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SEMINARS OF INTEREST

Ecological Integrity; Is There a Scientific Definition?

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Date & Time: 1 April, 12:30-2:00pm

Time & Place: Seminar Room, 6th Level, WK Hancock Building West, Bldg 43, Biology Place off Sullivan's Creek Road, ANU (SRES Seminar)

Resources and Conflict in the Asia-Pacific Region. Economic Issues and the Role of the Media

Date & Time: Tuesday 6 April, 9.00-5.00pm

Venue: Metcalfe Room, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney

Dinner (6.30 for 7.00pm): 'buena vista café', Supreme Court Building, Level 14, 184 Phillip Street, Sydney

[\(see flyer attached\)](#)

OFFLINE PUBLICATIONS

Version 4 of the **Pacific Island Ecosystems at Risk (PIER) web site** and CD, "**Invasive Plants of the Pacific Islands**" is now available at <http://www.hear.org/pier/>. In this version you will find information on 900+ plant species that are invasive on Pacific islands or are invasive in similar ecosystems. Risk assessments for many species that are specific to Hawai'i and the Pacific islands in addition to those previously included from Australia. Over 2,200 photos are included to aid in identification, and 293 species have images of voucher specimens from the Bishop Museum. For more details contact Jim Space at pier@hear.org.

OTHER NEWS

1. **Indonesia Project Library, RSPAS.** Trish van der Hoek, Librarian in the Indonesia Project (Economics Division RSPAS and APSEG) would like to draw your attention to the Indonesia Project Library in the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies (Room 7125, Coombs Building). The library is available for the use ANU staff, students, and visitors. It is a small specialist library focusing on the Indonesian economy but also contains key books and theses and a basic set of up-to-date statistics on population, education, health and related subjects. The Indonesia Project website gives more information:

<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/economics/ip/library.php>

2. **New monthly e-bulletin** published by the Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA), Australia, 'Asian Currents' [ISSN 1449-4418], to which you may like to subscribe. It is published by the Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA) [<http://coombs.anu.edu.au/ASAA>] with a view to encouraging greater attention to Asian studies in Australia which, regrettably, face an insecure future. The contents

of the first bulletin, published this week, are: * About the ASAA * Maximising Australia's Asian Knowledge * Korea: analysis by Professor Tessa Morris-Suzuki * Diary dates: ASAA biennial conference and Press Club Luncheon in June [2004] * Researcher of the month: Robert Cribb * Student of the month: Linda Rae Bennett * Website of the month: Asian Studies Virtual Library * Congratulations: RMIT International University Vietnam * Recent article of interest: Asian language study and Australian security * Feedback

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URL <http://coombs.anu.edu.au/SpecialProj/ASAA/asian-currents.html>

If you would like to submit ideas, suggestions or articles (maximum 400 words), please contact the editor Francesca Beddie, f.beddie@ozemail.com.au.

3. CIAT (Center for Tropical Agriculture) Publications Updated, 1998-2003

The CIAT Library compiles annual lists of publications prepared by CIAT scientists. These lists gather articles referenced in refereed journals and, for the years 2002 and 2003, have also been enriched with new categories. These include articles in non-refereed journals, books, proceedings, theses conducted at CIAT, and posters. <http://www.ciat.cgiar.org/biblioteca/articles2003.htm>

4. GUAM: Deadly fungus attacks betel nut trees

A deadly fungus has infected thousands of betel nut trees in the southern parts of Guam, and scientists fear it could spread to other types of palm tree. The Agriculture Department has already marked more than 3,000 infected trees for destruction, and is implementing a programme of spraying trees in affected areas with a fungicide in the hope of arresting the disease.

Professor George Wall, Plant Pathologist, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Guam. Go to this URL to hear interview: <http://www.abc.net.au/ra/pacbeat/>

5. Japanese scholarships.

RSPAS has received notification of an offer of scholarships to Australian citizens for study at Japanese universities from the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho). Applicants must be graduates or final year university students who will graduate by the departure date and be under 35 years of age on 1 April 2005. Details regarding the scholarships are available from the Embassy of Japan website: www.japan.org.au/Monbukagakusho.htm.