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Farewell

Simon Foale left RMAP on the 1st of September 2006 for James Cook University

Welcome

Caroline Ashlin has an honours degree in Asian Studies majoring in Thai language and linguistics. Since graduating, she has worked in a number of departments in the Asian Studies Faculty and RSPAS in administration and research assistant work.

Deborah (Deb) Cleland is a 4th year arts/science student who has come from the School of Resources, Environment and Society to do a semester-long project on innovative ways to approach sustainable management of coral reefs with Roger Bradbury.

Jakkrit Sangkhamanee is from Chiang Mai, Thailand, where he completed his MA in sustainable development. His previous research mainly focused on border riverscape of Mekong trade and the cross-border people identities. With RMAP, Jakkrit plans to explore Mekong local ecological knowledge from hydrological aspect. His 'ethnohydrology' research will be conducted in both Thai and Laos riverine borderlands.

Jeff Kinch is a recently appointed Short-term Visiting Fellow with RMAP focusing on the investigation of property and tenure rights, management regimes, modes of production, trade linkages and livelihood strategies at Brooker Island and the wider Samarai-Murua District in the Louisiade Archipelago of the Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea. The title of his project is 'Resource Dynamics, Livelihoods and Social Change in Island Melanesia: A Case Study from the Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea'

Karen Fisher - until recently was PhD student at the School of Resources, Environment and Society (SRES). My thesis looked at urban water governance and development in the Philippines with a case study in Tagbilaran City, Bohol. My areas of interest are water governance, environmental knowledges, environmental policy, and institutions for resource management. I have a 12 month contract in RMAP as the research assistant for the ARC Linkage Project: "Creating Empowered Communities: Gender and Sustainable Livelihoods in a Coal Mining Region in Indonesia" working with Kuntala and Colin. At the moment I am working part time in RMAP as well as part time with the ANU Water Initiative as a research/administrative assistant, which is a position I have held since February 2006.

Mary Walta – recently joined RMAP as a research assistant to Colin Filer. I have a Masters in Environmental Management and Development with an ongoing interest in water and human waste management as well as HIV/AIDS research in the Pacific.

Natalie Jones - after completing my Masters in Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development in 2004 (ANU), I worked in RMAP as a research assistant for three months on a project involving the Companion Modeling (ComMod) approach. ComMod involves the use of simulation models, often combined with role-playing games, in a participatory manner to facilitate negotiation and collective decision-making processes. I am currently involved in the worldwide evaluation of 34 different projects that utilise the ComMod approach. I intend to be working in RMAP for at least the next year.

My name is **Panpilai Kitsudsang**, from Thailand. My interests are on border areas especially between Thailand and Laos; impact of development on local people and ethnic groups; trading, local practices and states regulations. I plan to finish the research within four years.

ABSENCES/TRAVEL

Anne Dray

- 25, 26, 27/09: consultant work for Dr Senthold Asseng at CSIRO Plant Industry, Perth.
- 27, 28/09: conference in Sydney, Australasian Amphetamine Conference
- 15/10 to 28/10: workshop and meeting in Yucatan, Mexico as part of the Coral Reef Project

Christine Boulan-Smit

- till 6.12.06 in Perth and PNG. Currently completing the survey of 2 river valleys communities in Central Kalimantan-Consultancy job for BHP Billiton-Indonesia.

Rachel P Lorenzen

18.09. - 8.10.06 In Switzerland, presenting my research at the Institute of Agricultural Economics at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich and France, at a workshop on Adaptive River Basin Management (<http://www.peiresc.org/index.html>). Hosted by Institute of Environmental Systems Research, Osnabrück, and the Global Water System Project (GWSP), as part of the EU-funded Integrated Project, "New Approaches to Adaptive Water Management" (NeWater).

SEMINARS

Coming soon: 'All New' RMAP seminar series

We are planning to create a new series of RMAP seminars, starting in 2007. The new series would be in a new format, new time slot (probably late afternoon), freshly advertised, and aim to spark discussion about themes related to resource management. The existing lunchtime seminars will be kept and perhaps re-badged, for presentation of research (including student seminars), and as a more informal alternative. Comments and suggestions? Please e-mail frank.jotzo@anu.edu.au.

The ANU Institute of the Environment found at <http://www.anu.edu.au/anuie/events/regular.html> gives an updated Environment Seminar listing for ANU including Environmental Management and Development (EMD) Environment Forum and external seminars of interest.

Draft Proposal for Student Seminars in RMAP

As part of their PhD progress, students present a Thesis Proposal Seminar and a Mid Term Review Seminar. Normally Thesis Proposal Seminars are presented before fieldwork and the Mid Term Review Seminar is presented after fieldwork (often meaning that it is later than the mid term point).

Recently there has been some discussion of the format for these seminars in RMAP. The aim is to run student seminars that function as a serious academic review, while also providing for a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

The following format is proposed:

1. Prior to the seminar (at least one week) the student circulates the paper to all RMAP staff and students. Seminar papers should be a maximum of 6000 words and should follow all normal academic conventions in relation to citations etc. In the case of Mid Term Review seminars where students are presenting a draft chapter (often more than 8000 words) they should circulate the chapter with a covering note indicating which parts of the chapter they will be

focussing on in the seminar. The note should also indicate how this chapter fits in the overall thesis structure.

2. At the seminar the student will make a 30 minute presentation.
3. This will be followed by a five minute presentation by a “discussant.” The discussant will be nominated in advance by the presenter and the presenter’s supervisor.
4. Priority will then be given to students to provide feedback, comments, suggestions and constructive criticism. Academics will do then do the same.
5. There is a strong expectation that all RMAP staff and students will attend.
6. Student seminars will be advertised as part of the RMAP lunchtime series (which is in the process of being rebadged and reorganised). The purpose of the seminar will be clearly signalled in the advertising. Student seminars may run for longer than other seminars (90 minutes rather than one hour).

Some students may wish to present their seminars in other seminar series (such as the Anthropology Friday series). In such cases the process in RMAP could be abbreviated somewhat, perhaps with a relatively brief internal discussion of the circulated paper plus, perhaps, some reporting on the feedback received at the other seminar. These abbreviated seminars would not be externally advertised.

AWARDS

RMAP PhD Scholar named the UN-Nippon Foundation Fellow 2006 - 2007.

[The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea \(DOALOS\)](#) of the [Office of Legal Affairs](#) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) have announced that Hendra Yusran Siry, a RMAP PhD scholar, has been named the United Nations Nippon Foundation Fellow for 2006-7. Hendra is currently affiliated with [the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences \(EEOS\), University of Massachusetts Boston \(UMass Boston\)](#) for his first-six month phase. He will be affiliated with the DOALOS at the United Nations Headquarters in New York for his second-three month Research and Training phase.

Hendra was one of [10 fellows](#) chosen from a field of 43 applicants from developing coastal States worldwide. Hendra represents Republic Indonesia, his government official for this fellowship.

This fellowship is highly regarded in the field of ocean affairs, the law of the sea, and related disciplines including marine science. The fellowship is a part of a trust fund project agreement signed on 22 April 2004 between the United Nations and [The Nippon Foundation of Japan](#) to provide capacity-building and human resource development to ocean and coastal affairs. The Fellowship Programme is jointly executed by the DOALOS and the DESA.

The United Nations General Assembly on 29 November 2005 reiterates the importance of human resources development for developing coastal States in the field of ocean affairs and the law of the sea and notes with satisfaction the ongoing implementation of this fellowship program in this regard.

“This Fellowship is a wonderful opportunity for me to work with eminent scholars at U Mass Boston, one of the prestigious participating host institutions, whose interests in coastal management issues intersect with mine,” said Hendra. “My primary project consists of reflecting back on my previous work under [the Asian Scholarship Foundation](#) and my current dissertation project, and examining in depth the ways in which the decentralized coastal zone management can work for three selected countries, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines.”

“We are honored that Hendra Siry join the EEOS as the UN-Nippon Foundation fellow in this year,” said [John Duff](#), professor and scholar on maritime and coastal law at EEOS. “His expertise in coastal zone management and his experience in working with the institutional strengthening issues in Indonesia will provide us all with great insight. We welcome him to the EEOS intellectual community and look forward to having his valuable output.”

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE AND PUBLICATIONS

Andrew Walker's new blog, New Mandala, is attracting increasing attention. The blog provides "anecdote, analysis and new perspectives on mainland Southeast Asia. It is written in conjunction with Nicholas Farely, ANU graduate (Asian Studies) and now on a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University. The blog can be viewed at: <http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/newmandala/>

Christine Boulan-Smit "Traditional territorial categories and constituent institutions in West Seram: The Nili Ela of 'Wele Telu Batai and the Alune Hena of Ma'saman Uwei". In: *Sharing the Earth - Carving up the Land: Territorial categories and institutions in the Austronesian world*. Ed.: Thomas Reuter- Canberra: Australian National University & Sydney: Pandanus Press, 2006.

Hendra Siry's "Decentralized Coastal Zone Management in Malayasia, Indonesia: A comparative Perspective" can be found on the RMAP website at the following link:
http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/projects/_docs/Siry_Coastal_Zone_Management.pdf

Masayuki Nishida "*The Second Report of MISHOP Relief Project of Sumatra Earthquake in Nias, North Sumatra—Evaluation of MISHOP Project*" —, Mitaka International Society for HOspitality (MISHOP) (in Japanese). An English summary of the publication is available from Masayuki.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Hydro-dynamic modelling of tropical floodplains: CSIRO Officer Level 5

(CSOF5: \$72 352 - \$78 297 + Superannuation. The appointment is indefinite subject to a satisfactory probationary period.

Enquiries

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OTHER NEWS

Clean Development Mechanism

Frank Jotzo (Postdoctoral Fellow with RMAP) recently taught part of a course for business, government and NGOs on the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), at the University of New South Wales. CDM is an offset mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol, whereby Kyoto ratifiers needing to lower greenhouse emissions (Europe, Japan, Canada, New Zealand) invest in projects to reduce emissions in developing countries.

Interest was strong particularly among Australian business representatives. This may seem surprising given that Australia has not ratified the Kyoto Protocol, and so cannot run or invest in CDM projects. The answer lies in the fact that under the CDM rules, companies from non-ratifying countries can still take part in the actual implementation of a project. So for example, an Australian company might supply technical know-how and equipment to, say, a hydropower project in the Philippines, with financing from Europe or Japan.

In this way, Australia can get a small slice of the multi-billion dollar CDM market, most of which happens in the Asian region. Of course, greenhouse business opportunities would be much greater were Australia to ratify the Kyoto Protocol.

Instructions for photocopier use

Over the next few days Caroline and Mary will be putting up instructions (near the photocopier) on how to get the most out of the photocopier. Reducing paper copying is of particular importance in terms of toner use and paper wastage. The RMAP photocopier has the capacity to scan documents into pdf form and this is a good way to reduce paper and toner consumption as well as provide digital information storage.

"Visiting Fellows Marjorie Sullivan (in photo) and Philip Hughes (the photo taker) carrying out research in NZ into the potential for developing a ski industry on the volcanoes of Java when the next ice age comes."

