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The Centre’s objectives are:
- Research – to produce high quality academic research publications for international and domestic audiences;
- Training – to foster the development of high quality research graduates; and
- Engagement – to contribute to public policy debate and public understanding on issues concerning contemporary Asia.

Through a nationally competitive process, the Asia Research Centre was established as a Special Research Centre of the Australian Research Council in 1991 to provide analysis of social, political and economic change in contemporary East and Southeast Asia. Since the conclusion of this funding in 1999, Centre support has been comparatively limited and mainly from the University’s Schools, and occasional injections of strategic seed funding from the University.

The implementation of the University’s Strategic Plan offers opportunities for the Centre. With research excellence and internationalisation as key strategies and the dynamism of the Asian region highlighted the Centre contributes strongly to the University, state, nation and region.

The Asia Research Centre is administratively located in the School of Business and Governance.

For more than two decades, the Asia Research Centre has been an international leader in the study of East and Southeast Asia. The Centre’s researchers and postgraduate students have undertaken fundamental disciplinary and interdisciplinary research that examines a range of social, political, economic and environmental developments within this dynamic and important region.

Thematic to Centre research is the analysis of conflicts in a range of situations. These include: political and economic regimes; environmental and natural resources; ethnic, religious and national identities; cultural and media systems; and the security of states, communities and individuals. This research spans national, sub-national, regional and international levels.

The Centre encompasses researchers from three of Murdoch University’s Schools and provides an intellectual community that supports them and their research. Centre Fellows regularly collaborate with other researchers from universities in the region and from around the world.

The Centre has a strong postgraduate training programme and an excellent reputation for graduating students who have completed exceptional doctoral theses. It has a large cohort of domestic and international students supervised by its internationally acclaimed researchers.

About the Centre
Centre Researchers

• Professor Garry Rodan, Director
• Dr Dean Aszkielewicz
• Dr Jacqui Baker
• Associate Professor Michael Broderick
• Dr Joseph Christensen
• Dr Yinqchi Chu
• Dr Rajat Ganguly
• Professor Helena Grehen
• Dr Yvonne Haigh
• Emeritus Professor David Hill
• Dr Jane Hutchison
• Professor Kanishka Jayasuriya
• Professor Rikki Kersten
• Associate Professor Terence Lee
• Professor Neil Loneragan
• Dr Greg Lopez
• Professor Samuel Makinda
• Dr Victoria Mason
• Professor Vijay Mishra
• Dr Kim Moloney

• Dr Takeshi Moriyama
• Professor Benjamin Reilly
• Emeritus Professor Richard Robison
• Dr Fabio Scarpello
• Emeritus Professor Ian Scott
• Dr Arjun Subrahmanyan
• Dr Ranald Taylor
• Professor Malcolm Tull
• Associate Professor Peter Waring
• Associate Professor Carol Warren
• Professor James Warren
• Dr Ian Wilson
• Dr Jeffrey Wilson
• Professor Sandra Wilson
• Professor Xiaowen Tian

Borobudur Temple, Central Java, Indonesia. Photo by Professor Garry Rodan.
Centre Governance

The Centre is governed and advised on broad policy issues by a Board, chaired by Professor Neil Loneragan. An International Advisory Panel of eminent scholars and research leaders provide advice and guidance in the pursuit of the Centre’s research agenda.

The Centre Board

- Professor Neil Loneragan, School of Veterinary and Life Sciences, Environmental & Conservation Sciences, (Chair)
- Professor Garry Rodan, Director Asia Research Centre
- Professor Kanishka Jayasuriya, School of Business & Governance
- Professor Malcolm Tull, School of Business & Governance
- Associate Professor Carol Warren, School of Arts
- Dr Jeffrey Wilson, School of Business & Governance
- Professor Sandra Wilson, School of Arts
- Andrea Gleason, Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Western Australia

International Advisory Panel

- Professor Amitav Acharya, UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance and Chair of the ASEAN Studies Center, American University, Washington D.C., U.S.A.
- Professor Chua Beng Huat, Chair, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore
- Professor Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies, Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Kuala Lumpur
- Professor Tessa Morris-Suzuki, Professor of Japanese History, School of Culture, History and Language, College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University, Canberra
- Professor Yoon Hwan Shin, Professor of Political Science and Director, Institute of East Asian Studies, Sogang University, Seoul, Korea
- Professor Takashi Shiraishi, President, IDE-JETRO and President, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo, Japan
- James T. H. Tang, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Professor of Political Science, Singapore Management University
- Professor Lynn T. White, Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Emeritus, Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A.
- Professor Zang Xiaowei, Chair Professor and Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, City University of Hong Kong

Hikmawan Saefullah with colleagues at the Research Investment – Republic Indonesia (RIRI) seminar, Canberra
Research Achievements

In total, refereed academic publications in 2017 by Fellows of the Centre included five authored books, one edited book, one guest-edited special journal issue, 29 articles and 12 book chapters. Each analyses an aspect of Asia and/or its relationships with the rest of the world.

The five authored books were especially significant achievements, two of which were published with the prestigious Columbia University Press and the remainder with highly reputable commercial and university press publishers. Congratulations to the authors—Professors Sandra Wilson, Helena Grehan, Associate-Professor Mick Broderick, and Drs Jeffrey Wilson and Dean Aszkielowicz—for their considerable achievements. It was also an especially meritorious year for PhD research completions, with nine degrees conferred in the year. There was also one research M.Phil awarded in 2017.

New academic research grants involving Centre Fellows amounted to a value of $2,742,347. This included purely social scientific and humanities research as well as collaborations with scientists. Funding sources thus ranged, including awards from the Australian Research Council (ARC), the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), and the Hong Kong Research Grant Council.

Among the largest grants, Dr Jane Hutchison was part of one collaboration with scientists analysing land management in Bangladesh, while Professor Neil Loneragan and Associate-Professor Carol Warren led a team of social and natural scientists examining small-scale fisheries in Indonesia, household benefits and the roles of women. Professor Vijay Mishra secured support for yet another ARC Discovery Project, extending his work on the legacy of colonialism. Meanwhile, there were continuing grants to the value of $3,048,634 involving thirteen projects.

Additional research income during the year came from consultancies. The most significant of these was conducted for the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Cardno Emerging Markets Australia Pty Ltd. valued at just over $200,000. The project, Political Economy Analysis for Australia Indonesia Partnership for Justice, was another exercise in applied political economy that reflects the Centre’s international reputation for innovative analyses of how to address challenges of governance reform and policy implementation in the region. Drs Jacqui Baker and Ian Wilson teamed up with Dr Jane Hutchison and Emeritus Professor Richard Robison for this particular project. In a separate consultancy, Dr Jeffrey Wilson worked for the Perth USAsia Centre, producing policy-oriented reports on trade and investment issues.

Honours and Awards

Various new honours and forms of professional recognition during 2017 underlined the research quality and reputations of Centre Fellows. Professor Sandra Wilson and Dr Dean Aszkielowicz (together with co-authors Robert Cribb of the Australian National University and Beatrice Trefalt of Monash University) were the winners of the 2017 New South Wales Premier’s History Award (in the General History Category) for their book published in February of that year with Columbia University Press, Japanese War Criminals: The Politics of Justice After The Second World War.

In professional honours and roles: Dr Kim Moloney was also elected to chair the Section on International and Comparative Administration within the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA), a role that will finish in March 2021; Professor Malcolm Tull was appointed a Member of the Océanides Committee of Honour, Océanides being a scientific body concerned with the relationship between oceans and political, economic and social issues; Dr Jeffrey Wilson was appointed editor of the A-ranked journal Contemporary Politics; and Professor Helena Grehan was appointed Associate Editor of Performance Research—a prominent international journal fostering engagement between scholarly and performing art.

Murdoch University’s most prestigious research honour was also bestowed on Professor Sandra Wilson, through the Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence in Research Award for Distinguished and Sustained Achievement.
Postgraduate Research

Awards were not limited to academic staff. The exceptional success of the Centre’s graduate students in securing highly-prized and competitive Endeavour Fellowships, funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, continued in 2017 through an award to Rebecca Meckleberg. Rebecca was awarded $60,000 to cover fieldwork costs in Indonesia during her PhD candidature. This meant that Centre PhD candidates have secured seven Endeavour Fellowships from eight applications since funding for the scheme began in 2010.

The importance of research students to the Asia Research Centre’s mission was highlighted in 2017 by the impressive number of completions. However, it warrants emphasis that these researchers not only enrich the intellectual life of the Centre during their candidature and through their completed projects. They also constitute an ‘Asia Research Centre diaspora’ that lays the basis for continuing research and professional networks and, indeed, friendships, for years to come. Centre Fellows greatly value these links.

Seminars and Public Events

Throughout 2017, the Centre hosted and co-hosted a range of public seminars on and off-campus. External co-hosts included the Indonesia Project at the Australian National University, Perth USAsia Centre, the Confucius Institute at the University of Western Australia, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

Talks incorporated contributions from various scholars and policy practitioners or analysts on topics such as: the significance of the Trump presidency for the Indo-Pacific; opportunities for advancing women’s rights and social and political participation in post-conflict societies with and beyond the Asian region; the relationship between law and politics in the Philippines; emerging challenges to established alliances between federal and state political alliances in Malaysia; Australia’s security relationship with Japan amidst major geopolitical dynamics involving China and the United States in the Asian region; changing patterns in Islamic militancy in the Asia-Pacific; the domestic political foundations of China’s One Belt, One Road regional investment policy; and evaluations of various local-level elections for pending national elections in the region.

This last topic included a panel discussion between the Centre’s Dr Ian Wilson with Australian National University’s Marcus Mietzner about Jakarta’s gubernatorial elections in 2017. This was livestreamed to the ANU enabling questions and discussion from both campuses.

Media and Engagement

The translation of Fellows’ research into public engagement through international and national media was extensive and broad-ranging. Through opinion pieces, media interviews and quotes across different platforms, this engagement encompassed specialist public and private policymakers, diplomatic communities and popular audiences.


Support

The Centre’s core administrative salaries, infrastructure and a small operating budget were again provided by the School of Business and Governance, facilitating a capacity for the Centre to seek external funding. The Director is grateful for this and other support from the Acting Dean of the School and the subsequently appointed Dean of the School during 2017, respectively Associate-Professor Grant Cullen and Professor Grant O’Neill. Some project seed funding from the Office of the DVC-Research and the School of Business and Governance was also very welcomed.

In late 2017, the Centre’s submission of a five-year plan to the competitive process for University Research Institutes and Centres had been approved. This appeared to potentially put the Centre on a firmer long-term financial and planning footing. Details of new funding and governance arrangements and schedules were expected to be provided in early 2018.

Finally, a special thanks to the Centre’s Administrative Officer, Ms Sia Kozlowski, who continued to provide the Director and all Fellows and postgraduates with exceptional support. Her ability and dedication are major assets of the Centre.

Garry Rodan
Director
• **Professor Jacqui True**, Monash University, *The Political Economy of Women’s Post-Conflict Participation*.

• **Dr Bjorn Dressel**, Australian National University, *Navigating Law, Politics and Informality: A Study of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, 1986-2015*.

• **Dr Arnold Puyok**, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, *Regional Dynamics in Malaysia’s Electoral Politics*.

• **Professor Go Ito**, Meiji University, *Australia, Japan, and the Future of Asia*.

• **Dr Bibhu Prasad Routray**, Visiting Professor, and ICCR Chair India Studies at Murdoch University, *From local to global: Changing contours of Jihadis aspirations in Asia Pacific*.

• **Professor Baogang He**, Deakin University, *The Domestic Politics of One Belt, One Road: The Authoritarian Investment Model*.

• **Dr Shanthie Mariet D’Souza**, Visiting Research Associate, Founder and President of Mantraya, Goa, India, *International intervention and paradox of “peace and stability” in Afghanistan*.

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**Asia Research Centre Public Seminar Series**

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*Photo by Dr Ian Wilson*
Asia Research Centre Public Panel Discussions

- 23 February public panel discussion by Dr Jeffrey Wilson, Research Fellow at the Perth USAsia Centre and the Asia Research Centre at Murdoch University, Professor Kanishka Jayasuriya, Professor of Politics and International Studies and a Fellow of the Asia Research Centre at Murdoch University, and Professor Baogang He, Alfred Deakin Professor and Chair in International Relations at Deakin University speaking on Trump Shock and the Indo-Pacific: Implications for our Region. In collaboration between the Perth USAsia Centre and the Confucius Institute at The University of Western Australia.

- 27 April panel discussion by Dr Ian Wilson, Lecturer in Politics and International Studies, Fellow of the Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University and Dr Marcus Mietzner, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, speaking on Jakarta gubernatorial Elections: outcomes and implications.
New Externally Awarded Grants in 2017

**Australian Centre of International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)**

Jane Hutchison and Richard Bell (with E Haque)
*Nutrient Management for Diversified Cropping in Bangladesh*
2018-22, $2,340,000

**Australian Centre of International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)**

Neil Loneragan and Carol Warren (with N Stacey, E Gibson, D Adhuri, V Jaiteh, P Mustika, D Steenbergen and B Wiryawan)
*Small-scale Fisheries in Indonesia: Benefits to Households, the Roles of Women, and Opportunities for Improving Livelihoods*
2017, $185,000

**Australian Centre of International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)**

Vijay Mishra
*The Agony of Arrival: A Critical Study of the Works of V.S. Naipaul*
2017-19, $116,572

**Hong Kong Research Grant Council**

Ian Scott (with T Gong)
*The Quest for Joined-up Government: Structural Relationships and the Silos in Hong Kong*
2017-20, HK$429,000 (AUD $71,500)

**LPDP Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education**

Ian Wilson
Gadjah Mada University International Collaboration Research grant scheme
*Vertical Politics, funded by the LPDP: Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education*
2017-18, $23,000

**City University of Hong Kong**

Ian Scott (with T Gong)
Supplemental grant for the project *The Quest for Joined-up Government: Structural Relationships and the Silos in Hong Kong*
2017-20, HK$ 21,450 (AUD $3,575)

**Australian Academy of the Humanities Travelling Fellowship**

Arjun Subrahmanyan
Conduct research in Bangkok at the National Archives of Thailand.
2017, $2,700
2017 was a very challenging year for the global economy. As Donald Trump assumed the US Presidency, he undertook a series of coercive trade threats or disputes against many of the major economies in our region, including China, Japan, Korea and Canada. After Trump withdrew the US, the original Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement collapsed. The ASEAN-led Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) – widely viewed as an alternative to the TPP – also faced stiff headwinds due to disagreements between India, China and ASEAN. Australia now faces a more complex and politically-charged regional economic environment than at any time in the last fifty years.

Centre Fellow Jeffrey Wilson played a key role in policy debates over how Australia should respond to the deterioration of its regional economic environment. He contributed to several policy development programs by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, including consultations on its Foreign Policy White Paper 2017 and India Economic Strategy. He published eight policy papers with the Perth USAsia Centre, the Rajaratnam School of International Studies, and the United States Studies Centre. His work has appeared in many high-impact media outlets, including the ABC, New York Times, CCTV, Forbes Asia, South China Morning Post, the Guardian, BBC News, Voice of America, and Australian Financial Review. In November, he was an official delegate to track-two dialogues on the 45th Anniversary on China-Australia Diplomatic Relations hosted in Beijing, and on the evolution of the regional trading architecture in Singapore.

Wilson has argued Australia needs to adopt a more multilateral approach to its Asian trade relationships. Instead of pursuing bilateral FTAs with key partners, multilateral agreements such as the recently resuscitated ‘TPP-11’ and RCEP offer a much stronger platform for regional economic engagement. They open more opportunities in the services and agricultural sectors, enable businesses to participate in regional value chains in Asia, and give the Australian government a say in developing the rules for the regional economic architecture. As headwinds facing the global trade system increase, it is time Australia looks to multilateral solutions for building a rules-based economic system in the Asian region.

### Research Consultancy Activities

**Jacqui Baker, Ian Wilson, Jane Hutchison and Richard Robison**

**Political Economy Analysis for Australia Indonesia Partnership for Justice Program 2 (AIPJ2), 2017, $218,319**

In 2017, ARC Fellows Jacqui Baker, Ian Wilson, Richard Robison and Jane Hutchison completed a Political Economy Analysis (PEA) $218,319 tender for Cardno Emerging Markets and DFAT in Jakarta. This was on the Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Justice, Phase 2 (AIPJ2) five-year program to promote strong and accessible justice and security institutions that enhance respect for enforceable rights and rules-based governance systems, over time contributing to stability and prosperity in Indonesia and the region. The tender covered all five pillars of the AIPJ2: Transparency, accountability and anti-corruption; Countering transnational crime and security strengthening; Promoting religious tolerance and countering radicalization; Prison reform; and Gender equity and disability rights. In addition to a final 65-page report, the team conducted two design workshops with AIPJ2 staff in Jakarta in August and November.

The project also involved Dr Luky Djani, who completed his PhD in 2013 at the Asia Research Centre under the supervision of Emeritus Professor Richard Robison.

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**Jeffrey Wilson**

Research Fellow, Perth USAsia Centre

**Summary of Jeffrey Wilson’s outreach work in calendar 2017**

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Continuing Grants

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Michael Broderick
Utilitarian Filmmaking in Australia 1945 – 1980
2016-19, $363,359

Australia Research Council Linkage Grant
James Warren
Hazards, Tipping Points, Adaptation and Collapse in the Indo-Pacific World, Post -1000CE
2016-18, $345,044

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Helen Grehan (with E Scheer, P Eckersall, J Reinelt, C Wake and E Paterson)
Power and Performance: Revaluing Theatre in the 21st century
2016-18, $137,455

City University of Hong Kong
Ian Scott (with T Gong)
Understanding Public Attitudes towards Corruption: A Tale of Three Cities
2016-18, HK$200,000 (AUD $34,800)

Independent Commission Against Corruption, Hong Kong
Ian Scott (with T Gong)
Success Factors in Corruption Prevention
2016-17, HK$498,885 (AUD $86,800)

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
James Warren (with Joseph Christensen) and a multi-country team
Pearls, People and Power: Global Commodity History and Material Culture in the Transformation of the Indian Ocean World, 16th-20th Centuries
2015-18, $438,058

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Jeffrey Wilson (with M Beeson)
The Political Economy of Australia-China economic relations
2015-17, $154,418

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Harry Warren (with C Antons, W Logan and J Chen)
Intangible Cultural Heritage across Borders: Laws, structures and strategies in China and its ASEAN neighbours
2013-17, $300,000

Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
Malcolm Tull and Neil Loneragan (with J Tweedley and M Hughes)
Golden fish: evaluating and optimising the biological, social and economic returns of small-scale fisheries
2016-18, $398,000

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Carol Warren (with J McCarthy and A McWilliam)
Household Vulnerability and the Politics of Social Protection in Indonesia: Towards an Integrated Approach
2014-17, $385,000

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Sandra Wilson (with R Cribb)
War Crimes and the Japanese Military, 1941-45
2015-17, $140,600

Hong Kong Research Grant Council
Ian Scott (with T Gong and J Bacon-Shone)
Public Perceptions of Corruption in Hong Kong
2014-17, HK$669,500 (AUD $115,100)
Awards and Honours

Dean Aszkielowicz
Winner of the 2017 N.S.W. Premier’s History Awards (General History category)
Japanese war criminals: the politics of justice after the Second World War

Shortlisted for the 2017 N.S.W. Premier’s History Awards (Australian History category)

Helena Grehan
Appointed Associate Editor of the leading international journal Performance Research

Rebecca Meckelburg
Endeavour Postgraduate Award, this scholarship covers fieldwork in Indonesia, 2016-2017, $60,000.

Kim Moloney
Elected ‘Chair-elect’ of the Section on International and Comparative Administration (SICA) within the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA). Kim will be Chair from March 2017 to March 2019 and then Chair from March 2019 to March 2021.

Malcolm Tull
Appointed Member of the Océanides Committee of Honour. Océanides is a scientific, educational and humanist project with three objectives: to provide scientific proof that the oceans are at the heart of political, economic and social issues, to enrich the global policy of the seas and to train future generations.

Jeffrey Wilson
Editor, Contemporary Politics Journal, Taylor & Francis Ltd.

Sandra Wilson
Winner of the 2017 N.S.W. Premier’s History Awards (General History category)
Japanese war criminals: the politics of justice after the Second World War.

Vice-Chancellor’s Excellence in Research Award for Distinguished and Sustained Achievement, 2017
Current Asia Research Centre
Postgraduate Students

Sait Abdulah
Topic: Post Conflict Reconstruction: Elites, welfare and women ex-combatants in Aceh Region, Indonesia
(Supervisors: Jane Hutchison, Jacqui Baker and Kevin Hewison)

Nurul Aini
Topic: Challenging the Local State: Subaltern resistance in post decentralised Yogyakarta, Indonesia
(Supervisors: Ian Wilson, Jacqui Baker and Jane Hutchison)

Muhammad Al Fadhat
Topic: The Rise of Internationalized Capital: ASEAN Economic Governance and Indonesian Conglomerates
(Supervisors: Jeffrey Wilson and Kanishka Jayasuriya)

Rendro Dhani
Topic: Political Public Relations in Indonesia During the Yudhoyono Presidency 2004-2014
(Supervisors: Kate Fitch and Terence Lee)

Tianyi Du (Tony)
Topic: China’s search for food security and its implications for China-Australia grain trade
(Supervisors: Malcolm Tull and Anne Garnett)

Max Findley
Topic: Rationalizing Disaster: Early Modern Spanish-Filipino Dialogues on Hazard
(Supervisors: James Warren, Carol Warren and Joseph Christensen)

Jely Galang
Topic: Chinese Vagrants in the Late-Nineteenth Century Manila
(Supervisors: James Warren and Arjun Subramanyan)

Ligia Giay
Topic: The Dutch colonial state and the labour question in the pearlting industry in the Aru Islands c.1870-1940
(Supervisors: James Warren, Carol Warren and Joseph Christensen)

Kazi Haque
Topic: The Political Economy of NGOs: Transcending of Civil Society into Market
(Supervisors: Kanishka Jayasuriya and Jane Hutchison)

Irwansyah Irwansyah
Topic: Political Economy of Local Labour Conflict during Decentralization Period in Indonesia
(Supervisors: Jane Hutchison and Ian Wilson)

Melissa Johnston
Topic: The ‘Local Turn’ in International Development: Implications for women and resource distribution in Timor-Leste and West Timor
(Supervisors: Jane Hutchison, Carol Warren and Ian Wilson)

Jasmine Kaur
Topic: Evaluating Port Reform in Indonesia using the Matching Framework: A case study of the ports of Tanjung Priok and Tanjung Emas
(Supervisors: Malcolm Tull and Ranald Taylor)

Marco Lagman
Topic: A Historical Geography of Accommodation, Hybridity, and Resistance of Filipino Women in Nineteenth Century Manila
(Supervisors: James Warren and Carol Warren)

Howard Lee
Topic: Media Regulation in Singapore
(Supervisors: Terence Lee and Tania Lim)

Charlotte Pham’s PhD short-listed for the 10th ICAS Book Prize (IBP)

In May 2017, Charlotte Pham’s PhD, entitled “A Maritime Cultural Landscape of Cochinchina: The South China Sea, Maritime Routes, Navigation, and Boats in Pre-colonial Central Vietnam” was short-listed for the 10th ICAS Book Prize (IBP) 2017, in the section “ICAS 10 Dissertation Prize Humanities”. That year, 330 books and 125 dissertations were submitted.

The International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) is the most inclusive international gathering in the field of Asian Studies. ICAS attracts participants from over 60 countries to engage in global dialogues on Asia that transcend boundaries between academic disciplines and geographic areas.

The ICAS Book Prize (IBP) was established by the International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS) in 2004. It aims to create an international focus for academic publications on Asia, thus increasing their worldwide visibility. Since its inception the IBP has grown from an experiment to a full-fledged prize with more than 200 publications submitted by 60 publishers worldwide, and with 100 dissertations competing. The prizes were awarded during ICAS 10, which took place in Chiang Mai, Thailand, 20-23 July 2017.
Elaine Llarena  
Topic: Crisis and Risk Communication in Response to Zoonotic Emerging Infectious Diseases in Southeast Asia  
(Supervisors: Anne Surma, Garry Rodan, Kate Fitch, John Edwards)

Jessica Manulong  
Topic: International Trade Legalization in Southeast Asia  
(Supervisors: Jeffrey Wilson and Kanishka Jayaturiya)

Stuart McLintock  
Topic: Obstacles to justice and the failure of the International Criminal Court in Palestine, Sri Lanka and Syria  
(Supervisors: Victoria Mason and Ian Wilson)

Rebecca Meckelburg  
Topic: Fragmented activism: Understanding lower class political agency in rural post-Suharto Indonesia  
(Supervisors: Carol Warren and Ian Wilson)

Anabelle Ragsag  
Topic: Exploring the Directions of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program in the Philippines  
(Supervisors: Jane Hutchison and Garry Rodan)

Hikmawan Saefullah  
Topic: Underground music scene and Islamic Politics in Post-Authoritarian Indonesia  
(Supervisors: Ian Wilson and Jacqui Baker)

Lian Sinclair  
Topic: Undermining Conflict: mining and participatory conflict management in Indonesia  
(Supervisors: Jane Hutchison, Garry Rodan and Shahar Hameiri)

Tri Rainny Syafarani  
Topic: Policy Entrepreneurship in Indonesia  
(Supervisors: Yvonne Haigh, Jacqui Baker and Carol Warren)

Chu Minh Thao  
Topic: Vietnam’s International Trade Policymaking  
(Supervisors: Jeffrey Wilson and Garry Rodan)

Nguyet Tran  
Topic: Beneficiary status and level of access to social security policies of farmers in the Mekong Delta region, Vietnam  
(Supervisors: Carol Warren and Anja Reid)

Vitti Valenzuela  
Topic: The Politics of Reform in Socialized Housing: The Kaantabay sa Kauswagan Program of Naga City, the Philippines  
(Supervisors: Jane Hutchison and Carol Warren)

Lisa Woodward  
Topic: Understanding the impacts of vulnerability and social protection policies on the lives and future directions of young people in rural households in Indonesia  
(Supervisors: Carol Warren and Anja Reid)

Elaine Llarena

Jessica Manulong

Stuart McLintock

Rebecca Meckelburg

Anabelle Ragsag

Hikmawan Saefullah

Lian Sinclair

Tri Rainny Syafarani

Chu Minh Thao

Nguyet Tran

Vitti Valenzuela

Lisa Woodward

Dr Charlotte Minh Ha Pham

PhD Completions

Theresa Alders  
Topic: Floodwaters of death - Vulnerability and disaster in Ormoc City, Philippines: Assessing the 1991 flood and twenty years of recovery  
(Supervisors: Jim Warren and Carol Warren)

Nicole Andres  
Topic: Media-elite interactions in Post-Authoritarian Indonesia  
(Supervisors: David Hill and Garry Rodan)

Patricia Dacudao  
Topic: Abaca: the creation of a transpacific, transnational and transcultural Davao, 1898-1941  
(Supervisors: James Warren and Carol Warren)

Diswandi Diswandi  
Topic: Sustainable Community Forestry Management in Lombok, Indonesia  
(Supervisors: Malcolm Tull, Carol Warren and Ranald Taylor)

Asep Iqbal  
Topic: Islamic Cyberactivism: Internet and the Salafi Movement in Indonesia  
(Supervisors: David Hill and Garry Rodan)

Vanessa Jaiteh  
Topic: “Sharks are important, but so is rice”: Opportunities and challenges for shark fisheries management and livelihoods in eastern Indonesia  
(Supervisors: Neil Loneragan and Carol Warren)

Charlotte Minh Ha Pham  
Topic: A Maritime Cultural Landscape of Cochinchina: The South China Sea, Maritime Routes, Navigation, and Boats in Pre-colonial Central Vietnam”  
Shortlisted for the 2017 ICASS Global Prize for best Humanities thesis on Asia  
(Supervisors: Jim Warren, Wendy Van Duivenvoorde and Jeremy Green)

Muningar Saraswati  
Topic: Social Network Sites and Election Campaigns in Contemporary Indonesia  
(Supervisors: David Hill and Vedi Hadiz)

Agung Wardana  
Topic: Law, Space and Development: Contested Space and Governance in Contemporary Bali  
(Supervisors: Carol Warren, Jacqui Baker and Jo Goodie)

MPhil – Masters Research Training

Paul van Nimwegen  
Topic: Marine Protected Area Management in Indonesia  
(Supervisors: Neil Loneragan and Carol Warren)
Publications

**Authored Books**

**Dean Aszkiełowicz**
The Australian pursuit of Japanese war criminals, 1943-1957: from foe to friend, Hong Kong University Press.

**Michael Broderick**

**Helena Grehan**
(with P Eckersall and E Scheer) New Media Dramaturgy: Performance, Media and New Materialism, Palgrave Macmillan.

**Jeffrey Wilson**

**Sandra Wilson and Dean Aszkiełowicz**
(with R Cribb and B Trefalt) Japanese war criminals: the politics of justice after the Second World War, Columbia University Press.
Professor Sandra Wilson and Dr Dean Aszkielowicz are part of an inter university team of four history scholars producing ground-breaking research on Japanese war criminals. Their co-authored book, *Japanese War Criminals: The Politics of Justice After the Second World War*, won the General History category in Australia’s most prestigious competition for history publications, the New South Wales Premier’s Award for History in 2017.

Examining the complex moral, ethical, legal, and political issues surrounding the Allied prosecution project, *Japanese War Criminals* shows how a simple effort to punish the guilty evolved into a multidimensional struggle that muddied the assignment of criminal responsibility for war crimes.

Their book makes a unique contribution to our understanding of the construction of the post-war international order in Asia and to our comprehension of the difficulties of implementing transitional justice.

Sandra and Dean are Fellows of the Asia Research Centre at Murdoch University, have authored further texts on Japanese and Australian history, and are regularly supervising PhD research in History and Asian Studies in the School of Arts.
**Edited Books**

**Greg Lopez**
(with B Welsh) *Regime Resilience in Malaysia and Singapore*, SIRD Publication, Petaling Jaya.

**Book Chapters**

**Michael Broderick**


**Joseph Christensen**

**Vijay Mishra**


**Benjamin Reilly**

**Hikmawan Saefullah**

**Malcom Tull**

**Ian Wilson**

**Jeffrey Wilson**

**Sandra Wilson**

Peer Refereed Journal Articles

Michael Broderick

‘Post-Kubrick: on the filmmaker’s influence and legacy’, Screening the Past, 42, October.


Diswandi Diswandi
‘A hybrid Coasian and Pigouvian approach to Payment for Ecosystem Services Program in West Lombok: Does it contribute to poverty alleviation?’, Ecosystem Services, 23(C), 138–145.

Helena Grehan

(with B Dunstone) ‘Chaos and “convergence” on the Australian Goldfields: the politics of performance in the 1890s’, Australasian Drama Studies, 70, April, 35-56.

Neil Loneragan


Vijay Mishra


Ben Reilly
东南亚地区的选举体系 (‘Electoral Systems in Southeast Asia’) in 南洋问题研究 (The Study of South Ocean), Xiamen University, 207, 3: 74-86.


Garry Rodan

Ian Scott


‘The challenge of preserving Hong Kong’s successful anti-corruption system’, Asian Education and Development Studies, 6, 3: 227-237.

Arjun Subrahmanyan

Xiaowen Tian


Malcolm Tull


Carol Warren


Jeffrey Wilson
Journal Special Issue

Michael Broderick
‘Post-Kubrick’ dossier, Screening the Past. 42, October.

Public Lectures, Conference, Seminar and Workshop Presentations

Muhammad Al Fadhat

Jacqui Baker
Seminar of data finding ‘Dynamics in Police Shootings in Indonesia’, Flinders University, Adelaide, July.

Michael Broderick


‘Nuclear Scholarship in the Humanities’, Keynote, Liverpool University, Liverpool, 19-20 April.

‘We’ll Meet Again: Dr. Strangelove and the Nuclear Film Genre’, Australian Cinematheque, Queensland Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, 3 March.

‘Nuking Melbourne – the imagination of disaster on screen’, Screening Melbourne Conference, RMIT, Monash, Deakin Universities, Deakin Edge, Melbourne, 21-23 February.

Joseph Christensen


An ‘unexpectedly important place’: territorial waters, self- government and ports on the Northwest Australian coast in the late nineteenth century’, Peoples, Places and Cultures in Asian and World History, c. 1300-1850, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, 5-7 January.

‘Queen City of the North: ‘Floating Stations’ and the Foundation of Broome, Western Australia’, Toward a new urban history: Identity and spatiality in ports-of-trade c.100 c. 1850, Asiatic Society of Bengal, Kolkata, 2-4 January.

Jely Galang

‘The Chinese Cargadores of Manila during the Nineteenth century’, Keynote, 4th Junior Conference for Chinese Studies, Ricardo Leong Centre for Chinese Studies, Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City, 6-7 November.

Helena Grehan
‘Theatre, Politics and Popularism in the time of the post-political’, Research Institute for Letters, Arts and Sciences, Waseda University, Tokyo, 8 November.


Neil Loneragan
ACIAR workshop on research directions. Discussions with Fisheries Program Manager on research on fisheries, Canberra, 12-13 December.

Bogor Agricultural University, International Symposium on Sustainable Fisheries, Keynote Speaker, Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia, August 23.

‘Research and management priorities for the Conservation of Sharks and Rays Workshop, Wildlife Conservation Society of Indonesia, 29-30 August.

Rebecca Meckelburg

Kim Moloney

Benjamin Reilly
‘How is the world borrowing from Australia to combat political polarisation?’, Murdoch University Public Lecture, Perth, 31 October.

‘Can China Democratize?’, Australian National University, Canberra, 3 August and University of Western Australia, Perth, 23 October.


‘Centripetalism in Established Democracies’, IPSA Colloquium on Democratization and Constitutional Design in Divided Societies, University of Nicosia, Cyprus, 25-28 June.


‘Democracy and development in Southeast Asia: China’s long shadow’, Keynote, Democracy and Human Rights in East and South-East Asia Conference, Lund University, Sweden, 10 March.

Garry Rodan
‘Capitalism, Conflict and New Political Representation in Southeast Asia’, workshop hosted by Griffith Asia Institute in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 12-13 October.


Hikmawan Saefullah
‘Media and Change in the Arab World’, Faculty of Business Administration and Communication Studies, Atma Jaya Catholic University of Indonesia (on-line lecture), Jakarta, 9 November.

Seminar introducing Indonesian researchers about Australia’s approaches to research investment. Research Investment – Republic Indonesia (RIRI) seminar, Australia Awards Indonesia, DFAT Australia, Canberra, 24-25 October.
Forum to foster communication and collaboration that enables the sharing of research plans and findings among Indonesianists in Western Australia, Western Australia Indonesia Forum (WAIF), University of Western Australia, Perth, 18 July.

Workshop on the discourses of social inclusion and community debate in Australia, SETARA Gender Workshop, Australia Awards Indonesia, DFAT Australia, Perth, 17 May.

Ian Scott
‘Understanding perceptions of effectiveness: lessons from Hong Kong’s Independent Commission Against Corruption’, Perceptions of Corruption and Anti-Corruption Performance: Indicators and Measurements Conference, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 26 February.

Lian Sinclair

‘Konflik, Kuasa dan Kapital: perusahaan pertambangan Australia di Indonesia’ (Conflict, Power and Capital: Australian mining companies in Indonesia), presentation to the Center for Security and Peace Studies, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, 23 November.

‘Participating in Conflict: mining in Indonesia’, presentation to the Agrarian Resource Centre, Bandung, 1 November.


Sri Soehoed
“The development of political public relations in Indonesia during the Yudhoyono Presidency (2004 – 2014)”, International History of Public Relations Conference (IHPRC), Bournemouth University, Dorset, 7 February.

‘The ethical dilemma of facilitation payments’, 4th International Conference on CSR, Sustainability, Ethics & Governance, Murdoch University, Perth, 26-28 July.

Malcolm Tull

James Warren

Ian Wilson and Jacqui Baker
(with Marcus Mietzner) panel discussion on Jakarta gubernatorial Elections: outcomes and implications, Murdoch University, 27 April.

Jeffrey Wilson

‘From revisionism to status seeking: China’s Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank initiative’, Speech at Balsillie School of International Affairs, Ontario, 14 September.

‘How will Asia’s regional economic architecture adjust to the Trump Shock?’, Speech to Trump and Asia Public Roundtable, Perth USAsia Centre/University of Western Australia, 23 February.


Sandra Wilson
‘Indian Prisoners of the Japanese Military’, paper presented to workshop, Indians in War and Revolution in the Asia-Pacific Region, Australian National University, Canberra, 20 February.
Other Publications, including op-eds and other media publications

Jacqui Baker
‘Behind Indonesia’s illiberal turn’, New Mandala, 20 October.
‘Indonesia might be copying the vigilante violence of Duterte’s drug war’, interview, Washington Post, 4 August.
‘Indonesia might be copying the vigilante violence of Duterte’s drug war’, Associated Press, 4 August.

David Hill
(with Krishna Sen) ‘Why we won’t see Trump-like nationalism in Indonesia’, Huffington Post, 21 September.

Kanishka Jayasuriya
‘Diplomacy Key to Creating an Asian Research Area’, Australian Institute of International Affairs, Australian Outlook, 18 April.
‘China’s influence as symptom of larger changes’, Australian Outlook, 19 June.

Neil Loneragan

Vijay Mishra

Benjamin Reilly
‘China’s Bad Behaviour a Wake-up call’, Australian Institute of International Affairs Australian Outlook, 8 May.

Garry Rodan
‘Singapore’s Uncontested President’, Wall Street Journal, 15-17 September.
‘Singapore’s Elected Presidency under Fire’, Australian Outlook, 21 April.

Hikmawan Saefullyah
‘“Nevermind the jahiliyyah, here’s the hijrahs”, Punk and the religious turn in the contemporary Indonesian underground scene,’ Punk & Post Punk, 6, 2: 263-89.

Ian Wilson
‘Jakarta: inequality and the poverty of elite pluralism’, New Mandala, 19 April.

Policy Publications and Consultancy Reports

David Hill
‘Language, education and Australia-Indonesia relations,’ Institutional submissions on trade diplomacy and foreign investment, Foreign Policy White Paper 2017, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia).

Jane Hutchison

Kanishka Jayasuriya

Carol Warren
‘Environmental Security in Asia - implications for Australian Foreign Policy,’ Institutional submissions on trade diplomacy and foreign investment, Foreign Policy White Paper 2017, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia).


Ian Wilson
‘The political economy of rising religious intolerance in Indonesia,’ Institutional submissions on trade diplomacy and foreign investment, Foreign Policy White Paper 2017, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia).
Jeffery Wilson


Institutional submission on trade integration, India Economic Strategy Taskforce 2017-18, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia).

Australia-Indonesia Working Group (AIWG), Track-two dialogue member and trade policy contributor, Perth USAsia Centre.

‘Beyond TPP: Maintaining US engagement in Asia’s emerging trade architecture’, Sydney, United States Studies Centre.


‘RCEP: India’s economic bridge to Asia’, in Realising the Indo-Pacific: Tasks for India’s Regional Integration, Perth, Perth USAsia Centre.

“What does China want from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank?” Perth, Perth USAsia Centre.


‘Australia’s post-Trump trade agenda: Making sense of limited options’, Sydney, United States Studies Centre.


Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Foreign Policy White Paper Submission

In 2016, the Australian Government instructed the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) to begin production of a Foreign Policy White Paper. It is to be the first such White Paper issued since 2013. Recognising that Australia’s external environment has changed significantly in the last 13 years, the Foreign Policy White Paper sought to provide a roadmap for advancing Australia’s international interests in the years ahead.

Public consultations for the White Paper were conducted between November 2016 and February 2017. A call for written submissions was issued by DFAT’s Foreign Policy White Paper Taskforce, alongside roundtable discussions with policy experts hosted in each state and territory capital.

As one of Australia’s pre-eminent institutions on the political, economic and social change in the contemporary Indo-Pacific, the Asia Research Centre was well-positioned to contribute to this nationally-significant policymaking process. Centre Fellows contributed insights to DFAT’s roundtable discussions, as well as making formal and more detailed submissions for the consideration of the Taskforce.

These contributions addressed a diverse set of policy areas, including environmental security, science diplomacy, language and education initiatives, trade policy and human security. While their content is relevant to a wide range of countries, Indonesia features especially prominently, reflecting the Centre’s internationally-recognised reputation as a leader on Indonesia studies. This is particularly timely, given the centrality of both Western Australia and Indonesia to the Indo-Pacific architecture emerging within our region.

This compendium presents the five formal submissions made by Centre Fellows to the DFAT Foreign Policy White Paper Taskforce. They reflect the breadth and depth of our expertise in Australia’s role in Asia, and Fellows’ engagement with national and regional policymaking. As the Asia Research Centre enters its twenty-fifth year in 2017, we look forward to continuing our involvement in such critically important-policy conversations. Fellows contributing submissions for the White Paper were: Dr Jeffrey Wilson, Professor Kanishka Jayasuriya, Associate Professor Carol Warren, Dr Ian Wilson and Professor David Hill.

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Jakarta’s gubernatorial elections

On 27 April 2017 the Asia Research Centre, in collaboration with the Australian National University's Indonesia Project, hosted a panel discussion on the outcomes and implications of Jakarta’s hotly contested gubernatorial elections. The Asia Research Centres’ Dr Ian Wilson, who published a number of widely read analysis of the elections in New Mandala and The Jakarta Post, engaged in a stimulating discussion on populism, inequality and the future of Indonesian democracy with Associate Professor Marcus Mietzner from the Australian National University. Moderating the discussion was the Asia Research Centre’s Dr Jacqui Baker. This well attended event was also live broadcast to an audience in Canberra. The discussion was covered by New Mandala.
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