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Afsan Chowdhury (Research Associate) | Afsan recently completed his term at Colby College, Maine, where he was the 2008 Oak Fellow. His efforts to increase awareness about climate change issues are highlighted in a video that celebrates his efforts during the fellowship. Visit http://www.colby.edu/news_events/news_article/article.cfm?articleid=1600420&date=12/10/2008 to view the video.

His interview on climate change and 'Why is Bangladesh Drowning?' on PBS's international affairs series, 'Foreign Exchange', is available at: <http://revver.com/video/1251999/why-is-bangladesh-drowning-foreign-exchange-episode-442/>.

Gregory Chin (Faculty Associate) | Dr Chin will have his article, "China, Asia and the Global Financial Crisis," published in the upcoming issue of *The World Today*, the monthly publication of Chatham House. Chatham House is the home of the Royal Institute of International Affairs and based in London, England.

Watch Dr Chin's television interview on the BBC on China's international influence at www.yorku.ca/ycar.

Margo Gewurtz (Faculty Associate) | Dr. Gewurtz's article on "The Afterlife of Memory in China: Yang Jiang's Literary Memoir" appeared in the January-April 2008 issue of *ARIEL, Life Writing in International Contexts*.

Robin Roth (Faculty Associate) | Dr. Roth was interviewed by CBC Radio on 26 November 2008 about the unrest in Thailand.

Michael Stainton (Research Associate) | Michael, in his role as President of the Taiwanese Human Rights Association of Canada, appeared in a 18 November 2008 *SingTao Daily* article, "Taiwanese Human Rights Association of Canada condemns KMT settling of accounts | Calls for Taiwan to be put back on human rights watch list | Raises questions about wave of (corruption) cases and how they are being handled."

Opportunity: Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada Post-Graduate Fellowships

APF Canada is welcoming applications for its Post Graduate Research Fellowship program as of **1 December 2008**. The Post Graduate Research Fellowship programme was created to foster the next generation of Asia Pacific researchers and analysts. Each year, the Foundation selects three recent Master and PhD graduates to conduct guided research and participate in the Foundation's on-going activities at its Vancouver office. Fellowships begin in the summer months.

For more information, contact Jessica Brunt at 604.630.1541 or email jessica.brunt@asiapacific.ca or visit www.asiapacific.ca/en/grants/types-of-grants#3

Opportunity: Canada-US Fulbright Program

The Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program is pleased to announce special competitions for Fulbright Visiting Research Chairs in:

> Canada-U.S. Relations at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

http://www.fulbright.ca/en/pdf/Chair_WWICS.pdf

> Canadian Studies at Kennesaw State University, Michigan State University, SUNY- Plattsburgh, and the University of Washington

http://www.fulbright.ca/en/pdf/Chair_Kennesaw.pdf

http://www.fulbright.ca/en/pdf/Chair_MSU_Canadian_Studies.pdf

http://www.fulbright.ca/en/pdf/Chair_SUNY_Plattsburgh_Canadian_Studies.pdf

http://www.fulbright.ca/en/pdf/Chair_UWashington_Canadian_Studies.pdf

> North American Studies at American University and Arizona State University

http://www.fulbright.ca/en/pdf/Chair_American.pdf

http://www.fulbright.ca/en/pdf/Chair_ASU_Transborder.pdf

> Law and Society at New York University

http://www.fulbright.ca/en/pdf/Chair_NYU_Law_and_Society.pdf

> International Business at Brandeis University

http://www.fulbright.ca/en/pdf/Chair_Brandeis.pdf

> Public Diplomacy at the University of Southern California

http://www.fulbright.ca/en/pdf/Chair_USC_Public_Diplomacy.pdf

The special competition deadline is **15 January 2009** for an award to be taken up in September 2009 or January 2010. An award typically carries a stipend of US\$25,000 for one semester. Canadian scholars, professionals and post-doctoral researchers interested in conducting research or teaching for one or two semesters in the United States are encouraged to visit www.fulbright.ca for further information and application details.

For your convenience, please use the following link to download an application package:

http://www.fulbright.ca/en/pdf/Fulbright_Scholar_Application_SP_English.pdf. For more information, contact Brad Hector, Program Officer, at bhector@fulbright.ca.

Opportunity: Chiang Ching-kuo Fellowship

The Canadian Asian Studies Association (CASA) will be annually awarding up to two doctoral fellowships (up to \$10,000 Canadian each) and one post-doctoral fellowship (up to \$22,000 Canadian), subject to budgetary allowance and using funds provided by the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation.

CASA welcomes applications from junior scholars who are not in any regular tenure track positions. They can be from any discipline, as long as their projects focus on an aspect of China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, or overseas Chinese communities.

All guidelines and application forms can be found at: <http://canadianasianstudies.concordia.ca/htm/ccke.htm>. Applicants must also be members of CASA. Membership forms are located at: <http://canadianasianstudies.concordia.ca/htm/membere.htm>. The deadline is **1 February 2009**.

Opportunity: China-Canada Scholars' Exchange Program

The China-Canada Scholars' Exchange Program (CCSEP) is currently soliciting applications for the 2009-2010 academic year. Canadian academics and students who wish to study and/or do research in subject areas related to China in China for a period of four to 12 months are invited to apply. The award includes living allowance, tuition fees, accommodation and insurance. DFAIT will cover the cost of return transportation for award recipients.

Preference will be given to applicants with certain levels of Chinese language proficiency and/or candidates whose research is related to study of China

For a list of Chinese institutions admitting international students under this program, please visit the China Scholarship Council website at en.csc.edu.cn. The deadline for completed application packages is **20 February 2009**.

Application forms and other information are available from Joanna Buhr at the Centre for International Partnerships and Cooperation and the University of Calgary at jbuhr@ucalgary.ca.

Opportunity: Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE)

The Office of Research Services (ORS) has recently learned that the Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) are now inviting eligible applicants to submit Letters of Intent (LOI) to the 2009 NCE competition for new networks.

A summary of this program is below, and complete details are available on the NCE web site http://www.nce.gc.ca/comp/NCE2009/nce_e.htm

OBJECTIVES are to:

- * mobilize Canada's research talent in the academic, private, public and not-for-profit sectors and apply it to the task of developing the economy and improving the quality of life of Canadians.
- * focus on broader Canadian issues, rather than be discipline-driven. It is expected that networks will address complex issues with multifaceted approaches and solutions.
- * stimulate internationally competitive leading-edge, multidisciplinary research in areas critical to Canadian economic and social development
- * develop and retain world-class research and research translation capabilities in areas essential to Canada's productivity and economic growth
- * create nation-wide and international partnerships that bring together the key individuals and organizations needed to generate and implement multifaceted solutions to complex Canadian challenges
- * accelerate the exchange of research results within the Network and the use of this knowledge by organizations within Canada to produce economic and social benefits
- * increase Canada's international visibility and reputation as leaders in the Network's area of research by attracting world-class collaborations, and developing partnerships with international organization

counterparts, when applicable.

The four Science and Technology (S&T) priority areas and the 13 Science, Technology and Innovation Council (STIC) sub-priority research areas, are:

Environmental science and technologies:

1. water (health, energy, security)
2. cleaner methods of extracting, processing and using hydrocarbon fuels, including reduced consumption of these fuels

Natural resources and energy:

3. energy production in the oil sands
4. Arctic (resource production, climate change adaptation, monitoring)
5. biofuels, fuel cells and nuclear energy

Health and related life sciences and technologies:

6. regenerative medicine
7. neuroscience
8. health in an aging population
9. biomedical engineering and medical technologies

Information and communication technologies:

10. new media, animation and games
11. wireless networks and services
12. broadband networks
13. telecom equipment

The target budget for the 2009 competition is \$75 million over five years. It is anticipated that three to four networks may be funded and begin operations in 2009. The 2009 NCE competition is looking for a balanced portfolio of networks, and is therefore expected to support a maximum of one new network in a given S&T priority area.

The deadline for Stage 1 of the LOI is **2 March 2009**. Full applications (by invitation only) are due in August 2009.

York University researchers are reminded that all applications for external research funding, including Letters of Intent, must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Research Services before they are submitted to the granting agency. For internal approval, the application must be accompanied by a completed ORS Application Checklist, which requires the Chair's and Dean's signatures. To ensure that the approved application is ready by the agency deadline, a complete application folder must be submitted to the ORS ten (10) working days prior to final submission date.

Previously-posted opportunities

Post Doctoral Fellowships in South Asian Studies, Yale University (5 January 2008)

For more information, visit: www.yale.edu/macmillan/southasia.

* Postdoctoral Fellowship in Modern Southeast Asian Studies, Columbia University (January 2009)

For more information, contact Celia Bhattacharya, Program Officer by e-mail at cb2462@columbia.edu or www.columbia.edu/cu/weai/postdoctoral-fellowship.html.

Upcoming Event: 2008 Noble Peace Prize commemoration celebration

Saturday, 13 December 2008 * 11am * Tibetan Canadian Cultural Centre * 40 Titan Road

All are invited to attend the Commemorative Celebration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's receipt of the prestigious Noble Peace Prize to be held on Saturday, December 13, 2008 from 11am at Ganjong Choedenling.

Programme highlights include: guest speaker; multicultural programmes; traditional and modern Tibetan

songs and dance performance; Tibetan traditional foods; photo exhibition; Sandi Tashi Takgye display, among others. Admission is \$20 for adults; \$15 for CTAO ID card holders; \$10 for youths; and \$5 for children. There will be a dance party to follow from 9pm to 2am with the following ticket prices: \$15 per person; and \$12 for CTAO card holders.

For more information, contact info@ctao.org, 416.410.5606 or visit www.ctao.org and www.tccgc.org.

Upcoming Event: South Asia Open Mic: Imagination in a Time of Violence

*Saturday, 13 December 2008 * 3:30 to 5:30pm * Wilson Hall Lounge * 40 Willcocks * New College, University of Toronto*

Come to build connections, provoke thought, engage with uneasy questions, share understandings, and grieve collectively. Confirmed topics include relations between Indian and Pakistani diasporics, terrorism and spectacle, militarism and masculinity. All are welcome with a time limit of five minutes per person for presentations. For more information, contact Professor Ashwini Tambe at a.tambe@utoronto.ca.

Upcoming Event: Sharing Our Traditions

*Sunday, 14 December 2008 * noon to 5pm * Spadina Museum * 285 Spadina Road*

Panorama India, with the support of Consulate General of India, is partnering with Spadina Museum and the City of Toronto, for the seasonal celebrations at the Spadina Museum blending Indian Diwali with an Edwardian Christmas. Join them for Sunday afternoons featuring food, music, crafts and displays celebrating Edwardian Christmas traditions in Toronto and the Diwali festivities of India. The event is co-hosted with cultural guest, Panorama India. Admission for adults is \$9; Seniors & Youths \$7.50 and Children \$6 (plus GST). For more information, visit <http://www.toronto.ca/culture/museums/spadina.htm>.

Call for Papers (revised): Religion and Human Rights in China

The York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) at York University, Centre for Asian-Canadian Theology and Ministry at Knox College, University of Toronto and the Hudson Taylor Centre for Chinese Ministries at Tyndale College invite scholars, religious organizations and human rights workers to share their research and experience in a one-day symposium on Religion and Human Rights in China, to take place in Toronto on Saturday, 30 May 2009. Professor Pitman Potter (University of British Columbia) will be the keynote speaker.

The 2008 Olympic Games brought unprecedented international attention to China's human rights practices, as well as intensified repression against Tibetan Buddhists, Uighur Muslims and Falun Dafa practitioners. At the same time, expansion of religious activity in China has created the greatest religious revival in human history, especially for Buddhism and Christianity. Observers have noted the highly diverse application of religious policies by local governments. For Protestants and Catholics, it is no longer possible to posit a simple dichotomy between officially recognized and unregistered churches, or Catholics loyal to Rome versus the official Catholic Church. Religious charities such as the Taiwan-based Tzu-Chi Buddhist Compassion Relief Association or the Protestant Amity Foundation play an important role providing social services to Chinese society.

The organizers invite presentations examining the diversity of religious practice in China, Communist Party religious policy, the contributions of religion to human rights and civil society in China, and the connection between religion and dissent. Presentations examining these from the perspective of human rights discourse, and asking how religion can contribute to human rights in China are especially welcome. Organizers will attempt to pair academic and activist presentations to achieve a dynamic exchange between different perspectives and dialogue between religions who do not usually meet.

Abstracts of approximately 250 words and a short bio should be submitted by Monday, 2 March 2009 to ycar@yorku.ca. Successful applicants will be notified by late March. Panel submissions are also welcome.

For more information, visit www.yorku.ca/ycar/Events/religion_human_rights_china.html or contact organizer Michael Stainton at michaels@yorku.ca or 416.736.2100 ext 33068.

Call for Papers: Documenting the Undocumented: Re-defining Refugee status

The Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS) Student Caucus at York University is pleased to announce that the Annual Student Conference will take place on 16-17 April 2009 at York University. This event offers graduate and undergraduate students across disciplines with a keen interest in refugee issues the opportunity to present and discuss their research ideas with fellow students, academics, professional, frontline practitioners, researchers and all those interested in forced migration issues.

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates that 67 million people (51 million are internally displaced (IDPs) and 16 million are refugee) will have been forcibly displaced by the end of 2007. Of these, only 26.1 million will have been assisted under UNHCR's mandate. The remaining 42 million are deprived of similar assistance due to international disagreement over legal classifications. The aim of this year's conference is to continue a respectful dialogue about innovative ways to address this global concern.

This theme for this year's conference is Documenting the Undocumented: Re-defining Refugee Status. The theme intends to embrace a comprehensive discussion offering a wide range of topics under eight (8) major headings: Forced Migration; Internal Displacement; Environmental Displacement; Gender Persecution; Sexuality Persecution; Economic Hardship Displacement; Statelessness; Migrant workers.

We also encourage submissions in the form of visual, audio, and performing arts. All accepted art submissions will be exhibited at the conference location.

At this year's conference three prizes will be awarded to the best papers. Further details about both awards will be provided at a later date. For more info about CARFMS, please visit: <http://www.yorku.ca/crs/>.

Individuals or groups wishing to participate in the conference MUST submit a 250-word abstract by **12 January 2009** (early submission) or **3 February 2009** (late submission).

Abstract submissions MUST be accompanied by the following: Name(s) of presenter(s); Key presenter e-mail address; Title of Abstract; A short personal profile (no more than 5 lines); Indication of whether the presentation will be made by a panel or an individual; Indication of the type of audio-visual aids needed (projector, laptop, DVD player etc). Abstracts should be submitted electronically to crs_caus@yorku.ca.

For more information please contact Veronica Fynn: veronicafynn@osgoode.yorku.ca or visit: <http://www.yorku.ca/crs/>.

Call for Papers: The Tenth Asian Urbanization Conference

The Tenth Asian Urbanization Conference will be held at the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China from 16 to 19 August 2009. The conference themes include: theoretical or empirical studies on urban form and process; urban population change including migration, urban systems, quality of life, sustainable development, city marketing and economic development, social justice, urban governance; applications related to GIS; comparative urbanization, and environmental conditions in Asian cities. Other papers which contribute to an understanding of Asian urbanization are welcomed.

The deadline for submission of paper abstracts is **15 February 2009**. Abstracts should be 100-200 words and should be submitted online. The abstract should provide information on the research problem, study area, data, methodology, findings, and significance of the research. While the format of your abstract may vary from this format, these contents are useful and informative to the conference participants. Co-authored papers should indicate who is the main presenter and author. Submission of complete paper is strongly encouraged. Selected papers will be considered for publication after the conference.

The conference registration fee is USD200 for early bird registration (before 30 June 2009) and USD250 for

normal registration. The registration fee for student is USD140 and accompanying person is USD140. Registration can be done via online, e-mail or by regular post

For more information, contact Professor Anthony G. O. Yeh or Dr. Roger C. K. Chan of the University of Hong Kong, or Dr George Pomeroy (Asian Urban Research Association (AURA) Secretary-General) at asia2009@hku.hk or visit www.hku.hk/asia2009.

Call for Papers: Imag(in)ing Asia and the Pacific: Emerging Visualities and Art Perspectives

Imag(in)ing Asia and the Pacific: Emerging Visualities and Art Perspectives is the annual graduate symposium of Cornell University's Department of the History of Art and Visual Studies. The event will be held on 20-21 February 2009.

The symposium addresses the 20th century processes of decolonization, modernization, and nation-building that characterized the regions of Asia and the Pacific. These structures are revisited in the 21st century in the wake of globalization, and art practice in recent years has sought to address these questions, variously embracing or resisting their assumptions, politicizing their implications, or challenging discourse around such formulations. Not only are the cities of Asia and the Pacific growing, but have also become major centers of art, with mega-exhibitions and biennales that crucially forge regional identities and affinities. The symposium aims to explore these emerging visualities in the light of the complex, and changing socio-political and economic issues that affect countries, peoples, institutions and practice in the region.

The keynote address will be given by Dr. Melissa Chiu, Director, Asia Society Museum, New York.

Organizers encourage submissions that focus on visibility, however, and can be from a range of disciplines, including but not limited to Asian Studies, Pacific Studies, History of Art, History, Visual Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, Studio Art, Architecture, Literature, Theatre, Film, and Dance.

For more information, including suggested themes, visit www.arts.cornell.edu/histart/symposium.html or contact organizers Bernida Webb-Binder and Brinda Kumar at baw78@cornell.edu and bk269@cornell.edu.

Previously-posted Calls

*** YCAR Papers 2008-2009**

For more information: ycar@yorku.ca or www.yorku.ca/ycar.

*** Dissertation Workshop on Social Capital and Civic Engagement in Asia, UoT (30 January 2009)**

For more information: ai.soc@utoronto.ca.

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