

School of Asian Languages and Studies

WELCOME NEW TUTORS

This Semester we welcome some new faces to our teaching programs. Anung Riapanitra (Indonesian in Hobart), Jane Chen (Chinese in Launceston), Chris Crerar (Asian Studies in Launceston) and Mami Head (Japanese in Launceston).

欢迎, SELAMAT DATANG, よこそ!

SHANGHAI IN COUNTRY PROGRAM 2007

The successful Shanghai program ran for the fourth time at the end of 2007. A mix of students from SALS and other faculties and schools stayed in Shanghai for 4 weeks where they participated in a full program of lectures, language classes and tours at our partner university, the University of Shanghai Science and Technology.



To extend their understanding of Chinese history and culture (both new and old) students were able to travel to the historic areas of Suzhou and Nanjing. The unit runs each year between November and December. Anyone with an interest in China is welcome to apply.

GRANTS

Congratulations to Dr Barbara Hartley and Dr Dirk Tomsa who have both received IRGS (Institutional Research Grants Scheme) grants for research projects this year.

Barbara's research title is *Dressing the Nation: Covert Images of Nationalism in Women's Fashion Advertising in Japan, 1925-1937*.

Dirk's research looks at next year's elections in Indonesia *Democratization and Reconciliation in Indonesia: Maluku's First-ever Direct Gubernatorial Election and its Impact on Reconstruction and Reconciliation*.

SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS

SALS student Michael Simmons has won the John Kable Memorial Scholarship in Law 2008, provided by the estate of the late John Kable QC, a noted Tasmanian barrister, for the best all round first year Law student. As well as high performance in Law studies, the winner must also importantly have an interest in human rights and international issues, which Michael has demonstrated this by combining his law studies with Indonesian and Asian Studies.



SALS SEMINARS GO PUBLIC!

Thursday 8 May 2008, 7pm
Flexible Learning Space, Launceston Campus

Democracy and Islam Do Go Together: Indonesia Ten Years after the Fall of Suharto

With guest speaker Dr Ariel Heryanto from the Asia Institute at the University of Melbourne

Thursday, 22 May 2008, 7pm
Flexible Learning Space, Hobart Campus

Australia and Asia Six Months after Rudd's Election Victory: Paving the Way for a Common Future? Jointly presented by the School of Asian Languages and Studies and the School of Government: Matthew Sussex, Terry Narramore, Kaz Ross and Dirk Tomsa.

Monday 30 June 2008, 7pm
Studio Theatre, Hobart Campus
Shakuhachi lecture and performance by Prof Robert Herr of University of Hawaii

TEACHING MERIT CERTIFICATE

祝贺老师!

Isabel (Yanjun) Wang is to receive a Teaching Merit Certificate for excellence in teaching during 2007.

Isabel describes her teaching strategy as offering a correct mix of focus and enjoyment, even fun, to motivate students to enjoy multiple small successes. She is delighted when students tell her they will be continuing with Chinese despite plans to drop it as too difficult.

Isabel's award means we currently have **award winning teaching staff** in all four disciplines.

JAPANESE SCHOLARSHIPS

Eight Japanese students are off to Japanese universities this year as exchange students. This is the eighth year of exchanges and is a part of the ongoing relationship between UTAS and the five universities. Between them, the students receive scholarships totaling \$60,000 from the Japanese government or the host universities.

Congratulations to:

Jean Summerville-Rabbitt, Keith Crawford at *Nagoya University of Foreign Studies*, Kerry Lacroix at *Kitakyushu University*, Jade Crawford-Lehman, Sheau Huey Soon at *Sugiyama Jogakuen University*, Eve Rodahl, Marissa King at *Kinjo Gakuin University*, Xavier Vincent at *Mie University*

LOMBOK IN-COUNTRY PROGRAM

In January six students from UTAS, along with resident director Barbara Hatley, joined students from 3 other Australian universities at the intensive in-country Indonesian language program on the beautiful island of Lombok. These students enjoyed 6 weeks of intensive language learning and cultural activities. The next program begins in January 2009.



PUBLICATIONS

Dr Haiqing Yu's new book *Media and Cultural Transformation in China* (Routledge 2008) uses a series of media spectacles - from the new millennium celebration, SARS reportage, media stories about AIDS and SARS to Falun Gong's media war with the Chinese state - to illuminate the contested narratives characteristic of Chinese postsocialist modernity.

Also published this year, Professor Barbara Hatley's book *Javanese Performances on an Indonesian Stage: Contesting Culture, Embracing Change*.

HOKKAIDO UPDATE

Dr Barbara Hartley is currently continuing her Japan Foundation funded study of the post-war writer Takeda Taijun in Sapporo, attached to the literature department of Hokkaido University. Barbara recently presented on Takeda's pre-1937 writing about China at the annual winter conference of the Korean Association for Japanese Studies held in Seoul. She is currently finalising her second article on this writer. Barbara returns to Hobart in July.



Meet a new face at Sandy Bay campus. This statue of Confucius outside the Morris Miller Library is a gift from Shanghai Fisheries University, a significant Chinese partner of UTAS, and from the family of a student at the University. The student is one of 1500 enrolled on UTAS bachelor degree courses in Shanghai through the Transnational Program. Senior staff from both universities will attend a formal unveiling on 28 April

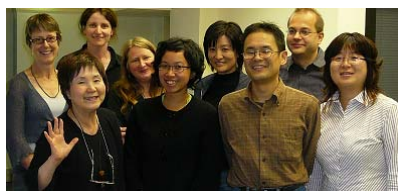
HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

This semester we welcome five senior secondary students to SALS language classes as part of the University's High Achiever Program which provides high-achieving year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to enrol in university units to extend their TCE and IB studies.



Lucie and Priscilla meet Kaz Ross, First Year Coordinator at Asian Languages and Studies

WHO'S WHO AT SALS?



Left to right: Pam, Taka, Mandy, Kaz, Wulan, Haiqing, Yoji, Dirk, Isabel

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