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Our Researchers | News and Awards

YCAR Associates | York University is well represented in a forthcoming publication, *Canadian Foreign Policy in the 21st Century: The China Challenge*, edited by Professor Huhua Cao and Senator Vivienne Poy, and to be published by the University of Ottawa Press. Qiang Zha (Education), B. Michael Frolic (ABMP), Tony Fang (Human Resource Management), Ann Kim (Sociology), Guida Man (Centre for Feminist Research) and Ghazy Mujahid (YCAR Research Associate) are contributors.

Thomas Klassen, Faculty Associate | Professor Klassen (Political Science) is quoted extensively on Korea in a report on Asia's sandwich generation published on 4 August 2010 by The Economist Intelligence Unit. The sandwich generation refers to people caught between the demands of caring both for their children and their parents. The report, *Feeling the Squeeze: Asia's Sandwich Generation*, is available at: http://graphics.eiu.com/upload/Sandwich_main_Jul20_FINAL_TO_PRINT.pdf.

Janet Landa, Faculty Associate | Professor Landa (Economics) was invited by Nobel Laureate in Economics Ronald Coase to participate at a conference in July 2010 titled "Structure of Production," concentrating on China's economy. The event was sponsored by the Ronald Coase Foundation and by the University of Chicago Law School.

Wan Kay Li, Research Associate | Dr. Li is co-investigator on two projects that received Social Science and Humanities Research Council grants in 2010. The first is 'Literature for All: Promoting Inclusive Education through Digitizing Textual and Contextual Materials', a project that received Public Outreach Grant funding. The second is an Image, Text, Sound and Technology Grant for 'Digital Interactive Environments and New Curriculum for Schools'.

Michael Stainton, Research Associate | Mr. Stainton is spearheading a campaign to honour the memory of local hero George Leslie Mackay with a stamp commemorating the 130th anniversary of the establishment of Oxford College in Taiwan. He is the secretary of the Canadian Mackay Committee, which presented Oxford (Ontario) Member of Parliament Dave Mackenzie with a petition of over 1,000 names to be forwarded to Canada Post, along with letters of support from various organizations, including the Presbyterian Church, historians and diplomats.

"It was the Sentinel-Review and the people of Oxford County who created the first Canadian foreign-aid project," Stainton said. "It led the way for something very important."

The full story, which appeared in the *Woodstock Sentinel Review*, and a podcast of the event, are available at: www.woodstocksentinelreview.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?archive=true&e=2749579.

"George Leslie Mackay and the Poll Tax," Mr. Stainton's latest publication, appeared in the July 2010 issue of *International Journal of Asia Pacific Studies*.

Nga Dao, Graduate Associate | Ms. Dao research on dam development in Vietnam was recently published in *Water Alternative*. "Dam Development in Vietnam: The Evolution of Dam-induced Resettlement Policy" appeared in the June issue.

YCAR News | 2010 Asia Lecture examines four decades of Canada-China relations

In 1968, Canada announced it intended to establish diplomatic relations with China. The United States was opposed, worried about the fate of Taiwan. We went ahead anyway...

Professor B. Michael Frolic will give the 2010 Asia Lecture on '40 Years with China: From the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations in 1970 to the Present Day' on 21 September 2010 at York University. Professor Ruth Hayhoe (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto) is discussant.

The reception begins at 3:30pm and the lecture will start at 4:30pm. This event will also serve as YCAR's Welcome Back event for the 2010.2011 academic year. We hope to see you there!

Bernie Michael Frolic is Professor Emeritus, Political Science, York University. He received his PhD in Government from Cornell University in 1970. A faculty member at York since 1966, his published works include *Mao's People* (Harvard, 1980), *Reluctant Adversaries: Canada and The PRC, 1949-70* (University of Toronto, 1991-edited, with Paul Evans); *Civil Society in China* (M.E. Sharpe, 1997-edited, with Tim Brook), *Democracy, Human Rights and Civil Society in South East Asia* (Joint Centre, 2001-edited with Amitav Acharya and Richard Stubbs), *Gongmin shehui zai Zhonghua renmin gongheguo* (Xin shijie chubanshe, Shanghai, 2007). He is currently completing a book on Canada-PRC relations since 1970, and working on a long-term study of political change in China.

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 at OISE/UT, 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).

All are welcome.

This York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) event is kindly supported by York International and the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies.

Please RSVP to ycar@yorku.ca. For more information, email ycar@yorku.ca or telephone 416.736.5821

YCAR News | Upcoming lecture looks how Philippine migrants assimilate into the US

How do Philippine migrants integrate into the United States? That's what Professor Jay Gonzalez of the University of San Francisco will discuss at the upcoming 2010 Philippine Studies Lecture.

In his lecture, 'Kasamahan and Bayanihan: Understanding Filipino Migrant Cultural and Civic Capital', Gonzalez will argue that Philippine migrants integrate into the United States in a 'Filipinized' multiculturalist mode, rather than the assimilation that is often assumed.

The Philippine Studies at York: Symposium & Lecture will take place 24 September 2010 from 9:30am to 5:30pm, at 280N York Lanes. The symposium presentations will run from 10am to 3pm with the Philippine Studies Lecture beginning at 3:30.

Chair of the Asian Studies Program and director of the Yuchengco Philippine Studies Program at the University of San Francisco, Gonzalez will describe how the Filipino community in San Francisco utilizes transnational, adaptive, inter-generational cultural (*kasamahan*) and civic (*bayanihan*) capital, which emanates from their San Francisco churches. He will conclude by offering suggestions for North American policymakers and community organizations seeking to build stronger and more diverse societies.

In 2001, Gonzalez was appointed to the Immigrant Rights Commission of the City of San Francisco and in 2005 he was given a Special U.S. Congressional Recognition for his exemplary work on human rights and immigrant concerns. His recent publications include *Filipino American Faith in Action: Religion, Immigration, and Civic Engagement* (New York University Press, 2009) and *Religion at the Corner of Bliss and Nirvana: Politics, Identity, and Faith in New Migrant Communities* (Duke, 2009).

In addition to the lecture by Gonzalez, the Philippine Studies Symposium will feature 10 York researchers whose work focuses on various aspects of the Philippines and Filipino communities in Canada, including dance ethnography Professor Patrick Alcedo; Ferdinand Caballero, an MA candidate and last year's David Wurfel Award winner; Conely De Leon, a teaching assistant in the School of Women's Studies; Janssen Dangzalan, a visiting scholar at YCAR; Veronica Javier, an master's of social work candidate; geography Professor Philip Kelly; Adam Lukasiewicz, a PhD candidate in the Department of Geography; Nel Coloma Moya (BA '85, MA '10); Jennifer Payton, a PhD candidate in the Department of Geography; Maita Sayo, a political science tutorial leader; and Cesar Polvorosa, a PhD candidate in the Department of Geography. They will share their research on topics ranging from colonial history to contemporary socio-cultural concerns.

The event is supported by the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, York International, the Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation and the York Centre for Asian Research.

To RSVP, contact YCAR at ycar@yorku.ca.

YCAR News | YCAR welcomes four new research projects on diaspora, Korean Studies

Four YCAR Faculty Associates who received Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Standard Grants for their research have based their project at YCAR.

"This indicates the vibrancy of diaspora and Korean studies at York. We have among Canada's best scholars in these area," said Susan Henders, Director of YCAR.

Professor Hong Kal (Visual Arts) is the principal investigator on a project titled, 'Spectacles, Politics and Histories in Korea'. Professor Janice Kim's research on refugee life during the Korean War (1948-1953) was also funded by SSHRC in 2010. In 'Class Reproduction, Employment and Filipino Canadian Youth Identity', principal investigator Professor Philip Kelly (Geography) will continue his research on the Filipino diaspora in Canada. Professor Michael Nijhawan's (Sociology) funded research is a comparative study of Sikh and Ahmadiyya diaspora formations in Germany and Canada.

Opportunity | David Wurfel Award

The David Wurfel Award provides financial support to an undergraduate or masters student who intends to conduct thesis research on the topic of Filipino history, culture or society. The award is open to students enrolled at York University in social sciences or humanities disciplines (including the Faculties of Law, Environmental Studies, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies and Graduate Studies); who are Canadian citizens, permanent residents or protected persons; have a grade point average of at least B; and demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to applicants of Filipino origin who show promise of leadership in the Filipino community in Canada. One award will be given and is valued at CA\$ 2,000.

The application deadline is **14 October 2010** by **4pm**. The successful applicant will be notified within 30 days.

The Award was established in 2006 by Senior YCAR Research Associate Dr. David Wurfel. He wanted to contribute to the emergence of a new generation of Filipino leadership that is grounded in the country's history, culture and public affairs. Dr. Wurfel is a Philippine specialist who received his PhD from Cornell University's Southeast Asia Program.

More information and the application form are available at:

www.yorku.ca/ycar/Awards/David_Wurfel.html or contact YCAR at ycar@yorku.ca.

Opportunity | Workshop for graduate students chaired by Shastri visiting scholar

YCAR is organizing a workshop for graduate students to present their work in progress on the themes of development, labour, education and health from a gender perspective. The day-long workshop will be chaired by Professor Padmini Swaminathan, Reserve Bank of India Chair in Regional Economics at the Madras Institute of Development Studies in Chennai, India, and a Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Indian Visiting Scholar at York University in November 2010.

The workshop is schedule for 3 November 2010 from 10am to 4pm.

There is space for eight presentations by graduate students of any discipline who work on these themes and would like to present their works-in-progress, receiving feedback from Professor Swaminathan. Students from universities in the GTA outside of York will be invited to submit abstracts. Students interested in attending who may not be ready to present will be welcome to attend to observe.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Miriam Katz (Graduate Assistant, YCAR) at

ycar@yorku.ca. The deadline for submissions is **11 October 2010**.

Professor Padmini Swaminathan, currently Professor, holding the Reserve Bank of India Chair in Regional Economics at the Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

Padmini Swaminathan specialized in Economics [Main] and Political Science [Subsidiary] for her BA degree and then went on to specialize in Economics for her MA Degree. Immediately after MA, Swaminathan taught Economics for two years at St. Xavier's College, Bombay. She received her doctorate in Industrial Economics from the University of Bombay in 1982. The doctoral thesis examined the functioning of the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Act in the context of Product Concentration in Indian Industry. She joined the Madras Institute of Development Studies in 1982.

At the Madras Institute of Development Studies, a Social Science Research Institute under the aegis of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, Dr. Swaminathan has been able to broad-base and provide a multi-disciplinary focus to her research interests that now cover and explore the linkages between the themes of Industrial Organization, Labour, Education and Health – all from a Gender perspective. Dr. Swaminathan's research also highlights the adverse health outcomes of increasing informalisation of employment, since the latter is technically outside the purview of labour laws of the country.

As Director of the Madras Institute of Development Studies, Dr. Swaminathan was able to streamline and provide a structure to the Institute's PhD programme and in bringing together faculty to provide a collective focus to the institute's academic activities. Dr. Swaminathan actively serves on the Editorial Boards of several academic journals; from time to time, her services are also requisitioned by Provincial and Central Government Bodies such as the Tamil Nadu State Statistical Committee, the High Court of Madras, the Central Planning Commission, to name a few.

Opportunity | SSHRC Standard Research Grants

The Office of Research Services would like to remind faculty members of the upcoming deadline for the SSHRC Standard Research Grant on **15 October 2010 at noon**. Please find below important information regarding submission of these applications.

SUBMISSION PROCESS:

ORS is requesting faculty members submit their grant application to their Research Officers or Faculty contacts (please see Table 1). ORS requests you submit at least ten (10) working days before the agency deadline. Each faculty may have their own requirements and deadlines. Submitting at least ten (10) working days ahead will also qualify you for the ORS Early Submission Award. Please see details at the bottom of this announcement.

Submitting well in advance of the deadline allows for a full administrative review of the application. This administrative review compares each application to the program guidelines and eligibility rules to ensure that the application is complete (signatures, budgets, ethics, CV etc.) and that it conforms to all guidelines (eligible expenses, margins, font size, use of data/figures etc.). In this way it can be ensured that every application leaving York University makes it to the funding agency's peer review and is not rejected prior to this process on administrative grounds.

This year, ORS will be providing full review services for all applications it receives up to and including 7 October 2010. After this date, we will be reviewing for completeness only and a full administrative

review will not be provided.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

The format and instructions for the SSHRC Standard Research (SRG) application have changed minimally from recent SRG competitions. The SRG application will now be submitted to SSHRC **entirely online**. The application form, the CV form, and all paper attachments will be uploaded to the SSHRC website. Paper attachments will no longer be accepted by SSHRC.

Applications will continue to be submitted to ORS in hard copy for review and applicants must continue to adhere to any internal deadlines. Once you have implemented the feedback given by ORS and submitted the application online, ORS will be able to approve the application electronically. Applications must be submitted online by **15 October 2010 at Noon**.

If an application requires revision, after it has been submitted electronically (locked for editing), ORS has the ability to return the application to the applicant (unlocked for editing) to make the necessary changes. If the application is complete and does not require further changes, ORS will forward it to SSHRC which constitutes institutional signature.

Please note, when submitting applications to ORS for review: ORS will only accept single sided hard copies. ORS will not accept applications by email (e.g. Word docs or PDFs) for review.

For submission by October 7th:

1. Please provide on “verified” forms, one original of each of the following items in this order:
 - the original application and required attachments unsigned.
 - SSHRC web-based CVs and required attachments (principal investigator’s CV appearing first, followed by all other participants’ CVs).

ORS and the relevant Research Officer, where applicable, will correspond with the applicant (copying each other) to identify and address concerns/omissions/faults. ORS will advise you when you can complete your application forms using the “**complete**” button, fill out an ORS checklist (required for co-applicants as well), obtain all necessary signatures on the checklist and final application to be submitted to ORS.

For submission after October 7th

1. Please supply on “completed” forms one original of each of the following items in this order:
Please provide ONE hardcopy of the original application to ORS.
SSHRC web-based CVs and required attachments (principal investigator’s CV appearing first, followed by all other participants’ CVs).

The ORS checklist (available upon request from ORS, Research Officers or at the Research website: www.yorku.ca/research/documents/ors_checklist_000.pdf, including Chair’s and Dean’s signatures. ORS checklists are required for co-applicants as well.

As a final step, we would like you to click “**submit**” on your electronic application. ORS will “approve” electronic applications on the deadline date. You will only hear from our office if we have any concerns about your submission.

ORS EARLY SUBMISSION AWARD

ORS is continuing a program to provide a \$100 incentive to those who hand in a complete and “verified” application to their Faculty Research Officer ten (10) working days in advance (September 30th) of the SSHRC Standard Research Grant deadline. *Please note this program is targeting the main tri-council operating grant competitions only.* Recipients will receive funds, in December. One hundred dollars (\$100) will be deposited into the Principal Investigator’s Generic Research Account.

The submission requirements are the same as those for applicants submitting by 7 October 2010 (see above).

Please contact your Faculty Research Officer as they may have additional requirements for processing your application in advance of submitting to ORS.

Opportunity | Partnership Development Grants

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) recently launched the Partnership Development Grants program as the first stage of the Renewed Program Architecture. These two funding opportunities support formal partnerships and fall within the Insight and Connection programs. A summary is provided below.

Faculty members who are interested in applying for a SSHRC Partnership Grant ONLY should contact Sarah Whitaker, Senior Research Officer, in the Office of the Vice-President Research & Innovation at sarahw@yorku.ca (ext. 20757).

Objectives are to: develop research and related activities in the social sciences and humanities, including knowledge mobilization and the meaningful involvement of students and new scholars, by fostering new research partnership activities involving existing and/or potential partners; or design and test new partnership approaches for research and/or related activities that may result in best practices or models that either can be adapted by others or have the potential to be scaled up at a regional, national or international level.

Proposed initiatives must meet the objectives put forward in one of the following programs or a combination thereof: *Insight* – to build knowledge and understanding about people, societies and the world by supporting research excellence in all subject areas eligible for funding from SSHRC; *Connection* – to realize the potential of social sciences and humanities research for intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, benefit and impact on and beyond the campus by supporting specific activities and tools that facilitate the multidirectional flow of research knowledge.

Value | Requests for support from SSHRC would typically be in the range of \$75,000 to \$200,000 over a period of one to three years, with requests for lower or higher amounts considered.

Duration | 1 – 3 years

Deadlines | ORS Deadline – **11 November 2010**; Agency deadline – 25 November 2010.

Complete details on this opportunity may be obtained by visiting SSHRC's web site at the following link: www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_development_grants-bourses_partenariat_developpement-eng.aspx.

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The objective is to provide support for new and existing formal partnerships over four to seven years.

Partnerships must advance research and/or knowledge mobilization in the social sciences and humanities through mutual co-operation and sharing of intellectual leadership, as well as through resources as evidenced by cash and/or in-kind contributions. The proposals must meet the objectives put forward in one of the following programs or a combination thereof: *Insight* —To build knowledge and understanding about people, societies and the world by supporting research excellence in all subject areas eligible for funding from SSHRC; *Connection* —To realize the potential of social sciences and humanities research for intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, benefit and impact on and beyond the campus by supporting specific activities and tools that facilitate the multidirectional flow of research knowledge

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Value | Stage 1: Letter of Intent – Up to \$20,000; Stage 2: Full Application (by invitation only) – Requests for support from SSHRC would typically be in the range of \$500,000 to \$2.5 million over four to seven years, with requests for lower or higher amounts considered

Duration | 4 to 7 years

Deadlines | ORS deadline for Letter of Intent – **17 January 2011**; Agency deadline for Letter of Intent - 31 January 2011

Complete details on this opportunity may be obtained by visiting SSHRC's web site at the following link: www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_grants-bourses_partenariat-eng.aspx.

Opportunities | Fellowship Opportunities at the National University of Singapore

Applications are invited for (Senior) Research Fellowships, One-Year Visiting (Senior) Research Fellowships, and Postdoctoral Fellowships, at the Asia Research Institute (ARI) for commencement between April 2011 and September 2011.

The positions are intended for outstanding active researchers from around the world, to work on an important piece of research in the social sciences and humanities. Interdisciplinary interests are encouraged. Up to three months of a 12-month fellowship may be spent conducting fieldwork in the Asian region.

A majority of the positions will be allocated to the more specific areas listed below. However some will be reserved for outstanding projects in any area outside of those listed. Applicants should mention which category they are applying to or if none, indicate open category. Applications which link more than one field are also welcome.

These categories include: Asian migration; Asian urbanisms; The Changing Family in Asia; The Cultural Studies in Asia; Religion and Globalisation; Science, Technology, and Society; and an open category.

The Asia Research Institute (ARI) was established as a university-level institute in July 2001 as one of the strategic initiatives of the National University of Singapore (NUS). Its mission is to provide a world-class focus and resource for research on the Asian region, located at one of its communication hubs. ARI engages the humanities and social sciences broadly defined, and especially interdisciplinary frontiers between and beyond disciplines.

For more specific information on the areas of research focus, on terms and conditions and for application details, please contact: Ms Chong Mei Peen, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore at joinari@nus.edu.sg or visit www.ari.nus.edu.sg.

Opportunities | Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Fellowships 2011-2012

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars is announcing the opening of its 2011-2012 Fellowship competition. The Center awards approximately 20-25 academic year residential fellowships to individuals from any country with outstanding project proposals on national and/or international issues. Topics and scholarship should relate to key public policy challenges or provide the historical and/or cultural framework to illuminate policy issues of contemporary importance. Applicants must hold a doctorate or have equivalent professional experience.

Fellows are provided stipends (which include round trip travel), private offices, loan privileges with the Library of Congress, part-time research assistants, and Windows based personal computers.

For more information and application guidelines please contact the Center at: Tel: 202-691-4170; Fax: 202-691-4001; E mail: fellowships@wilsoncenter.org.

You can apply online or download the application from the Centers website at www.wilsoncenter.org/fellowships. The application deadline is **1 October 2010**.

Upcoming Event | Refugees and Human Smuggling: The Case of Sri Lanka

Wednesday, 15 September 2010 | 1:30 to 4pm | Stedman Lecture Hall C | York University | Toronto

Speakers include: Sharry Aiken (Faculty of Law, Queen's University); Jennifer Hyndman (Centre for Refugee Studies and Social Science Department, York University); Kubes Navaratnam (Canadian Tamil Congress); Craig Scott (Osgoode Hall Law School and Sri Lanka Campaign for Peace and Justice) and moderator Susan McGrath (Director, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University).

Registration will open at 1:30 pm with the panel discussion from 2 to 4pm. For more information, contact Michele Millard, Centre for Refugee Studies: mmillard@yorku.ca.

Upcoming Event | The Research Alliance on Precarious Status presents a public workshop: “Producing and Negotiating Precarious Migratory Status in Canada”

16 September 2010 | 9am to 5:30pm | 519 York Research Tower | York University

The goal of this Workshop is to discuss the production, negotiation and implications of precarious status in the Canadian context, to contribute to and inform Canadian and international debates on immigration, citizenship, social inclusion, and rights. The workshop will use the following format: invited discussants will provide comments on the papers, authors will respond briefly, and then the floor will open for discussion. The papers are written by authors in a number of disciplines, and include empirical case studies from several arenas (e.g. education, health, work, etc.), policy analyses, and conceptual discussions. The authors analyze the production of precarious status in Canada from various legal locations, including temporary workers, failed refugee claimants, and non-status; address the everyday experiences of living with various forms of precarious status; and examine institutional negotiations of access to services and resources by and for precarious status migrants, as well as social movement and other organizing around these issues.

This seminar is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to migrationconf@gmail.com by 14 September 2010. The papers are available at: www.yorku.ca/raps1/.

Upcoming Event | Revisiting Chinese Canadian Communities

16 September 2010 | 2 to 4:30pm | Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library | 8/F, Robarts Library | 130 St. George St. | Toronto

In Chinese, the free-standing arch or gateway named ‘Paifang’ or ‘Pailou’ is a symbol of passage. The ‘arch’ was commonly used in structures since ancient times and traveled across time and oceans to reemerge as constructs of architectural symbols and bridges. In Chinatowns across the globe, the ‘arch’ can be found as a synonymous representation or association in relation to China. Chinatowns were once considered static communities, groups of ethnic Chinese clustered in their familiar neighbourhoods - but as we revisit these areas of passage for Chinese immigrants and their families, this once static community brings out compelling and moving discourse. Covering topics on overseas Chinese community leadership and power structure, the effects of co-ethnic clustering of immigrants concerning economic resources, co-ethnic preferences, and the use of co-ethnic information sources, to the challenges of social integration of Chinese immigrants and the implications of the Canadian Multicultural Policy, the Chinese ‘arch’ also represents the social movements of the immigration experience.

For more information and registration, please visit:

<http://webapp.mcis.utoronto.ca/EventDetails.aspx?EventId=9415>.

Upcoming Event | Agro-activities in the Fringe of Tokyo, Japan

20 September 2010 | 12:30pm | Room B142, Earth Sciences Centre | 33 Willcocks Street | University of Toronto

Professor Makato Yokohari, an urban agriculture expert from the University of Tokyo, will be presenting on “Agro-activities in the Fringe of Tokyo, Japan” on 20 September 2010.

Urban fringe landscapes with a juxtaposition of segmented agricultural lands and urban land uses, seen to result from the incomplete application of Western urban planning concepts, have been regarded as a symbol of disordered Asian urban fringe areas. However, such a mixture of urban and agricultural land uses in the fringe is not a modern invention of Asian cities but may be identified in their history. Almost half of the land area of Edo, the former Tokyo, was in agricultural use, even up to the end of the Edo era. This was despite Edo being already one of the largest cities in the world with over one million populations. Various activities relating to agriculture can be found today in the fringe of Asian mega-cities including professional farming, poverty alleviation programs, community gardens and backyard gardening. These facts suggest that the order of land use in the fringe of Asian mega-cities should not be achieved by a simple application of Western urban planning concepts, but by an application of a fresh approach, which regards agro-activities as a vernacular element of the area. This paper argues that the integration of agro-activities in the urban fabric is one of the key issues for bringing a new order to the urban fringe landscapes of Asian mega-cities by referring to new agro-activities emerging in the fringe of Tokyo, Japan.

Upcoming Event | 40 Years with China: From the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations in 1970 to the Present Day

21 September 2010 | 3:30 to 5:30pm | 280N York Lanes | York University

Professor Emeritus B. Michael Frolic will present “40 Years with China: From the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations in 1970 to the Present Day” as the 2010 Asia Lecture. His talk will focus on the history of the relationship, and brings it to the present day. He will also speak on his own relationship with China. A reception will precede the talk. For more information or to RSVP, email ycar@yorku.ca or telephone 416.736.5821.

Upcoming Event | The Philippine Studies Symposium

24 September 2010 | 9:30am–3:30pm | 280N York Lanes | York University

The Philippine Studies Symposium will feature 10 York researchers whose work focuses on various aspects of the Philippines and Filipino communities in Canada. Topics will range from colonial history to contemporary socio-cultural concerns. Confirmed speakers include: Patrick Alcedo (Dance); Ferdinand Caballero (Anthropology); Conely De Leon (Women’s Studies); Janssen Dangzalan (YCAR); Veronica Javier (Social Work); Philip Kelly (Geography); Adam Lukasiewicz (Geography); Nel Coloma Moya (Geography); Jennifer Payton (Geography); Maita Sayo (Political Science); and Cesar Polvorosa, a PhD candidate in the Department of Geography.

The Symposium will be followed by the 2010 York Philippine Studies Lecture. Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York International, the Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation and the York Centre for Asian Research.

Registration and Welcome begins at 9:30am with symposium presentations from 10am to 3pm. Registration is free, lunch will be included, and all are welcome! Please RSVP to ycar@yorku.ca.

For more information, contact: Dr. Phillip Kelly (pfkelly@yorku.ca); Nel Coloma-Moya (8nmc@queensu.ca) or the York Centre for Asian Research (ycar@yorku.ca).

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24 September 2010 | 3:30 to 5:30pm | 280N York Lanes | York University

In his lecture titled “Kasamahan and Bayanihan: Understanding Filipino Migrant Cultural and Civic Capital,” Dr. Jay Gonzalez argues that Philippine migrants integrate into the United States in a ‘Filipinized’ multiculturalist mode, rather than the assimilation that is often assumed. He will describe how the Filipino community in San Francisco utilizes transnational, adaptive, inter-generational cultural (*kasamahan*) and civic (*bayanihan*) capital, which emanates from their San Francisco churches. Dr. Gonzalez will conclude by offering suggestions for North American policymakers and community organizations seeking to build stronger and more diverse societies.

Joaquin Jay Gonzalez III, PhD, is Associate Professor of Politics, Chair of the Asian Studies Program, and Director of the Philippine Studies Program at the University of San Francisco. In 2001, he was appointed to the Immigrant Rights Commission of the City of San Francisco. In 2005, Professor Gonzalez was awarded a “Special U.S. Congressional Recognition” for his exemplary work on human rights and immigrant concerns. His recent publications include *Filipino American Faith in Action: Religion, Immigration, and Civic Engagement* (NYU Press, 2009) and *Religion at the Corner of Bliss and Nirvana: Politics, Identity, and Faith in New Migrant Communities* (Duke, 2009).

The 2010 York Philippine Studies Lecture will follow the Philippine Studies Symposium. Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York International, the Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation and the York Centre for Asian Research.

Please RSVP to ycar@yorku.ca.

For more information, contact: Dr. Phillip Kelly (pfkelly@yorku.ca); Nel Coloma-Moya (8nmc@queensu.ca) or the York Centre for Asian Research (ycar@yorku.ca).

Upcoming Event | Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies (GDAS) orientation

28 September 2010 | 10 to 11am | 830 York Research Tower | York University

Students interested in enrolling in the GDAS are encouraged to attend. The Diploma Coordinator will be available to answer your questions and provide information on the programme and its requirements.

For more information, email ycar@yorku.ca.

Upcoming Event | Forgotten Voices, Living History – International Conference for Educators

on the WWII History in Asia

30 September-3 October 2010 | Massey College/OISE Auditorium | 252 Bloor St. W | Toronto

The 2010 Education Conference on Asian WWII atrocities organized by the Toronto Association for Learning and Preserving the History of WWII in Asia (ALPHA) will provide a comprehensive and unique learning opportunity to Canadian educators and students on an important, yet forgotten chapter in the history of human rights violation. By studying war and conflict from a global perspective, Canadian students will gain the skills, knowledge and attitudes to stand up as global citizens and safeguard the values of social justice, mutual respect, and racial harmony.

For more information, including how to register, please visit the conference website at www.torontoalphaconference.org/.

Upcoming Event | Yu Shyi-kun on Taiwan-China Prospects after ECFA

15 October 2010 | 1 to 3pm | 280A York Lanes | York University

Yu Shyi-kun (You Xi-kun in Pinyin) is a Democratic Progressive Party elder with a remarkable number of achievements who has held various positions with the DPP in Taiwan. He will speak on the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement, a preferential trade agreement between the governments of the People's Republic of China (mainland China) and the Republic of China (Taiwan) that aims to reduce tariffs and commercial barriers between the two sides. The pact, signed on 29 June 2010, in Chongqing, will boost the current US\$110 billion bilateral trade between both sides.

Upcoming Event | Employment and Maternity Protection: Understanding Poor Coverage of Beneficial Legislation through Content Analysis of Some Judgments in India

Thursday, 11 November 2010 | 2:30pm | 305 Founders College | York University

Dr. Padmini Swaminathan, Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies, India and Shastri Indo-Canadian Visiting Lecturer at York University, will speak on 'Employment and Maternity Protection: Understanding Poor Coverage of Beneficial Legislation through Content Analysis of Some Judgments in India'.

In this paper, Dr Swaminathan has done a content analysis of some judgments relating to the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 in India. The larger questions that this paper raises are the following: how does one understand 'bad, poor or nill' implementation of existing laws; how do employers/bureaucracy render eligible women workers ineligible; what implications does this study have for feminist politics of bringing in more and better legislation to address issues of gender justice.

For more information, contact Professor Sharada Srinivasan at sharada@yorku.ca.

Call for Papers | Bridging Cultures: China and Missions

After a long period of neglect, recent decades have seen the emergence of empirically grounded and

often interdisciplinary approaches to a reconstruction and reevaluation of the historical and intracultural significance of the missionary experience in China. Biographies of leading figures, studies of the home base and the emergence of this multi-national corporate organization, diplomacy and foreign policy, individual mission histories, the role of women and most recently attempts to map the "Chinese face" of Christianity have all contributed to a more sophisticated and dialogic understanding of missions in China.

This special issue of *Social Sciences and Missions* (Leiden: Brill) seeks to extend this effort by presenting innovative interdisciplinary scholarship on the bicultural nature of the largest of all the mission efforts of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. We seek essays that explore the missionary enterprise in China after 1800 from the perspective of cross-cultural bridging and encounters with the Other, that emphasize the dual and interconnected impact on both host and receiving societies. Studies of missionary kids, native Christianity, museums and collectors, translators and scholars are especially welcome.

Contributors should send a 250 word abstract either to Guest Editors Margo Gewurtz, (profgewurtz@gmail.com), or Kathleen Lodwick (KL12@psu.edu), by **30 September 2010**. Texts may be in French or in English. If the proposal is accepted, a first draft of the paper will be due by 30 April 2011 for submission to referees. Essays should be between 10'000 and 15'000 words in length including footnotes. For detailed instructions and a style sheet, see the following website: www.brill.nl/AuthorsInstructions/SSM.pdf.

For more information, please visit: www.brill.nl/ssm or www.lefaitmissionnaire.com/.

Call for Papers | Governance, Human Rights & Development: Challenges for Southeast Asia and Beyond

Thammasat University (Bangkok, Thailand) in conjunction with Chulalongkorn, Mahidol and Chiang Mai universities will host the First International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD 2011) on 19-20 May 2011 in Bangkok, titled "Governance, Human Rights & Development: Challenges for Southeast Asia and Beyond." Scholars and graduate level students are encouraged to submit their paper proposals to abstracts@icird.org by **30 October 2010**.

The authority and capability of the nation state to centrally determine policies is diminishing, due to a multitude of simultaneous forces. These are both external and internal, consisting of new actors, as well as emerging issues. Globalization and regionalization are two external forces that amplify key issues on a transnational scale, such as sustainability, inequality, human rights, and development. Corresponding to these issues the emergence of a growing number of regional and international actors and institutions is taking place, placing individual states into a network of increasingly complex relationships.

New demands on the nation-state emerge from within as well. Often consistent with the issues mentioned above, internal actors (e.g. civil society, minorities, and media) add to the complexity of governance along social, ethnic, religious, and economic lines. Developing countries in Southeast Asia and beyond are thus faced with the dual challenge of 1) dealing with an ever more complex environment of actors and issues and 2) promoting economic growth and sustainable development while fulfilling human rights obligations.

The new network of actors poses threats, as well as opportunities to the societies of Southeast Asia.

Although global institutions, such as WTO and IMF, effect binding international agreements without inclusion of national stakeholders, other transnational groupings may enhance the bargaining power of its members, such as ASEAN+3 on interests concerning countries along the Mekong river. Segments of national societies call into question the legitimacy of state power, as currently can be witnessed in Thailand (in the Deep South, as well as through anti-government rallies in Bangkok). Alternative ideas of governance in addition or in opposition to the state have been in existence across the region, and in many cases preceded the very notion of national unity and identity. At the same time, civil society raises crucial issues, whose persistence may erode societal integration in the long term, such as political and economic exclusion of segments of society.

In addition, pressing economic problems, such as wealth disparities, or economic crises, are no longer the sole responsibility of a developmental state. Instead, these issues are addressed through cooperation or competition of different actors. The ownership of resources, environmental degradation or concerns about corporate social responsibility in turn highlight the issue of economic governance.

This poses, among others, the following questions which are to be addressed in the First International Conference on International Relations and Development (ICIRD 2011):

- What are the effects of these trends for societies in Southeast Asia and in developing countries elsewhere?; What are the institutional changes that are required to cope with these conditions?; What are the comparative experiences of countries undergoing democratic transformations and institutional change?; How can nation states and other governance actors address challenges to their legitimacy?

For more information, visit www.icird.org or email info@icird.org.

Call for Submissions | International Journal of Current Chinese Studies

The International Journal of Current Chinese Studies is currently seeking submissions. All articles published will be peer-reviewed. The following types of papers are considered for publication: Original articles in basic and applied research in the field of Chinese Studies; and Critical reviews, surveys, opinions, commentaries and essays in the field of Chinese Studies

Authors are invited to submit manuscripts reporting recent developments in their respective fields (especially social sciences). The submitted papers must be written in English and describe original research not published nor currently under review by other journals. Parallel submissions will not be accepted.

For more information contact Educardo Rubio Ardanaz (Lu Xun Center for Chinese Studies) at editor@estudioschinos.com or visit www.estudioschinos.com/revista/introduction.html.

Call for Papers | Asian Women

Asian Women seeks submissions for recent gender issues such as women and welfare, women's rights, eco-feminism, health, women and bio-technology, women and history, men's studies and other relevant themes in gender studies. *Asian Women* is accepting submissions for general theme.

Asian Women, an interdisciplinary journal covering various women's studies, men's studies and gender studies themes, hopes to share intelligent original papers as well as case studies with you. Any

contributions of theoretical papers, regional reports, or case studies based on feminist studies and Asian studies will be welcomed. The editors welcome submissions that are based on either collaborative or independent scholarship. They also receive submissions from a wide variety of Asia and other countries. Contributors need to send their manuscripts to the Research Institute of Asian Women any time.

For more information, contact the Managing Editor, Research Institute of Asian Women, Sookmyung Women's University, 52 Hyochangwon-gil, Youngsan-ku, Seoul, Korea 140-742 or e-mail her at asianfem@sm.ac.kr.

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