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Our Researchers | News and Awards

Michael Nijhawan, Faculty Associate | Professor Nijhawan's project 'Asian Diasporic Communities in Canada and Germany: Theorizing the Politics of Secularism across Interdisciplinary Boundaries' (in collaboration with Professor Mita Banerjee, University of Mainz), which was part of Canadian Centre for German and European Studies' application to the DAAD's funding programme "Promoting German and European Studies in Canada", has been approved to receive support for the years 2010-2012. The project will facilitate interdisciplinary research on transnational Asia studies and will also facilitate the organization of a workshop at York around transnational South Asian identities.

Gregory Chin, Faculty Associate | Professor Chin's article titled, "Shifting Purpose: Asia's Rise and Canada's Foreign Aid", was recently published in the Autumn 2009 volume of *International Journal*, as part of a special feature issue on Canada and Asia relations, coinciding with the 25th anniversary of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. It is available at:

www.internationaljournal.ca/Home/Entries/2009/12/14_Volume_64_Issue_4_Autumn_2009Canada_and_Asia.html. More recently, "Debating the international Currency System," was published in *China Security*. It was co-written with Wang Yong. This article can be accessed through www.chinasecurity.us/.

Rommel Gavieta, Research Associate | Dr. Gavieta's paper on the '2008 Global Financial Crisis, Vulture Funds and Chinese Official Development Assistance: Its Impact on Philippine Infrastructure Development' will be published this spring in the *Journal of Structured Finance*.

Hironori Onuki, Graduate Associate | Hironori's research was recently published as a chapter in *Sekai Seiji o Shisosuru, vol. II* [Rethinking the Global Politics, vol. II] eds. Yukio Sato and Yukio Maeda (Tokyo: Kokusai Shoin, 2009).

Sekai Seiji o Shisosuru is the collective attempt to seek for the ways to go beyond the existing international political theories, to explore global politics from the cultural perspective, to reconstitute the historicized knowledge of the current world, and to "live = rethink" the future of peace without subverting everyday life.

In his chapter, "Rodo Imin no Gurobaru Seiji-Keizai Gaku: Iju Rodosha no Seiji-teki Shutai to 'Nichijo Kukan no (Sai) Seisan o tegakari ni [The Global Political Economy of Labour Migration: Political Agency of Migrant Workers and the (Re)Production of Everyday Spaces], Mr. Onuki investigates the concrete, contingent and situated practices of global labour migration, specifically by focusing on the everyday struggles of transnational Filipino migrant workers. His analysis stresses that these migrant workers are not passive recipients of Philippine state policies but are agential political subjects. It argues that the structured social practices of global labour migrants not only participate in and depend on, but also contest and negotiate the (re)constitution of capitalist relations of production and social reproduction within the neo-liberal restructuring of global order.

Yuk-Lin Renita Wong, Faculty Associate | Professor Wong's art-based participatory action research project focusing on healing and cultural restoration in Sichuan province, China, was profiled in the 4 February 2010 issue of *Yfile*. It is accessible at: www.yorku.ca/yfile/archive/index.asp?Article=14181.

YCAR News | Student of Moro integration and nationalism joins YCAR as Visiting Scholar for Winter term

Lou Janssen Dangzalan is a master's candidate at the National University of Singapore (NUS) where he is specializing in sociology. He completed his bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's in global politics at the University of Santo Tomas and the Ateneo de Manila University respectively. Janssen is a recipient of a Research Scholarship at NUS, and the Ateneo Graduate School Scholarship.

His thesis, *Desiring Similitude: The Directions of Moro Integration and Nationalism*, which studies the Philippines' Muslim south during the American colonial period, is currently being evaluated. The thesis closely studies the process of subject formation among Moro elites and how they responded to the heaves and throes of American, and later, Filipino colonialism in the Philippines' south.



While at YCAR, he will be working on a similar project, focusing on ethnicity and representation in the context of Mindanao and the political economy of knowledge production. The project will deal with the essentializing tendencies in the study of the Philippines' Muslim south. Janssen will be working with Professors Patrick Alcedo and Philip Kelly.

Other projects that he will be working on will be on state building in the peripheries of the Philippines. His other research interests include race and ethnicity, and migration. Janssen will with YCAR until 25 May 2010 and will present a talk later in the term.

YCAR News | Video of Inaugural Asia Lecture now online

The video of the Inaugural Asia Lecture, 'Poverty and the Imagination of a Future: The Story of Urban Slums in Delhi, India', is now available online at: www.yorku.ca/alumni/podcasts/?video=veenaD.flv. The lecture was given by Veena Das, Krieger-Eisenhower Professor of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University in the fall term.

YCAR Events | Women and Nationalism in the Novels of Rabindranath Tagore

Himani Banerjee focused on selected novels written by Rabindranath Tagore, which she analyzed in the framework of an emerging Indian nationalism, in 'Home and the World: Women and Nationalism in the Novels of Rabindranath Tagore', a talk was hosted by YCAR on 23 November 2009.

In working with Tagore's fiction writings, Professor Bannerji tried to chart out imaginations of nationalism as an anti-colonial movement based on a cultural idiom that cannot be reduced to the sexist-exclusivist or religious-nationalist strands of the national movement. In discussion of Tagore's work, however, she demonstrated the ambiguities of notions of sacrifice, nation and gender in his work.

Tagore was a poet, novelist, musician and playwright. The first non-European to win the Nobel Prize for Literature (1913), he is seen by many as the most important literary figure in Bengali literature.

Professor Bannerji is a visiting professor with the Institute of Development Studies in Kolkata and a life

fellow at the Jadavpur University School of Women's Studies. Her books on India include: *The Mirror of Class: Political Theatre in West Bengal*; *Inventing Subjects*; and an upcoming volume, *Demography and Democracy: Essays on Nationalism, Gender and Ideology*. She is a recipient of the West Bengal Literary Academy's Tagore Memorial Prize. Professor Bannerji received her B.A. from Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, which was Tagore's university, and was a visiting scholar at the Tagore archives for three years. She is the recipient of a three-year CIDA-Shastri Partnership Grant on women's reproductive health in Kolkata.

YCAR Events | Trudeau scholar discusses geopolitics of the migration of nurses

Mark Lawrence Santiago presented a public lecture, 'Made for Canada, Product of the Philippines: Global Nurse Migrations and the Geopolitics of Global Justice' on 1 December 2009. The presentation addressed Santiago's current research on the large-scale migration of the Philippines health care work force seeking better employment opportunities in more developed economies such as Canada. Attendees represented a diverse mix of graduate students and faculty from such varied disciplines as nursing and health sciences, human geography, political science, anthropology, and social work. Both members of the York community, as well as from further afield in the GTA, were present.

Mark Lawrence Santiago is a University of British Columbia Doctoral Candidate in Geography and Trudeau Scholar. Lawrence studied Philosophy at the National University of Singapore, where he was a Research Scholar, and at the Ateneo de Manila University.

The talk was co-sponsored by the Philippine Studies Group and the York Institute for Health Research (YIHR).

Opportunity | YCAR-Knowledge Mobilization research summaries initiative

The deadline for submitting suggestions for the YCAR-Knowledge Mobilization research summaries initiative has been extended to **28 February 2010**. The initiative aims to make the research of YCAR members available to non-academic audiences. Faculty, graduate students, and research associates are invited to submit suggestions of research that they have published in the last year or two (articles, books, reports, and so on). To be considered for this initiative, the research findings need to be of potential interest to an identifiable non-academic audience, including but not limited to policymakers, the NGO or non-profit sector, business people, or a particular professional or occupational group. Please send Susan Henders (henders@yorku.ca) your suggestions by the end of February deadline, including the citation and a copy of the publication, please. (We will return all books to you.) In all cases, please also identify the non-academic audiences you think would be most interested in your research findings and (very briefly) why.

The YCAR research community is very fortunate that a number of Graduate Associates and Graduate Assistants have generously agreed to write the summaries. They have received training from York's Knowledge Mobilization unit. KM will also help oversee the preparation of the summaries. Once the summaries are complete and have been approved by the original researcher(s), they will become part of the searchable data base of research summaries at www.researchimpact.ca/researchsearch/index.php. YCAR will also be developing a separate web page for directly accessing the research summaries related to Asia and Asian-diaspora research. Researchers can themselves use the summaries of their work to make their own research known to broader audiences.

For an example of a research summary, which is based on the work of YCAR Faculty Associate Peter

Vandergeest, see: http://researchimpact.ca/_app/impact/files/tables/files.path.59.pdf. The summaries prepared as part of this YCAR-KM initiative will use the same format.

Please contact Susan Henders (henders@yorku.ca) if you have questions about this initiative.

Opportunities | 2010 Korean Studies grants

Strategic Initiative for Korean Studies (SIKS), which is part of the Academy of Korean Studies (AKS), is pleased to invite applications for the 2010 Korean studies grants. The deadline for SIKS grants is **16 April 2010**.

Grants, and their grant periods, include:

- * English Translation of Korean Classics Library 100: Three years
- * Publication Grant: One-time grant
- * Curriculum and Teaching Materials for Global Korean Studies: Three years
- * Korean Studies Institution Grant: Five years
- * Lab for the Globalization of Korean Studies: Five years (up to 10 years)

Laboratory for the Globalization of Korean Studies is a new long-term project. We welcome applications for all SIKS projects in 2010, not only from Korean studies scholars but from researchers in other disciplinary studies or comparative studies as well.

Please visit our website <http://siks.aks.ac.kr> to apply for 2010 SIKS projects. On the top of the website, click "English" for English service. If you have any inquiries, please contact AKS at global@aks.ac.kr.

Opportunity | Government of China scholarships

As a result of the recently signed Canada-Chongqing Engagement and Way Forward MOU signed between the Governments of Canada and Chongqing and in recognition of Canada's long term commitment to Chongqing, the Chongqing Education Commission (CQEC) has decided to offer six 2010 Government of China Scholarships to Canadian Students, especially those from universities located in Chongqing's sister City Toronto and Friendship Cities Edmonton and Waterloo. Chongqing is one of a few Chinese provincial level jurisdictions who have been authorized by the Chinese Ministry of Education to help offer a limited number of Chinese Government Scholarship and to decide on winning applications on behalf of the Government of China.

Eligible applicants will be those who wish to study for a master's or for a doctoral degree at Chongqing University and Southwest University, two Chongqing-based national universities authorized by the Chinese Ministry of Education to accept international students on Government of China Scholarships. Although CQEC welcomes applications from all interested Canadian students, they are prepared to give priority consideration to applications from York University, University of Toronto, University of Alberta, Wilfrid Laurier University, University of Waterloo and Conestoga College in recognition of your commitments to Chongqing.

The application deadline is **31 March 2010** and successful candidates will start their programmes in Chongqing in the fall semester of this year. Application forms and related documents are available by emailing ycar@yorku.ca.

Previously listed opportunities

* York-Massey Fellowship (26 February 2010)

For more information: Mala Thakoor | Office of Research Services | mthakoor@yorku.ca

Upcoming Events | YCAR Graduate BrownBag Research Seminar series

This series is an opportunity for students whose research focuses on Asia or the Asian Diaspora to present their research to colleagues and faculty to receive feedback critical to the development of their research. It is open to Masters and Doctoral students with the intention to assist students who may be at any stage in the development of their Graduate level research.

In Winter 2010, seven students will present their research as part of the series. Full details are available at: www.yorku.ca/ycar/About_YCAR/Events/brownbag_winter2010.html

Upcoming Event | Precarious Presences, Hallucinatory Times: Configurations of Religious Otherness in German Leitkulturalist Discourse

Monday, 22 February 2010 | Noon to 2pm | 2101 Vari Hall | York University

In the light of recent controversies around mosque projects in Germany and the “no” vote on minarets in Switzerland, Michael Nijhawan will examine the broader implications and discursive structure of contemporary anti-mosque movements in this Sociology Graduate Workshop.

Drawing on ethnographic material, media analysis and other relevant texts, he will try to chart out how within European regimes of multicultural tolerance, specifically in the German-speaking context, particular bodies and practices are discursively and affectively rendered heretic in their articulation of cultural and religious difference.

Michael Nijhawan is Associate Professor in Sociology at York University. His research interests include religious formations and violence, religious transnationalism, and theories in aesthetics and cultural performance. He is author of *Dhadi Darbar. Religion, Violence and the Performance of Sikh History* (OUP, 2006) and has co-edited *Shared Idioms, Sacred Symbols, and the Articulation of Identities in South Asia* (Routledge, 2009). He also recently completed his first documentary film 'Musafer: Sikhi is Traveling' (2009).

Amira Mittermaier is Assistant Professor in the Department for the Study of Religion and the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations at the University of Toronto. She received her PhD from the Department of Anthropology at Columbia University in 2006. Prior to joining the University of Toronto, Professor Mittermaier held a postdoctoral fellowship at Columbia University's Society of Fellows in the Humanities. Professor Mittermaier has conducted fieldwork on Muslim imaginations and dream interpretations in contemporary Egypt. Her book, *Dreams that Matter: Egyptian Landscapes of the Imagination*, is forthcoming with University of California Press.

Upcoming Event | Minority Rights Accommodation in China: The Tibet Case

Tuesday, 23 February 2010 | Noon to 1:30pm | 830 York Research Tower

Tenzing Jigme (Master's Candidate, Master's Candidate, Public and International Affairs) is the first presenter in the Winter 2010 YCAR Graduate brownbag Research Seminar Series.

This paper will discuss the marginalization of minority rights in Tibet and how certain policies (e.g. regional autonomy laws) limit the recognition of Tibetan identity, culture and development. These approaches to minority accommodation will be analyzed within a theoretical discourse on minority rights and 'politics of recognition', from Western and non-western perspectives.

Upcoming Event | Body and Gender; Gender and Nation

Thursday, 25 February 2010 | Noon to 1:30pm | 830 York Research Tower

Doris Ha-Lin Sung (PhD Candidate, Social and Political Thought) and Jooyeon Rhee (PhD Candidate, Humanities) will present their research as part of the YCAR Graduate BrownBag Research Seminar Series on 25 February 2010.

Ms. Sung's paper, 'Expressions of Body and Gender in the Performances of He Chengyao', traces expressions of body and gender in the works of Chinese female performance artist He Chengyao (b. 1964). It looks at strategies of subject formation in the artist's works through probing historical and philosophical expressions of selfhood in Chinese art in order to trace how signs and conventions are renewed and reinterpreted in contemporary body performances.

Ms. Rhee will discuss the representation of women reflected in two Korean silent films, 'Ariang' (1926) and 'A Boat without the Master' (1931), written and directed by Na Un-kyu (1902-1937) in her talk on 'Gender and Nation in Korean Silent Films'. These two films are known for the expression of the impoverished social conditions of Korea and the strong desire for regaining Korea's independence. She will analyze the relationship between gender and nationalism in colonial context.

Upcoming Event | Hidden in the Limelight of the Tsunami: Aceh's Silent Disaster

Tuesday, 2 March 2010 | 6 to 7pm | 102 Accolade East Building | York University

The Canadian premiere of 'Hidden in the Limelight of the Tsunami: Aceh's Silent Disaster', a film by Arno Waizenegger (Cologne) and Jennifer Hyndman (York), will be screened on Tuesday, 2 March at York University.

When it comes to disasters, international aid agencies and the international news media find themselves entangled in a complex relationship of mutual dependency. Due to what is sometimes called the 'CNN effect' and the rapid transmission of images and news, the media hugely affects the shape of the global aid landscape.

The film at hand explores how aid agencies adapt to particular media environments in disaster settings and how this impacts their priorities and performance in delivering humanitarian assistance where it is needed.

These issues are probed using the example of Aceh, the Indonesia province that was the highly publicized scene of the extraordinary well-funded 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. In contrast, the underfunded 'silent' disaster in Aceh resulting from protracted violent conflict between the Indonesia government and the Free Aceh Movement, was largely invisible.

Highlighting recent trends in the modern operandi of international news media and the aid industry, this case study indicates that transparency, independence and accountability are key principles that can avert the disparities between humanitarian disasters. Silent emergencies may not be tsunamis but human life is nonetheless at risk. For more information, contact Jennifer Hyndman at jhyndman@yorku.ca.

Upcoming Event | KM Expo 2010: Bridging Cultural Boundaries: Push, Pull and Co-production of Knowledge

Tuesday, 2 March 2010 | 8am to 5pm | Le Parc Conference and Banquet Centre | 8432 Leslie St (Highway 7 and Leslie) | Richmond Hill

You are warmly invited to participate in the 2010 Knowledge Mobilization Expo: Bridging Cultural Boundaries. The 3rd annual KM Expo will explore the unique cultural boundaries that exist between university researchers, graduate students and their non-academic research collaborators from community organizations and government agencies. Featuring plenary, breakout and networking sessions, the KM Expo will explore how the push, pull and co-production methods of KM partnerships help universities and their partners become 'boundary organizations'.

This event is free but space is limited. Please register online by [clicking here](#) by Friday, February 19, 2010.

What is KM?

We believe that knowledge has greater value when it is shared and implemented. Knowledge Mobilization is the active, two-way exchange of information and expertise between knowledge creators and knowledge users. The KM Unit at York University connects university researchers with community and government organizations to support the use of research in decision-making about social programming, public policy and professional practice.

For more information about Knowledge Mobilization at YorkU, please visit www.researchimpact.ca or contact kmunit@yorku.ca.

Upcoming Event | Slumdogs versus Millionaires: India in the Age of Inequality

Wednesday, 10 March 2010 | 3:30pm | 519 York Research Tower | York University

Palagummi Sainath is one of India's most eminent journalists and currently the Rural Affairs Editor, *The Hindu*. He is the 2007 winner of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, Asia's most prestigious prize (and often referred to as the 'Asian Nobel'), for Journalism Literature and Creative Communications Arts. He was given the award for his "passionate commitment as a journalist to restore the rural poor to India's national consciousness."

In his 29-year career, Sainath has won over 35 global and national awards. These include Amnesty International's Global Human Rights Journalism Prize (2000); the UN Food and Agriculture Organization's

Boerma Prize (2000); the Harry Chapin Media Award in New York (2006); the EU's Lorenzo Natali Prize for Journalism (1995). He has also declined several awards – including one of India's highest civilian awards.

Sainath's book, *Everybody Loves a Good Drought* (Penguin India, 1996), remained on a non-fiction bestseller for years. Working on this book involved covering 100,000 kilometres across India, including 5,000 kilometres on foot. The book is in its 25th printing and is used in over 100 universities worldwide. Sainath's current work involves a series on the devastation of Indian agriculture by anti-farmers policies this past decade, which have resulted in the suicides of almost 200,000 farmers since 1997. His talk will reflect on these developments within the broader context of growing inequality in India.

The event is made possible with support from the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute; the Office of the Dean, FL&PS; YCAR and the Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation. It will be filmed by TV Ontario for later broadcast in its BIG IDEAS series.

Attendees are requested to be in their seats by 3:15pm.

For more information, contact ycar@yorku.ca. As seating is limited, please register by emailing ishd@yorku.ca.

Upcoming Event | Liquid Modernity, Fluid Brand Meaning: Urban Chinese Consumers' Changing Perception of Western Brands

Thursday, 11 March | 2:30 to 4pm | 830 York Research Tower

Yikun Zhao (PhD Candidate, Marketing, Schulich School of Business) will present her research on changing consumer perceptions among urban Chinese in her talk on 11 March 2010. This presentation is part of the YCAR Graduate BrownBag Research Seminar Series.

Brand meaning transformation has not been studied in the global context where the developed and the developing nations are redefining themselves relentlessly. This paper aims to examine how the changing macroeconomic landscape especially the rising status of China influences urban Chinese consumers' perception of Western brands in general and fast food brands in particular (McDonald and KFC in this case), so as to reveal the increasingly fluid nature of brand meaning particularly in the context of globalization. A macro-level factor, the power dynamics among countries, is highlighted in this analysis.

Call for Papers | Migration in China and Asia: Experience and Policy

There have been relatively few efforts to draw together the complicated threads of migration that exist in China and elsewhere in Asia. Asia's experience with migration is vital to the future of the region. Migration in Asia also provides a vital theoretical corrective to a mass of migration research that tends to present generalized global overviews or is over-weighted towards North America and Western Europe. By comparison, Asian migration provides new and valuable insights on labor migration (especially the sheer range of border crossings and policy responses); international marriages (a crucial component of migration in many parts of Asia); education (especially the explicitly multilingual character of many internationalized Asian universities); the co-existence of comparatively balanced amounts of emigration and migration in some Asian countries; and the degree to which immigration is often explicitly part of both short- and long-

range planning in the areas of population growth, family policy, education, and economic development.

This seminar of the International Metropolis Project in China will be held on 20-21 May 2010 in Beijing. If you wish to attend this conference, please contact the organizers listed below by **28 February 2010**, indicating your preferred panel and the title of your paper. We also require a 250 word abstract of your paper by **31 March 2010**. If you have full paper, would you please send it before **30 April 30 2010**. We will edit and print a proceedings of this conference.

The panels that will define the conference programme are: Panel 1: Migration Trends and Migration Policy in China and Asia (Labor, Business, Marriage, and Education); Panel 2: Return Migration: New Developments, New Responses; Panel 3: Migrants' Ethnic Cultures and Ethnic Enterprise Development; Panel 4: Skilled and Unskilled Migration: Experience and Policy; Panel 5: International Education; Panel 6: Inter-ethnic, International Marriage; Panel 7: Chinese Overseas: the Chinese Diaspora; Panel 8: Multi-ethnic Society, Identity and Social Cohesion.

Please submit your titles and abstracts to: Professor Zhang Jijiao, Chair, Commission on Enterprise Anthropology, IUAES and Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences at jj_zhang@cass.org.cn.

Call for Contributions | China in the World

China's meteoric rise as an economic power began towards the end of the Cold War and continued during the period after the collapse of the Soviet Union when the global power structure was effectively mono-polar. A multi-polar world has now emerged, with the United States and China as the most significant powers, and there is considerable debate on the possibility of this evolving into a new bi-polar world order.

In such a complex world international bodies and intricate multipartite international agreements play an increasingly important role, but bipartite relations, notably diplomatic and economic agreements between pairs of states, remain important. Since it took its seat in the United Nations in 1971, the People's Republic of China has assiduously cultivated bilateral relations with key strategic and economic partners, not all of them obvious political or ideological allies, and its entry into the World Trade Organization thirty years later in 2001 confirmed its status as a major actor on the international stage and prompted more governments to seek closer ties with Beijing.

China in the World is a series of monographs, published by Global Oriental, describing and analyzing the relations between China and key states. The monographs will be based on up-to-date information and data and, where practicable, on first hand experience of the states involved. The books will cover all facets of the bilateral relationship, including diplomatic, political, strategic, commercial and economic aspects, and will be historically informed: methodological and theoretical approaches will depend on the preferences of individual authors. Although they will be based on fundamental research, they will be written in an accessible style and clear language and will be aimed at undergraduate and postgraduate students and their teachers.

The first titles in the series will include: China and the United States; China and Japan; China and South Korea; China and North Korea; China and India; China and Pakistan; China and the European Union; China and the ASEAN countries; China and Russia; China and Central Asia; China and Iran; China and France; China and Germany; China and the United Kingdom

Expressions of interest from prospective contributors would be welcome by the general editor of the series, Michael Dillon, Visiting Professor of Contemporary Chinese Studies, Tsinghua University, Beijing to m.s.dillon@btinternet.com.

Call for Workshop Proposals | Inter-Asian Connections II: Singapore

The Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (HKIHSS), the University of Hong Kong, the National University of Singapore (NUS), and the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) are pleased to announce an open call for proposals from faculty members at accredited universities and colleges in any world region, to organize and direct one of six thematic workshops at a three-day international conference entitled "Inter-Asian Connections."

Following on the successful inaugural conference held in Dubai in February 2008, this second conference will be held in Singapore on 8-10 December 2010. The conference aims to showcase innovative research from across the social sciences and related disciplines on themes of particular relevance to Asia, re-conceptualized as a dynamic and interconnected historical, geographical, and cultural formation stretching from the Middle East through Eurasia, South Asia and Southeast Asia, to East Asia.

Each workshop may have one or two directors, and selected workshop directors will be expected to help recruit and select eight international workshop participants (senior and junior scholars, graduate students, other researchers) from across relevant disciplines in the social sciences and related fields. Proposals are invited from faculty interested in organizing and directing a workshop on one of the following six themes: 1) Transnational Knowledge Economies; 2) Translocal Trust Networks, Religion and Law; 3) Urban Ecologies in Asia's Cities; 4) Security and Insecurity; 5) Migration: Mobilities and Displacements; 6) Old Histories, New Geographies.

The full text of the call for proposals along with information on the application process is available at: www.ssrc.org/pages/conference-on-inter-asian-connections-ii-singapore-december-8-10-2010/.

Call for Contributions | China in the 21st Century

The University of Ottawa Press has recently created a new book collection on 'China in the 21st Century.' The Press plans to publish at least two monographs per year and are currently seeking contributors for this collection. If you are interested in submitting a manuscript, please contact Dr. Huhua Cao, Director of the Collection, at caohuhua@uottawa.ca.

Call for Submissions | Kasarinlan: Philippine Journal of Third World Studies

Kasarinlan: Philippine Journal of Third World Studies is now accepting article submissions for its 2010 issues. *Kasarinlan* is an internationally refereed journal published twice a year by the Third World Studies Center, University of the Philippines-Diliman. It provides a forum for critical and interdisciplinary perspectives on the Philippines and the Third World with special reference to political economy. The journal is interested in publishing theoretically grounded papers based on original empirical research that is cogent and concise. Interested contributors must submit a draft article (6,000 but not more than 8,000 words) with an abstract (not more than 300 words) and six keywords. The manuscript must strictly follow the Chicago Manual of Style.

For the full author guidelines please see this link:

<http://journals.upd.edu.ph/index.php/kasarinlan/about/submissions#authorGuidelines>. The deadline for submission for the open issues is **30 June 2010**. All inquiries concerning the submission of articles should be addressed to the Editor at kasarinlan@up.edu.ph.

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