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NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we enter the second year of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Institute of Asian Studies (IAS) at Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) continues to carry out its numerous scholarly activities.

We are pleased to announce the publication of a new volume in our IAS/Springer “Asia in Transition” book series: *Contesting Chineseness: Ethnicity, Identity, and Nation in China and Southeast Asia*, edited Chang-Yau Hoon of IAS and Ying-kit Chan. As China plays an ever-more important role on the world stage, the chapters in this volume help readers gain a clearer sense of how we can understand not only China, but “Chineseness” in all of its forms and complexity.

The IAS Working Paper series has also been very active, and has published three new working papers on topics ranging from the responses of ASEAN and the EU to the COVID-19 pandemic to illegal fishing and maritime coordination in Brunei.

Meanwhile, our staff members continue to publish their own research, covering a wide range of issues, from international arbitration and dispute resolution in the Asia-Pacific region to constitutional reforms in Indonesia.

Finally, we are very pleased to welcome two new staff members to the Institute: Dr. Lisa Arensen, Assistant Professor of Environment and Sustainable Development in Southeast Asia, and Dr. Nobumichi Teramura, Assistant Professor of ASEAN and Asia-Wide Regionalisation.

Both of these scholars bring important expertise to the Institute and the University, and we look forward to seeing their contributions in the years ahead.

Bruno Jetin

Associate Professor,
Director of IAS



NEW IAS STAFF MEMBERS

In January 2021, the Institute of Asian Studies welcomed two new staff members.

Dr. Lisa Arensen is Assistant Professor of Environment and Sustainable Development in Southeast Asia.

She is a social anthropologist and her research focuses on communities that have experienced environmental change, war, and displacement. Her particular expertise is in Cambodia, where she has worked and done research for nearly two decades.

Dr. Nobumichi Teramura is Assistant Professor of ASEAN and Asia-Wide Regionalisation. He is also an Associate at the Centre for Asian and Pacific Law at the University of Sydney (CAPLUS).

Specialising in commercial law, Dr. Teramura's current research interests include legal integration in Asia and legal development for South-East Asian nations severely affected by colonisation and the Cold War, including Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, and Myanmar.

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NEW BOOK & WEBINAR

Asia-Pacific

IAS Director, Associate Professor **Bruno Jetin**, and IAS researcher, Assistant Professor **Nobumichi Teramura**, have recently co-edited a book on international arbitration and dispute resolution together with Professor Luke Nottage of the Sydney Law School, and Professor Shahla Ali of the University of Hong Kong.

The book is entitled *New Frontiers in Asia-Pacific International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution* and is published by Wolters Kluwer.

To quote from its summary, “the book challenges the existing procedures and frameworks for cross-border dispute resolution in commercial and treaty arbitration. The eastward shift in international dispute resolution has already involved initiatives not only to improve support for international commercial arbitration (ICA) and investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) but also



to develop alternatives, such as international commercial courts and mediation. This remarkable book focuses on these initiatives and their

accompanying case law and trends in the Asia-Pacific region.

In addition to co-editing, Dr. Jetin and Dr. Teramura also contributed to chapters in this new work.

Finally, this book was discussed in an online webinar that can be accessed here:

<https://youtu.be/BbKbSe00yXU>

Nottage, L., Ali, S., Jetin, B., & Teramura, N. (2021). *New Frontiers in Asia-Pacific International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution*. Wolters Kluwer.



NEW BOOK & WEBINAR



Southeast Asia

PRECARIOUSNESS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Associate Professor **Paul J. Carnegie**, Professor **Victor T. King** and IAS Research Associate **Magne Knudsen** (FASS, UBD) have recently co-authored an article on human security and precariousness in Southeast Asia.

Entitled “Human Security, Marginality and Precariousness in Southeast Asia,” the article engages key conceptual and methodological problems in

examining and addressing multiple insecurities in Southeast Asia.

It demonstrates the ways in which more disaggregated and grounded perspectives can allow human security studies to gain fuller analytical purchase on contemporary marginality and precariousness in Southeast Asia.

Carnegie, P. J., King, V. T. and Knudsen, M. (2021). “Human Security, Marginality and Precariousness in Southeast Asia.” *International Journal of Asia Pacific Studies* 17(1): 1–28. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.21315/ijaps2021.17.1.1>



Indonesia

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS IN INDONESIA, 1999-2002

Associate Professor **Paul J. Carnegie** recently published a new article on reorganizing constitutional power in Indonesia.

The article examines the constitutional reforms that took place in Indonesia from 1999-2002 and considers how we go about understanding and interpreting the outcomes of that process.

It highlights that, despite a less than ideal process, Indonesia's gradualist

approach facilitated acceptance and paved the way for a meaningful level of constitutionalism from a troubled past.

Carnegie P. J. (2020).

"Reorganizing Constitutional Power in Indonesia: The Politics of Reform." *Journal of Politics and Democratization* 4(4): 53-70.

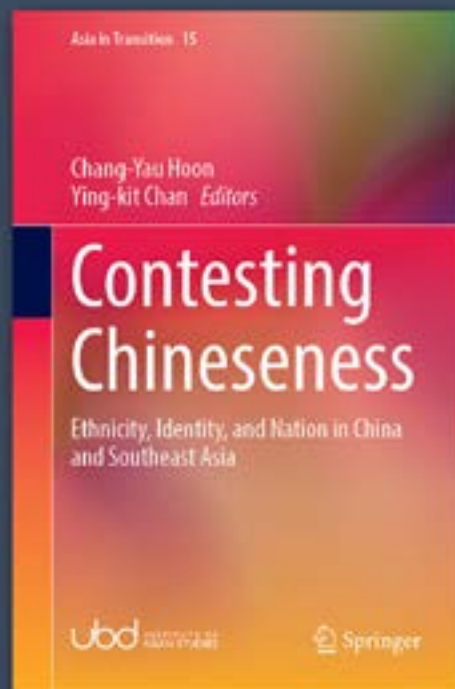
ELECTIONS IN THE PACIFIC

Associate Professor **Paul J. Carnegie** recently co-authored an introductory article with Vijay Naidu and Sandra Tarte on elections in Fiji and Solomon Islands for a special issue of the *Journal of Pacific Studies*.

The article reflects on the non-linear nature

of transitions from authoritarian rule to democracy and considered the potential complications of backsliding and reversals. It shows that an appearance of democracy via elections can mask the persistence of underlying authoritarian practice in various forms in Fiji and Solomon Islands.

Carnegie, P. J., Naidu, V. and Tarte, S. (2020). "Elections and the Chain of Democratic Choice." *Journal of Pacific Studies* 40(2): 6-14.



NEW VOLUME IAS/SPRINGER BOOK SERIES

We are pleased to announce a new volume in the IAS/Springer “Asia in Transition” book series.

The volume is entitled *Contesting Chineseness: Ethnicity, Identity, and Nation in China and Southeast Asia* and is edited by IAS staff member Associate Professor **Chang-Yau Hoon** and his colleague Dr. Ying-kit Chan, a research fellow at the International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden University.

Bringing together 15 chapters and an introduction that cover a wide range of contemporary and historical topics, *Contesting Chineseness* examines the multiple ways that notions of Chineseness have been constructed and practiced at local, regional and global levels, as well as how those same notions have been categorized and employed by states to justify their existence.

Here is some advanced praise for the book:

“By including reflections on constructions of Chineseness in both China itself and in various Southeast Asian sites, the book shows that being Chinese is by no means necessarily intertwined with China as a geopolitical concept, while at the same time highlighting the incongruities and tensions in the escapable relationship with China that diasporic Chinese subjects variously embody, expressed in a wide range of social phenomena such as language use, popular culture, architecture and family relations. The

book is a very welcome addition to the necessary ongoing conversation on Chineseness in the 21st century.”

Ien Ang, Distinguished Professor of Cultural Studies, Western Sydney University.

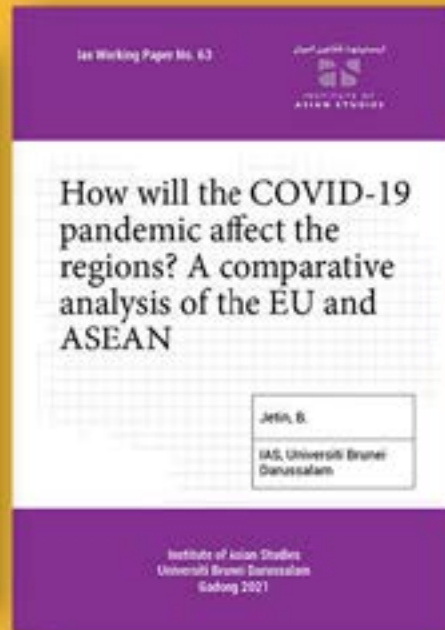
“A must read for those who wonder whether Chineseness has ever been what it seems.”

Wang Gungwu, University Professor, National University of Singapore.

To learn more about *Contesting Chineseness* and to view the table of contents, please visit the website for the [IAS/Springer “Asia in Transition” Book Series](#).

Hoon, C.Y. and Chan, Y.K. (eds) (2021). *Contesting Chineseness: Nation, Ethnicity and Identity in China and Southeast Asia*, Singapore: Springer.

If you have a scholarly work or an edited volume that you would like to submit to the IAS/Springer “Asia in Transition” books series, please feel free to contact Editor-in-chief Bruno Jetin (bruno.jetin@ubd.edu.bn).



IAS WORKING PAPERS

The Institute has published three new papers in its IAS Working Paper Series.

IAS Working Paper 63: *How will the COVID-19 pandemic affect the regions? A comparative analysis of the EU and ASEAN* by **Bruno Jetin**.

This paper is a comparative examination of the EU and ASEAN responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first section of the paper considers the attitudes and

actions of governments in these two regions when the initial cases appeared in the early part of 2020, while the second section focuses on vaccines and the policies adopted in each region.

The paper concludes that overall, the responses of the two regions to their COVID-19 test were late and insufficient.

Jetin, B. (2021) *How will the COVID-19 pandemic affect the regions? A comparative analysis of the EU and ASEAN*. Working Paper No. 63. Gadong: Institute of Asian Studies, Universiti Brunei Darussalam.

IAS Working Paper 62: Changing Notions of Masculinity among Young Malay Men in Brunei Darussalam by T.P.M. Adi Nabil Fadzillah and **Chang-Yau Hoon**.

This paper explores various notions of masculinity among young Malay men in Brunei Darussalam. Using interview data from 16 male and female informants, it elucidates other

forms of self-expressions and identities in contrast to the stereotypical and traditional notion of masculinity.

This pilot study sheds light on the norms and values that define and shape masculinity among young Malay men within their socio-cultural contexts of contemporary Brunei Darussalam.

Fadzillah, T.P.M. Adi Nabil and **Hoon, C.Y.** (2021). *Changing Notions of Masculinity among Young Malay Men in Brunei Darussalam*. Working Paper No. 62. Gadong: Institute of Asian Studies, Universiti Brunei Darussalam.

IAS Working Paper 61: Illegal Fishing and the Challenges of Maritime Co-ordination in Brunei's EEZ by Ade Roddiane bin Haji Mohd Rosdi and **Paul J. Carnegie**.

This paper examines the challenges of maritime security

in Brunei's territorial waters against illegal fishing and goes on to consider the effectiveness of current maritime co-ordination and information sharing practices in combatting such activities.

Rosdi, A.R. and **Carnegie, P.J.** (2021). *Illegal Fishing and the Challenges of Maritime Co-ordination in Brunei's EEZ*. Working Paper No. 61. Gadong: Institute of Asian Studies, Universiti Brunei Darussalam.

The editors of the IAS Working Paper Series invite submissions for consideration:

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VIDEO INTERVIEWS

The IAS Video Interview series continues with two recent videos by IAS staff members Lisa Arensen and Liam C. Kelley on their research.

***“Post-Conflict
Landscapes and
Protected Areas in
Cambodia”***



***“Vietnamese History,
Area Studies, and
Asian Studies”***





WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES

The Wednesday Seminar series that IAS has hosted since 2012 has continued in 2021 with the following seminars:

Rommel Curaming (FASS) on “The Analytical is Political: Rizal and the Rethinking of the Analytics of Malayness.”

Ly Slesman @ Sulaiman bin Mohd Ali (CARE) on “Does Foreign Aid Promote Foreign Direct Investment in Cambodia?”

Sanjeev Routray (University of British Columbia) on “The Judiciary, the Middle Class, and Poor Migrants:

Urban Displacements and Everyday Negotiations of Law in Delhi.”

Aaron Tham (University of the Sunshine Coast) on “Envisioning a Brunei Observatory for Food, Health, & Wellness.”

Mia Mikic (ARTNeT) on “Strengthening Agility and Resilience of Southeast Asian Economies in the Face of Global Crises.”

Victor T. King (IAS) and **Magne Knudsen** (FASS) on “The Iban of Brunei Darussalam: Case Studies of Change and Response among a Minority Population in Temburong.”

IAS STAFF NEWS

Victor T. King presented a talk on “East-West Interactions and Complexities: Syed Hussein Alatas, Wilhelm Wertheim and Edward Said” for a seminar at the National University of Singapore co-organized by the Department of Sociology and the Department of Malay Studies.

Professor King has also been appointed as a Visiting Professor to the Korea Institute of ASEAN Studies, Busan University of Foreign Studies, Republic of Korea, for a two-year period 2021-2022,

Lisa Arensen presented at paper at the 39th annual conference of The Society for The Anthropology of Consciousness, 12-14 March 2021. This year’s conference is on the theme of Sea Change: Lifeworlds

& Ecological Upheaval, and Dr. Arensen’s paper is titled “Cooling the Land: Environmental Solastalgia and Spirit Worlds on the Kulen Plateau in Cambodia.”

Paul J. Carnegie recently gave a presentation on “Precarious Circumstances: Rethinking Human Security in Southeast Asia” at the 14th Annual International Conference on Global Studies, Athens, Greece, 18-21 December 2020 (invited speaker).

Liam C. Kelley served as a discussant for a panel on Reading Political Biography across East Asia: Ryūkyū Islands, Koryō, Ming China at the annual conference of the Association of Asian Studies (AAS), 21-26 March 2021.



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