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RMAP PROGRAM NEWS

Sudha Vasan is a Visiting Fellow with RMAP until 27 September 2005. Sudha works on the sociology of forestry in India, and looks specifically at forestry related institutions, knowledges and politics in the Himalayan region. Her earlier work has explored social and ecological sustainability of timber policy, ethnography of state bureaucracy, analysis of community forestry practices and institutions, forest rights and customary law in central India. After completing her doctoral degree from the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale University, USA, in 1999, Sudha has worked as a lecturer at Yale University, Fellow at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, and Reader at the Institute of Economic Growth in Delhi, India. She has also been a consultant for WWF, UNDP, and FAO. Her current research interests include a critical examination of social capital with differences emerging from the work of Pierre Bourdieu and Robert Putnam in the context of policy implementation in India. She is also involved in research on border communities involved in trade across the Indo-Tibetan border, and is interested in early travelogues of the Himalayas. Her book on state and community institutions involved with forestry in the western Himalayas ("Living with Diversity: Forestry Institutions in the Western Himalaya") is expected later this year from the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla. She will be joining the teaching faculty of Indian Institute of Technology (Bombay), Mumbai, India in November 2005.

Sudha is located in Room 5027 and her telephone extension is 55939.

SEMINARS OF INTEREST

Sacred Forests in the Western Himalayas: Situating Communities in Conservation

Sudha Vasan, Visiting Fellow, RMAP Program

Date & time: Tuesday 13 September, 12.30 - 1.30

Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU campus
(RMAP Seminar)

Development at the Margins: Alternative Approaches to Local Economic Development in the Rural Philippines

Amanda Cahill, PhD Student, Department of Human Geography, RSPAS

Monday, 19 September, 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building
(Human Geography, RSPAS Seminar)