietnamese-American artist Dinh Q Lê in UB's Anderson Gallery.

All panel, roundtable, and paper proposals must include the name and full contact information of all participants, and should be submitted online by visiting www.asianstudies.buffalo.edu/conferences/nycas2011.shtml and clicking the link at the top that says "Propose a panel, roundtable or paper."

The deadline for submitting proposals is **2 May 2011**.

Please address all inquiries to nycas2011@buffalo.edu or visit www.asianstudies.buffalo.edu/conferences/nycas2011.shtml.

Call for Papers | The Ninth International Conference on the Philippines

The Ninth International Conference on the Philippines will be held at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan from 22-25 May 2011. Held at approximately four-year intervals since 1980, this conference seeks to bring together specialists in all academic areas concerning the Philippines or Filipinos anywhere in the world. Within the context of disciplinary and cross-disciplinary sessions we aim to foster interdisciplinary conversations among academics, policy makers, and interested members of the global community that will bring about greater understanding of Philippine matters and address issues of importance for the future of the Philippines and Filipinos in the homeland and its diasporas. Depending upon funding, it is anticipated that some of the sessions will be internet-based to incorporate presenters located outside the United States.

We seek proposals for full panels and individual papers, as well as demonstrations of useful technologies and cultural presentations. Papers should be original works that have not been published or presented elsewhere. Most panels will run for two hours, with 30 minutes allocated to discussion. In proposing panels, organizers should keep in mind a 90-minute window for all presentations, including introductions. When a panel includes a designated respondent (not required), that should also be figured within the 90 minutes of presentation. Individual papers that are not proposed as part of a panel will be scheduled within an appropriate disciplinary or problem-centered session. One or more poster sessions will also be scheduled. Innovative formats, including those utilizing social media, will be considered.

In addition to traditional disciplinary areas, papers and panels are sought on non-traditional topics and areas, such as agriculture, arts and humanities, banking and finance, criminal justice, design, education, engineering, food security, human and animal health, journalism and communications, law, literature, material culture, military affairs, music, natural resources, science and technology. All topics germane to the Philippines are welcome.

Submit panel and paper proposals by **1 November 2011** to asiansc@msu.edu.

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