

## **SOUTHEAST ASIA RESEARCH CENTRE ANNUAL REPORT 2006**

The South-East Asia Research Centre (SEARC) was inaugurated on 27 February 2001 as a faculty-based research centre within Humanities and Social Sciences (FHS). In 2006, it was affiliated with the newly formed Department of Asian and International Studies (AIS). Professor William Case (Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies) was appointed Director of SEARC in July 2006. Dr Vivienne Wee (Associate Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies) is Associate Director.

During its first four years of operation, SEARC established a strong international and regional reputation as a focal point for the study of political, economic, and social issues in contemporary South-East Asia. Though possessing its own budget for research projects, SEARC actively sought competitive external grant funding and commissioned a range of research projects, leading to a steady output of high-quality publications and working papers. It also attracted many respected scholars from outside the region who, in conducting seminars and carrying out research projects, helped further to enliven the Centre. SEARC also contributed more broadly to academic and public debate at City University (CityU) by regularly sponsoring public addresses, forums, roundtables, and international conferences.

In 2004, SEARC's founding Director took up a new position in the United States. Thus, during 2005 and the first half of 2006, SEARC was directed by the Dean of FHS, though only in an acting capacity. SEARC

had been established with a budget from the University of HKD12.5 million over a six-year period, reduced in its second year of operation to HKD8.5 million. During 2005, the University lent some short-term support, while SEARC's core members tried to secure external funding. But by 2006, salary commitments and outstanding grant projects left SEARC with scant resources. However, with the appointment of a new Director and the winning of a large external grant by the associate Director, SEARC has begun a campaign of revitalization.

### **MISSION, AIMS AND RESEARCH THEMES**

SEARC's **mission** statement reflects the development of the Centre and the changing role of CityU within Hong Kong's higher education sector.

SEARC's **aims** are:

- To further advance the Centre's internationally recognized research programme by making new contributions to knowledge of political, economic, and social developments in contemporary South-East Asia
- To undertake new research and produce high quality academic publications on South-East Asia
- To establish mutually beneficial links with international researchers and institutions involved with South-East Asia
- To provide the Hong Kong government, business community and civil society organizations with policy relevant information about the region
- To enhance the study of South-East Asia in Hong Kong and to increase

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understanding of the region within the CityU and Hong Kong communities.

### SEARC'S **research themes**

In late 2006, the SEARC Management Committee approved adoption of three new research themes, supplanting those that had in been in place since the Centre's inception. These themes, designed to provide broad research direction, while reflecting changes in contemporary South-East Asia and the expertise of its new researchers, will contribute to the Centre's revitalization.

SEARC's new research themes, grouped under a heading of 'State-Society Interface', include:

- **'Economic openings, state mediations, societies in flux'**

Research conducted under this theme will address new patterns of foreign investment in South-East Asia, emanating largely from China, but also from new private equity firms, most of which while headquartered in the West, have a large presence in Hong Kong.

This theme will also promote research addressing South-East Asia's role as the motor force behind East Asian free trade agreements and notions of an East Asian 'community' and 'identity'. But more than focusing on cross-national activities and their mediation by governments, these studies will explore major implications for political and societal restructuring.

- **'New democracy and contemporary autocracy'**

Research conducted under this theme will focus closely on institutional questions of executive accountability and legislative activities under a range of 'hybrid' regimes. These political systems, often skilfully combining democratic procedures with authoritarian controls, are characteristic of many South-East Asian countries, including Malaysia,

Singapore, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand today. Parallels also exist with Hong Kong's experience, encouraging comparative analysis.

- **'State-society interface: contestations and convergences over gender, values, identities, rights and resources'**

This theme will address a range of contested issues that are best approached using interdisciplinary tools from sociology, anthropology and other social sciences. In many respects, this theme reflects what SEARC has traditionally researched most effectively, with several of its core members possessing expertise in gender, religion and ethnicity in South-East Asia and the challenges confronted by South-East Asian migrant workers in Hong Kong and elsewhere. Issues involving the environment will also be explored, especially as they involve China's policies of resource extraction in the South-East Asian region. This is probably the theme too that best lends itself to applied research and real-world problems.

### **Vietnam project**

In addition, as part of SEARC's revitalization, the Centre proposes to set up a specific Vietnam country project. Vietnam's rapid transition from a command economy to more marketized dealings—driven by national leadership that fully recognizes the need for change—has consisted of serious reforms and poverty reduction, while avoiding severe social dislocations. Vietnam has thus been hailed as Asia's next 'tiger' economy, with powerful implications for China and Hong Kong.

It is anticipated that new appointments of Vietnam specialists will be made to the Department of Asian and International Studies, helping SEARC to forge new synergies. Research projects undertaken through the Centre's Vietnam project, but carried out under the 'State-Society Interface' heading, may include:

- ‘Old party, new economy’  
This research will examine the sustainability of Vietnam’s rapid economic growth alongside limited political reforms. More specifically, it will ask whether within a single-party system, decision making processes can be institutionalized in ways that are essential for perpetuating rapid economic growth and development.
- ‘Vietnam and China: comparative development and cross-national relations’  
This research will investigate the distinctive industrializing strategies of Vietnam and China, while recognizing the cross-national interactions and demonstration effects that affect their trajectories. It will also address the tensions that exist between new patterns of economic cooperation and persistent suspicions over security threats. Preliminary research on the Vietnam-China borderland and on Vietnamese of Chinese descent has already been initiated (see below).

The Centre’s Research Agenda is available from its web site, at:  
[http://www.cityu.edu.hk/searc/Research\\_Agenda.htm](http://www.cityu.edu.hk/searc/Research_Agenda.htm).

## RESEARCH GRANTS

Core members of SEARC have been active in seeking funding for research projects from external competitive sources and CityU. (In past years, SEARC was also able in its own right to provide smaller amounts of funding for closely targeted research projects.) Over time, SEARC has established a critical focus on women’s issues, ethnicity, religion, labour, migration and environment that has bolstered the success rate of its members in making applications. The research that has followed has contributed to academic debates across a range of fields, while also demonstrating policy relevance. The awarding of grant funding in 2006, as well as the progress of funded projects is listed below:

### External competitive grants

- In July 2006, Dr Vivienne Wee, SEARC Associate Director, was awarded a grant of HKD53 million by the UK government’s Department of International Development (DFID). This is the largest grant ever won by a researcher at CityU. The grant supports a five-year project entitled ‘**Women’s Empowerment in Muslim Contexts: Gender, Poverty and Democratisation From the Inside Out (WEMC)**’. This award is part of DFID’s programme to enhance women’s empowerment globally and to attain the third goal in the United Nations’ Millennium Campaign, specifically, to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women. Dr Wee’s project brings together an innovative coalition that synergizes world-class academic institutions and leading civil society organisations. It is implemented by an international Research Programme Consortium (RPC) comprising CityU researchers and collaborating institutions that includes: SEARC (CityU), International Gender Studies Centre (Oxford University), Department of Community Health Services (Aga Khan University, Pakistan), Shirkat Gah Women’s Resource Centre (Pakistan), Simorgh Women’s Resource and Publications Centre (Pakistan), Solidaritas Perempuan (Indonesia), Semarak Cerlang Nusa (Indonesia), Women Living Under Muslim Laws (Regional Coordination Office - Asia), and ENGENDER (Singapore, Hong Kong). Dr Catherine Chiu, Core Member of SEARC and Associate Head of AIS, is also part of this project, coordinating SEARC’s research on Muslim women in Guangzhou. Dr Wee herself, apart from being the Director of the RPC, is also the lead researcher in the research on Indonesia.

The aim of this applied research project is to study women’s indigenous strategies for empowerment in ways that can transform unfavourable power relations. Study will be carried out in

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Muslim communities and countries in four Asian sub-regions – China (East Asia), Indonesia (South-East Asia), Pakistan (South Asia), and Iran (West Asia), and it will be supplemented by analysis of cross-border interactions. However, the relevance of this project extends beyond Muslim contexts to non-Muslim milieus with other kinds of disempowering forces. The project will analyse women's empowerment strategies, identify sources of support for strengthening women's agency as insiders challenging disempowering structures, build analytical capacity and strategic alliances that catalyse transformative research, and pinpoint ways for promoting good governance, democratization, and appropriate development.

- During 2006, Dr Vivienne Wee, collaborating with Dr Chan Yuk Wah, Mr Chong-wong Tiong and Ms Phoebe So, continued a research project funded by the Competitive Earmarked Research Grant (CERG) scheme. Entitled '**China and South-East Asia: Challenges, Opportunities and the Re-construction of South-East Asian Chinese Ethnic Capital**' (9040959), this project received funding of HKD516,508 over 30 months. It examines the nature of interactions between the governments and societies of China and South-East Asia following sustained economic growth in the post-Cold War era. Change has intensified following the Asian economic crisis, which altered the relative positions of China and South-East Asia in the global economy. The current literature focuses on formal institutions such as ASEAN+3 and on government-centred bilateral relationships. This project examines three other important changes: (i) changing investment relationships; (ii) changing South-East Asian government policies towards China and towards South-East Asian populations of Chinese descent; and (iii) the reconstruction of relations between

South-East Asian Chinese and China. The focus is on Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. During June-July 2006, Dr Chan and Mr Tiong carried out fieldwork in Singapore and Malaysia. The project is scheduled for completion in May 2007.

- In August 2006, former SEARC Director Professor Kevin Hewison, collaborating with Dr Catherine Chiu (AIS) and Dr Bill Taylor (SA), completed a research project that had been funded by a CERG grant. The project, entitled '**Hong Kong Investment and Labour Strategies in Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam**' (9040850), received funding of HKD711,000 over 30 months. This project was motivated by debates over whether transnational corporations (TNCs) investing in developing countries exploit workers by paying them relatively low wages and subjecting them to coercive, abusive and/or unsafe conditions in the workplace. With the opening of developing economies to foreign direct investment (FDI), Hong Kong has emerged as the second largest investor in Asia, and has been among the top investors in parts of South-East Asia. Thus, this project examined investment by small- and medium-sized enterprises from Hong Kong in three countries of South-East Asia (Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam), especially in light of labour relations and compliance with international and local norms and practices. This project aims to test how small and medium-sized Hong Kong manufacturing enterprises link with local labour forces, comparing their approach with international, Hong Kong and local labour norms.

In seeking additional external funding during 2006, SEARC Director Professor William Case and Associate Director Dr Vivienne Wee made CERG applications for 2007-2008. Professor Case submitted a proposal entitled, '**Can Legislatures Hold Governments More Accountable Under Contemporary Authoritarianism than in**

**New Democracies? Evidence from East Asia**'. Dr Wee proposed a project entitled **'Indonesian Women Migrants as Transnational Muslims in Hong Kong'**.

**University grants**

- In January 2006, Dr Vivienne Wee completed the project, **'On the Production of Transnational Spaces Through Networking Processes in South-East Asia: Reassessing the Ethnic Chinese Diaspora'** (7001507), supported by a Strategic Research Grant. This project received HKD147,460 in funding. It addressed questions over how ethnic Chinese entrepreneurs in South-East Asia have engaged in multiple forms of networking, through which different types of capital have been transformed in ways that transcend nation-state boundaries. The project traced the contours of transnational spaces by mapping linkages between supra- and sub-national spaces.
- In August 2006, Dr Catherine Chiu, as principal investigator, completed a project entitled **'Investment in South-East Asia: What is Hong Kong's Role?'** (7001651), supported by a Strategic Research Grant. The project received HKD158,921 in funding. It examined the role played by Hong Kong in mediating foreign direct investment (FDI) flows from East Asia to South-East Asia. Rather than seeking a conventional cultural explanation, this project began by focusing on production. Viewing FDI as increasingly embedded in commodity driven networks and contract manufacturing chains, this research utilized firm-level data to map and better understand FDI in Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam and Indonesia. It investigated how firm-level data permits a more nuanced picture that better reflects FDI flows within global production networks. Thus, this project provided a more complete understanding

of Hong Kong's role as a regional investment hub.

- During 2006, Dr Vivienne Wee continued her project entitled **'Illegal Indonesian Women Migrants in Hong Kong and Macau: Policy Implications'**. The grant (grant type: Other Miscellaneous Research Projects) was awarded by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in May 2005 for HKD59,999 over 12 months, but was extended during 2006 until May 2007 (with a final report submission date of February 2008). Using an innovative framework of 'cultural economy', this study addresses the causes and motivations of illegal migration and settlement by Indonesian domestic workers in Hong Kong and Macau. It will lead to specific policy recommendations for the suitable management of these temporary migration flows, with implications for policies of labour export, import and management, and for international relations between sending and recipient states.

**RESEARCH OUTPUT**

SEARC's research outputs are discussed in various parts of this report and are listed in Appendix A. With the Centre in transition, its publications record was somewhat less substantial than it had been in earlier years. Nonetheless, there were some significant achievements that augur well for the next few years (see below table).

<b>SEARC Research Outputs 2006</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>
Monograph and edit books	2
Book Chapter	2
Special features issue of SSCI journal	1
Refereed journal articles	10
On-line Publications	4
Papers for conference, workshop, symposia, etc.	13
Academic Workshop	1
Academic Seminars	5
Roundtables, forums and public seminars	4

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Among its most notable achievements has been the establishment of the **RoutledgeCurzon/City University of Hong Kong South-East Asia Studies** series, with Dr Vivienne Wee serving as editor. This series enhances the Centre's international reputation as a centre of research excellence. To date, six titles have been published. A volume edited by Dr Wee entitled *Political Fragmentation in South-East Asia* is scheduled to be published in 2007.

## **COLLABORATION AND PUBLICITY**

### **Collaboration**

The Centre has a range of collaborative arrangements with individual researchers, Centres and other universities. These include:

- Murdoch University, Perth, Australia
- The Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands
- Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia
- National University of Singapore, Singapore
- Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies, Wollongong University, Wollongong, Australia
- Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia
- Centre for South-East Asian Studies, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China
- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
- Carolina Asia Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, United States

In 2006, SEARC proposed setting up a university outreach program by which to expand its contacts with centres of Asian and South-East Asian research in other parts of the world. If this proposal goes ahead, this will accord with CityU's declared commitments to internationalization.

### **Publicity**

SEARC has enjoyed an impressive amount

of local, regional and international publicity. Core members and Centre research staff have often been quoted in the press on South-East Asian affairs and issues. The range of outlets includes: *Asian Wall Street Journal*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Financial Times*, *South China Morning Post*, Associated Press, Reuters, CNNi, BBC, Star TV, Voice of America and Chinese-language and South-East Asian-language newspapers and magazines. During 2006, Professor William Case was interviewed twice by Radio Television Hong (RTHK) and once by Star TV about September's military coup in Thailand, once by Voice of America about the 2006 UMNO General Assembly in Malaysia, and twice by Hong Kong-based *Apple Daily* about various South-East Asian issues. Dr Chan Yuk Wah was twice invited by RTHK as guest host for Radio 5's 'Civil Society and Tourism' programme. Dr Vivienne Wee has received extensive media coverage for the WEMC project, including radio, TV, Chinese and English newspapers.

SEARC maintains a comprehensive web site (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/searc>). However, given the changes in the Centre's membership and research focus, its website began a fundamental overhaul in 2006. Many areas of SEARC's operations and funding must become clearer, though, before changes in content can be completed. On the other hand, as part of its web site, the Centre has moved forward in trying to revive its Working Paper Series. This series once attracted a large number of hits and highly favourable feedback. By December 2006, 82 working papers were available for download. Two years ago, there were 21,500 hits on the Working Papers page. A year later, this had increased to 28,000. During 2006, the number of submissions and postings slowed dramatically. SEARC is now restoring the series to its former prominence, posting papers written by its core members and contacting outside contributors.

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## ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC EVENTS

SEARC regularly organizes academic workshops and seminars, as well as public events in various formats. These events frequently involve international participants, thus increasing CityU's exposure and strengthening its cross-national links. Usually held on university premises, they have generated considerable publicity for CityU, raising its intellectual vibrancy and civic vitality. SEARC has thus continued this tradition, hosting a number of events during 2006 (see Appendix B).

## EVALUATION

SEARC was externally reviewed in November 2004 and very positively assessed, confirming its standing as a world class research centre able to help enhance the international profile of CityU. This reputation was also reflected in its frequent production of special issues and features of international journals, as well its publication of six titles through the RoutledgeCurzon/City University of Hong Kong South-East Asia Studies book series. These books have sold well, been favourably reviewed, and have attracted expressions of continuing support from the publisher. During 2005 and the first half of 2006, however, after the departure of SEARC's founding Director and the decline in its resources, SEARC's standing appeared to weaken. Thus, during the second half of 2006, a campaign to revitalize SEARC was started. To lead this effort, Professor William Case was appointed as the new Director in July. A senior research fellowship was also advertised and applicants were sought whose reputations gave confidence that they would contribute to the Centre's scholarly vibrancy and research output. At the end of the year, an offer was made to Dr Jan Stark, based at the Centre for Development Research in Bonn, Germany, and an expert in political Islam in South-East and Central Asia. Dr Stark, fluent in Malay/Indonesian,

Arabic, Persian, English and German, and with publications in several international journals of comparative politics, accepted SEARC's offer and began a one-year appointment in January 2007. SEARC hopes to make an additional appointment of a (senior) research fellow in connection with the new attention that will be given to the politics, economy, and society of contemporary Vietnam.

SEARC will also benefit from its new location in the Department of AIS. Meanwhile, its researchers continue to receive invitations to present their research internationally at workshops and on conference panels, observe elections overseas, and provide media commentary to local and international outlets. They are also active in applying for competitive external funds, while publishing articles in high-quality international journals and books from highly regarded publishers. A seventh title (mentioned above), *Political Fragmentation in South-East Asia*, edited by Dr Vivienne Wee, is scheduled for publication in 2007 through the RoutledgeCurzon/City University of Hong Kong South-East Asia Studies series.

SEARC Research Outputs 2001-06	
Category	Number
Monograph and edit books	7
Book Chapter	40
Special features issue of SSCI journals	8
Refereed journal articles	10
Peer-reviewed journal article	33
On-line Publications	4
Paper to conference, workshop, symposia, etc.	101

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## **ORGANISATION**

### **Core members**

Professor William Case (Director, SEARC and Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)

Dr Vivienne Wee (Associate Director, SEARC and Associate Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)

Professor Martin Painter (Acting Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Science, Department of Public and Social Administration)

Dr Graeme Lang (Head and Associate Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)

Professor Joseph Cheng (Chair Professor, Department of Public and Social Administration)

Dr Catherine C.H. Chiu (Associate Head and Associate Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)

Dr Xiaowei Zang (Associate Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)

Dr Bill Taylor (Associate Professor, Department of Public and Social Administration)

### **Management Committee**

Professor William Case (Director, SEARC)

Dr Vivienne Wee (Associate Director, SEARC)

Professor Martin Painter (Acting Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences)

Dr Graeme Lang (Head, Department of Asian and International Studies)

Dr Xiaowei Zang (Associate Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)

### **Steering Committee**

Convenor: Professor William Case (Director, SEARC)

Dr Vivienne Wee (Associate Director, SEARC)

Professor Joseph Cheng (Chair Professor, Department of Public and Social Administration)

Dr Graeme Lang (Head, Department of Asian and International Studies)

Professor C.C. Lee (Chair Professor, Department of English and Communication)

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

### **International Advisory Committee**

Professor Wang Gungwu (Director, East Asia Institute, Singapore)

Professor Richard Higgott (Director, Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation, The University of Warwick, UK)

Professor Pasuk Phongpaichit (Professor of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand)

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)

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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; on secondment to Chinese University of Hong Kong)

**Research Affiliates**

Dr Mark Beeson, York University, York, United Kingdom

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, Copenhagen, Denmark

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

**Research Fellows**

Dr Stephen Frost, Senior Research Fellow (until June 2006)

Dr Chan Yuk Wah, Research Fellow (until August 2006)

Dr Astrid Tuminez, Senior Research Fellow (part-time)

**Research Associates / Assistants**

Ms Cathy Chan, Research Assistant (until August 2006)

Ms Mary Ho, Research Assistant (January-May 2006); Senior Research Associate (October 2006-January 2007)

Ms Naomi Lo, Research Assistant (until August 2006); Senior Research Associate (October 2006- )

Ms Phoebe So, Senior Research Associate (September 2006-)

Mr Chong-wong Tiong, Senior Research Assistant (January-October 2006); Senior Research Associate (November 2006-)

Ms F. Joy Tadios, Senior Research Associate (October 2006- )

**Clerical Officer**

Ms Angel Ho (until June 2006)

Ms Josephine Yim (July 2006-)

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## APPENDIX A

### RESEARCH OUTPUTS (Related to SEARC Activities)

#### Monographs and special features

Salim Said, *Legitimizing Military Rule, Indonesian Armed Forces Ideology 1958-2000*. Translated from Indonesian by Toenggoel P. Siagian, edited by Salim Said. (Jakarta: Pustaka Sinar Harapan, in cooperation with the Southeast Asia Research Centre, Hong Kong, and Universitas Muhammadiyah Malang, 2006).

Vivienne Wee and Chan Yuk Wah, *A Survey of the Social Integration of Indonesians in Wan Chai District*, International Social Science Hong Kong Branch/Cultural and Leisure Services Committee of Wan Chai District Council, Hong Kong, 2006, 100 pp.

\_\_\_\_\_, Feature editors for 'The Cultural Economy of Regionalisation', *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 36(3), 2006, pp. 325-405.

#### Chapters in edited books

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, 2006), pp. 47-75.

William Case, 'Malaysia: New Reforms, Old Continuities, Tense Ambiguities', in Kevin Hewison and Richard Robison, eds., *East Asia and the Trials of Neo-Liberalism* (London: Routledge, 2006), pp. 88-113. [Published also in special issue of *Journal of Development Studies*, 2005.]

#### Refereed journal articles

Chan Yuk Wah, 'Coming of Age of the Chinese Tourists: The Emergency of Non-Western Tourism and Host-Guest Interactions in Vietnam's Border Tourism', *Tourist Studies* (Sage), in press.

Graeme Lang and Cathy Hiu-wan Chan, 'China's Impact on Forests in South-East Asia', *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 36 (2), 2006, pp. 167-94.

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* 13(1), 2006, pp. 37-46.

Vivienne Wee, 'Introduction: Interrogating Regionalisation in Relation to Ethnicity and Capital', *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 36(3), 2006, pp. 325-28.

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- \_\_\_\_\_, 'Patriarchy in Secular and Religious Varieties', *Development* 49(1), 2006, pp. 89-91.
- \_\_\_\_\_, Michael Jacobsen and Chong-wong Tiong, 'Positioning Strategies of South-East Asian Entrepreneurs', *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 36(3), 2006, pp. 364-84.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and Chan Yuk Wah, 'Ethnicity and Capital: Changing Relations Between China and South-East Asia', *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 36(3), 2006, pp. 328-49.
- William Case, 'Democracy's Quality and Breakdown: New Lessons from Thailand', *Democratization*, accepted for publication, no. 1, 2008.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and Liew Chin-Tong, 'How Committed is PAS to Democracy and How Do We Know It?', *Contemporary South-East Asia*, vol. 28, no. 3, 2006, pp. 385-406.
- Xiaowei Zang and Alex Kwan, 'Modernization and Ethnic Variation in Marriage Timing in Malaysia', *International Journal of Sociology of the Family* 32(1), 2006, pp. 1-17.

### **Online and other publications**

- 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
- Mary Ho, 'Nestlé: After 30 Years, Lessons not Learned', *CSR Asia Weekly* 2(18), 2006. Available at: <http://www.csr-asia.com/upload/csrasiaweeklyvol2week18.pdf>.
- \_\_\_\_\_, 'What exposé?', *CSR Asia Weekly*, 2 (12), 2006/ Available at: <http://www.csr-asia.com/upload/csrasiaweeklyvol2week12.pdf>.
- \_\_\_\_\_, and R. Welford, R., 'Power, Protests and the Police: The Shootings at Shanwei', *CSR Asia Weekly* 2(19), 2006. Available at <http://www.csr-asia.com/upload/csrasiaweeklyvol2week19.pdf>.

### **Papers for conferences, workshops and symposia**

- Catherine Chiu, 'The Labour Advantage in the Garment Sector in Cambodia: Forces of Compliance in Hong Kong invested factors', presented at the *Symposium on Hong Kong Investors in the South-East Asian Supply Chain: Workplace Standards, Fair Trade and Globalisation*, organized by the Department of Asian and International Studies and the South-East Asia Research Centre, City University of Hong Kong and Oxfam Hong Kong, City University of Hong Kong, 10 July 2006.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and Naomi Lo, 'The Conditions of Migrant Workers and Economic Participation of Muslim Women in China: Literature Review', presented at the *Women's Empowerment in Muslim Contexts: Gender, Poverty, and Democratisation Workshop in Oxford*, International Gender Studies Centre, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, 9-11 November 2006.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and Naomi Lo, 'Work, Economic Life and Social Security of Muslim Women in Guangzhou, China: A Report on Pilot Fieldwork', presented at the *Women's Empowerment in Muslim Contexts: Gender, Poverty, and Democratisation Workshop in*

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Oxford, International Gender Studies Centre, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, 9-11 November 2006; presented also as WEMC Working Paper Series, Paper No. 4 at WEMC Inception Workshop, 11-15 December 2006, City University of Hong Kong.

Chan Yuk Wah, 'Chinese Diaspora or Vietnamese Diaspora? *Viet-kieu Goc Hoa* in Vietnam', presented at *Chinese Diaspora in Vietnam Workshop*, IRSEA-Universite de Provence, France, 20-21 October 2006.

\_\_\_\_\_, 'Coming of Age of Chinese Tourists: A Comparative Study of Chinese Tourists in Hong Kong, Singapore and Vietnam', presented at *Of Asian Origin: Rethinking Tourism in Contemporary Asia* conference, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 7-9 September 2006.

\_\_\_\_\_, 'Contested Memories, Contested Sites: Cultural Politics in Border Tourism in Vietnam', presented at *2nd International Conference on Sustainable Heritage Development: Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability*, organized by Common Ground, Australian National University, Globalism Institute, UNESCO, Hanoi University of Culture, and Pacific Asia Observatory, Hanoi and Ha Long Bay, Vietnam, 9-12 January 2006.

\_\_\_\_\_, '*Viet-kieu* or *Hoa*? The Cultural Identity Politics of *Viet-kieu Goc Hoa* in Vietnam', presented at the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas, Africa Regional Conference, South Africa, 4-6 December 2006.

Kevin Hewison, Stephen Frost, Catherine Chiu and Mary Ho, 'Hong Kong Investors and Their Labour Practices in Thailand', paper presented at the *Symposium on Hong Kong Investors in the South-East Asian Supply Chain: Workplace Standards, Fair Trade and Globalisation*, organized by the Department of Asian and International Studies and the South-East Asia Research Centre, City University of Hong Kong and Oxfam Hong Kong, City University of Hong Kong, 10 July 2006.

Stephen Frost, 'What is CSR in China? A View from the Supply Chain', presented at conference on *Made in China? Chinese Development and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)*, Copenhagen Business School and the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark, 26-27 January 2006.

Vivienne Wee and Farida Shaheed, 'A Research Framework for Women's Empowerment in Muslim Contexts', presented at the *Women's Empowerment in Muslim Contexts: Gender, Poverty, and Democratisation End-of-Inception Workshop*, City University of Hong Kong, 11-13 December 2006. Revised and re-presented at the WEMC Advisory Meeting, City University of Hong Kong, 16-17 December 2006.

\_\_\_\_\_ and Titien Suprapti, 'Towards a Women's Mosque in Hong Kong: issues of Discourse and Legitimacy', presented at the *Women's Empowerment in Muslim Contexts: Gender, Poverty, and Democratisation End-of-Inception Workshop*, City University of Hong Kong, 11-13 December 2006.

\_\_\_\_\_ and Neng Dara Affiah, 'The Indonesian Women's Movement: contestations between militarism, Islamism and democratisation', presented at the *Women's Empowerment in Muslim Contexts: Gender, Poverty, and Democratisation End-of-Inception Workshop*, City University of Hong Kong, 11-13 December 2006.

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\_\_\_\_\_, Neng Dara Affiah, Sri Wiyanti Eddyono, and Salma Safitri, 'Key issues of Women's Empowerment in Indonesia', presented at the WEMC Advisory Meeting, City University of Hong Kong, 16-17 December 2006.

### **Invited lectures**

Chan Yuk Wah, 'Doing Research on Chinese People in Vietnam', Chinese Studies Institute of the Institute of Social Sciences of Vietnam, Hanoi, 1 September 2006.

Graeme Lang, 'Assimilation of "New Age" Beliefs into Cults and New Religions in East and South-East Asia', with Yunfeng Lu, for the symposium *The Social Scientific Study of Religion in China* conference and summer institute, Renmin University, Beijing, PRC, July 2006.

Vivienne Wee, 'Gender and Political Islam: Patriarchy as the Basis for Identity Politics in China, Indonesia and Malaysia', Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Political Science Association, Hong Kong, PRC, 20 May 2006. Re-presented at Baptist University of Hong Kong, 3 November 2006.

### **Public and professional services**

Catherine Chiu, organizer, *Symposium on Hong Kong investors in the South-East Asian Supply Chain: Workplace Standards, Fair Trade and Globalization*, Department of Asian and International Studies and the South-East Asia Research Centre, City University of Hong Kong and Oxfam Hong Kong, City University of Hong Kong, 10 July 2006.

Vivienne Wee, discussant, *Roundtable on the Subversion of Democracy*, Hong Kong, PRC, 21 June 2006.

William Case, discussant, *2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop on Political Transitions and Political Change in Southeast Asia*, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS) and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), Singapore, 28-29 August 2006.

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## APPENDIX B

### ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC EVENTS

#### Academic workshop

In 10-13 December 2006, Dr Vivienne Wee hosted a four-day workshop entitled **‘Women’s Empowerment in Muslim Contexts: Gender, Poverty, and Democratization from the Inside Out, End of Inception Phase Workshop’**. This workshop was attended by some forty scholars and activists, in connection with the inception of her five-year WEMC project. These scholars and activists were drawn from four different countries and many different institutions and organizations, adding greatly to CityU’s profile and international standing. The workshop was followed by a closed-door Advisory Meeting (16-17 Dec 2006) with the WEMC Consortium Advisory Group, represented by Dr Noeleen Heyzer (Executive Director, UNIFEM) Professor Elisabeth Croll (Professor of Chinese Anthropology, Vice-Principal of External Affairs, Vice-Principal, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London), Ms Zaitun Kasim (Programme Manager and Chief Trainer, Sisters in Islam), Ms Tracy Tasker (Team Leader, Social, Political and Environmental Change Team, DFID), Mr Gerard Howe (Senior Adviser, Gender and Human Rights, DFID).

#### Academic seminars

- **‘Crossing Borders, Shifting Selves: Indonesian Malay Women in Singapore’**, address given by Dr Carole Faucher (SEARC Academic Visitor), 2 March 2006.
- **‘US Power in Asia-Pacific and the Americas: Toward a Politics of “Leverage”**’, Dr Nicola Philips (University of Manchester, UK), 3 April 2006.
- **‘South-East Asia Workers Remittance Study’**, Alan Taylor (AT Associates Hong Kong Limited), 19 May 2006.
- **‘Joint seminar – Privatisation of State-owned Housing in Hanoi: Unequal Impacts on Tenants and Owners’**, Hoai Anh Tran and Elizabeth Dalholm (Department of Architecture, Lund University, Sweden); co-organized with the Department of Public and Social Administration, CityU, 24 May 2006.
- **‘China’s Interests in the South China Sea: Vistas of Peace and Cooperation’**, Dr Amita Agarwal (University of Rajasthan, India), 21 June 2006.

#### Roundtables, forums and public seminars

- **‘Roundtable – The Subversion of Democracy in Asia: Case Studies from Nepal, the Philippines, Thailand, and Indonesia’**, co-organized with the Hong Kong Campaign for the Advancement of Human Rights and Peace in the Philippines (HKCAHRPP), 20 May 2006.
- **‘Hong Kong Investors in the South-East Asian Supply Chain: Workplace Standards, Fair Trade and Globalization’**, Dr Catherine Chiu (CityU), Dr Stephen Frost (CityU),

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Professor Kevin Hewison (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Dr Bill Taylor (CityU) and Ms Kalina Tsang (Oxfam Hong Kong), 10 July 2006.

- **‘Roundtable – The Curse of Corruption in Asia’**, Dr Stephen Frost (AIS, CityU and CSR Asia), Au Loong-yu (Globalization Monitor), Basil Fernando (Asian Human Rights Commission), Apo Leung (Asia Monitor Resource Center), 12 November 2006.
- **‘Public Forum – Culture, Women and Violence’**, Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women, UNIFEM; Zaitun Kasim, Programme Manager and Chief Trainer, Sisters in Islam; and Farida Shaheed, WEMC Deputy Director, Coordinator, Shirkat Gah Women’s Resource Centre, Women Living Under Muslim Laws. Hosted Dr Vivienne Wee, WEMC Director, Associate Director SEARC (CityU), 15 December 2006.

## **APPENDIX C**

### **WORKING PAPER SERIES**

No. 82, November 2006, Michele Ford and Nicola Piper, ‘Southern Sites of Female Agency: Informal Regimes and Female Migrant Labour Resistance in East and South-East Asia’.

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