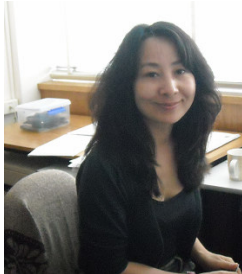


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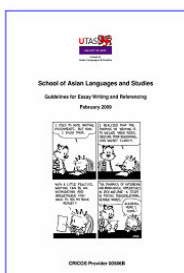
## Welcome to Dr Ayxem Eli



Ayxem has joined SALS as Chinese lecturer and is teaching advanced Chinese language and the Chinese research project unit. Ayxem's academic expertise is in gender studies, post-socialist societies, and questions relating to people's welfare and well-being in China, particularly in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of western China. She adopts an inter-disciplinary approach to research on issues of ethnicity, multi-culturalism, kinship and social support, the informal economy, and religion in China.

## New Guidelines for Assignments

A new version of the Guidelines for Essay Writing and Referencing has been produced this semester. The guidelines compiled by Dr Dirk Tomsa will assist for Asian Studies units and also for studies units in the language disciplines. The guidelines are available on line at [www.utas.edu.au/sals](http://www.utas.edu.au/sals) and also in hard copy from the school office in Hobart and the Faculty office in Launceston. Make sure you get a copy!



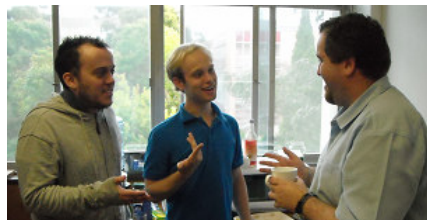
## Professional Placement in Asia

Simon Foster was one of four students who undertook professional placements over the summer break. Simon's placement in Japan involved farming and teaching into an educational program in kindergarten and primary schools.



## New Honours students

This semester we welcome three new students to the SALS Honours program: Hayley Saltmarsh, Jade Crawford-Lehman and Sam Forbes. Matthew Lewis and Rie Yamasaki have commenced the Masters Coursework program. The School warmly welcomes these students. The postgrad/honours year began with an informal meeting with staff and students. In this picture, Matthew and Sam get to know the SALS librarian, Scott Wylie.



## SALS Post-grad Day

The School is planning to hold a Post-grad Day in the week beginning 20 April (the week following the Easter break). All are invited to attend. Keep an eye open for notices about times and rooms nearer the date.

## Lombok 2009

Thirteen students travelled to Lombok for the Indonesian language program, and were taught to dance by these young dancers.



## Teaching development grant

Isabel Wang has received a Teaching Development Grant for the project *Elementary Chinese writing skills resources: a flexible approach to developing student skills*. Isabel will develop a set of on-line activities designed to assist adults in the process of learning Chinese characters. The activities include animated stroke creation for teaching stroke order and exercises to test usage of characters. The target is to have materials available for beginner learners by semester 1 next year. Congratulations Isabel.

## Japanese in Semester 1

In Semester 1, Taka Ueki, Senior Lecturer Japanese, will be on study leave. Taka will restructure the Japanese course in line with the new degree structure which will be introduced in UTAS in 2010. Also Taka is chairing the organising committee for the 4<sup>th</sup> Japan Foundation International Teaching Conference in Japan in June.

During Taka's leave, Hitomi Yoshida is coordinating and teaching Taka's language units. Hitomi is well known to SALS and has been teaching in the Japanese course for five years.

## Ten Days on the Island Festival

### Thai theatre performance

A new chamber opera based on a Thai Buddhist folk tale. *The Lunch Box* has been written by Thai graduate of UTAS Thanapoom Sirichang and will be sung in Thai, with English surtitles, by two of Thailand's foremost opera singers. The Playhouse Hobart **26 & 27 March** at 6pm, **28 March** at 1 & 6pm



### Taiwanese Art Exhibition

*You Are Home* brings together four contemporary, multi-media artists from Taiwan who explore notions of the 'home' as a place of refuge and touch on the issues of identity, nationhood and 'the perfect place' to live. The exhibition is at the Plimsoll Gallery at the UTAS School of Art, Hunter Street **14 March--11 April** 12 noon--5pm daily. All are welcome to a forum with the artists to be held in the Dechaineaux Theatre at the Art School on **Friday 13 March** at 12.30pm



### Taiwanese King Lear

The Taiwan-based Contemporary Legend Theatre production of *King Lear* with legendary opera star Wu Hsing-kuo. The work will be presented in Mandarin with English surtitles. Wu Hsing-kuo is also participating in a conversation about his work as part of a series being held at TMAG in the Bond Store on the **5th April** at 12 noon. *King Lear*: Princess Theatre Launceston **2 April** at 2pm, Theatre Royal Hobart **4 & 5 April** at 4pm

## Scholarships

**CHINA** The Chinese Government is offering one full scholarship under the Chinese Government Scholarship Program (CGSP) to an eligible University of Tasmania student wishing to study in China from 2009 – 2010 as graduates, postgraduates, Chinese language students. Anyone who is interested should contact Mandy in the School office in Hobart by **Monday 23 March 2009**.



**JAPAN** Japan Airlines invites applicants for their 2009 JAL Scholarship Program for a 17-day trip to Japan in June/July 2009. Applicants must submit a 600-word essay on 'International Cooperation – My view on its achievements and drawbacks'. Applications close 6 April 2009. Check SALS noticeboard for more information.

## Seminar - Religion in Indonesia

SALS has been included in the schedule for a group of Muslims and Christians from Indonesia visiting Tasmania as part of a Uniting Through Faith initiative. In this rare opportunity, the School will host discussions between participants on:

- the key pillars of their beliefs
- the everyday life of religion in Indonesia's young democracy
- how they bring different religious communities into dialogue

Hobart: **Tuesday 17 March**, 2.00 -3.30pm in room 206

Launceston: **Thursday 19 March** 10.00am in room L131

## Asian Studies Lunchtime Sessions in Hobart

Air your ideas about Asia at the monthly Asian Studies lunchtime session. The first session is in week 5 with Kaz; the theme will be circulated soon.

**Tuesday 24 March**  
**1.10 – 2.00 pm**  
**Social Sciences 329**

## Student Society Profiles

Attention lovers of Asian adventure – why not see what UTAS has to offer among student societies? Here are two ideas:

The **Indian Youth Society** organizes cultural and educational events. Our main aim is to educate people about multiculturalism and spread peace, harmony and unity in the world. We believe that a country's future largely depends on its youth. Contact: [indianyouthsociety@gmail.com](mailto:indianyouthsociety@gmail.com) or see us on facebook in the name of UTAS Indian Youth Society.

The **Malaysian Students Society** or MSS is absolutely open to all Malaysian students enrolled in UTAS as well as other students who are interested in knowing beautiful Malaysia's culture. MSS mainly aims to promote Malaysia as a multicultural nation and region, as well as to gather all the UTAS Malaysian Students together. We intend to keep them in our good hands. The current president is Mira Izzanis Mazlan. Students and others can reach us through this email address: [mssutas@yahoo.com](mailto:mssutas@yahoo.com).

SALS newsletters – please email Mandy on [sals.enquiries@utas.edu.au](mailto:sals.enquiries@utas.edu.au) for further information Comments always welcome.

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