



Imagining Asia(s): Networks, Actors, Sites

Jointly organized by the Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, Singapore
&
Nalanda University, India

10–11 October 2016
Seminar Rooms I & II
ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute
Singapore

PROGRAMME

Monday, 10 October 2016

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| 9.00 am – 9.30 am | Registration |
| 9.30 am – 9.40 am | Welcome Remarks
<i>Mr TAN Chin Tiong</i>
Director, ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute
&
<i>Dr Gopa SABHARWAL</i>
Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University |
| 9.40 am – 10.30am | Keynote Address
<i>Associate Professor Farish A. NOOR</i>
RSIS, Nanyang Technological University
Locating Asia, Arresting Asia: Grappling with ‘The Epistemology that Kills’ |
| 10.30 am – 11.00 am | Coffee Break |
| 11.00 am – 12.30 pm | PANEL I (SESSION 1): CONCEPTUALIZING THE REGION: PAST & PRESENT

Moderator: <i>Dr Michiel BAAS</i>
Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

Panelists: <i>Dr Gopa SABHARWAL</i>
Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University
In Search of an Asian Vision: The Asian Relations Conference of 1947 |

Dr Andrea ACRI

Visiting Associate Professor, Nalanda University &
Associate Fellow, Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, ISEAS –
Yusof Ishak Institute

**Alternative Histories and Geographies for the Study
of Intra-Asian Religious Networks: Monsoon Asia
and Maritime Asia**

12.30 pm – 1.40 pm

Lunch

1.40 pm – 2.25 pm

**PANEL I (SESSION 2): CONCEPTUALIZING THE REGION:
PAST & PRESENT**

Moderator: *Dr Michiel BAAS*
Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National
University of Singapore

Panelist: *Dr Anjana SHARMA*
Associate Professor, Delhi University
British Romantic Poetics and the Idea of Asia

2.25 pm – 3.10 pm

**PANEL II (SESSION 1): TRANS-LOCAL ARCHITECTURE AND
MATERIAL CULTURE**

Moderator: *Dr David Kyle LATINIS*
Visiting Fellow, Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, ISEAS
– Yusof Ishak Institute

Panelist: *Dr Mai Lin TJOA-BONATZ*
Visiting Fellow, Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, ISEAS
– Yusof Ishak Institute
**Early Maritime Trade Networks: Transfer of
Artefacts and Technology in the Indo-Pacific**

3.10 pm – 3.30 pm

Coffee Break

3.30 pm - 5.00 pm

**PANEL II (SESSION 2): TRANS-LOCAL ARCHITECTURE AND
MATERIAL CULTURE**

Moderator: *Dr David Kyle LATINIS*
Visiting Fellow, Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, ISEAS
– Yusof Ishak Institute

Panelists: *Dr Helene NJOTO*
Visiting Fellow, Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, ISEAS
– Yusof Ishak Institute
**Sultans and Foreign Master Builders: Javanese
Participation in an Early Pan-Asian Trend for
Masonry Architecture (Late 16th–Early 19th c.)**

Dr Sujatha Arundathi MEEGAMA
Assistant Professor, School of Art, Design and Media,
Nanyang Technological University
**Connecting Temples: The Transmission of
Architectural Knowledge in the Indian Ocean**

Tuesday, 11 October 2016**9.30 am – 11.00 am PANEL III: NETWORKS OF KNOWLEDGE ACROSS THE INDIAN OCEAN**

Moderator: *Dr Teren SEVEA*
 Visiting Fellow, Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, ISEAS
 – Yusof Ishak Institute & University of Pennsylvania

Panelists: *Dr Marieke BLOEMBERGEN*
 Senior Researcher, Royal Netherlands Institute of
 Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV)
**Indonesia and Greater India. Sites, Theosophical
 and 'Indic' Knowledge Networks, and Moral
 Geographies Across Borders, 1900s-1990s**

Dr Murari Kumar JHA
 Assistant Professor, Nalanda University
**François Valentijn, the Dutch Networks of
 Knowledge Transfer and the Coromandel Coast on
 the Bay of Bengal**

11.00 am – 11.20 am Coffee Break

11.20 am – 12.50 pm PANEL IV: HISTORIES AND GEOGRAPHIES OF PILGRIMAGE

Moderator: Professor Gavin Dennis FLOOD
 Yap Kim Hao Professor of Comparative Religious
 Studies, Yale NUS College

Panelists: *Dr Sraman MUKHERJEE*
 Assistant Professor, Nalanda University
**Transmissions, Translations, Reconstitutions:
 Revisiting Geographies of Buddha Relics in the
 Southern Asian Worlds**

Dr Kashshaf GHANI
 Assistant Professor, Nalanda University
**The Politics of Pilgrimage: Reception of Hajj among
 South Asian Muslims**

12.50 pm – 2.00 pm Lunch

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm PANEL V (SESSION 1): TRANS-LOCAL DYNAMICS AND INTRA-ASIAN CONNECTIONS ACROSS SPACE AND TIME

Moderator: *Professor Kenneth DEAN*
 Raffles Professor of Humanities, Chinese Studies and
 Asia Research Institute, National University of
 Singapore

Panelists: *Dr Iain SINCLAIR*
 Alumnus, Monash University
**A Principled Asian Transnationalism: The
 Construct(ion) of Sanskritic Buddhism**

Dr Federica BROILO
 Adjunct Professor, University of Urbino
**Interconnectedness and Mobility in the Middle
 Ages/Nowadays: From Baghdad to Chang'an and
 from Istanbul to Tokyo**

3.30 pm – 3.50 pm

Coffee Break

3.50 pm – 4.30 pm

**PANEL V (SESSION 2): TRANS-LOCAL DYNAMICS AND
 INTRA-ASIAN CONNECTIONS ACROSS SPACE AND
 TIME**

Moderator: *Professor Kenneth DEAN*
*Raffles Professor of Humanities, Chinese Studies and
 Asia Research Institute, National University of
 Singapore*

Panelists: *Mr VU DUC Liem*
 PhD candidate, Hamburg University & Hanoi National
 University of Education
**Connecting Networks and Orienting Space:
 Relocating Nguyen Cochinchina between East and
 Southeast Asia in the 16th - 18th Centuries**

4.30 pm – 5.00 pm

FINAL ROUNDTABLE

Panelists: *Dr Andrea ACRI, Dr Kashshaf GHANI, Dr Murari Kumar
 JHA, Dr Sraman MUKHERJEE*