

**The 20th New Zealand Asian Studies Society International Conference 2013 will be hosted by Auckland University.**

Conference Theme: *Environment, Dis/location and Cultural Space*

Dates: 22-24 November 2013 (half day on Sunday)

The New Zealand Asian Studies Society (NZASIA), established in 1974, seeks to encourage the spread of knowledge about Asia, its history, its culture and its role in international affairs. The Society's biennial conferences help achieve this aim through the dissemination of original research in all fields concerning Asia.

Our focus is to explore the multiplicity of intersections which arise from a multidisciplinary consideration of the navigation, creation, articulation, and representation of environment in Asia. Our aim is to consider and interpret the concept of environment through multiple perspectives and interpretations.

Conference presenters who are interested in contributing to this theme are invited to consider:

- The construction and understanding of spatial meanings, including but not limited to geographical, social, physical, psychological, cultural, juridical, and historical space.
- The ways that these become dislocated or relocated in resonance with innovation, change and conflict.

At the same time NZASIA 2013 welcomes presentations from the full range of disciplines and research related to the study of Asia, as is the usual practice at NZASIA conferences. The choice of theme is to encourage papers with a shared research focus and does not preclude panels, papers and presentations that range across all the perspectives which inform the breadth of scholarship in Asian Studies.

Fully developed papers on the theme will be considered for a publication deriving from the conference. More information on this will be available in due course on our website.