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RMAP NEWS

Congratulations to Simon Haberle who was elected Chair of the College Forum in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. The Forum is an open meeting of the College, to which all academic, general staff and students are invited. Members of the College executive and committees attend general meetings, making short reports and answering questions.

Dr. Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt and Petra Mahy are carrying out a consultancy project for the World Bank titled 'Impacts of Mining on Women and Youth in Indonesia'. The project will seek to examine the nature and extent to which mining has positive or negative impacts on women and youth at two research sites (Sangatta and Bengalon) in East Kalimantan, Indonesia. It will also identify possible measures to enhance positive impacts and reduce or mitigate negative impacts.

John Burton is doing social mapping at Porgera as part of the Porgera Resettlement Social Impact Assessment project in PNG. The number of people proposed to be resettled is still unknown, but lies somewhere between 8,000 and 15,000. At the start, remedial work on a genealogical census of the Porgera mining lease in the 1990s showed approximately 19,000 names in the client's data files were either duplicates or the names of people who had died. John is now heading a small field team who are updating the corrected data using a customised genealogical chart designed for the project. The project raises many issues surrounding informed consent procedures and the conduct of research in a highly stressed social environment.

A reminder that the RMAP Annual Retreat on 7-8 December. Staff and students will meet on Thursday for discussions and staff will meet with the Steering Committee Chairman and a student representative on Friday for discussion focussed on financial and organizational issues.

Personnel changes

Farewell

Jeff Kinch has returned to PNG after his visiting fellowship with RMAP. He is now enrolled in the ANU School of Archaeology and Anthropology to complete his PhD.

Welcome

Dan Brockington is visiting RMAP as part of a fellowship he received from the UK's Economic and Social Research Council for a program of work investigating the Social Impacts of Protected Areas. Protected Areas (National Parks, Game Reserves, Forest Reserves, Historic Ship Wrecks etc) have expanded enormously in the last two decades and now cover more than ten per cent of the planet. Yet work on their social impacts is relatively diffuse and incoherent. He is here because Australia is a particularly interesting place to study them. Australia had few protected areas in 1960 but they cover more than ten per cent of its land surface now. More expansion is planned, with private and marine protected areas receiving particular attention. Some of its practices, such as joint management of national parks, and Indigenous Protected Areas, are showcased over the world. He wants to learn more about these practises: how they work; problems they face and how they distribute fortune and misfortune on different scales and to different groups.

Mr. Man Purotaganon, also a new visiting fellow in RMAP, has been a development worker in the Northeast of Thailand since 1980 with recent interests focused on community based natural resource management. In particular, his work on water management with the Thailand Research Fund has focused on involving local people as active players in the management of water resources. He has an undergraduate degree in Agriculture from Khonkaen University, Thailand and a Masters in Management of Agricultural Knowledge System from Wageningen Agricultural University in the Netherlands. He is currently finishing his PhD (Negotiating Water Policy) with the Natural Resource Management program at the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok. The focus of his research is on policy formulation shaped by interests and knowledge of local actors, comparing policy initiated through conventional policy processes.

ABSENCES/TRAVEL

Yumiko Asayama will be doing fieldwork in Fiji and Japan from 11 Nov–24 Dec.

Sarinda Singh will be away from 12 Nov–10 Feb on a short-term consultancy in Laos with a conservation NGO. She will be developing a small village survey and training government officials on how to use the survey.

Petra Mahy will be doing fieldwork in Indonesia from 24 Nov–20 Dec.

Karen Fisher will be attending the DevNet Conference in Dunedin from 29 Nov–2 Dec.

Keri Mills will be away 4 Dec–early April 2007 attending to fieldwork at Tongariro National Park in central North Island New Zealand.

FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES OF INTEREST

Petra Mahy	November 17, 2006 Seminar Room D 11.00-12.00	Decentralised Development and its Gendered Impacts in a Coal Mining Region of Indonesia (Student pre-fieldwork seminar)
Nina Lestari	November 21, 2006 Seminar Room B 12.30-1.30	Questioning Informality in Informal Coalmining in South Kalimantan (Student pre-fieldwork seminar)
Keri Mills	November 28, 2006 Seminar Room B 12.30-1.30	Indigenous Involvement in National Parks - New Zealand, Australia and Hawai'i (Student pre-fieldwork seminar)

Please refer to the rmap website link that follows for current seminars
<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/seminars.php>

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE AND PUBLICATIONS

Online publication on the Economic and Political Weekly website. Special Article by Richard Grove and Vinita Damodaran 'Imperialism, Intellectual Networks, and Environmental Change: Origins and Evolution of Global Environmental History, 1676-2000: Part: 1' Click on following link to view the article.

<http://www.epw.org.in/showArticles.php?root=2006&leaf=10&filename=10660&filetype=pdf>

OFF-LINE PUBLICATIONS

Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt and David Williams have been granted a \$2500 subsidy toward the publication of their 'coffee table' book titled 'Moving Pictures: Rickshaw Art of Bangladesh' by the ANU Publication Subsidy Committee. The book will be published in 2007 by Mapin Publishing who publish works on Indian art, history and culture.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

'NRMjobs' is a weekly email bulletin that advertises jobs and opportunities in the environment, water & natural resource management field in Australia and NZ. To subscribe, unsubscribe or advertise visit: <http://www.nrmjobs.com.au>

OTHER NEWS

ANUgreen representative, Keri Mills, would like to hear from anyone who needs a one-sided, used paper recycling box. Also if your recycling box is full, please email her for collection.
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