



# **SOUTHEAST ASIA RESEARCH CENTRE**

## **ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

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The Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC) was officially launched on 27 February 2001. The launch, a well-attended event, heard an inaugural address by Professor Wang Gungwu, and a speech by City University of Hong Kong President Professor HK Chang.

*Professors Wang and Chang inaugurate SEARC*



Prior to the formal opening, from September 2000, SEARC was in an inception phase. The Interim Director, until February 2001, was Dr Graeme Lang (Department of Applied Social Studies). Since then, the Director has been Professor Kevin Hewison. Dr Vivienne Wee (Department of Applied Social Studies) has been Programme Co-ordinator.

## **1. MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES**

SEARC's **mission** is to develop a world-class research centre in Hong Kong for the study of contemporary Southeast Asia. The Centre's **aim** is to make new and valuable contributions to Southeast Asian studies, establishing City University of Hong Kong as an internationally recognised centre of excellence in this field.

The **objectives** of SEARC are:

- To develop an internationally significant research program on Southeast Asia
- To produce high quality academic publications on Southeast Asia
- To establish mutually beneficial links with international researchers and institutions studying Southeast Asia
- To promote and enhance the study of Southeast Asia in Hong Kong and to increase understanding of Southeast Asia within the City University of Hong Kong and among the general public in Hong Kong

Neither the mission nor the objectives have been changed since the establishment of the Centre. They remain valid statements of the Centre's agenda for 2002.

## **2. CONSTITUTION AND MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE**

### **2.1 Core members**

SEARC's core members also comprise its Management Committee. The Management Committee is responsible for the day-to-day opera-

tion of the Centre, and for management and allocation of resources for Centre members and projects. Its members are:

- Professor Kevin Hewison (Director, SS)
- Professor Joseph Cheng (SA)
- Dr Graeme Lang (SS)
- Dr Vivienne Wee (Programme Coordinator, SS)
- Dr Xiaowei Zang (SS)

## **2.2 Steering Committee**

The Steering Committee considers the Centre's overall direction, planning, budget, outcomes and other deliverables. Its members are:

- Professor Matthew Chen (Dean, FHS, Chair)
- Professor Kevin Hewison (Director, Convenor)
- Professor Ian Holliday (Acting Head, SA)
- Professor Ng Sik Hung (Head, SS)
- Professor Martin Painter (SA)
- Dr Vivienne Wee (Programme Coordinator, SS)

## **2.3 International Advisory Committee**

SEARC's International Advisory Committee is composed of a group of outstanding scholars on Southeast Asia. The committee provides general advice to SEARC. Its members are:

- Professor Wang Gungwu (East Asia Institute, Singapore)
- Professor Richard Higgott (Warwick University, UK)
- Professor Pasuk Phongpaichit (Chulalongkorn University, Thailand)
- Professor Zhuang Guoto (Xiamen University, China)
- Professor Richard Robison (Murdoch University, Australia)

Each of the committee members has visited the Centre over the past year in various capacities. Additional members may be added to this Committee when necessary and appropriate.

### **3. RESEARCH GRANTS AND OTHER AWARDS**

#### **3.1 External grants**

SEARC has recently begun to seek external funds to both bolster its internal funding and, more importantly, to develop international collaboration.

In November 2001, Professor Hewison was a part of a team (including researchers from Griffith and Murdoch universities in Australia and the National University of Singapore) that received a 2002 Discovery Project Grant from the Australian Research Council. The Project, 'Changing East Asia's Economic and Political Regimes: What Kind of Markets? What Kind of Politics?' received funding of HK\$500,000 for 2002-2004.

Two core members of SEARC have recently submitted CERG applications. Both applications have grown out of SEARC's research programmes.

An application has been lodged to enhance collaboration with the Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies (CAPTRANS), Wollongong University (Australia). The application is for an Australian Research Council Linkage – International Award in 2002. This grant, if successful, will promote collaborative research on labour and migration in Southeast Asia between SEARC and CAPTRANS.

Professor Hewison has also received funding of \$60,000 from within City University, via the School of Creative Media, for a project entitled 'Thoughts of Wealth, Home and Life: Southeast Asian Expatriates in Hong Kong'.

#### **3.2 SEARC research funding**

SEARC began its allocation of research funds to various applicants from within City University from February 2001. There have been three calls for research funds (January, April and December). In each of these rounds, the Centre called for applications for small and exploratory grants (up to HK\$60,000), and in January and April accepted applications for large grants (up to HK\$250,000). A total of \$883,745 has been allocated.

All applications were reviewed by the Centre's Management Committee (except when any member was associated with an application, when they were excluded to avoid conflict of interest). Where applications were above HK\$90,000, external refereeing was required. Referees came from Australia, the US and Malaysia.

To date (excluding the December 2001 round), nine projects have been supported. Two of these grants were for about HK\$250,000 each, while the remainder were each under HK\$75,000.

A number of proposed projects were not funded. In the case of small projects, each was asked to be rewritten and resubmitted. Two of these projects were subsequently funded. In the case of large projects, two were rejected by external reviewers and by the Management Committee.

A summary of SEARC approved grants is set out in Appendix A.

#### **4. RESEARCH OUTPUT**

The Centre's core academics and research staff have been remarkably productive in 2001.

Appendix B lists all outputs by core members of the Southeast Asia Research Centre.

The Centre has concluded an agreement with the publisher Routledge, a member of the Taylor & Francis group (based in London, and publishing in London and New York) for a series. Books published will be a part of the *Routledge/City University of Hong Kong Southeast Asia Series*. This series is expected to enhance the Centre's growing international reputation as a centre of research excellence. Interestingly, the only other Routledge-University series in the Asian Studies field are with Oxford (on Japan), Sheffield (on Japan) and the Open University (Pacific Studies).



#### **5. COLLABORATION AND PUBLICITY**

##### **5.1 Collaboration**

The Centre has embarked on a range of collaborative arrangements with individual researchers and with Centres in other universities. The Centre is relatively young, meaning that some of the listed arrangements are at an early stage. These are outlined below:

##### *International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden*

Professor W.A.L. Stokhof (Director) and Mrs S.A.M. Kuypers (Deputy Director), International Institute for Asian Studies (Leiden) visited the Centre on 6 November 2001. The purpose of the visit was to discuss

areas of potential co-operation and collaboration. A number of potential areas were identified, and SEARC will be holding further discussions with IIAS.

#### *Murdoch University, Australia*

A number of collaborative activities have been established with members of the Department of Political and International Studies at Murdoch University.

Professors Richard Robison and Garry Rodan have long-standing collaborative relations with Professor Hewison. Professor Robison was a Visiting Professor with SEARC in June 2001. Professor Rodan will be a Visitor with the Department of Applied Social Studies from January to April 2002. In 2001 these three researchers completed a new edition of their successful book, *The Political Economy of South-East Asia. Conflicts, Crises, and Change*, (Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 2001). This work also included a co-authored chapter by Dr Kanishka Jayasuriya, a senior research fellow in the Centre.

Professors Robison and Hewison are collaborators in the successful 2002 Discovery Project Grant from the Australian Research Council for the Project, 'Changing East Asia's Economic and Political Regimes: What Kind of Markets? What Kind of Politics?'. The two have also collaborated in the Centre's first Contemporary Southeast Asia symposium, and in one of the proposed CERG projects.

Professor Rodan will, as part of his time at City University, organise and lead one of the Centre's symposium in 2002. This will examine 'Electronic Media, Markets and Civil Society in East and Southeast Asia', and it is expected that this will result in a book from the Centre's Routledge series.

Dr David Brown, Head of the Department of Political and International Studies at Murdoch University has published a working paper with the Centre. He has participated in our Faultlines symposium, together with one of his doctoral students (Ms Kathleen Turner), who attended the symposium at Murdoch's expense. It is expected that there will be publications from the Centre's Routledge series from this event, and plans for further collaboration.

#### *Universiti Sains Malaysia (Penang)*

Dr Khoo Boo Teik at USM has visited the Centre, and participated in one of our Contemporary Southeast Asia symposium. He is included in one of our CERG applications. He is also consulting with Dr Zang Xiaowei regarding his research in Malaysia.

### *National University of Singapore*

Dr Vedi Hadiz of the Department of Sociology at NUS has visited the Centre, and participated in one of our Contemporary Southeast Asia symposium. He is included in one of our CERG applications. He was also a part of the team in the successful 2002 Discovery Project Grant from the Australian Research Council for the Project, 'Changing East Asia's Economic and Political Regimes'.

### *Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies, Wollongong University, Australia*

The Director of the Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies (CAPTRANS), Wollongong University (Australia), Professor Ken Young, visited the Centre early in 2001. This was followed up by a visit by its Deputy Director in October. Professor Young visited again in late November to discuss areas of potential research collaboration.

Out of these consultations, an application, in collaboration with CAPTRANS, for an Australian Research Council Linkage — International Award in 2002 has been submitted. This grant aims to further promote collaborative research on labour and migration in Southeast Asia between SEARC and CAPTRANS.

### *University of California, Berkeley*

Professor Aihwa Ong, former director of the Center for Southeast Asia Studies at UCB, was a Visiting Professor with SEARC in June 2001.

### *Griffith University, Australia*

The successful 2002 Discovery Project Grant from the Australian Research Council for the Project, 'Changing East Asia's Economic and Political Regimes' was coordinated from Griffith University.

### *Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University, China*

The Centre has established a strong relationship with its counterpart Centre at Xiamen University. The Director of the Xiamen Centre, Professor Zhuang Guoto, was a Visiting Professor with SEARC for three months in 2001, and presented a number of seminars in July and August. Dr Vivienne Wee made a visit to Xiamen and presented a seminar. In addition, Professor Hewison, Dr Wee and Dr Zang Xiaowei attended the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Conference on Economic and Political Development in Southeast Asia at the Begin-

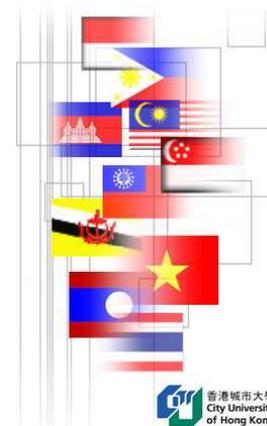
ning of the New Millennium at the Xiamen Centre for Southeast Asian Studies (20-23 September 2001). Each presented a paper. Professor Hewison was invited to make the first Plenary Speech. Ms Amy Sim, one of the Centre's research assistants, also presented a paper.

SEARC has also signed an agreement with the Xiamen Centre for Southeast Asian Studies for the translation of English-language works on Southeast Asia into Chinese. This will include some works by SEARC researchers. This project is now underway, with translations being completed.

SEARC is also investigating ways in which further research collaboration may be expanded. This has included discussions regarding postgraduate training (with Xiamen and NUS), and the potential for a research project between the two Centres. Dr Wee will present a proposal to the two Centres in 2002.

## 5.2 Publicity

The Centre has been well received locally, regionally and internationally. Core members and Centre research staff have often been quoted in the press on Southeast Asian affairs and issues. The range of publicity includes: *Asian Wall Street Journal*, *Far Eastern Economic Review*, *Asiaweek*, *International Herald Tribune*, *South China Morning Post*, Associated Press, Reuters, CNN, ATV (a half-hour programme on Indonesia), BBC, Phoenix TV, and a range of Chinese-language and Southeast Asian-language newspapers and magazines.



The Centre maintains an active web site that is regularly updated. The site (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/searc>) includes the following details:

- SEARC contacts (including telephone, fax and email details for all academics and staff, including photographs)
- A statement of the Centre's mission, objectives and aims
- A brief statement of the Centre's research agenda and themes (including a link to a full statement of this core element of SEARC's work)
- Details of the Centre's management structures and its location
- A link to the Department of Applied Social Studies web page and its Programme in East and Southeast Asian Studies

- An extensive page of related sites and links for those interested in Southeast Asia (this includes some 55 links to major sites, and 6 country links pages (each with numerous links) and a further 4 country sites to be added next year)
- Position announcements (when available), including information for potential visitors to SEARC
- A page for CityU staff only that explains how to go about obtaining funding from SEARC (this includes brief data on projects that have already been funded)
- Two pages that list details of SEARC events and any other seminars and events on Southeast Asia being held in Hong Kong and China
- The SEARC Working Papers Series page, including free, downloadable papers as PDFs. The site has proven remarkably successful, with more than 1400 'hits' between April and December 2001

The Centre's other publicity material includes a brochure and a 'running' folder. The Centre uses its brochure and specially prepared folders to include a range of material about the Centre for visitors and conference participants.

## **6. CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ORGANISED**

The Southeast Asia Research Centre has had a vigorous programme of symposia and seminars. Each event has been successful, with more than 50 participants in each symposium, and between 15 and 50 participants for each seminar.

### **6.1 International Symposia**

The Centre has organised two international symposia. These were:

- 21 June 2001: Contemporary Southeast Asia: Crisis, Conflict and Change, A symposium jointly organised with the Department of Applied Social Studies
- 15-16 October 2001: Political Fault-lines in Southeast Asia: Movements for Ethnic Autonomy in Nation-state Structures.

*Professor Matthew Chen, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, opens a SEARC symposium*



Both events were well attended, and included local, regional and international participants. While the first event was organised to coincide with visits by a number of scholars, the second was arranged

with the aim of producing a publication for the SEARC/Routledge Southeast Asia Series. The papers are currently being prepared for submission to the publisher, co-ordinated by Dr Wee.

## **6.2 Seminars**

The Centre has organised 22 seminars between March and December 2001 (see Appendix C for a full listing). This has required a remarkable amount of work and liaison by the Centre and its staff. Interestingly, the Centre has paid for the services of just two of those presenting seminars. In all other cases, the presenters were visiting Hong Kong or specifically requested the opportunity to present a seminar for the Centre.

## **7. APPLIED WORK UNDERTAKEN**

In establishing SEARC it was made clear that applied work was not central to the Centre's agenda. Rather, we were expected to produce internationally recognised research and high-quality academic publications. The applied work undertaken during the year was thus limited. It included to contracts for Dr Wee. These were:

- Women's economic empowerment in the Asia-Pacific region, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), New York, April 2001.
- Gender analysis, Women's Commission, Health and Welfare Bureau, Government of Hong Kong SAR, February 2001.

## **8. EVALUATION**

The Centre has had a productive and full first year. In addition to other achievements listed in this report, the Centre has also:

- **Established its physical space**

This has been a significant task, with the Centre being allocated a very small space, and needing to house 5-6 researchers in cramped conditions. Space is a constraint on the Centre's operations.

- **Hired a research team**

SEARC advertised positions in late 2000, and received a large number of applicants. Thirty met some or all of the selection criteria. Applicants came from some of the world's leading universities, especially in Asian studies (e.g. Australian National University, University of Hull, Yale University, National University of Singapore, Oxford). Two appointments were made: Dr Kanishka Jayasuriya (from Murdoch University) and Dr

Michael Jacobsen (from Copenhagen University & Nordic Institute of Asian Studies). A third appointment is pending: Mr Alex Choi (Queen's University; awaiting PhD). A further applicant, Dr Greg Acciaioli (from the University of Western Australia) was offered a short term visiting appointments. In addition, the Centre appointed two research assistants.

- **Established a research programme**

See Appendix D.

- **Engaged in vigorous academic discussions**

Discussed in other sections of this report.

The Centre has made an excellent start, as this report indicates. There are, however, some areas where the Centre can look to improve its performance. The following areas have been identified:

- **Management**

Management in the start-up year has proved exceptionally demanding. Much of the time of the Director (given a lighter teaching load by the Department of Applied Social Studies) and the two research assistants has been devoted to administration. While some of this was due to the demands of the Centre inauguration, part was also due to the unfamiliarity of the Director and his staff with City University administrative demands. To ameliorate this problem, the Centre's Management Committee has approved the appointment of an Executive Officer, preferably with university experience.

- **Targeted research**

In its initial appointments and allocation of research funds, the Centre was focussed on its research agenda. This was entirely appropriate. However, as noted below, some areas of future research and collaboration are now clearer than they were at the Centre's inception. Hence, in future allocations and appointments, the Centre will place some emphasis on core research areas.

- **Fieldwork**

Fieldwork is an absolute necessity for Southeast Asian researchers. Researchers who fail to spend time in the region have little credibility with their academic peers. Finding time for fieldwork has proven difficult. In 2002 the Centre will endeavour to have its research fellows spend time in-country doing appropriate research. For the core members of the Centre, however, this is a difficult proposition, as the City University system does not appear to offer encouragement for active or extended fieldwork.

- **Researchers from the region**

The Centre has not received applications from quality researchers in the region to spend time at City University. Part of the reason for this is that no promotional visits have been made to leading universities in the region. In 2002, efforts will be made to attract Southeast Asian researchers to City University.

- **Seminars**

The Centre's seminars have been a great success. They have not cost the Centre much money, and numerous international and regional researchers have presented seminars. However, it must be admitted that these seminars involve a considerable administrative load, and there are periods (e.g. June) where the seminar load has been especially heavy. The Centre will attempt to manage this 'demand' in future, and encourage more Southeast Asian researchers to present seminars.

## **9. BUDGET REQUIREMENTS**

The Centre was established with a budget of HK\$12.5 million over six years. As can be seen in the attached budget statement (Attachment E), in SEARC's first year (actually from September 2000), our commitment of funds was just in excess of \$2.2 million. However, it should be noted that actual expenditure was lower, at approximately \$1.6 million.

The main reason for this difference is that research grants have not drawn down funds as quickly as expected. Research grants have been allocated through the year, beginning from February, meaning that these expenditures have only begun from about March, and some were only available after July. Other reasons for relatively low expenditure in 2001 are: (i) research fellows have joined during the year, meaning that the salary drawdowns have been less than would normally have been expected; (ii) the recruitment of research staff for the Centre did not begin until January 2001; and (iii) the Centre was deliberately frugal in furnishing its office.

However, in 2002, with a full complement of staff (3 research fellows, a research assistant and an executive officer), a range of symposia, seminars and meetings, and further allocation of research funding, the Centre expects to fully utilise its budget.

As can be seen in Attachment E, for 2002, the Centre requests a budget of HK\$2.7 million. Of this, it is estimated that approximately \$1.5 million will be spent on the salaries of research assistants, research fellows and Centre visitors. In 2003, the Centre estimates that it will utilise \$2.54 million. Over three years this represents a

total expenditure of about HK\$6.84 million, or \$2.28 million a year, and is roughly in line with the Centre's total budget allocation.

## **10. FUTURE PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

SEARC was established with a clear research agenda (see Appendix D). In its first year, the Centre has established a programme of research that addresses this agenda. One year on, the Centre's plans and strategy remain those set out in the application for the establishment of the Centre. Within this agenda, however, some clear directions have emerged. These are:

### *Labour, Migration, Regionalisation and Globalisation*

A range of existing and planned activity will be in this broad area. On labour and migration, these include:

- The project *Labour Regulatory Regimes and Labour Standards: A Comparative Perspective*, involving five researchers, funded by the Centre;
- Professor Hewison's small project through the School of Creative Media is on Thai labour in Hong Kong;
- Collaboration with IIAS and CAPTRANS may be in the area of labour and migration;
- Dr Wee's CERG proposal involves Southeast Asian labour in Hong Kong; and
- Dr Jacobsen will continue work on internal labour migration and its political impacts in Indonesia.

On globalisation and regionalisation, activities include:

- A symposium on 17-18 January 2002 entitled *Running on Empty? Politics, Markets and Southeast Asian Regionalism*, will examine regionalism, and will involve a number of international experts;
- Professor Chang has been funded to examine China's ASEAN Policy in the 21st Century;
- There is the potential for collaborative work with Xiamen University on China and Southeast Asia; and
- A range of work on the political impacts of globalisation will continue in 2002, with both Professor Hewison and Alex Choi working in this area.

### *Religion, Ethnicity and Conflict*

Following the success of the *Political Faultlines in Southeast Asia: Movements for Ethnic Autonomy in Nation-state Structures* Symposium, further work will continue in this area. This will include:

- Continued work on Dr Wee's 'Faultlines' projects;
- The completion of publications from Faultlines symposium;
- SEARC involvement in a jointly sponsored international conference on Islam; and
- Studies of Southeast Asian ethnicities in Hong Kong.

### *Post-Asian Crisis Political Economy: Wealth and Conflict*

A range of activities in this area was completed in 2001 (see Appendix B). Work will continue in 2002. Activities will include:

- Dr Jacobsen's work on Indonesia;
- Alex Choi's work on Thailand, supported by Professor Hewison;
- Dr Zang's project, 'Earnings Determination and Ethnicity in Malaysia';
- Dr Jayasuriya's project, 'The Politics of Social Capital in South-east Asia';
- A major symposium on *The Electronic media and Asia* in mid-April;
- The second CERG proposal is in this area; and
- The Australian Research Council-funded project 'Changing East Asia's Economic and Political Regimes: What Kind of Markets? What Kind of Politics?'

As can be seen in the above-mentioned work, we plan to expand our collaboration with other researchers and research centres in the region and China. The establishment of these research links will be an important task for the Centre in 2002.

**APPENDIX A**

**FUNDED RESEARCH**

<b>Principal investigator</b>	<b>Project title</b>	<b>Amount awarded</b>
Dr Zang Xiaowei	Earnings Determination and Ethnicity in Malaysia	HK\$249,942.40
Professor Kevin Hewison Dr Raymond K. H. Chan	Labour Regulatory Regimes and Labour Standards: A Comparative Perspective	HK\$249,893.75
Professor Joseph Cheng	China's ASEAN Policy in the 21st Century	HK\$75,000
Dr Vivienne Wee	Political faultlines in South-east Asia: pre-modernist atomisms in post-colonial nation-states	HK\$60,000
Dr Joseph Kwok	NGOs working with Women with Disabilities: An exploratory and comparative case study in Hong Kong and the Philippines	HK\$60,000
Dr Vivienne Wee	Political faultlines in South-east Asia: movements for ethnic autonomy in nation-state structures	HK\$59,940
Dr Kanishka Jayasuriya	The Politics of Social Capital in Southeast Asia	HK\$59,920
Professor Kevin Hewison	Reconstructing Institutions and Power in Southeast Asia: Malaysia and Thailand	HK\$58,600
Dr Graeme Lang	Syncretistic Religions in East and Southeast Asia: A Comparative Analysis of Yi Guan Dao (China) and Cao Dai (Vietnam)	HK\$10,450

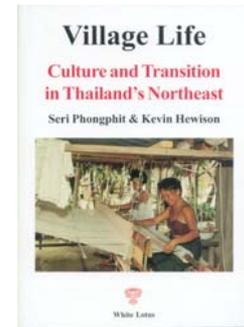
## APPENDIX B

### RESEARCH OUTPUTS

#### A. OUTPUTS WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIA RESEARCH CENTRE

##### Authored Books

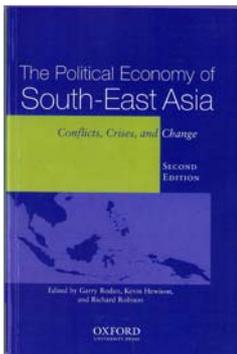
Seri Phongphit and **Kevin Hewison**, *Village Life: Culture and Transition in Thailand's Northeast*, Bangkok: White Lotus, 2001.



##### Edited books

Garry Rodan, **Kevin Hewison** and Richard Robison (eds.), *The Political Economy of South-East Asia. Conflicts, Crises, and Change*, Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 2001.

##### Chapters in edited books

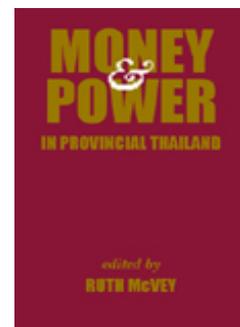


**Kevin Hewison**, 'Theorising South-East Asia's Boom, Bust, and Recovery', in Garry Rodan, Kevin Hewison and Richard Robison (eds.), *The Political Economy of South-East Asia. Conflicts, Crises, and Change*, Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 2001, pp. 1-41.

**Kevin Hewison**, 'Thailand's Capitalism: Development Through Boom and Bust', in Garry Rodan, Kevin Hewison and Richard Robison (eds.), *The Political Economy of South-East Asia. Conflicts, Crises, and Change*, Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 2001, pp. 71-103.

**Kevin Hewison**, 'Virtual Southeast Asia? The Web, Students and Researchers', in Acaemia Sinica (eds.), *2001 Pacific Neighborhood Consortium Annual Conference and Joint Meetings*, Taipei: Academia Sinica and PNC, 2001, CD-ROM publication, 13pp.

**Kevin Hewison** and Maniemai Thongyou, 'Developing Provincial Capitalism. A Profile of the Economic and Political Roles of a New Generation in Khon Kaen, Thailand', in R. McVey (ed.), *Power and Money in Provincial Thailand*, London: Curzon Press, 2000, pp. 195-220.



**Kanishka Jayasuriya** and Andrew Rosser, 'The Political Economy of Economic Liberalisation in Southeast Asia', in Garry Rodan, Kevin Hewison and Richard Robison (eds.), *The Political Economy of South-East Asia. Conflicts,*

*Crises, and Change*, Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 2001, pp. 233–258.

**Kanishka Jayasuriya**, 'Southeast Asia's Embedded Mercantilism in Crisis: International Strategies and Domestic Coalitions', in Andrew Tian Huat and Kenneth Boutin (eds), *Non Traditional Issues Security Issues in Southeast Asia*, Singapore: Select Publishing, 2001, pp. 26–54.

**Vivienne Wee** and Cynthia Chou, 'Tribality and globalisation: The Orang Suku Laut and the 'Growth Triangle' in a contested environment', in Geoffrey Benjamin and Cynthia Chou (eds.), *Tribal Communities in the Malay World: Historical, Cultural and Social Perspectives*, London: Curzon Press, 2001, pp. 245-277.

### Refereed journal articles

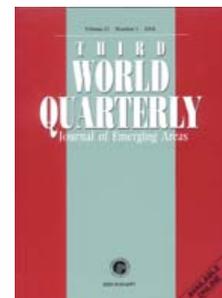
**Greg Acciaioli**, 'Grounds of Conflict, Idioms of Harmony: Custom, Religion, and Nationalism in Violence Avoidance at the Lindu Plain, Central Sulawesi'. *Indonesia*, 7 (2), 2001, pp. 1-34.

**Kevin Hewison**, 'Nationalism, Populism, Dependency: Southeast Asia and Responses to the Asian Crisis', *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*, 22 (3), 2001, pp. 219-36.

**Kanishka Jayasuriya**, 'Globalisation, Sovereignty, and the Rule of Law: From Political to Economic Constitutionalism?', *Constellations*, 8 (4), 2001, pp. 442–60.

**Kanishka Jayasuriya**, 'The Crisis of Open Regionalism and the New Political Economy of the Asia Pacific Policy', *Organisation and Society* 20 (1), 2001, pp. 89–106.

**Kanishka Jayasuriya** and Andrew Rosser, 'Economic Orthodoxy and the East Asian Crisis'. *Third World Quarterly*, 22 (3), 2001, pp. 381–396.



### Invited conference papers

**Greg Acciaioli**, Revitalising custom, reasserting sovereignty: Opposition and alliance in Indonesia's customary society movement, Paper presented to the Political Fault-lines in Southeast Asia: Movements for Ethnic Autonomy in Nation-state Structures Symposium, SEARC, City University of Hong Kong, 15-17 October 2001.

**Kevin Hewison**, 'Virtual Southeast Asia: The Web for Students and Researchers', Pacific Neighborhood Consortium, 2001 Annual Conference, Hong Kong, January 2001.

**Kevin Hewison**, 'Pathways to Recovery: Bankers, Business and Nationalism in Thailand', Chinese Business and Culture in Global and Local Contexts,

Program for Southeast Asian Area Studies, Academic Sinica and Economic & Social Research Council, UK, Taipei, February 2001.

**Kevin Hewison**, 'Thailand: Class Matters', On the Roots of Growth and Crisis: Capitalism, State and Society in East Asia, Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, Cortona, Italy, March 2001.

**Michael Jacobsen**, 'Nation Making and the Politicisation of Ethnicity in Post-Suharto Indonesia', Paper presented to the Political Fault-lines in Southeast Asia: Movements for Ethnic Autonomy in Nation-state Structures Symposium, SEARC, City University of Hong Kong, 15-17 October 2001.

**Kanishka Jayasuriya**, 'Damaged Exports: Dynamics and Limits of Governance Reform in Southeast Asia'. Conference on *Communities in Southeast Asia: Challenges and Responses*, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC Canada, 26-27 October, 2001.

**Kanishka Jayasuriya**, 'Regulatory State, Negotiated Governance, and Citizenship Regimes: The Political Economy of Open Regionalism'. Forum on *Asian Capitalism*, Yonsei University, Seoul, 17-19 October 2001.

**Kanishka Jayasuriya**, 'The Political Economy of Open Regionalism'. Workshop on *Regional Integration in the Pacific Rim: The Economic Impact*, UdeG – UTS Project. University of Technology, Sydney, 26-29 July 2001.

**Kanishka Jayasuriya**, 'The Crisis of Open Regionalism and the New Political Economy of the Asia-Pacific', Conference on *An American-Australian Trade Agreement?* School of Political and International Studies, Flinders University, Adelaide, 25-26 May 2001.

**Vivienne Wee**, 'Globalisation and women's health: research collaboration in China, Hongkong SAR and Southeast Asia', China-ASEAN Research Institutes Roundtable, Centre of Asian Studies, The University of Hong Kong, 28-30 September 2000.

**Vivienne Wee**, 'Globalisation and human security', ASEAN People's Assembly 2000, An ASEAN of the People, by the People, for the People, ASEAN-ISIS, Batam, Indonesia, 24-26 November 2000.

**Vivienne Wee**, 'Beyond nation-states: the Internet as democratic space in Southeast Asia', Pacific Neighborhood Consortium, 2001 Annual Conference, Hong Kong, January 2001.

**Vivienne Wee**, 'Political fault-lines in Southeast Asia: movements for ethnic autonomy as nations of intent', Paper presented to the Political Fault-lines in Southeast Asia: Movements for Ethnic Autonomy in Nation-state Structures Symposium, SEARC, City University of Hong Kong, 15-17 October 2001.

**Vivienne Wee**, 'Ethno-nationalism in process: atavism, ethnicity and indigenism in Riau', Paper presented to the Political Fault-lines in Southeast

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### **Refereed conference papers**

**Kevin Hewison**, 'Thailand's Capitalism: Development Through Boom and Bust', Panel 11-13, Southeast Asian Industrialism on Trial, 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Exhibition of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 30 August-2 September 2001.

**Vivienne Wee**, 'Political fault-lines in Indonesia: Riau, Aceh & beyond', Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, Chicago, 24-26 March 2001.

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### **Invited lectures**

**Greg Acciaioli**, 'Re-empowering the Art of the Elders: The Revitalization of Local Custom in Indonesia.' Public talk sponsored by The Hong Kong Anthropological Society and the Hong Kong Museum of History, 8 November 2001.

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### **Working papers**

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**Kanishka Jayasuriya**, 'East Asia's embedded mercantilism', Op-ed, *The Asian Wall Street Journal*, 19 May 2001, p. 6.

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**Kevin Hewison**, 'Thailand: Class Matters', Plenary Keynote Speech, International Conference on Economic and Political Development in Southeast Asia at the Beginning of the New Millennium, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China, 20-23 September 2001.

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### **Contracted research**

**Vivienne Wee**, Women's economic empowerment in the Asia-Pacific region, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), New York, April 2001.

**Vivienne Wee**, Gender analysis, Women's Commission, Health and Welfare Bureau, Government of Hong Kong SAR, Hong Kong, 24 February 2001.

### **High-level public or professional services**

**Kevin Hewison**, Member, Editorial Board, *The Pacific Review*.

**Kevin Hewison**, Member, Editorial Board, *The Journal of Comparative Asian Development*.

**Kevin Hewison**, Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Contemporary Asia*.

**Kevin Hewison**, Member, International Advisory Board, *Politics, Administration and Change*.

**Kevin Hewison**, Member, International Advisory Board, *Labour and Management in Development*.

**Kevin Hewison**, Honorary Fellow, School of Social Science, The University of New England, Australia.

**Kevin Hewison**, Fellow, Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Australia.

## **B. OTHER OUTPUTS BY CENTRE RESEARCHERS AND CORE MEMBERS RELATED TO SOUTHEAST ASIA (not directly supported by SEARC)**

### **Chapters in edited books**

**J Y S Cheng**, 'Lessons from the 1997-98 Asian financial crisis', in Heinrich Pfusterschmid-Hardtenstein (ed.), *Materie, Geist Und Bewusstsein - Europäisches Forum Alpbach 1999*, Vienna: European University Press, Ibero Verlag, 2000, pp.372-379.

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### **Invited conference papers**

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**Kanishka Jayasuriya**, 'Autonomy, Liberalism and the New Contractualism'. Workshop on *Contractualism and Citizenship*, The University of Sydney, 4-5 October 2000.

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**Kanishka Jayasuriya**, 'International Norms in East Asia'. Invited participant for Workshop on *International Norm sand Political Change in the South Pacific*. Department of International Relations, the Australian National University, Canberra, 15 August 2000.

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## **C. OTHER OUTPUTS BY CENTRE RESEARCHERS AND CORE MEMBERS (not a part of Centre activities)**

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## **Invited lectures**

**Graeme Lang**, 'The Return of the Refugee God: Wong Tai Sin in China', Invited talk given for the Department of Religion, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 6 November 2001.

## **Newspaper and popular journal articles**

**J Y S Cheng** and Yan S H, 'The Role of Party Organizations in the People's Congresses Elections at the Town/Township Level in China' (in Chinese), *Prospect Quarterly*, 2 (2), 2001, pp. 29-46.

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## **APPENDIX C**

### **SEMINARS**

#### **SOUTHEAST ASIA RESEARCH CENTRE MARCH – DECEMBER 2001**

20 March 2001: Professor Pasuk Phongpaichit (Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand), 'Corruption and Thailand'.

30 March 2001: Dr Jean Berlie (Honorary Research Fellow, Centre for Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong) 'East Timor: Elections, Violence and Prospects', A joint seminar with the Centre of Asian Studies at the University of Hong Kong.

24 May 2001: Dr Michael Connors, (Institute for Political and International Studies, University of Leeds, England) 'Making Democracy Work? The Politics of Democracy Promotion in Southeast Asia'.

6 June 2001: Mr Said Zahari (retired journalist, Malaysia) 'Human Rights, Malaysia and Singapore: Personal Experiences'.

8 June 2001: Professor Aihwa Ong (University of California, Berkeley and Visiting Professor, SEARC) 'Critical Ethnology of Globalising Asian Cities', A joint seminar with the Centre for Comparative Public Management and Social Policy.

12 June 2001: Professor Aihwa Ong (University of California, Berkeley and Visiting Professor, SEARC) 'Graduated Sovereignty in Southeast Asia'.

14 June 2001: Professor Herb Thompson (Economics, Murdoch University, Perth, Australia) 'Crisis in Indonesia: Forests, Fires and Finances'.

15 June 2001: Professor Fred Deyo (Sociology, State University of New York, Binghamton and Visiting Professor, SS), 'Reforming Asian Labour: Institutional and Political Tensions of Globalisation and Economic Restructuring', a joint seminar with the Department of Applied Social Studies.

5 July 2001: Emeritus Professor Malcolm Falkus (School of Economic Studies, University of New England, Australia), 'The Cambodian Labour Law: Its Origins and Its Consequences'.

18 July 2001: Professor Zhuang Guotu (Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University, China and Visiting Professor, SEARC), 'Sinology in the Netherlands'. A joint seminar with the Chinese Civilisation Centre.

8 August 2001: Professor Zhuang Guotu (Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University, China and Visiting Professor, SEARC), 'Research on Southeast Asia in China'.

17 September 2001: Professor Wang Xinsheng (Centre for Asia Pacific Studies, Zhongshan University, China), 'China's Foreign Policy Towards Southeast Asia During the Cold War'.

24 September 2001: Mr James Gomez (Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Bangkok, Thailand), 'New Internet Oppositions in Singapore'.

10 October 2001: Professor Chua Beng Huat (Department of Sociology & Southeast Asian Studies Programme, National University of Singapore), 'Multiculturalism as Instrument of Political and Social Discipline: the case of Singapore', a joint seminar with the Department of Applied Social Studies.

12 October 2001: Professor Lung Tsuen Ni (Taiwan Research Institute), 'The 600th Anniversary of Zheng He's Voyages: South China Sea Issue and Regional Cooperation in Southeast Asia', A joint seminar with the Chinese Civilisation Centre.

29 October 2001: Mr Andrew Brown (Department of Politics and International Studies, University of New England, Australia), 'Labour Organising for Improved Health and Safety Standards in Thailand'.

6 November 2001: The Future of Southeast Asian Studies. A roundtable to coincide with the visit of Professor W.A.L. Stokhof (Director) and Mrs S.A.M. Kuypers (Deputy Director), International Institute for Asian Studies.

14 November 2001: Dr Greg Acciaioli (Visiting Fellow, SEARC and University of Western Australia), 'Violence and Reconciliation in Contemporary Indonesia: Religion, Nation, Custom and Resource Competition', A joint seminar with the Department of Applied Social Studies.

27 November 2001: Professor Yamazawa Ippei (Institute for Developing Economies, Japan) 'Whither the East Asian Regionalism?', A joint seminar with CityU's APEC Study Centre.

*Professor Ippei Yamazawa presents a SEARC seminar*



5 December 2001: Professor Liao Dake (Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University) 'Contemplation of History and Culture Identity Formation of the Sino-Filipino Hybrid', A joint seminar with the Department of Applied Social Studies.

6 December 2001: Professor Leo Suryadinata (Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore) 'Post-Suharto's Ethnic Chinese Society and Politics'.

7 December 2001: Professor Leo Suryadinata (Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore) 'Contemporary Problems of Nation-Building in Indonesia', A joint seminar with the Department of Applied Social Studies.

21 December 2001: Mr. Rizal Dharmaputra (Executive Director of LESPERSSI Jakarta, Indonesian Institute for Strategic and Defence Studies) 'The Current Political Situation in Indonesia and the Policy Orientation of the Megawati Government', A joint seminar with the Department of Public and Social Administration and the Hong Kong Society for Indonesian Studies.

## APPENDIX D

### RESEARCH AGENDA

#### **REMAKING SOUTHEAST ASIA IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT: CULTURES, DEVELOPMENT, CHALLENGES**

These notes were a part of the proposal for the establishment of the Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC). They outline a potential research programme, some aspects of which are being implemented. A longer version, including details of research, are available from the web site of the Southeast Asia Research Centre:

[http://www.cityu.edu.hk/searc/Research\\_Agenda.htm](http://www.cityu.edu.hk/searc/Research_Agenda.htm)

The Centre's theme, 'Remaking Southeast Asia in a Global Context: Cultures, Development, Challenges' has been selected for its expression of SEARC's central concerns:

- This core theme expresses the Centre's focus on Southeast Asia as a region in which societies, cultures and nations are being remade within the context of the multiple forces associated with globalisation.
- The term 'remaking' implies that change is an active process with historical antecedents. Just as Southeast Asia was 'made' in past centuries, so it is being 'remade' as the region enters the 21st century. The Centre's focus on contemporary Southeast Asia has a sensitivity for important historical processes that underlie current changes.
- This terminology emphasises that political, cultural, economic and social change is not passively received. Rather, Southeast Asians are active participants in processes 'remaking' and are shaping the outcomes.
- 'Cultures, development, challenges' implies that past, present and future are intimately related in the processes of change that are remaking Southeast Asia.

Three sub-themes and research programs:

- Southeast Asia and Globalisations: Environment, people, markets
- Southeast Asian Fault-lines: Schisms, convergence, conflict
- Southeast Asian Interactions: Cross-border and inter-ethnic relations

Each sub-theme relates to a long-term research program implemented through a network of researchers at City University, other universities in Hong Kong, universities in other parts of the world, and a range of other researchers with appropriate experience and interests.

The Centre adopts a comparative and holistic perspective. This will necessarily involve inter-disciplinary perspectives on issues addressed in the Centre's research activities. It will also mean that in addition to comparative analysis, the Centre's research will need to encompass multiple sectors of

Southeast Asian societies, including centre and periphery, urban and rural, men and women, governments and the non-governmental.

The following section illustrates the kinds of research SEARC is and will undertake. The Centre's programs and projects will be prioritised according to two criteria:

- relative uniqueness and distinctiveness of the research — i.e. its innovative and cutting-edge significance in Southeast Asian Studies and related disciplines; and
- relative expertise and specialisation by the Centre's researchers in terms of discipline and area studies

The programs are:

1. *SOUTHEAST ASIA AND GLOBALISATIONS: ENVIRONMENT, PEOPLE, MARKETS*

This research program will focus on the changes occurring in Southeast Asia in response to globalising processes. The pluralised term 'globalisations' indicates that there is more than one globalising process at work. The Centre's approach will emphasise globalisations beyond economic forces to encompass political, social and cultural processes. This also implies that globalisation is not just a force that impinges on passive local communities. On the contrary, communities actively interact with globalising forces. As active participants in making and remaking social, economic, political and cultural change, Southeast Asians are reinventing their region. Examples of this research include:

- *Communities, environment and resource competition in the global marketplace.*
- *Globalisation, labour mobility and Southeast Asia.*

2. *SOUTHEAST ASIAN FAULT-LINES: SCHISMS, CONVERGENCE, CONFLICT*

This research program will focus on subterranean fault-lines lying beneath the surface of Southeast Asian nation-states. These include schisms of class, ethnicity, gender, culture and religion. Such schisms shape social, economic and political processes, resulting in particular patterns of convergence and conflict.

Potential research projects that could be conceptualised within this research program are:

- *Political faultlines in Southeast Asia: movements for ethnic and national autonomy.*
- *The Politics of Islam in Southeast Asia.*
- *Changing Southeast Asian political economies.*

### 3. SOUTHEAST ASIAN INTERACTIONS: CROSS-BORDER AND INTER-ETHNIC RELATIONS

This research program will focus on intra-regional interactions at various levels—state relations, community links, trade networks. It will also focus on Chinese communities as a regional commonality in all Southeast Asian countries. This approach is distinctive from the mainstream approach to the study of overseas Chinese in terms of their origins, migrations, culture and social organisation. In contrast, the Centre will focus on Southeast Asian interactions with the ethnic Chinese and people of Chinese ancestry.

*Chinese businesses in Southeast Asia.*

*Inter-ethnic interactions in Southeast Asia.*

*Patterns of accumulation, allocation and consumption.*