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1. Report from the NZASIA President

As some of you may be aware, our website was transferred recently from the Victoria University server to the server at the University of Otago. This followed the current NZASIA secretary, Paola Voci, taking over administration of the website from Pauline Keating. Over a number of years, Pauline turned the website into a valuable resource for the Society. It now provides access to a wide range of information relating to the

Society's activities, including the Newsletter, the *New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies*, the research awards, our biannual conference, the *Knowing Asia* report, and directories of New Zealand-based Asia specialists. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pauline for the considerable amount of time and effort she put into developing and maintaining the site for the Society.

This is a smaller Newsletter than our recent annual ones, but I hope that there will be enough of interest in it for you. We have had some discussion about whether it is worth having several issues of the Newsletter each year. If you have a view on this perhaps you could let me know, either in person at the conference or by email (brian.moloughney@vuw.ac.nz). Our next AGM is on the afternoon of Saturday 24 November, before the conference dinner. The programme for the conference is now posted on the NZASIA website. I look forward to seeing you soon in Dunedin.

Brian Moloughney

2. Regional Updates

2.1 AUT

- Researchers Dr Wanzhen Gao, Professor Janis Paterson and Ruth DeSouza from AUT's Centre for Asian and Migrant Health Research recently completed an investigation into Chinese migrants and their beliefs surrounding cervical screening. The team worked with the Chinese New Settlers Service Trust and surveyed more than 200 Mainland Chinese women living in Auckland. Gao says invasive cancer is a growing health problem among Chinese women and until now little has been known about their reluctance to attend screening. The team found, while there are universal barriers such as embarrassment, there were also unique issues such as lack of knowledge of services, causes and the impact of cervical cancer and poor language proficiency. The most frequently cited reason for never having had a smear test was they "thought it is unnecessary" (39%), followed by "don't know where to go" (36.6%). The uptake of cervical cancer screening is lower among women migrants from Mainland China living in New Zealand than the national average. The study highlights the information needs for new immigrants and older or younger women.
- During October, AUT's Centre for Asian and Migrant Health Research and the Mental Health Foundation organised a symposium "Mental Health in a changing world - the impact of culture and diversity" to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week. The free hui gave the 100 attendees an opportunity to network and share mental health promotion strategies happening in Auckland; hear feedback from stakeholders on the Chinese Like Minds Media Project to counter stigma and discrimination about mental illness within the New Zealand Chinese Community and explore how other ethnic communities could develop similar programmes; and celebrate Mooncake Festival.
- AUT's School of Languages has a sister institution relationship with the Technos International College in Tokyo, Japan and with the Tanaka Ikueikai Educational trust that runs Technos International College. Every year four AUT students and a staff member are invited with all expenses paid to attend the Technos College

International Week. This year the Technos International Week selection committee chose two students from the Japanese programme, a BA Social Science student and a student from the Bachelor of Maori Development. On return, the group did a presentation of their trip to staff and students from AUT's Faculty of Applied Humanities. The Technos International Prize was awarded to a recent graduate of the AUT BA Japanese programme for her excellence in Japanese as well as to her contribution to furthering international understanding.

Ruth DeSousa

2.2 Massey University

School of Language Studies

Publications

Professor Philip Williams, “穿越非正式但困难的边界:从老舍的《骆驼祥子》到当代中国戏剧小说中对‘盲流’的描写”[Crossing Informal yet Imposing Boundaries: From Lao She's Luotuo Xiangzi to Representations of Mangliu Rural Migrants in Contemporary PRC Drama and Fiction]. In 超越疆界:全球化, 现代性, 本土文化 [Crossing Boundaries: Globalization, Modernity, and Local Culture]. Ed. Ke Siren 柯思仁 and Song Geng 宋耕. Singapore: Global Publishing Co. Ltd 八方文化, 2007. Pp. 99-109.

Conference Presentations

Philip Williams presented a talk at the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS 5), Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia, 2-5 August 2007. The talk was titled “Comparing Rural-to-Urban Migration on Both Sides of the Taiwan Strait.”

Dr. Rosemary Haddon presented a talk at the 10th Biennial Conference of the Chinese Studies Association of Australia, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, 27 - 29 June 2007. The title of her talk was “Chen Yingzhen: Rip van Winkle and the Chinese National Identity.”

Radio New Zealand National Interview

Philip Williams was invited as a commentator on NewsTalk Talk Radio. In the interview Professor Williams offered an analysis of recent research on child development that revealed exposure to a second language increases tolerance of cultural differences. The interview took place in Wellington, New Zealand, 20 July 2007.

Community Service

Rosemary Haddon, Philip Williams, Dong Li served as Judges at the Manawatu Chinese Speech Competition, Palmerston North, 29 September 2007. This was the first Chinese speech competition to be held in Palmerston North.

School of People, Environment and Planning

Conference

Professor Peggy Trawick announced that the 16th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences will be convened in Kunming, China on July 15-23, 2008. Hundreds of scholars from countries around the world, including New Zealand, will present their research at this meeting. Applications for panels and sessions are still being received. For detailed information, visit the website of the Congress at <http://www.icaes2008.org/>

Dr. Robyn Andrews attended and spoke as a keynote speaker at the 7th World Anglo-Indian Reunion, which was held in Toronto, Canada, in August.

Overseas Leave

Robyn Andrews will travel to Calcutta in November to carry out six weeks of research funded by MURF on aspects of Anglo-Indian aging. While there, she will convene a conference for Anglo-Indian researchers.

Department of Applied and International Economics

Publications

Professor Srikanta Chatterjee and Kartik C. Roy (eds.), *Growth, Development and Poverty Alleviation in the Asia-Pacific*, NY: Nova Science Publishers, 2007. ISBN 978-1-59454-931-1.

Srikanta Chatterjee, Allan N. Rae and Ranjan Ray, "Food Consumption and Calorie Intake in Contemporary India", eSocial Sciences Working Paper, September 2007.

Visit Overseas and Seminar Presentation

Srikanta Chatterjee visited the Centre for Migration and Development Studies, University of Western Australia, Perth in August-September 2007. While there, Professor Chatterjee presented a research seminar on "Growth and Trade Patterns in Contemporary India: Windows of Opportunity for Australia and New Zealand?"

Visitor to New Zealand

Dr Mamta B. Chowdhury of the Department of Economics, University of Western Sydney visited the Department of Applied and International Economics, Massey University in July 2007 to initiate a collaborative research project entitled "Potential Impacts of the Proposed Preferential Trading Agreement amongst the SAARC Economies" with Professor Srikanta Chatterjee.

School of History, Philosophy and Classics

Publications

Geoff Watson, 'Siting the Stage: Representations of Central Asian Environments in British Literature' *New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies*, 9:1 (2007), pp. 96-117.

Geoff Watson, 'Failed States: On The Perilous Frontier: Historical Bases Of State Formation in Afghanistan and Central Asia', in Michael Clarke and Colin McKerras (eds),

China, Xinjiang and Central Asia: History, Transition and Future Prospects into the 21st Century, London: Routledge Curzon, (Forthcoming in 2008)

Geoff plans to take research leave in New Zealand in Semester One 2008 to progress his research on the New Zealand Indian Sports Association. He will be working towards a book to be published in 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the New Zealand Indian Sports Association (1962).

Visitor to New Zealand

The School of History, Philosophy and Classics will host Hong Hanh Bui from the International Relations Department, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, in February and March of 2008. Hong Hanh Bui will visit Massey University as a Visiting Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund Scholar. Whilst at Massey University she will conduct research on her Masters topic 'The Commonwealth of Nations' Formation and Development Process: From the End of the 19th Century to the End of the 20th Century'.

Rosemary Haddon

2. 3 University of Auckland

The School of Asian Studies was subjected to external review late in 2006 and the Review has now passed through all to University processes. The Review was generally supportive of the achievements since the Department of Asian Languages and Literatures became a School of Asian Studies in 2000, but a number of specific recommendations will be implemented in the period ahead.

As an expansion of the course offerings, Asian 208/308 Writings System in East Asian Cultures was offered for the first time, attracting about 70 students. It draws on the expertise of Wayne Lawrence, Ed McDonald, and Inshil Yoon.

In February, Dr. Young Hee Lee suffered a major accident, as a pedestrian. She is still recuperating at home, with the plan of returning to work in 2008.

Dr. Greg Bankoff has resigned from the University in July to take up a position of Professor of History at Hull University, UK.

Fourth Annual Graduate Conference was held on the 24th October, where 21 graduate students presented their research on Asia-related subject.

Publications

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Lawrence, W.P. and T. Takagaki. "Nyuuziirando-ni okeru nihongo-kyouiku-no ayumi" [Japanese language education in New Zealand]. *Nyuuziirando-o siru-tame-no 60-syou* [60 chapters for knowing New Zealand]. Tokyo: Akasi Shoten. (forthcoming)

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Phillips, R. "A picturesque but hopeless resistance": Rehe in 1933', *Modern Asian Studies*, forthcoming (already e-available at <http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayIssue?iid=643648>).

Sakamoto, R. and M. Allen "Hating The Korean Wave" comic books: a sign of new nationalism in Japan?' *Japan Focus* October 2007.

Sakamoto, R. "Will you go to war? Or will you stop being Japanese?": nationalism and history in Kobayashi Yoshinori's *Sensōron*', M. Heazle and N. Knight (eds) *China-Japan Relations in the Twenty-first Century*, Edward Elger, 2007.

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Sanders, Robert and Satoshi Uehara. "Gender, Bilingualism and Vowel Inventory in Taiwan Mandarin". *Journal of the Graduate School on International Studies*, Tohoku University, Vol. 15, 20 pages.

Shimoda, T. Representations of Parenting and Gender Roles in the Shooshika Era: Comparisons of Japanese and English-Language Parenting Magazines. *Electronic Journal of Japanese studies*. www.japanesestudies.org.uk

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Choe, Inshil. 'Yeongeogwon dongpoadongui hyoyuljeok hangul machumbeop hakseubeul wihan gicho yeongu (A Preliminary Study of Efficient Learning of Korean Orthography for Korean Children living in English Speaking Countries), *Hangugeo Gyoyuk* No. 18, Vol. 2, 2007, 459-486.

Staff research update

Matthew Allen and Rumi Sakamoto are working on a project on nationalism and popular culture in Japan, following their edited collection, *Popular Culture, Globalisation, and Japan* (Routledge 2006).

Paul Clark conducted sabbatical-year research at Chinese University of Hong Kong in March-May 2007 and in Shanghai and Beijing in July to October 2007. In Beijing he was attached to the newly established New Zealand Centre at Peking University. The Centre acts as a contact point for New Zealand academics, policy makers and others interested in engaging with Chinese counterparts. Clark's research, funded by a Marsden grant, was on Chinese youth cultures and identities since the 1960s.

Inoue Megumi has presented 'Women, Melodrama, and Subject Formation: From Kabuki Dance-Drama (shosagoto) to Modern Japanese Dance (Nihon-buyô)' at Asian Studies Conference in Japan (ASCJ), Tokyo in June 2007.

Manying Ip is the Project Director of Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Research Fund [project 'Circulatory Transmigration: a new paradigm exploring Chinese mobility' 2007-2010] and the Principal Investigator of Royal Society of New Zealand Marsden Fund project 'Maori-Chinese Encounters: the Indigenous and the Immigrant' 2004-2007. Her research is on immigration and return migration; acculturation and settlement; Asian (especially Chinese) identity; racism and race relations (pertaining to Asians); Asian relationship with Maori; migrant sense of wellbeing and acceptance; migrant youth and 1.5 generation. She is also Executive Committee member of Asia-New Zealand Foundation Board of Trustees Research College member of BRCSS (Building Research Capacity of Social Sciences); Co-Chair of the New Settlers Research (responsible for the drafting and monitoring of Quality and Quantity Standards of New Settlers Research in social sciences for BRCSS); Executive Committee member of ISSCO (International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas) representing Australasia.

Lawrence Marceau made two research trips to Japan and made progress collecting primary and secondary sources related to my analysis of Toriyama Sekien's *Hyakki yagyô* (A Hundred Ghouls on Night Parade, 1776-84) series. While engaged in this research, he stumbled across a labeled portrait of a creature from an early illustrated handscroll, called a "nurikabe," or "plastered wall." The illustration of this creature, believed to stop travellers in their tracks at night, turns out to be the first example of a pictorial depiction of it, and as such, aroused some interest in the Japanese press. In May he participated in a workshop devoted to "Narration, Narrativity, and Non-narrativity in Edo Period Prose Japanese Literature" at the Università Pontificia Salesiana, Rome, Italy, and presented his ongoing research under the title, "Behind the Scenes: Presenting Creativity and Publishing in Edo Popular Fiction." In June he attended the Asian Studies Conference Japan, and presented "'It's a Hit!': Self-Referentiality and Edo Publishing." He gave a lecture for the Shibusawa Eiichi Memorial Archive (Tokyo) seminar series, on "Printing and Publishing in Early Modern and Modern Japan" (in

Japanese) in late June, followed by an invited lecture (also in Japanese) on "The Oversees Other in Early Modern Japanese Literature" at Kinjo Gakuin Women's University, Nagoya.

Ellen Nakamura has been working on a project entitled "Women, Status, and Networks of Western medicine in Nineteenth-Century Japan", for which she received a University of Auckland Early Career Research Excellence Award in 2006. The project studies the lives of two of Japan's earliest women doctors of Western medicine: Kusumoto Ine (1827-1903), who trained in the Edo period, and Ogino Ginko (1851-1913), who fought for the right for women to sit medical examinations in the Meiji period (1868-1912). Ellen is now hoping to expand her study to an examination of how Japanese doctors (both male and female) experienced the transition to modern Western medicine.

Changzoo Song is engaged with his research in nationalism and national identity among Korean diasporas, with a particular focus on Korean Chinese and Soviet Koreans in regard to their ethnic return migration experiences and the consequent identity transformations. Recently he contributed a chapter for "Diasporic Homecomings: Ethnic Return Migrants in Comparative perspective" (Takeyuki Tsuda ed., Stanford University Press, 2008). He will read his paper "Korea and China over Chosonjok" at the NZAI's 2007 Korean Studies Seminar in November this year.

New Zealand Asia Institute

The NZ Asia Institute jointly organised with the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences a symposium on "China Update 2007: Politics, Economy and Security" on 28 June. The NZ Asia Institute and the Japan Society for New Zealand Studies presented their 2007 joint symposium in Auckland on 31 August. Prof Yoshinori Okada from Daito Bunka University led the discussion on Japanese investment in New Zealand, particularly the paper and aluminium companies. Prof Michio Yamaoka from Waseda University and Dr Steven Lim from the University of Waikato presented their research findings on the economics literacy of university students in New Zealand and Japan. NZAI and the Japan Society have decided to hold their 2008 forum in Japan.

The NZ Asia Institute held a Strategic Briefing for 25 visiting Indonesian National Resilience Course members on 17 September. The briefing focused on New Zealand security management in the Pacific Island Region and China as a Pacific power.

On 23 October, the NZ Asia Institute and the Asia NZ Foundation jointly organised a postgraduate workshop on "Rising Asia in the Globalised World: Research, Funding and Publication Opportunities".

Dr Milton Osborne from Lowy Institute for International Policy visited the NZ Asia Institute on 23 October and gave a roundtable on "China & Southeast Asia: Why China is now the region's Paramount Power".

The Confucius Institute in Auckland

This year's events and activities has included the first New Zealand-china Cultural Inheritance and Transformation Conference (28th July); Chinese popular culture seminar (20 August); Great Auckland Chinese Speech Competition Prize giving

Ceremony (14 September); First New Zealand Chinese Essay Competition for non native speakers (October).

On the 5th September the institute welcomed the new deputy director, Associate Professor Bing Zhou, from the Institute's partner, Fudan University.

Three China scholarships are managed by the Institute: NA-China government Scholarship for teachers of Chinese Language; Confucius Institute NZ-China Scholarship; Confucius Institute Summer Study abroad scholarship.

The Institute also continues to offer communities support and various workshops and courses related to Chinese language and culture.

Please visits the website (www.confuciusinstitute.ac.nz) and/or contact the Director, Ms. Nora Yao (n.yao@auckland.ac.nz) for more information.

Rumi Sakamoto

2.4 University of Canterbury

After being based at Northern Illinois University (NIU) for 1 ½ years, both Jim Ockey and Naimah Talib returned to Canterbury in July this year. They have benefited tremendously from their association with the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at Northern Illinois and the various opportunities to network with other Southeast Asian scholars in the US. While in the US, Jim was invited to speak at seminars at SAIS, Stanford, Michigan, Ohio, NIU and Wisconsin-Madison. He continues to keep a close watch on events in Thailand. He also participated at a panel discussing the Thai coup in October 2006 organized by the Council of Thai Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He published two articles on Thailand in 2006/7 and has several more forthcoming articles. He is presently guest editing a journal special issue devoted to recent developments in Thailand. He will be in Thailand later this year to monitor the elections and has also organized two panels on the events leading up to and following the 2006 coup for the Thai Studies conference in Bangkok in January 2008. Jim continues to lecture in Political Science at Canterbury and supervises a number of post-graduate students including several PhD students working on Southeast Asia.

While at Northern Illinois University, Naimah worked as a Visiting Asst Professor in both the History and Political Science departments and also contributed in various ways to the publications programme of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies. In September 2006, she was appointed editor of a US based refereed journal, *Crossroads: Interdisciplinary Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*. Naimah gave papers at conferences held at Ohio and Wisconsin-Madison and was an invited speaker at a panel organized by the Center of Strategic and International Studies, Washington DC, where she gave a talk, 'Islamic Symbols and National Identity in Indonesia and Malaysia'. She is presently writing an article on Sir James Brooke, the first Rajah of Sarawak, and his unsuccessful mission to Siam, and is also doing research on the impact of the Thai coup on the Muslim insurgency movement in Southern Thailand. Naimah spent some time in Southern Thailand last year. She is currently a Fellow in the School of Political Science and Communication at Canterbury. She will be teaching a new summer course this year,

Minorities in Politics in the Asia Pacific, and is planning to go to Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia later at the end of 2007.

Anne-Marie Brady is on fieldwork in Beijing, observing the 17th Party Congress and gathering material for her Marsden funded project "Propaganda and Thought work in Contemporary China". Her book *Marketing Dictatorship: Propaganda and Thought work in Contemporary China*, Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2007 will be published in November. This book is the result of ten years research.

Edwina Palmer has just published "Out of Sunda? Provenance of Jomon Japanese", *Nichibunken Japan Review* (Journal of the International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Kyoto), 2007, 19, 47-75. This is a critique and application of Stephen Oppenheimer's "Eden in the East" hypothesis, as tested against the Japanese evidence. Coincidentally his book has just appeared in translation in Japan and has immediately hit the Amazon.com Japan best seller list.

Rachel Payne has just had an article published in the *Japan Forum* on Early Meiji Era Kabuki Censorship. She is also doing work on Kabuki actor Sakata Tojuro IV and how he is using the name's legacy to advance his artistic aims and professional career. She's looking forward to presenting this research at the NZASIA conference in November. Rachel is also working with colleagues from the Art History Department and the Canterbury Museum to identify and catalogue their rather impressive collection of block-prints with the intention of publishing an annotated catalogue and holding an exhibition in 2009.

Anne-Marie Brady

2.5 Victoria University at Wellington

Postgraduate Completions

The following students in Asia-related fields have all recently completed degrees at VUW:

MA

Margaret Jiang: "Chinese & Painting: A Lived Experience" (Asian Studies)

Lynette Shum: "Representing Haining Street: Wellington's Chinatown 1920-1961" (Asian Studies)

Dave Feickert: "Tensions of Transition: The Safety Problems of the Chinese Coal Industry" (Asian Studies)

PhD

Stephen McDowall: "Reading the Textured Landscape: Qian Qianyi's (1582-1664) Reflections on Yellow Mountain" (Chinese). Stephen, whose PhD thesis received glowing assessments, will continue at VUW on a Postdoctoral Fellowship.

Visitors

This trimester, the Asian Studies community at VUW has hosted, or co-hosted several distinguished visitors. Among these are Professor Roger Ames of the Centre for Chinese Studies at the University of Hawaii, who is also co-director of the East-West Centre's

Asian Studies Development Program. Professor Ames, the long-time editor of the journal *Philosophy East and West*, delivered a talk on Confucianism and Atheistic Religiousness. In August, together with the School of Design, the Asian Studies Institute co-sponsored a series of well-attended workshops from Professor Kun-Pyo Lee of KAIST (the Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology), an expert in the field of human-centered design.

More recently, ASI, together with the Stout Research Centre welcomed back former VUW Pro Vice Chancellor and Dean of Science, Architecture and Design Peter Englert for a talk on "Higher Education in China: A Comparative View of Development and Structure." Peter left VUW for the University of Hawaii where he served as Chancellor from 2002-2005. He has since returned to his research with the Hawaii Institute of Geophysics and Planetology but also maintains from his time as Chancellor a keen interest in the tertiary education sector in China and has an adjunct appointment with the University of Hawaii's Center for Chinese Studies.

On October 11, ASI welcomed Peter Van Ness of the Contemporary China Centre at Australian National University who will speak on Historical Reconciliation and Security Cooperation in Northeast Asia. In this talk, Dr Van Ness described a major collaborative international project, initiated at the ANU, on "Reconciliation between China and Japan," and discuss the linkage between historical reconciliation and projects, such as the Six Party Talks, that aim to build new multilateral security institutions in the East Asian region. The following day, October 12, ASI also, in conjunction with the Programmes in Politics and International Relations, hosted talks from Professors To-hai Liou and Deng-Ker Lee (Chengchi University) who will speak, respectively, on Cross-Strait economic interactions, and Taiwanese security issues.

Finally, in November, ASI will also host a visit from Peter Beck. Peter is the former head of the International Crisis Group's Northeast Asia office, based in Seoul, and has developed a reputation as one of the top commentators on Korean issues. He has recently been appointed the Executive Director of the US Committee on Human Rights. On November 12 he will speak at VUW on recent developments in the Korean peninsula.

The Chair of Malay Studies also hosted a visit from renowned Malaysian historian Emeritus Professor Dato' Dr Kay-Kim Khoo, Department of History, University of Malaya, Malaysia who spoke on *Malaya/Malaysia Since 1957*.

In addition, the following Asian Studies talks were given by VUW faculty or associates:
Friday, 13 July 2007, Rob Rabel, Pro Vice-Chancellor (International): *From Containment to Engagement: Vietnam and New Zealand Interaction with Asia from 1945 to the Present*

- 2 Aug Limin Bai, Chinese Programme: "Confucianism in the Context of Sino-Japanese Intellectual Interchange: Japanese Influence and Early Modern Chinese Textbooks, 1895-1905" (co-sponsored with the School of Asian and European Languages and Cultures)
- 16 Aug Fujio Kano, Japanese Programme: "Max Bickerton's (1901-66, born in Christchurch) Involvement with the Japanese Communist Party in the 1930's" (co-sponsored with the School of Asian and European Languages and Cultures)

- 13 Sep Diana Bridge, Fellow, Asian Studies Institute, VUW: details to be confirmed (co-sponsored with the School of Asian and European Languages and Cultures)
- 14 Sep, Anushka Perinpanayagam, Religious Studies, Religion and Nationalism in Sri Lanka
- 27 Sep Othman Yatim, Chair of Malay Studies: "The Museum, Conservation of Cultural Properties and National Unity in Malaysia" (co-sponsored with the School of Asian and European Languages and Cultures)

Publications

ASI Working Paper 22 'Knowledge, Belief and Doubt: Some Contemporary Problems and their Solutions from the Nyāya Perspective', Jay Shaw

Staff News

Sun Mei has resigned. In 2008 he will be teaching at the National Central University of Taiwan. Changying Li's two year appointment in the Chinese Programme is finishing and she will soon be returning to Beijing.

Stephen Epstein has been appointed a Translator in Residence by the Korean Literature Translation Institute in Seoul. He is using the residency to begin a translation of the novel "Meongil" (Distant Journey) by Kim In-suk.

Stephen Epstein

3. News and announcements

3. 1 Conferences

China and Korea: Competing Images and Contending Issues

Korea Studies Centre of NZ Asia Institute, University of Auckland, Asian Studies Institute, Victoria University of Wellington (19 - 20 November 2007)

Venue: University Presentation Room, Clock Tower Building, 22 Princes Street

The Asian Studies Institute, Victoria University and The NZ Asia Institute of the University of Auckland will host this conference at the Centre for Korea Studies at the University of Auckland. They have secured a grant of over US\$10,000 from the Academy of Korean Studies to support the conference and the publication of select papers in a major academic press. Among the participants from Victoria are ASI Fellows Tim Beal, Stephen Epstein and Xiaoming Huang. They will be joined by speakers from China, Korea, North America, Europe, Australia and elsewhere in New Zealand.

For more information please contact Stephen Epstein (Stephen.Epstein@vuw.ac.nz)

17th NZASIA international conference (University of Otago, 22-25 Nov 2007)

Keynote speakers:

Barbara Watson Andaya: Professor of Asian Studies and member of the Centre for Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Hawai'i

Tessa Morris-Suzuki: Professor of Japanese History in Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies and Australian National University

The program is available at: www.nasia.org.nz/conference

3.2 Obituary

Elisabeth (Lisa) Jane Croll, CMG (1944-2007)

Elisabeth Croll, a New Zealand anthropologist and China expert, passed away in London, aged 63. Professor Croll, a graduate of Canterbury University, became a Professor at the University of London in 1995 following her doctoral work in anthropology of China and lectureship at SOAS. She established herself as a world expert of China, in particular, in the area of the women and family in rural China. Since her first book *Feminism and Socialism in China* (1978), which examined Chinese women's movement, to *China's New Consumers: Social Development and Domestic Demand*, (2006) she has authored numerous books and articles, many of which are now considered key texts in the field of women, development, and domestic economy in China.

4. New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies: next issue

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Articles

Making a woman from a Tawaif: Courtesans and Heroes in Hindi Cinema
Gregory D. Booth

Self-Refashioning a Plural society: dialogism and Syncretism in Malaysian Post-Colonial Literature

Mohammad A. Quayum

Islam, Modernity and Western Influence in Malay Literature: An Analysis of the Employment of Narrative Devices in Shahnun Ahmad's *TIVI*

Mohd. Zariat Abdul Rani

Tarrying with the Numinous: postmodern Japanese gothic Stories

Andrew hock soon Ng

Wedding Photographs and the Bridal Gaze in Singapore

Selina Ching Chan & Xu Ximin

The United Nations and the North Korean Missile and Nuclear Tests

Tim Beal

Taipei's 'Britisher': W. G. Goddard and the Promotion of Nationalist China in the Cold-War Commonwealth
Jeremy E. Taylor

Human rights vs. State Interests in China: Case Studies
Jiefen Li

Graduate Research Essay
Is There Still a Moral Economy in Java, Indonesia?
Susan Olivia

5. Vacancy

Victoria University of Wellington has a vacancy for a Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Chinese Studies. Applications close on 31 March 2008.
For details see <http://vacancies.vuw.ac.nz/positiondetail.asp?p=4009>.

6. Membership

We remind you that the membership fee includes a subscription to the New Zealand Journal of Asian Studies (published twice yearly). The subscription period runs from 1 January to 31 December. Other benefits of membership include

- the Newsletter
- conference participation with reduced rates, including reciprocity with ASAA conferences
- the potential for networking with other members
- the benefits of keeping abreast of developments in Asian Studies, including scholarship opportunities

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