

## **SOUTHEAST ASIA RESEARCH CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

The Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC) is located within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHS) at the City University of Hong Kong. It was inaugurated in February 2001. During 2005, Professor Ian Holliday (FHS) served as Acting Director of the Centre. Dr Vivienne Wee served as Associate Director.

During its time of operation, SEARC has established a strong international reputation. It has produced a range of important and high-quality academic publications, while enhancing scholarly debate at City University through numerous workshops and international conferences, seminars and symposia, and visits by respected scholars involved with Southeast Asia.

The Centre was established with a budget from the University of HK\$12.5 million over five years. In 2002, this was reduced by nearly one-third. Thus, SEARC researchers have actively sought external funding through which to support the Centre's conferences forums and workshops.

### **MISSION AND OBJECTIVES**

SEARC's **mission** is to maintain its reputation as an internationally recognised centre of excellence in the study of contemporary Southeast Asia. During 2005, the Centre focused on applied research in political, economic and social development, with particular attention given to investment and trade in the China-Hong Kong-Southeast Asia triangle, labour practices, ethnicity and the environment.

SEARC's **objectives** are:

- To advance the Centre's internationally recognized research programme by developing new understandings of all forms of development issues in the Southeast Asian region.
- To undertake new research and produce high quality academic publications on Southeast Asia.
- To provide government and business with valuable policy relevant information about Southeast Asia.
- To establish mutually beneficial links with international researchers and institutions involved with Southeast Asia.
- To encourage interest in, and understanding of Southeast Asia within City University and the wider Hong Kong community.

SEARC was established with a clear research agenda. It has now identified and consolidated its core projects, which will continue through 2008. These include:

- the impact of all forms of globalization, especially as they are mediated by China, on Southeast Asia's political, economic and social development
- cross-border and interethnic relations in Southeast Asia
- migration, labour, and gender issues in Southeast Asia

Fuller details on SEARC's Research Agenda can be viewed on its website: [http://www.cityu.edu.hk/searc/Research\\_Agenda.htm](http://www.cityu.edu.hk/searc/Research_Agenda.htm).

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## RESEARCH GRANTS

During 2005, SEARC researchers continued to seek funding from both external and University sources, enabling them to collaborate with researchers overseas and mount new research projects.

Dr Vivienne Wee's Competitive Earmarked Research Grant (CERG) was implemented during 2005. The project, entitled 'China and Southeast Asia: Challenges, Opportunities and the Re-construction of Southeast Asian Chinese Ethnic Capital', received funding of HK\$508,787 over 30 months. It examined the nature of interactions between the government and societies of China and Southeast Asia amid rapid economic growth during the 1990s, followed by periods of crisis and recovery.

Dr Catherine Chiu (Dept of Applied Social Studies) and Dr Bill Taylor (Dept of Public and Social Administration) continued work on a CERG project that was led by former Centre Director Professor Kelvin Hewison (who remains a part of the research team). The project, 'Hong Kong Investment and Labour Strategies in Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam', received funding of HK\$711,000 over 30 months.

Dr Wee continued her University funded project, 'On the Production of Transnational Spaces Through Networking Processes in Southeast Asia: Reassessing the Ethnic Chinese Diaspora'. The grant, for HK\$147,460, examines how ethnic Chinese entrepreneurs in Southeast Asia have engaged in multiple forms of networking, through which different types of capital transcend formal borders between nation-states.

Dr Wee also continued her University funded project, 'Illegal Indonesian Women Migrant in Hong Kong and Macau: Policy Implications. It was funded by a grant of HK\$59,999 over one year.

Dr Catherine Chiu continued her University funded project, 'Investment in Southeast Asia: What is Hong Kong's Role?'

## RESEARCH OUTPUT

SEARC's core academics and research staff remained highly productive throughout 2005 participating in academic and applied conferences and workshops, while producing a range of high quality publications. Outputs are summarized in the table below.

SEARC Research Outputs 2005	
Category	Number
Referred Journal Articles	6
Book Chapter	6
Special issue of other journals	9
Paper to conference, workshop, symposia, etc.	10
Working papers	6
SEARC Seminars held	15
Symposia, workshops, conferences organised/co-organised	4

The RoutledgeCurzon/City University of Hong Kong Southeast Asia Series, edited by Professor Kelvin Hewison and Dr Vivienne Wee, has continued to progress well. This series enhances SEARC's international standing as a centre of research excellence. During 2005, Dr Wee continued work on an edited a volume entitled *Political Fragmentation in Southeast Asia: Alternative Nations in the Making*, scheduled for publication in 2007. This will bring the series total to six titles. In addition, Dr Wee edited a special issue of *The Journal of Comparative Asian Development*. Dr Xiaowei Zang, a core member of SEARC, collaborated with Professor Colin Mackerras of Griffith University, Australia, to co-edit two issues of *Asian Ethnicity*, focusing on Muslim groups in China and in Central and Southeast Asia. Former Director, Professor Kelvin Hewison published two journal special issues that grew out of SEARC activities. These were: (with G. Rodan) 'Markets in Transition: Conflict, Political Regimes, and the "War on Terror" in East and Southeast Asia', *Critical Asian Studies*, Part I in 2004 and Part II in 2005; and (with R. Robison) special issue on 'East Asia and the Trials of Neo-Liberalism', *Journal of Development Studies*, 41, 2, 2005.

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During 2005, Dr Vivienne Wee, Dr Xiaowei Zang, and fellow core SEARC member, Dr Graeme Lang, each published chapters in edited volumes, as well as refereed journal articles. Senior Research Fellow Dr Stephen Frost and Research Assistant Ms Mary Ho published two refereed articles on corporate social responsibility. Research Fellow Dr Yuk-wah Chan published a refereed article examining issues of Chinese and Vietnamese identity. During 2005, Centre researchers also had six referred journal articles accepted for publication in 2006.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

SEARC's Working Paper Series has been highly successful. During 2005, six new papers were added to the series, bringing the total to 81 papers that are available for free download. These papers have been authored by outstanding scholars and analysts, and many of them have been turned into academic publications. The Working Paper Series attracted some 28,000 hits during 2005, nearly a 25 per cent increase over the previous year.

## **SEMINARS**

During 2005, SEARC organized 15 seminars and joint lectures. Some of these were organized in partnership with other departments in City University's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, including Public and Social Administration and English and Communication. Two were also organized with the Islamic Union of Hong Kong. Seminars were conducted by City University academics and international researchers. They were well-attended, attracting between 10 and 40 participants.

## **CONFERENCES**

During 2005, SEARC maintained its popular programme of conferences and symposia, most of which are open to the public. Attendance ranged from 40 to well over 100 persons.

On 31 January, SEARC organized a public forum entitled 'After the Tsunami in Aceh: Social Priorities and Disaster Management'. The Centre's Academic Visitor, Ms Suraiya Kamaruzzaman, shared her personal experiences in helping friends and relatives in Aceh cope with the disaster. Over 120 people from the Hong Kong community attended. SEARC then funded a year-long project of HK\$156,000 to help monitor and evaluate relief work undertaken by various organizations.

On 22-23 August, a two-day conference entitled 'Gender and Trade Liberalisation: Global-local Process and Gendered Impacts in Asia and Beyond' was co-organized by SEARC, the Gender Research Centre, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the International Gender and Trade Network.

On 23 August, a public forum entitled 'Gender in World Trade Organization' was co-organized by SEARC, the Gender Research Centre, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the International Gender and Trade Network.

On 10-18 December, the 'Women and Economic Justice Workshop' was co-organised by SEARC, Mama Cash, Netherlands, Global Fund for Women, USA.

## **COLLABORATION AND PUBLICITY**

SEARC has entered into a range of collaborative relationships with other universities, research centres, and individual researchers. Institutions with which SEARC has collaborated include Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), Carolina Asia Center at the University of North Carolina (United States), the Institute of Social Studies (The Hague), Universiti Sains Malaysia (Penang), the National University of Singapore, and Murdoch University, Griffith University, and the Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies at Wollongong University (all in Australia).

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In addition, SEARC has generated much publicity locally and internationally. Core members and research staff are often quoted in the press on Southeast Asian affairs and issues. Media outlets through which they given commentary or analysis include *Asian Wall Street Journal*, *Far Eastern Economic Review*, *International Herald Tribune*, *The Financial Times*, *South China Morning Post*, Associated Press, Reuters, CNNi, BBC, Star TV, Voice of America and various regional newspapers in Chinese and Southeast Asian vernacular.

SEARC also maintains a comprehensive website that is regularly updated. As mentioned above, the Working Paper Series that forms part of SEARC's web presence has attracted much attention from international researchers.

## EVALUATION

2005 marked SEARC's fifth year of operation. A benchmarking exercise outlined in the annual report for 2003 showed that the Centre's research performance has been internationally competitive. An external assessment conducted at the end of 2004 reaffirmed this standing. The Centre's publications during 2005 have been summarized on page 7. Its cumulative output is indicated in the table below.

SEARC Research Outputs 2001-05	
Category	Number
Edited or co-edited book	5
Book Chapter	38
Special issue of SSCI journals	7
Special issue of other journals	11
Peer-reviewed journal article	33
Paper to conference, workshop, symposia, etc.	88

SEARC researchers have won competitive grants through Hong Kong's CERG, the Japan Foundation, and the Australian Research Council. They have collaborated internationally with a range of important institutions and individual scholars. They have received numerous invitations to present their research at international

conferences and workshops. They have regularly produced articles in international journals, as well as books and book chapters with major publishers. SEARC-related research has also been accepted for special issue or featured section publication by a number of SSCI-listed journals, including *Pacific Review*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Critical Asian Studies*, and *Asian Ethnicity*.

In turn, SEARC has also provided an important outlet for the research of many international scholars through its Working Paper Series. Moreover, as noted above, by the end of 2005, six titles had been published through its RoutledgeCurzon/City University of Hong Kong Southeast Asia series. Currently available reviews of these books have been uniformly positive.

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## **ORGANISATION**

### **Core members**

Professor Ian Holliday (Acting Director, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences)

Dr Vivienne Wee (Associate Director, Department of Applied Social Studies)

Professor Joseph Cheng (Department of Public and Social Administration)

Dr Catherine C H Chiu (Department of Applied Social Studies)

Dr Graeme Lang (Department of Applied Social Studies)

Professor Martin Painter (Department of Public and Social Administration)

Dr Bill Taylor (Department of Public and Social Administration)

Dr Xiaowei Zang (Department of Applied Social Studies)

### **Management Committee**

Professor Ian Holliday (Acting Director, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences)

Dr Vivienne Wee (Associate Director, Department of Applied Social Studies)

Dr Graeme Lang (Department of Applied Social Studies)

Professor Martin Painter (Department of Public and Social Administration)

Dr Xiaowei Zang (Department of Applied Social Studies)

### **Steering Committee**

Professor Ian Holliday (Acting Director and Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences)

Professor Joseph Cheng (Department of Public and Social Administration)

Professor C C Lee (Head, Department of English and Communication)

Professor Ng Sik Hung (Head, Department of Applied Social Studies)

Dr Vivienne Wee (Department of Applied Social Studies)

### **International Advisory Committee**

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Professor Zhuang Goutu (Director, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University, China)

Professor Richard Robison (Professor of Political Economy, The Institute of Social Studies, The Hague)

Professor H H Michael Hsiao (Director, Asia-Pacific Research Program, Academia Sinica, Taipei)

Professor Garry Rodan (Director, Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Australia)

Professor V T King (Professor of Southeast Asian Studies, University of Hull, UK)

Professor Kevin Hewison (Director, Carolina Asia Centre, University of North Carolina of Chapel Hill, USA)

### **Research Associates**

Dr Raymond K.H. Chan (Department of Applied Social Studies)

Dr Angel Lin (Department of English and Communication, joined in 2004)

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**Research Affiliates**

Dr Mark Beeson (School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland, Australia)

Dr Andrew Brown (Department of Political and Social Change, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University, Australia)

Dr Vedi Hadiz (Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore, Singapore)

Dr Michael Jacobsen (Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Denmark)

Dr Kanishka Jayasuriya (Asia Research Centre Murdoch University, Australia)

Dr Christopher Skene (Canada)

**Research Fellows**

Dr Stephen Frost, Senior Research Fellow, since September 2002

Dr Lin Chew, Academic Visitor, since January 2004

Ms Suraiya Kamaruzzaman, Academic Visitor, since February 2004

Dr Yuk-wah Chan, Research Fellow since June 2005

**Research Assistants**

Mr Tiong Chong Wong, Senior Research Assistant since May 2004

Miss Mary Ho, Research Assistant since June 2004

Ms Cathy Chan, Research Assistant since December 2004

Ms Joy Lam, Research Assistant from April to July 2005

**Clerical Officer**

Ms Angel Ho, since February 2002

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## **RESEARCH OUTPUTS<sup>1</sup>** **(RELATED TO SEARC ACTIVITIES)**

### **EDITED SPECIAL ISSUES/FEATURES**

**Vivienne Wee**, Editor, *Political fragmentation in Southeast Asia: alternative nations in the making*, London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2005 (in press)

**Vivienne Wee**, Editor, Special Collection on 'Globalisation, gendered poverty and women's health in Asia', *The Journal of Comparative Asian Development*, 3 (2), 2005, pp. 183-248.

**Xiaowei Zang** and **Colin Mackerras**, Guest Editors, 'Special Issue on Muslim Groups in Central and Southeast Asia', *Asian Ethnicity*, 6 (2), June 2005 (The collection partly arose from a SEARC symposium)

**Xiaowei Zang** and **Colin Mackerras**, Guest Editors, 'Special Issue on Muslim Groups in China', *Asian Ethnicity*, 6 (1), February 2005 (The collection partly arose from a SEARC symposium)

### **CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS**

**Graeme Lang** and **Yunfeng Lu**, 'Assimilation of New Age Beliefs into Cults and New Religions in East and Southeast Asia', in Michaela Moravíková (ed.), *New Age*, Bratislava: Ústav pre vzťahy at tu a cirkvi. (Institute for Church-State Relations), 2005, pp. 306-322.

**Vivienne Wee** and **Graeme Lang**, 'Ethnic violence and the loss of state legitimacy: Burma and Indonesia in a context of post-colonial developmentalism', in Santosh Saha (ed.), *Perspectives on Contemporary Ethnic Conflict: Primal Violence or the Politics of Conviction* Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books, 2005 (in press)

**Vivienne Wee**, 'Making alternative nations in existing nation-states: Southeast Asia in process', in Wee, V (ed), *Political fragmentation in Southeast Asia: alternative nations in the making*, London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2005 (in press)

**Vivienne Wee** and **Michael Jacobsen**, 'Reassessing Project Indonesia: between endogenous aspirations and exogenous accommodations', in Wee, V (ed), *Political fragmentation in Southeast Asia: alternative nations in the making*, London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2005 (in press)

**Vivienne Wee** and **Amy Sim**, 'Hong Kong as a destination for migrant domestic workers', In Yeoh, B S A, Huang, S, Abdul Rahman N (eds), *Asian women as transnational domestic workers*, London and Singapore: Marshall Cavendish, 2005, pp. 155-189

**Vivienne Wee** and **Asma Beatrix**, 'Citizenship: Southeast Asia', in Joseph, Suad and Siapno, Jacqueline (eds), *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, Leiden: Brill, 2005, pp. 5-9.

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<sup>1</sup> The reported outputs are those available and those known to be forthcoming by the end of 2005. The following colour coding is used to identify researchers: Names in black – not affiliated with SEARC; in blue – SEARC core members or researchers; in green – authors who received SEARC research funds, affiliated and associated SEARC researchers and members of International Advisory Committee.

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## REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

**Chan Yuk Wah**, 'Vietnamese or Chinese: Viet-kieu in the Vietnam-China Borderlands', *Journal of Chinese Overseas*, 1 (2), 2005, pp. 217-232

**Graeme Lang** and **Vivienne Wee**, 'Religions and the tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia', *ASA Sociology of Religion* (newsletter of the Sociology of Religion section of the American Sociological Association), 11 (2), February 2005, pp. 3, 8

**Graeme Lang** and **Cathy Hiu Wan Chan**, 'China's impact on forests in Southeast Asia', *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, forthcoming 2006

**Vivienne Wee**, 'The gendered impacts of globalization on women's health', *The Journal of Comparative Asian Development*, 3 (2), 2005, page 183-208

**Vivienne Wee** and **Yuk-Wah Chan**, 'Ethnicity and Capital: Changing Relations between China and Southeast Asia', *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, forthcoming 2006

**Vivienne Wee**, **Michael Jacobsen** and **Tiong Chong Wong**, 'Oscillating between Economic Opportunities and Contextual Constraints: Assessing the Positioning of Southeast Asian Ethnic "Chinese" Entrepreneurs in Relation to China', *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, forthcoming 2006

**Edmund Terence Gomez**, 'Chinese Networks and Enterprise Development in Asia: A Case Study of Malaysian Investments in China', *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, forthcoming 2006

**Huei-ying Kuo**, 'The Making of Transnational "Economic Citizenship:" Chinese Bourgeois Nationalism in Hong Kong and Singapore in the 1930s', *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, forthcoming 2006

**Stephen Frost** and **Mary Ho**, 'Going Out: The Growth of Chinese Foreign Direct Investment in Southeast Asia and Its Implication for Corporate Social Responsibility', *Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management*, 12 (3), 2005, pp. 157-167

**Stephen Frost** and **Mary Ho**, 'Cadmium Poisoning: A Case Study of Gold Peak Batteries in China', *Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management*, 12 (4), 2005, pp. 220-226

**Stephen Frost** and **Mary Ho**, 'The end of the MFA and Apparel Exports: Has Good CSR allowed Cambodia to hold steady against China in a Quota Free Environment', *Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management*, forthcoming 2006

**Xiaowei Zang**, 'Gender and Ethnic Variation in Love Marriage in Urban Malaysia', *International Journal of Sociology of the Family*, 31 (2), 2005, pp. 91-107

## ONLINE AND OTHER JOURNAL ARTICLES

**Chan Yuk Wah**, 'The Chinese Golden Horde: The imagination of Freedom and Modernity' (in Chinese), newspaper article in *Ming Pao*, 3 November, 2005, p. D6



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## PAPERS FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & SYMPOSIA

**Chan Yuk Wah**, 'Contested Memories / Contested Sites: Cultural Politics in Border Tourism in Vietnam', presented at The Second International Conference on Sustainable Heritage Development: Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability, Hanoi and Ha Long Bay, Vietnam, 9-12 January 2006

**Chan Yuk Wah**, 'Border Encounters: Chinese Business People in the Vietnam-China Borderlands', at The Third International Conference of Institutes and Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies, Singapore, 18-20 August, 2005

**Chan Yuk Wah**, 'Host-Guest Interaction: Some Experiences from Border Tourism in Vietnam', presented at the 2005 ASAIHL Seminar, Phuket, Thailand, 16-18 October 2005

**Catherine Chiu, Stephen Frost, Kevin Hewison and Mary Ho**, 'Hong Kong Investors in Southeast Asia: Management Strategies and Industrial Relations in Cambodia and Thailand', presented at 7th Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Sociological Association, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, 3 December 2005

**Stephen Frost**, 'Whose regulations are they anyway? Corporate social responsibility and labour and workplace standards in China', a paper presented to the Workshop on Regulatory Compliance in China: The Lessons of Regulatory Effectiveness, Georgetown Law Center of Georgetown University, Washington DC, 3-5 November 2004 (not reported in 2004)

**Stephen Frost**, 'Codes of conduct and monitoring: Is it enough to prevent a crisis?' a paper presented to the Asia Corporate Governance Conference 2005, Managing Corporate Responsibility and Crisis Through Fairness, Transparency and Accountability, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2-3 February 2005

**Stephen Frost**, 'Moving to Malaysia: Chinese companies investing abroad', a paper presented to the International Symposium on Malaysia and Sino-Malaysian Relations, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China, 5-6 April 2005

**Stephen Frost**, 'From policeman to partner: The latest trends in compliance in Asia', A speech presented to the Cal Safety Compliance Corporation (CSCC) conference on Emerging Issues in China Compliance, Shenzhen, China, 28 June 2005

**Graeme Lang and Cathy Hiu Wan Chan**, 'China's Forest Products Imports and Deforestation in Southeast Asia', presented at the Asia Pacific Sociological Association Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, 16-18 December 2005

**Vivienne Wee and Tiong Chong Wong**, 'Positioning strategies of Malaysians in Johor Baru vis-a-vis Singapore', paper presented at the Xiamen University and International Symposium on Malaysia and Sino-Malaysian Relations, 6-8 April 2005, Xiamen

**Vivienne Wee**, 'Malay and Melayu: overlapping configurations of identity and territory in Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and beyond', paper presented at the Xiamen University and International Symposium on Malaysia and Sino-Malaysian Relations, 6-8 April 2005, Xiamen

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## INVITED LECTURES / PARTICIPANTS

**Stephen Frost**, 'Monitoring labour issues in China and Southeast Asia', a talk presented to TÜV Rheinland compliance monitors, Shenzhen, China, 5 March 2005.

**Stephen Frost**, 'China's investments in Southeast Asia', a talk presented to the Centre on China's Transnational Relations, Hong Kong, 30 May 2005.

**Stephen Frost**, 'From policing to engagement and beyond', a talk presented to the Community Business Forum on CSR and the Supply Chain, Hong Kong, 15 June 2005.

## PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

**Stephen Frost**, and Pringle, T., 'The All China Confederation of Trade Unions: A Guide', an internal booklet for the International Confederation of Trade Unions, January 2005.

**Stephen Frost**, 'Is a local advocacy campaign possible? Mapping Hong Kong apparel companies in East and Southeast Asia', a report for Oxfam Hong Kong, June 2005.

**Stephen Frost**, Expert on labour for the Global Reporting Initiative's Indicators Working Group (IWG).

**Stephen Frost**, and **Mary Ho**, 'Potentially influential trade union federations in the automotive industry in Thailand and the Philippines', a report for client IRM, Japan, June 2005.

**Vivienne Wee**, International Advisor, Project on 'Cultural Atlas of Riau', University of Riau, Pekanbaru, Indonesia

**Vivienne Wee**, International Advisor, Project on 'Women's economic empowerment through the indigenous handwoven textile industry in Laos', United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

**Vivienne Wee**, Member of Review Committee, Project on 'Illegal migration and securitisation', Centre of Asian Studies, The University of Hong Kong.

**Vivienne Wee**, Co-Editor, Routledge-City University of Hong Kong Series on Southeast Asia, London: RoutledgeCurzon

**Vivienne Wee**, Member of Editorial Board, Chinese translation of publications on Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen, China: Southeast Asia Research Centre, City University of Hong Kong and Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University

**Vivienne Wee**, Visiting Professor, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China

**Vivienne Wee**, Honorary Research Fellow, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Vivienne Wee**, Executive Committee Member, Gender Research Centre, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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## SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

### SEMINARS

13 January 2005: *Coming Out of Mahatir's Shadows? Badawi One Year Later* by Dr James U. H. Chin (Politics and Government Studies Programme, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS))

23 February 2005: Joint Lecture with the Islamic Union of Hong Kong, *Civilisational dialogues: an Islamic approach to dialogues between and within civilisations (including South and Southeast Asia)* by Professor Anis Ahmad, Riphah International University, Islamabad

28 February 2005: *Joint Lecture with the Islamic Union of Hong Kong, Women, Islam and Modernity* by Professor Anis Ahmad, Riphah International University, Islamabad

2 March 2005: Joint Seminar with the Department of Public & Social Administration, *Managerial Reform as a Political Program: The Case of Thaskin's Bureaucracy* by Professor Martin Painter, Department of Public & Social Administration

7 March 2005: Joint Seminar with the Department of English & Communication, *Multinational Corporations and the Myanmar Stalemate: Reassessing in Options* by Professor Ian Holiday, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

15 March 2005: *The SARS Epidemic and Disclosure of the Singapore Nation* by Professor Chua Beng Huat, Asia Research Institute & Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore

8 June 2005: *Terlena - Breaking of a Nation*, A seminar with documentary film by Mr. Andre Vltchek, Political Analyst, Writer and Filmmaker

18 August 2005: *Bali without Bombs: The Singaporean Tourist Experience in the Bintan Resort Zone* by Dr Michele Ford, Flinders University, Australia; and Dr Lenore Lyons, University of Wollongong, Australia

19 August 2005: *Feminising the Indonesian nation: constructing the boundaries of the Singapore state* by Dr Michele Ford, Flinders University, Australia; and Dr Lenore Lyons, University of Wollongong, Australia

12 September 2005: *The Role of Civil Society in Global Trade* by Professor Walden Bello, The Founding Director of Focus on the Global South

19 October 2005: *The Past is Always Present: Territorial, Political, and Security Aspects of Peace Negotiations in the Southern Philippines* by Dr Astrid Tuminez, Senior Research Associate, US Institute of Peace

3 November 2005: *Host-Guest Interactions: Some Experiences from Border Tourism in Vietnam* by Dr Yuk-Wah Chan, Research Fellow, Southeast Asia Research Centre

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10 November 2005: *Accountable to Whom? Trade Unions, Labour NGOs and the Accountability Question in Indonesia* by Dr Michele Ford, Lecturer, Flinders Asia Centre, Flinders University, Australia

17 November 2005: *East Kalimantan and the Decentralisation process: The problem of growing Dayak national consciousness* by Paul Culligan, PhD Candidate, National University of Singapore

24 November 2005: *On Becoming a Strongman: Municipal Politics Through the Eyes of a Chinese-Filipino Elite in a Northeastern Philippine Frontier* by Bryan Wong, PhD Candidate, Oxford University

### **CONFERENCES, FORUMS AND WORKSHOPS**

31 January 2005: Public Forum on *After the Tsunami in Aceh: Social Priorities and Disaster Management* by Dr Vivienne Wee (Department of Applied Social Studies, Southeast Asia Research Centre, CityU), Ms Suraiya Kamaruzzaman (Academic Visitor, Southeast Asia Research Centre, CityU), Ms Lin Chew (Academic Visitor, Southeast Asia Research Centre, CityU), Mr Y K Fong (Vice-Director and Chief Editor, Hong Kong China News Agency)

22 to 23 August 2005: Conference on *Gender and Trade Liberalization: Global-local processes and gendered impacts in Asia and beyond*, co-organised by the Southeast Asia Research Centre, City University of Hong Kong, Gender Research Centre, HKIAPS, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and International Gender and Trade Network; with support of Oxfam Hong Kong and Mama Cash, Netherlands

23 August 2005: Public Forum on *Gender in World Trade Organization (WTO)*, co-organised by the Southeast Asia Research Centre, City University of Hong Kong, Gender Research Centre, HKIAPS, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and International Gender and Trade Network; with support of Oxfam Hong Kong and Mama Cash, Netherlands

10 to 18 December 2005: *Women and Economic Justice Workshop*, co-organised by the Southeast Asia Research Centre, City University of Hong Kong, Mama Cash, Netherlands, Global Fund for Women, USA

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