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### YCAR Members: Stainton helps create ROM home for George Leslie Mackay collection of Tayal artifacts

After 90 years in storage, the George Leslie Mackay collection of Tayal artifacts is now on permanent display at the Royal Ontario Museum. The new Indigenous Peoples of the World Gallery opened on 2 April 2008 with an opening for the donors and individuals connected with the different displays. The Toronto Echo Dance Studio (Taiwanese Canadian dancers) performed aboriginal dances.



YCAR Research Associate Michael Stainton was consultant for the display and wrote the interpretive text. He attended the event along with his fellow Canadian Mackay Committee members Alwyn Austin and

Margaret Mackay, rubbing shoulders with Hilary and Galen Weston, Michael Lee-chin, and other ROM patrons.

The large display case (one of dozens in the huge new gallery) has Tayal and Pingpu artifacts, as well as a large picture of the original cover of "From Far Formosa." The case, entitled "Tradition and Renewal: Aboriginal Peoples of Northern Taiwan" also has modern artifacts illustrating the continuation of these traditions - modern Tayal weaving, woven penholder and cell phone case, and t-shirts from the aboriginal cultural revival movement. *The Globe and Mail* on 5 April (page R13) had a review of the new gallery, giving special mention to the Mackay collection.

Mackay (1844 to 1901) was the first Presbyterian missionary to northern Formosa (Taiwan). He served with the Canadian Presbyterian Mission. Mackay is among the best-known Westerners to have lived in Taiwan. He was born in what is now Oxford, Ontario, received his theological training at Knox College in Toronto, Princeton Seminary in the United States, and New College, Edinburgh, Scotland. (*Michael Stainton photographs*)

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### **Opportunity: International Opportunities Fund (IOF) Program**

The International Opportunities Fund (IOF) Program is designed to help Canadian researchers develop, participate in, and lead diverse international collaborative research activities.

Development Grants are available to support activities such as workshops, seminars, and planning meetings that are expected to lead to significant international collaboration. Project Grants are available to help secure Canadian participation in current or planned international research initiatives and networks. The program is not intended to support activities that can be funded through other available SSHRC programs. Further collaborative activities resulting from these grants should be supported through other SSHRC programs or other sources. The value of the above is up to \$25,000 for Development Grants or \$75,000 for Project Grants. The deadline is **7 May 2008**.

For further details on this program, please contact the Office of Research Services (ORS) at ext. 55055, [research@yorku.ca](mailto:research@yorku.ca), or consult SSHRC's web site at: [www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/iof\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/iof_e.asp).

### **Opportunity: 2009-2010 India Studies Fellowship competition**

The India Studies Fellowship Competition for 2008-09 provides travel, research and living allowances to Canadian scholars while they study in India during the 2009-2010 academic year. The objective is to promote understanding of India in Canada. India with its ancient civilization, rich history and heritage, mosaic of languages and cultures and post-colonial socio-economic developments has always been attractive to the scholars for diverse research activities and to the artists for cultural exchange. Under the Institute's India Studies Programme, fellowships are provided to Canadian scholars, librarians and artists and Indian imprints are supplied to Canadian universities.

Three types of fellowships are available.

- 1) Faculty Fellowships support research and training in India by Canadian scholars with full- or part-time appointments in a Canadian institution of higher education. Retired faculty who maintain affiliation with a Canadian institution of higher education are eligible to apply if upon return to Canada they will continue to contribute to India studies through either teaching or research;
- 2) Student Fellowships are awarded to students specializing in India entering or enrolled in a graduate degree programme; and
- 3) Arts Fellowships are open to artists at all stages of their career.

The deadline for receipt of complete applications is **30 June 2008**. For details on the various fellowships, please visit [www.sici.org/shastri/english/indiastudies.htm](http://www.sici.org/shastri/english/indiastudies.htm) or contact York's Office of Research Services at [research@yorku.ca](mailto:research@yorku.ca).

### **Opportunity: South Asian male research assistant needed for SSHRC-funded study in the GTA**

Drs. Eleanor Maticka-Tyndale from the University of Windsor and Arshia Zaidi from the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) seek a research assistant to work with them on their Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) funded project entitled, "Heritage or Host Country? Scripting of South Asian Youths' Cross-Gender Relationships and Ethnic Identities." The goal of this research is to advance knowledge about the on-going immigration experience, extending even into the second generation, i.e. those whose parent's immigrated but they, themselves were born in Canada. The focus is on how second generation South Asians view and develop cross-gender (i.e., male-female) scripts and relationships.

**Qualifications:** The research assistant must be a male PhD student, resident in Toronto and from a South Asian background. Experience with qualitative research methods would be an asset. Preference will be given to a student whose own work at the graduate level is in the area of immigration, family, ethnicity, and/or sexuality.

**Responsibilities:** Responsibilities include contributing to an on-going review of the literature; recruitment of male and female second generation South Asians between the ages of 18 and 30 years for participation in in-depth interviews; conducting interviews with male participants; checking and verifying transcription of the male interviews; and assisting in data analysis. The RA will receive training in qualitative interviewing and data analysis using QSR software. Based on their contributions, the RA will be given the opportunity to prepare and co-author presentations of the research results and papers for future publications. Payment: This is a two-year, part-time contract, commencing ASAP. The salary is \$17,000/year inclusive of benefits.

Please e-mail a letter indicating interest in the position and specific qualifications related to it together with a resume that indicates relevant educational and work experience by **1 May 2008** or sooner to [arshia.zaidi@uoit.ca](mailto:arshia.zaidi@uoit.ca) and cc: a copy to [maticka@uwindsor.ca](mailto:maticka@uwindsor.ca).

### ***Previously-posted opportunities***

**\* Collaborative Visiting Fellowships with ESRC/SSRC in Britain (4 April 2008)**

For further information, please visit: <http://fellowships.ssrc.org/esrc/> or [www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/](http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/).

**\* Assistant Director of Asian Studies, University at Buffalo (16 April 2008)**

For more information about the Asian Studies Program may be found at [www.asianstudies.buffalo.edu](http://www.asianstudies.buffalo.edu). Applicants must apply on-line at [www.ubjobs.buffalo.edu/](http://www.ubjobs.buffalo.edu/) [Posting #0800076].

**\* North American Research Linkages Program (1 May 2008)**

Complete details may be obtained by contacting ORS at ext. 55055, [research@yorku.ca](mailto:research@yorku.ca) or by consulting the following website: [www.international.gc.ca/fac/studies-etudes/narlp-pnarr.aspx?lang=en](http://www.international.gc.ca/fac/studies-etudes/narlp-pnarr.aspx?lang=en)

**\* York scholarship for study in Mongolia (1 May 2008)**

For more information on required documentation or for other questions, please contact Adrian Shubert at [ashubert@yorku.ca](mailto:ashubert@yorku.ca).

**\* Faculty Incentive Grants (30 May 2008)**

To get an application form or more information, visit [www.researchimpact.ca](http://www.researchimpact.ca) or contact Krista Jensen ([kejensen@yorku.ca](mailto:kejensen@yorku.ca) or ext 88847) or Michael Johnny ([mjohnny@yorku.ca](mailto:mjohnny@yorku.ca) or ext 88876).

**\* Best Essay Prize in South Asian Studies (30 June 2008)**

For more information see the SAST website: [www.arts.yorku.ca/sosc/sasia](http://www.arts.yorku.ca/sosc/sasia) or contact the coordinator at [ananya@yorku.ca](mailto:ananya@yorku.ca).

\* Duke University travel grants for use of East Asian Collection

For more information: [http://library.duke.edu/ias/eac/travel\\_grant.html](http://library.duke.edu/ias/eac/travel_grant.html) for more information.

\* Olympic season summer Chinese language programmes in Hong Kong and China

For more information, please download a brochure from the following link: Current university students:

[www.cuhk.edu.hk/osp](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/osp); Adult learners/ mature students/ high school students:

[www.cuhk.edu.hk/clc/summer.htm](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clc/summer.htm). Questions can be directed to CLC staff at [clc@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:clc@cuhk.edu.hk).

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### Upcoming Event: Debating the Headlines: Tibet

Tuesday, 8 April 2008 \* 6 to 8pm \* Koffler Auditorium \* Room KP108 \* 569 Spadina Avenue \* Toronto

Tsering Wangdu Shakya, Canadian Research Chair in Religion and Contemporary Society in Asia, Institute for Asian Research, University of British Columbia, will speak on the current situation in Tibet.

Born in Lhasa, he fled to India with his family after the Chinese invasion. He then won a scholarship to study in Britain, and was later to graduate from London University's School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) with a B.A. Honours in Social Anthropology and South Asian History. He received his M.Phil in Tibetan Studies in 2000 and Ph.D. June 2004.

Today, Tsering is a world renowned and widely published scholar, on both historic and contemporary Tibet. His most expansive work to date *The Dragon in the Land of Snows: A History of Modern Tibet Since 1947* (Pimlico, London 1999) was acclaimed as "the definitive history of modern Tibet" by *The New York Times*, and "a prodigious work of scholarship" by the UK's *Sunday Telegraph*. The book is the first comprehensive account of Tibet's recent history. In researching the book Shakya interviewed many leading Tibetan politicians and drawn on numerous unpublished sources. Tsering was able to draw upon his unrivalled network of official and unofficial contacts in government, academia, religious circles and the media throughout Tibet and China, and across Asia, Europe and the U.S, including numerous, previously unpublished sources. The book received wide recognition and is now regarded as a standard text on the history of modern Tibet.

Tsering Shakya's work relies upon relationships of trust and confidentiality built up over many years. In April 1990, Tsering was the Convener of the first International Conference on Modern Tibet Studies, held at the University of London and attended by scholars from China, India, Europe and the U.S. He went on to teach at the Centre of Refugee Studies at Oxford University, England, and was later to become a research fellow in Tibetan Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University (1999-2002).

Register online at: <http://webapp.mcis.utoronto.ca/EventDetails.aspx?eventid=60>.

### Upcoming Event: "Who Cares?": A Climate Justice Workshop for Developing Tools that Connect

9 and 10 April 2008 \* 9:30am to 5:00pm \* Faculty of Environmental Studies \* York University

"Who Cares?" may be a pessimistic and even fatalistic response to environmental crises. But it is human. And it is a pervasive response. Environmental change requires that people care more than they do at present. Though this "care" must be more than simple concern. What is needed is an active critical caring practiced by individuals, communities and governments; a critical caring that is linked to and that feeds into social movement activism, social and environmental justice and the needed political changes that will result from all this. What is the environmental movement doing to foster, create and sustain this desperately needed critical caring?

Climate change and environmental crisis are rapidly becoming both mainstreamed and accepted common

sense. However, responses range widely from government inaction, to the promotion of individual voluntarist action (at the expense of collective action), to a wide diversity of approaches aimed at various specific instances of environmental crisis. What is the BIG PICTURE? Or A big picture? And how can we connect those in society who are and will be the most affected by the predicted worsening of the crises that lie before us?

Seizing the Moment (a popular education method developed by Toronto social movement groups) is a democratic, collective, critical thinking and action-planning tool that systematically examines an issue or a set of issues. As popular education praxis, it always contextualizes the issue(s) both within a framework of social justice and within a critical understanding of who is participating, who is absent from the workshop, who is most affected by the issue(s) under analysis and more. This workshop series will look at climate change focusing on tar sands, food and arctic melting and will develop popular education tools (from techniques to methods) for doing climate justice education and action. If you are interested in attending please e-mail: [mythcast@gmail.com](mailto:mythcast@gmail.com).

### **Upcoming Event: Launch of the Asian Development Outlook 2008**

Thursday, 10 April 2008 \* Noon \* Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Ballroom \* Toronto

What does ADB's crystal ball show for the future strength of the Asian economies, and how will it affect Canadian businesses operating, or wanting to operate in Asia? Will emerging economies in Asia lose steam if the North American economy slips into recession?

The Canadian Club of Toronto, in association with the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, is pleased to announce that Dr. Ifzal Ali, Chief Economist of the Asian Development Bank, will make an exclusive Toronto appearance to announce the release of the Asian Development Bank's flagship economic document, the *Asia Development Outlook 2008*.

*ADB's Outlook* includes comprehensive economic analysis and forecasts of more than 40 economies in developing Asia and the Pacific, and examines medium-term trends and prospects by sub region - East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central and West Asia, and the Pacific.

Mr. Ali's office oversees economic research and knowledge management in support of institutional, regional, and ADB's member countries. His current research interests include micro and macroeconomic policy reforms in the context of globalization and competitiveness for the developing countries of Asia. His office also works with the international research community. He joined the bank has been Chief Economist since August 2002. Mr. Ali holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Johns Hopkins University, a Master's degree in Economics from Delhi School of Economics, and a Bachelor's degree from St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

Tickets are available for \$70 each/ \$60 members or tables of 10: \$700 each/ \$600 members. For more information, please call The Canadian Club at 416-364-5591 or visit us at [www.canadianclub.org](http://www.canadianclub.org).

### **Upcoming Event: Filipino Women's Organizing in Canada and the Philippines**

10 April 2008 \* 7 to 9pm \* Wilson Hall Boardroom, Wilson Hall (40 Willcocks Street) \* University of Toronto.

This event is a part of a film series on Filipina Transnational Domesticity and Feminist Activism.

The two films featured are:

*Gabriela: A Film* (1988, Trix Betlam, Holland/Philippines, subtitled, 67 min.). In *Gabriela*, a mass organization of diverse women's groups in the Philippines. On the contemporary role and history of women in the Philippines as well as strategies for global feminism and;

*Kababaihan : Filipina Portraits* (1989, 40 min. Distribution : Diffusion Multi-Monde, The Cinema Guild) Profiles of women activists in the Philippines, from grassroots community organizers to the heads of the national women's association, Gabriela. Discussants for this event are: Discussants: Cecilia Diocson (National Association of Philippine Women's Centres) and Camille Cendana (Ugnayan ng Kabataang Pilipino sa Canada / Filipino-Canadian Youth Alliance [UKPC/FCYA]).

### **Upcoming Event: Chinese Official Development Assistance: The Philippines Experience in the North Luzon Railways and National Broadband Network Projects**

*Friday, 11 April 2008 \* 1 to 3pm \* 390 York Lanes, York University*

YCAR Research Associate Rommel Gavieta will present his research on the pros and cons of two Chinese ODA projects in the Philippines -- The North Luzon Railways and the National Broadband Network projects.

Rommel Gavieta is Vice President, Metro Rail Transit Corporation and Professor, Graduate School of Business, De La Salle University in the Philippines. He specializes in project management of infrastructure and real estate projects in the public and private sectors, particularly in finance and privatization as well as strategic corporate planning. He has published articles on mass transit and housing systems, currency exchange risk and financing structure, private funds, utility development and government policy.

For more information, please contact YCAR at [ycar@yorku.ca](mailto:ycar@yorku.ca).

### **Upcoming Event: Current Situation in Sri Lanka and Getting a Peace Process Back on Track**

*Tuesday, 15 April 2008 \* 2:30 to 4pm \* 390 York Lanes \* York University*

Please join us for a meeting with the High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and Maldives, Angela Bogdan. The event is co-sponsored by the York Centre for International and Security Studies (YCISS).

High Commissioner Angela Bogdan, a York alumnus, has been a member of Foreign Affairs Canada since 1984 and has held postings in Melbourne, Canadian Delegation to NATO, Warsaw, and as Ambassador to the former FRY. Since 2006, she has served as High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and Maldives, since 2006.

High Commission Bogdan will be discussing the current situation in Sri Lanka focusing on how to get the peace process back on track. She will be outlining the situation, why it collapsed, and the prospects for peace in the near future. She will also provide insights on Canada's approach and strategic interests in Sri Lanka. This will be followed by a discussion with High Commission Bogdan, who will be soliciting ideas and views from the faculty and graduate students in attendance. For more information, contact [yciss@yorku.ca](mailto:yciss@yorku.ca).

### **Upcoming Event: Strictly Business? New Trends in International Investment and the Challenges to Development Strategies**

*17 to 18 April 2008 \* Vivian and David Campbell Conference Facility \* University of Toronto*

Strictly Business? New Trends in International Investment and the Challenges to Development Strategies, a conference hosted by the World Bank and the Munk Centre for International Studies Graduate Students, will take place at the University of Toronto on 17-18 April 2008.

This year's graduate conference addresses a challenging current issue regarding public foreign investment. State-run investment by countries with massive foreign currency reserves, such as China and Russia, are establishing a new trend in international investment. The Munk Centre Graduate Student Conference aims to explore these patterns and examine their implications for both state sovereignty and economic development.

With the rapidly growing economies of especially China and Russia, the world is witnessing a headstrong urge by these countries to invest in resource-rich states such as Nigeria and Sudan. While the goals of these state-affiliated sovereign investment funds are "strictly business" to earn higher returns from stocks, corporate bonds, real estate, and commodities, there is a rising concern that patterns of investing will become politically strategic, and will be used to monopolize natural resources, or to gain political allegiance from a recipient state.

Thursday, 17 April will feature an evening keynote address and reception. Panel discussions will take place on Friday, 18 April. The morning session will discuss sovereign wealth funds, and the afternoon session will cover China's recent investment trends in Africa. The conference will include a spectrum of experts from the World Bank, academia, journalism and business. For more information on the conference program and registration, please visit [www.themunkgraduateconference.org/2008/](http://www.themunkgraduateconference.org/2008/).

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### **Call for Papers: Transformations: Researching Asia – deadline extended**

The YCAR Graduate Student Conference will take place September 26 to 28, 2008 in Toronto.

What does it mean to “research Asia?” Asian Studies is a growing field within and, we hope, beyond Area Studies. Recent developments in Asian research reflect modern and contemporary events across a wide range of disciplines. As the body of research on Asia grows, questions concerning the production and mediation of “Asia” become more pressing. The critical and fundamental questions “What is Asia?” and “How to study Asia?” remain unresolved and contested. As a field, moreover, Asian Studies remains driven by disciplinary divides; interdisciplinary intersections remain disappointingly rare.

With this conference we seek to address the epistemology and methodology of researching Asia within and beyond the geographical and disciplinary constraints traditionally associated with Area Studies. We invite papers from graduate students engaged in interdisciplinary research in Asian Studies focusing on the modern and contemporary periods.

Possible paper topics could address (but are not limited to) these sub-themes:

\* Epistemology of Asian Studies \* Methodology and Practices in Asian Studies \* Orientalism & Re-Orientalism \* Knowledge/Power \* Time and Temporality \* Modernity \* North/South Divide \* Globalization \* Race and Ethnicity \* Migration and Diaspora \* Race, Gender, and Class \* Positioning and Subjectivity \* Body and Representation \* Sexuality \* Media and Technology \* Environmental Challenges \* Art and Visual Culture \* Music and Performing Arts

Interested participants should submit a paper title, abstract (250 words maximum) and brief biographical information by **18 April 2008**. Selected participants must submit completed papers by 1 August 2008. Please email submissions to the conference organizers at: [transformationsasiaconference@gmail.com](mailto:transformationsasiaconference@gmail.com). More information about the conference can be found on the conference website:

[www.yorku.ca/ycar/Events/graduate\\_conference.html](http://www.yorku.ca/ycar/Events/graduate_conference.html).

### **Call for Papers: SSRC Korean Studies Dissertation Workshop**

This dissertation workshop will take place in Pacific Grove, California, from 13 to 17 July 2008. The Social Science Research Council Korean Studies Dissertation Workshop seeks to create a sustained network of advanced graduate students and faculty engaged in research on Korea. The four-day workshop provides an informal setting for participants to give and receive critical feedback on dissertations in progress. The deadline for applications is **1 May 2008**.

The mentor faculty include: Nancy Abelmann (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign); Kyeong-Hee Choi (University of Chicago); Bruce Cumings (University of Chicago); John Duncan (University of California, Los Angeles); and Jae-Jung Suh (Johns Hopkins University).

Only full-time advanced graduate students, regardless of citizenship, who are enrolled at US or Canadian institutions are eligible. Participants may be in any social science or humanities field. Applicants must have an approved dissertation prospectus but cannot have completed writing for final submission. Special consideration will be given to students from universities that are not major Korean Studies institutions.

For the application form and more information, please visit <http://fellowships.ssrc.org/korea/> or email [korea@ssrc.org](mailto:korea@ssrc.org).

## **Call for Papers: Contemporary Problems with Socioeconomic Theory**

The Contemporary Problems with Socioeconomic Theory conference will take place in Hanoi on 7 to 8 October 2008 and is sponsored by the journal *NST: Nature, Society and Thought*, and Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics and Public Administration.

This two-day conference international conference is embedded in the Vietnam/Laos Study Tour. Participants may take the study tour without attending the conference (visits, talks, and excursions will be planned for conference days). Conference attendees may submit a paper for presentation or take part in the discussions without giving a paper. While longer papers will be considered for future publication, a presentation version not exceeding 1,800 words should be sent by e-mail to [marqu002@tc.umn.edu](mailto:marqu002@tc.umn.edu) before **1 August 2008**. Acceptances will be sent promptly. For more information, visit: <http://umn.edu/home/marqu002/VL2008.htm>.

### ***Previously-posted Call for Papers:***

\* **ASPAC 2008 - Crossing Boundaries in the Asia-Pacific: Regional and Disciplinary Intersections**, Victoria BC (15 April 2008)

For more information: <http://capiconf.uvic.ca/index.php?cf=3>

\* **New England Association for Asian Studies conference** (15 April 2008)

For more information: [www.umb.edu/academics/cla/dept/modlang/neaas\\_conference08.html](http://www.umb.edu/academics/cla/dept/modlang/neaas_conference08.html) or [neaas@umb.edu](mailto:neaas@umb.edu).

\* **Cultural Connections, Convergences, and Collisions Past and Present: New York Conference on Asian Studies** (1 May 2008)

For more information: [www.hamilton.edu/NYCAS/](http://www.hamilton.edu/NYCAS/) or email [08NYCAS@hamilton.edu](mailto:08NYCAS@hamilton.edu).

\* **Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies** (1 May 2008)

For more information: [www.Colorado.EDU/CAS/WCAAS.html](http://www.Colorado.EDU/CAS/WCAAS.html).

\* **Fourth World Congress of Korean Studies** (10 May 2008)

For more information, email [korea2008@aks.ac.kr](mailto:korea2008@aks.ac.kr) or visit [www.aks.ac.kr/eng\\_home/notice/notice\\_read.asp?num=55&group\\_id=55](http://www.aks.ac.kr/eng_home/notice/notice_read.asp?num=55&group_id=55).

\* **Symposium on the Vietnam Experience** (15 May 2008)

For more information: [kfmsh00@tamuk.edu](mailto:kfmsh00@tamuk.edu)

\* **Continuities and Innovations: Popular Print Cultures – Past and Present, Local and Global** (30 May 2008)

For information: [www.arts.ualberta.ca/popprint](http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/popprint).

\* **Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival** (16 May 2008)

For more information, please contact [programming@reelasian.com](mailto:programming@reelasian.com).

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