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About the Centre

The Asia Research Centre has established itself over two decades as an international leader in the study of East and Southeast Asia, undertaking fundamental disciplinary and interdisciplinary research examining a range of social, political and economic forces and developments within this dynamic and important region.

The Centre encompasses researchers from across Murdoch University and regularly engages in collaboration with researchers from other universities in the region and from around the world. The Centre has also established a strong reputation in postgraduate education, with a strong and growing cohort of domestic and international students supervised by its internationally acclaimed researchers.

Thematic to Centre research is the analysis of conflicts in a range of situations. These include: political and economic regimes; environment and natural resources; ethnic, religious and national identities; cultural and media systems; and the security of states, communities and individuals. The Centre’s analysis spans the national, sub-national, regional and international levels and addresses the National Research Priority of the Australian Research Council Understanding Our Region and the World.

The Centre’s objectives are to produce high quality academic research publications for international and domestic audiences; foster the development of high quality research graduates; and to constructively 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 the Special Research Centre funding in 1999, Murdoch University has continued to support the Centre.

The implementation of the University’s Strategic Plan (2012-17) offers new opportunities for the Centre. With research excellence and internationalisation as key strategies and the dynamism of the Asian region foregrounded, the Centre is well placed to contribute to the University, state, nation and region.

The Asia Research Centre was administratively located in the School of Social Sciences and Humanities and affiliated with the Institute for Sustainable Societies, Education and Politics at Murdoch University. In late 2012, the Centre was relocated to the School of Management and Governance.
2012 has been an extraordinarily busy year for the Asia Research Centre. The first months of the year were dominated by preparations for our 20th anniversary celebration. This combined events for former and present Centre fellows from all over the region with two academic proceedings: a workshop in honour of the contribution of Centre founder and former director Emeritus Professor Richard Robison; and a roundtable discussion on future agendas for Australian research on Asia. These events were a huge success and offered an opportunity to take stock of the Centre’s considerable achievements and think about our future directions.

Our thinking about the future has been given a significant boost by a string of new appointments in the past twelve months. This followed the arrival at Murdoch in late 2011 of a new Vice Chancellor, Professor Richard Higgott, formerly of the University of Warwick in the UK and more recently Winthrop Professor at the University of Western Australia. Professor Higgott had long been a member of the Asia Research Centre’s International Advisory Panel and had worked at Murdoch in the 1980s. We were delighted to welcome Richard back as Vice Chancellor, and Richard’s plans for the Centre have included an increased emphasis on research and academic reorganisation, which has resulted in a number of new academic posts.

The first new Centre member to arrive in February 2012 was Professor Ann Capling, who moved to Murdoch from the University of Melbourne to take up the position of Deputy Vice Chancellor for Education. Ann was admitted to the Asia Research Centre in light of the importance of her research on global governance for the East Asian region. Two new early career academics quickly followed. Dr Jeff Wilson, an expert in the international resource trade, joined the Centre in mid-year as a new staff member in the School of Social Sciences and Humanities, having recently submitted his PhD at the Australian National University. Dr Silke Trommer arrived in October to take up a position as a post-doctoral research fellow, working with Professor Capling on an Australian Research Council-funded project investigating the politics of the World Trade Organization. Silke has recently received her PhD from the University of Helsinki in Finland and her dissertation had the distinction of being awarded the prize for best dissertation in 2012 by the International Political Economy section of the International Studies Association.

Towards the end of the year, two new senior appointments have been made, both of which will bring former Centre members back into the Murdoch fold. The first appointment brings back Professor Mark Benn, currently a Winthrop Professor at University of Western Australia, and one of the Asia Research Centre’s first PhD candidates.
Mark has also held positions at the University of Queensland and at the Universities of York and Birmingham in the UK. Mark’s extraordinary publishing output in the field of international relations and international political economy will contribute to the growing weight of expertise in this area at Murdoch.

The second appointment is of Professor Kevin Hewison, Weldon E. Thornton Distinguished Professor of Asian Studies and Director of the Casalsia Asia Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He will return in May 2013 to become the new Director of the Asia Research Centre. Kevin is an internationally renowned expert on Thai politics, and the editor of the influential Journal of Contemporary Asia. As well as having completed his PhD at Murdoch, with Richard Robison and Garry Rodan, Kevin was one of the editors of the three editions of The Political Economy of South East Asia, commissioned by Oxford University Press, which helped put the "Murdoch School" on the map. He has previously worked for AusAID and City University of Hong Kong and has a string of impressive visiting professorship appointments behind him. His record in research leadership is exemplary and we are very excited to welcome him home.

Alongside these exciting developments, the Asia Research Centre has organised a number of events that further promote our profile within the Australian political science community. The Centre hosted the 2012 Australian International Political Economy Network Workshop in February, and many of our colleagues from eastern states attended, undeterred by the tyranny of distance. We welcomed participants from universities all over Australia, making this the largest iteration yet of the annual workshop. We believe our colleagues’ enthusiasm for making the trip went augurs well for another major national event looming in 2013: the Australian Political Studies Association Annual Conference, which Murdoch is hosting from 30 September to 2 October. The theme for the conference will be ‘The Politics of Natural Resources, and the conference will feature a roundtable discussion on this topic, and a keynote speech on China’s energy security by Professor Shaun Breslin from the University of Warwick.

The Dimensions of the Indian Ocean World Past: Sources and Opportunities for Interdisciplinary Work in Indian Ocean World History, 9th - 19th Centuries Conference hosted in November was a milestone, bringing together archivists, ethnographers and geographers. These researchers discussed the materials, problems and opportunities for interdisciplinary work on the Indian Ocean World (POW). As a joint Murdoch-McGill initiative, the conference represented a crucial Australian step in the global project, ‘The Indian Ocean World: the Making of the First Global Economy in the Context of Human Environment Interaction’, led by Professor Gwyn Campbell (McGill University).

Centre researchers have also been active in organising panels at local and international conferences. An example was the panel convened at the 2012 International Studies Association Annual Conference, by Dr Shahar Hameiri and his collaborator Dr Lee Jones (Queen Mary College, University of London). The panel was so successful that a follow-up workshop is to be held in 2013, leading to a proposal for a special issue in a leading journal.

Other highlights from 2012 include the election of past director and current ARC Professorial Fellow Professor Garry Rodan to the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia; Dr Jane Hutchinson’s appointment as Chair of the Board of Oxford Australia; recognition of Professor David Hill’s work on Australia’s Indonesia research in the government’s White Paper on Australia in the Asian Century; the 2012 Vice Chancellor’s Award for Research Excellence for Early Career Researchers to Dr Shahar Hameiri; a prize for Dr Jeff Wilson for the best journal article in the Australian Journal of International Affairs; and the admission to the Centre of our first scientist for a very long time in the shape of Professor Niël Lomeranqor, Professor of Fisheries Science at Murdoch, who has expertise in Indonesian fisheries.

The Centre also had more success in the Australian Research Council’s Discovery Grant funding round, including funding for new projects investigating the politics of international aid and development, an area of research which has become one of the Centre’s strategic priorities in recent years. Watching these developments from the vantage point of the director’s chair has been tremendously exciting over the past three years. This has been a very turbulent period in Murdoch’s history, but the Asia Research Centre has produced consistently excellent and well-received scholarship throughout. The future promises an expanded research agenda with new opportunities to collaborate with scholars internationally to advance knowledge of Asian states and societies, and to offer critical and constructive commentary on Australia’s engagement with Asia.

I am leaving Murdoch in mid-2013 to take up a new position in the UK, but hope to remain closely involved with the Centre’s future successes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many colleagues here at Murdoch who have helped me over the past few years, with a particular word of gratitude to our administrator, Tamara Dent, of whose effortless command of the quirks of Australian Research Council funding rules I expect never to encounter the equal.

Caroline Hughes

Director

Asia Research Centre 20th Anniversary Celebrations

In 2012, the Asia Research Centre reached a significant milestone, celebrating its 20th anniversary as a centre at Murdoch University. To mark this auspicious anniversary, events were held to bring former and current Centre fellows from all over the region together and to consider the Centre’s past and future.

Two academic events were conducted. The first was a workshop to recognise the contribution of Centre founder and former director Emeritus Professor Richard Robison, involving scholars from Australia and Indonesia. The second was a roundtable discussion on future agendas for Australian research on Asia.

‘A Quarter Century of The Rise of Capital in Indonesia’ Workshop

Indonesia: The Rise of Capital by Richard Robison, first published in 1986, was a path-breaking analysis of modern Indonesia, using a political economy approach. It examined the social, economic and political ramifications of the emergence of a modern Indonesian bourgeoisie in the context of capitalist development under Soeharto’s New Order. It is now regarded as a classic and one of the most important books ever written on modern Indonesia. It remains a best-selling academic book. It has recently re-published as part of the Classic Studies of Indonesia series by Equinox Publishing and has been published in Indonesian translation (Komunitas Bambu). Since the publication of The Rise of Capital, Indonesia has undergone a major economic crisis, ousted the Soeharto regime and become one of the region’s major democracies. The Workshop sought to reassess The Rise of Capital in this new context and asked how Robison’s approach assists us understand Indonesia’s trajectory over the last 25 years and Indonesia’s future directions.

The Jakarta launch of Indonesian translation of Emeritus Professor Robison’s ‘The Rise of Capital’

Celebrating the Centre’s 20th Anniversary

Speakers included Professor Andrew Macintyre (ANU), Assoc Professor Andrew Rosser (Adelaide), Professor Edward Aspinall (ANU), Dr Rochman Achwan (University of Indonesia), Mr Nizar Parra (Prista), Mr Agus Sudibyo (Indonesian Press Council) and Professor Hadif. Several of the papers were proposed as a Feature Section of the Journal of Contemporary Asia, edited by Professor Hadif. After refereeing, the papers were accepted and will appear in 2013. They will also appear in a special issue of the Indonesian Journal Prisma.

‘Emerging Issues in Asia Research’ Roundtable

The roundtable brought together some of the foremost experts on social and political dynamics in Asia to discuss emerging issues that will affect Australia’s future relations with the region. The roundtable discussed the status of current Australian research on Asia and highlighted the particular strengths of Australian perspectives on Asia in comparison with the broader international body of scholarship. The prominent figures engaging in the roundtable included current and past Murdoch researchers and students, and long-standing Murdoch collaborators. Consequently, the roundtable offered an opportunity to consider the past and potential future contributions of the Asia Research Centre.

Chaired by Professor David Hill (Chair of the Board of Management, Asia Research Centre), the Speakers were: Murdoch University Vice Chancellor, Professor Richard Higgott, Professor Chua Beng Huat (National University of Singapore), Professor Karynthia Jayasuwa (University of Adelaide), Professor Andrew Macintyre (ANU College of Asia and the Pacific), Professor Garry Rodan (Asia Research Centre), Associate Professor Andrew Rosser (University of Adelaide).

In a related series of events, the recognition of the significance of Professor Robison’s book Indonesia: The Rise of Capital saw it translated into Indonesian in 2012 as Sebaran dan Bangkrut Kapitalisme Indonesia. As part of the book launch, Professor Robison made presentations at the University of Indonesia and the Freedom Institute in Jakarta in June.

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Workshops and Conferences

International Political Economy Workshop, 2-3 February

The Asia Research Centre hosted the fourth workshop of the Australian International Political Economy (IPE) network. The workshop had two objectives: first, to bring together Australian political economists to present work-in-progress to colleagues so as to promote a thriving scholarly community in Australia; and second, to introduce PhD candidates and their work to established academics. Highlights of this workshop included two round-table discussions. The first addressed of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, and featured Murdoch Vice-Chancellor Professor Richard Higgott and Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Ann Capling, with Professor Richard Leaver (Flinders University) and Professor Mark Boren (University of Western Australia). The second roundtable addressed the topic of the mining boom and Australia’s “two-speed” economy, featuring Emeritus Professor Richard Robison (Asia Research Centre), Professor Kanshia Jayasuriya (University of Adelaide), Dr Martin Brueckner (Murdoch) and Professor Leaver. Various panels covered diverse topics including the rise of China, democratisation in Southeast Asia, the politics of international aid and development, and responses to climate change. Previous workshops have been held at the University of Adelaide (2007), the Australian National University (2009) and Griffith University (2010).

Marine Protected Areas in Indonesia Workshop, 31 May - June

Convened by Associate Professor Carol Warren and Professor Levente Visser (Wageningen University), the workshop considered coastal resource management and local communities. It brought together collaborating researchers from the ARC Discovery project Social Capital, Natural Resources and Local Governance in Indonesia carrying out research projects on maritime communities.

One Just World Forum, 11 October

One Just World is a series of free, after-work seminars aimed at involving the community in conversation and debates on key international development issues facing Australia, the Asia-Pacific and beyond. It is a partnership between World Vision Australia, the International Women’s Development Agency (IWDA), AusAID and the Asia Research Centre. This year’s forum can be described as “How to Build Alliances for Reform: Introducing an Analytical Tool Kit”. The forum brought to the stage representative from the Pacific Islands, to Asia and Africa, resource companies, mining companies, and government, to discuss and apply a ‘tool kit’ of political analysis.

The study’s results were presented at an international workshop/ conference held in Perth in December 2010. Since then, two papers have appeared in the academic journal, Third World Quarterly, and a monograph will be published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2014.

The Dimensions of the Indian Ocean World Past: Sources and Opportunities for Interdisciplinary Work in Indian Ocean World History, 9th-19th Centuries Conference, 12-14 November

The conference represented a forum for an interdisciplinary discussion between archaeologists, historians, ethnographers and geographers about the materials, problems and opportunities for interdisciplinary work on the Indian Ocean World (IOW) from the 9th-19th centuries. As a joint Murdoch-McGill initiative, the conference represented a crucial Australian step in the global project, “The Indian Ocean World: the Making of the First Global Economy in the Context of Human-Environment Interaction”, led by Professor Gayn Campbell of McGill University.

The papers and interdisciplinary discussions were organised into three main research areas: archaeological, economic and environmental. Together, participants also assessed the impacts of certain imperatives of the cultures of consumption of the first global economy as commodities were sold and traded in a variety of social and cultural settings within the IOW.

“How To Build Alliances for Reform: Introducing an Analytical Tool Kit” Workshop, Jakarta, 29-30 November

Increasingly, international development agencies are acknowledging the importance of being able to analyse the political dynamics of the circumstances in which they hope to intervene and to influence. However, there have been major challenges in attempting to operationalise the insights from political analysts. Hence, the aim of this ‘how to do’ workshop is to bring together a range of people to discuss and apply a ‘tool kit’ of political analysis.


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Honours

Academy for the Social Sciences Australia Fellow

Professor Garry Rodan, currently Australian Professorial Fellow of the Australian Research Council and Director of the Asia Research Centre from 2002 to 2009, has been elected by his peers as a Fellow of the prestigious Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. The Academy, devoted to the advancement of knowledge and research in the social sciences, has some 500 Fellows. Emeritus Professor Richard Robison, another former Centre Director, is also a Fellow of the Academy. Fellows are appointed for having made a distinguished contribution to the social sciences.

Professor Rodan is best known for his research into dynamic and durable forms of authoritarian rule, especially in Singapore. He is the author and editor of ten books and dozens of journal chapters and articles. On his election, Professor Rodan commented, "Naturally I am delighted to receive this acknowledgement from distinguished peers and I look forward to the opportunities and responsibilities associated with the fellowship. Importantly, though, since many of the things that I have personally achieved have been inspired, supported and encouraged by colleagues at Murdoch University — and those in the Asia Research Centre in particular — I see this award as reflecting on others as well."

Oxfam Australia Chair

Dr Jane Hutchison, a long-time researcher associated with the Oxfam Australia Chair, was elected Chair of the Oxfam Australia Board in 2012, following seven years of service as a Board member. In this position, Dr Hutchison also becomes an ex-officio member of the Board of Oxfam International.

Inaugural Boyer Prize, Australian Institute for International Affairs

Dr Jeffrey Wilson was awarded the inaugural prize for the best article published in the Australian Institute for International Affairs’ flagship journal, the Australian Journal of International Affairs, for his article ‘Resource nationalism or resource liberalism? Explaining Australia’s approach to Chinese investment in its minerals sector’, Australian Journal of International Affairs, 65, 3: 283-304.

‘Presidential Friends of Indonesia’ Program, Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Professor David T. Hill was selected as an Australian participant in this program by the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as part of its public diplomacy strategy. Each year individuals from selected countries are invited to participate in a one-week program of activities, meeting with ministers and state officials and participating in cultural events. The program includes a state dinner hosted by the President at the Presidential Palace on Indonesian Independence Day, 17 August.

International Studies Association’s International Political Economy Section Best Dissertation Award

Dr Srikle Trommer’s award for the best dissertation prize for 2012 will be published in the Routledge Advances in International Political Economy Series in June 2013.

Japan: History, nationalism and boundaries

Center Fellow Professor Sandra Wallin continued to work on three projects on Japanese history that focus on the politics of repatriating Japanese war criminals from Southeast Asia to Japan after the Second World War, and the subsequent release of the convicted war criminals during the 1950s. She is one of three Chief Investigators on this ARC Discovery Grant project, with Dr Beatrice Trefalt (Monash) and Professor Robert Cribb (ANU). Professor Wilson continues to work on her project on the history of Japanese nationalism. In July she gave a conference presentation in Adelaide on Japanese nationalism in the 1930s and its contribution to the start of the Second World War.

Professor Wallin is also one of three editors, with Timothy Tu of Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan and King-tai Tam of Hong Kong Polytechnic University, of a volume of papers on post-war Chinese and Japanese films about the Second World War. In February she participated in the second conference on this theme, in Hong Kong, and she and her colleagues are preparing the papers for publication.

Dr Takeshi Moriyama, also a Centre Fellow, continued to research the early modern history of Japan. He completed the final draft of his monograph, Crossing Boundaries in Tokugawa Society: Suxuki Bokusai, a Rural Elite Commoner, to be published in 2013 by Brill. Dr Moriyama is also working with Dr Trefalt (Monash) to edit a special issue of Japanese Studies, from the 4th Japanese History Workshop Australia that he and Dr Trefalt organized in December 2012 at Murdoch, inviting three keynote speakers and 21 presenters from 13 universities in seven countries.

Asia Research Centre and Japan

Indonesia and Islam

In November, a team from the Asia Research Centre gave an analysis of Indonesia’s current political situation in Tokyo to representatives of some of Japan’s largest corporations and key ministries. The forum was organised by the Japan External Trade Research Organisation (JETRO) and its Institute for Development Economics (IDE).

The Murdoch team of Professor Vedi Hadiz, Dr Ian Wilson and Emeritus Professor Richard Robison, also presented papers at an international conference on Islamic politics held in Tokyo as part of a larger program of collaboration between the Asia Research Centre and IDE/JETRO. Specialists on Islamic politics from Japan, the USA, Europe and the Middle East were at the conference, working with Murdoch researchers to prepare a manuscript for submission to an international publisher early in 2013. The IDE team is led by Professor Khosoo Boon Tink, who is also an Associate of the Asia Research Centre.


As part of this program, President at the Presidential Palace on Indonesian Independence Day, 17 August.

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New Grants in 2012

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Caroline Hughes, Jane Hutchison and Ian Wilson (with A Rosser)
Remaking the poor: Poor people’s responses to donors’ market citizenship programs in Southeast Asia
2013-15, $193,088
Contemporary international aid attempts to help the poor participate in the market economy, with highly variable results. Often poor beneficiaries appear not to co-operate with these programs. This study investigates the factors driving the responses of poor people to donors’ poverty reduction programs, to offer new models for donor interventions.

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
James Francis Warren and Joseph Christensen with Professor G
Murdoch University Distinguished Collaborator Award
2012-14, $160,000
System
The World Trade Organization and the Future of the Multilateral Trade
Ann Capling
protection.
proposals for international reconciliation and cooperation in heritage
from different interpretations of related ‘rights’. This project develops
heritage and how cross-border conflicts about heritage have resulted
implemented international concepts regarding intangible cultural

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Carol Warren (with C Antons, W S Logan, Jianfu Chen)
Strategies in China and its ASEAN neighbours
Intangible Cultural Heritage across Borders: Laws, Structures and
Carol Warren
and ideological contestation in international state-building.
The politics of public administration reform: Capacity development
and ideological contestation in international state-building.
2013-15, $262,472
‘Why do expensive international aid programs often fail to achieve
public administration reform in fragile states? This study investigates
how the beliefs of public servants about the nature of their role
reflect societal conflicts and alliances. Understanding this offers
aid practitioners a means of designing tactical responses to reform
agendas.

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Ann Capling
The World Trade Organization and the Future of the Multilateral Trade
System
2012-15, $300,000
This project explores the way selected Asian countries have
implemented international concepts regarding intangible cultural
heritage and how cross-border conflicts about heritage have resulted
from different interpretations of related ‘rights’. This project develops
proposals for international reconciliation and cooperation in heritage
protection.

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Ann Capling
The World Trade Organization and the Future of the Multilateral Trade
System
2012-14, $160,000

Australian Research Council Distinguished Collaborator Award
James Francis Warren and Joseph Christensen with Professor G
Bankoff (University of Hull)
History, Climate and Natural Disasters in the Indian Ocean World
2012-14, $30,000
The award facilitates project and grant applications for research
supporting the project, ‘South East Asia’s Global Economy: Climate
and the Impact of Natural Hazards from the 10th to the 21st Century’
and a new project proposal centered on the emerging field of adaptive
science. Adaptive science provides an interdisciplinary framework for
building sustainable responses to the challenges of climate change,
resource depletion and population growth, in recognition of the
interconnections between social and ecological problems.

Australian Political Studies Association
International Political Economy Workshop, Murdoch University
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James Boyd
Promotion of National Strategic Plan for Indonesian in Australian Universities
2012-13, $30,000
For ongoing research on the teaching of Indonesian language in
Australian universities, the study extends his 2012 national report,
Indonesian in Australian Universities: Strategies for a stronger
future, with research analyzing enrolment trends and the impact of
government policies.

Hyogo University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (HUMAP)
Research Fellowship
James Boyd
2011-12, $10,000
The grant funds an ongoing examination of the Zenrin kyōkai, an
important semi-official Japanese humanitarian organization that
provided medical assistance and educational opportunities between
1933 and 1945 to the Mongols, Uighurs and Hui (Han-Chinese Muslims) living on the fringe of the Han-Chinese Republic. The project seeks to demonstrate that ‘humanitarian imperialism’ is neither an exclusively Western nor a specifically post-World War II phenomenon.

Australia-Netherlands Research Collaboration Travel Fellowship
Kla. Theresa R. Mil loos
2011-12, $10,000
The award supported consultations with experts in the field of
disaster studies at the Universities of Utrecht and Wageningen in the
Netherlands.

Konsouke Matsushita Memorial Foundation Research Grant, 2012.
Jin Kimura
The Matsushita Foundation provided funding to Dr Kimura’s archaeological project in Vietnam related to the Kubai Khan’s invasion in 13th century.

2012, $5,000

The Strengthening Information Society Research Capacity
Alliance (SIRCA II)
Munirga Pr Saranawati (with Emzirialda Melissa and Aris Hamidadi)
Internet and Women Empowerment – A Study of How Women in Indonesian Urban Areas Use Social Media to Become Entrepreneurs.
2012 $18,000

Continuing Grants through 2012

Australian Research Council Discovery Project and Australian
Professors Fellowship,
Gary Ryan
Representation and Political Regimes in Southeast Asia
2010-14, $613,182

Australian Research Council Future Fellowship
Vedi Hadzi
State, Class and Islamic Populism: Indonesia in Comparative Perspective
2010-13, $891,200

Australian Research Council Linkage Grant
James Warren (with W Van Dulivenvoorde, Li Tana, A Paterson, G
Campbell, A Reid)
Southeast Asia’s global economy, climate and the impact of natural
hazards from the 10th to 21st centuries
2011-13, $400,275

Australian Research Council Discovery Project and Australian
Postdoctoral Fellowship
Shahar Hameiri (with L Jones)
Securitisation and the governance of non-traditional security in Southeast Asia and the Southwest Pacific
2011-13, $305,000

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Sandra Wilson (with B Telfalt and R Cribb)
Reparation and release of Japanese war criminals 1946-1958: Southeast Asia, Japan and the Great Powers
2011-13, $265,000

Australian Research Council Discovery Project
Carol Warren (with F McCarthy; G Acciklia; A Lucas; J Schiller; L
Wise)
Social Capital, Natural Resources and Local Governance in Indonesia
2008-10, $497,599

Australian Development Research Awards/AusAID
Richard Robison, Ian Wilson, Caroline Hughes, Jane Hutchison (with
Mohtra Mar’oed, Ari Afif Mundanyat)
Achieving Sustainable Demand for Governance Addressing Political
Dimensions of Change
2009-12, $289,400

Awards
Prime Minister’s Endeavour Awards for Research in Asia 2013
Christine Parfit, ‘Environmental Education Interventions and Marine
Conservation in East Indonesia’, $63,000
Paul van Nimwegen, ‘Marine Protected Areas and Community
Conservation and Development in Indonesia’, $63,000

Murdoch University Professional Development Award
Joseph Christensen was awarded a professional development grant to attend the Sixteenth International Congress of Maritime History, Ghent, Belgium, in July $5,000

Murdoch University School of Social Sciences and Humanities Research Grant
Jeffrey ‘Willson was awarded a grant to research ‘International resource policies in the Asia-Pacific’, $5,000

Asian Studies Association of Australia 2012 President’s Prize
Ian Teng Phe was awarded Second Prize for best PhD thesis on Asia
Villages in Malaya during the Emergency Period (1948-1960).

Special Representative for Australia for UNHCR
Carina Hoang, as part of World Refugee Day, Australia for UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency’s charity in Australia, announced the
appointment of Carina as a Special Representative.

2012 Independent Publisher Book Awards (USA)
Best Regional Non-fiction (Australia and New Zealand)
Book
Carina Hoang was awarded a silver medal for her edited work, Boat

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Postgraduate Students

PhD students

Jo Marie Acroes
Topic: Hunting ‘Big Fish’: A Marine Environmental History of a Contested Fishery in the Bohol Sea

Mohammad Ashfaqul Alam
Topic: Security Sector Governance in Transition: Tracking Police Reform in Bangladesh through the Horizontal Axis

Nicole Andres
Topic: Media-elite interactions in post-Suharto Indonesia

Katie Attwell (submitted)
Topic: No ‘Way Out: How Israeli Jewish dissidents attempt to use alternative national identity discourses to connect with their Palestinian Other

Charanpal Bal
Topic: The Mosaic Economy of Wage Labour: Migrant Workers and Labour Regimes in East Indonesia

Stephanie Chui
Topic: The Ethics of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR): where do labour rights fit in?

Luky Djiwij
Topic: Reform Movement and Local Politics in Indonesia

Jodie Goodman
Topic: Patterns of participation in local governance and natural resource management in Indonesia - case studies from Nuca Tenggara

Carina Hoang
Topic: Grief, trauma and the importance of cultural rituals for healing: Oral histories from the Vietnam exodus

Li-Yi Huang
Topic: Policy Learning and Change: The Development of the ‘Whale-Watching EcoLabel Scheme in Taiwan

Asep Iqbal
Topic: Religious ideological shaping of Technology: The Internet and Indonesian Television

Vivanti Rambe
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