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SEMINARS OF INTEREST

Geographies of Water Governance and Development Assistance

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Date & time: Monday 13 December, 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Venue: Seminar Room A, Coombs Building, ANU
(Human Geography Seminar)

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

Conference Calendar

http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf_calendar.php

1. States of Transgression - Strategies of Domination, Accommodation and Resistance across Asia - Asia Research Institute Third Graduate Students Workshop. Organised by the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore. 25-27 May 2005

Within the overall theme of the workshop the organizers welcome innovative research papers on the following topics: Ethnic and/or Class Conflict; Social Movements and Everyday Forms of Resistance; Cross-border Issues; State Surveillance and Control; The Politics of Identity and Minority Issues; **Resource Conflicts within State-imposed Frameworks**; State Planning and Informal Social Order. For details see: <http://www.ari.nus.edu.sg/conf2005/transgress.htm>

2. The First International Marine Protected Areas Congress. Geelong, Victoria, 23-27 October 2005. This global conference will address the World Commission on Protected Areas' Marine goal and primary themes, and will progress discussion on their widespread adoption and implementation consistent with resolutions relevant to marine protected areas arising from the Durban World Parks Congress. Deadline for abstracts 10 December. For further details: <http://www.impacongress.org/>

OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

Millennium Ecosystem Assessment news update. www.millenniumassessment.org

Key highlights include:

- The Sub-global assessment report and the Synthesis Reports are now available for review.
- MA at IUCN World Conservation Congress.
- Assessment reports from the MA sub-global assessment in southern Africa (SafMA).

OFFLINE PUBLICATIONS

Grafton, Q, L. Robin and R Wasson (eds) 2004. **Understanding the Environment. Bridging the Disciplinary Divides.** Sydney, University of NSW Press. 220pp.

This major textbook in environmental studies brings together some of the world's leading environmental researchers in the life sciences, physical sciences, social sciences and humanities to

bridge the disciplinary divides in understanding the environment. This book connects across these multiple domains to provide fresh insights as to how we comprehend and how we should confront our environmental challenges.

OTHER NEWS

1. **Links to satellite imagery available on the internet** (based on some details provided by Glenn Banks and Dave Paull in a recent RMAP Seminar):

Free imagery

<https://zulu.ssc.nasa.gov/mrsid/>

NASA-sourced data, MrSID format, spectral resolution three bands (5,4,2)

<http://geo.arc.nasa.gov/sge/landsat/landsat.html>

Landsat 5 (1990) and Landsat 7 (2000), atmospheric effects – cloud/smoke

http://imars.marine.usf.edu/corals/maps/mel_reefs.html

Millennium global coral reef mapping project, Melanesia

Other imagery

- Global Land Cover Facility (University of Maryland) www.landcover.org, 27,000 free Landsat scenes, limited selection for Asia Pacific region
- SRTM (3D visualisation)
- NOAA (AVHRR, free but low res.)
- Quickbird (res. <1m, but pricey)
- SPOT/ SIRIUS (high res, but pricey)
- Radar (images through cloud but interpretation difficult, pricey)

2. The National Institute for Asia and the Pacific (NIAP) draws your attention to the **new website** for the **International Centre of Excellence in Asia-Pacific Studies (ICEAPS)** at:

<http://iceaps.anu.edu.au>. The Centre was established through the Institute.

3. **Illegal shark fishing.** ABC TV Program 'Catalyst' joined a crew of scientists and customs officers on a mission to not only catch the illegal fishers in the act; but, capture the last sharks on tape using cameras baited with raw meat. Clear here for a transcript of the story:

<http://www.abc.net.au/catalyst/stories/s1256342.htm>