

# School of Asian Languages and Studies

## Public Lecture

### *The Human as Benevolent: Public Discourse and the Confucian Legacy in China.*

Presented by visiting scholar  
**Associate Professor Gloria Davies** of the School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics, Monash University  
**Monday 5 October at 5.30 in Law Lecture Theatre 2, Sandy Bay campus**



The main areas of Gloria Davies' research are Chinese intellectual history, modern Chinese literature and culture and she is currently completing a manuscript (with Geremie R. Barmé) on intellectual publicity and key intellectual debates in twentieth-century China and since.

**All Welcome**

## Taiwan Ministry of Education Talent Cultivation Grant

Dr Mark Harrison and Dr Haiqing Yu (of UNSW) are to receive a generous grant from the Taiwanese Ministry of Education for their collaborative research project *Taipei as a Global City: Place-making between the screen and the everyday*. The grant will fund three months of research in Taiwan beginning in November this year.

## Government funding for Asian language teaching and learning

UTAS is to receive government funding through the National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools Program for its project 'New pathways for the teaching and learning of Chinese, Indonesian and Japanese in Tasmania'. The project aims to increase student participation in Chinese, Indonesian and Japanese language programs, particularly in the senior secondary and tertiary sectors, while also providing postgraduate programs for Asian language teachers and supporting professional development of existing teachers.

### Graduate Certificate

The first step is to introduce in 2010 a Graduate Certificate course in Chinese, Indonesian and Japanese with scholarships available for practicing teachers of these languages. For details see the SALS website <http://www.utas.edu.au/sals/NALSSP/GradCert.html>

### PhD Success

Congratulations to SALS postgraduate Dr Adrienne Petty-Gao who was awarded a PhD in August. Adrienne's thesis is entitled *Deconstructing the Chinese Sojourner: case studies of early Chinese migrants*. Adrienne has won a scholarship to further her Chinese language study.

Two PhD candidates are also to be congratulated on the submission of their theses: Emily Rowe *HIV-AIDS, risk and the Transformation of Sexuality in Yogyakarta*, and Bill Lakos *Ancestor Worship as Master Narrative: a new approach to the understanding of Chinese culture*.

## Japanese workshop



In May, SALS and the Australia Japan Society hosted two Japanese language teaching workshops with Cyrus Rolbin, a Japanese language teacher from Boston, USA. Cyrus' experimental work focuses on developing a cultural approach to instruction in hiragana using mnemonic images, student-produced videos, and photo slide shows. The participants explored the approach, giving valuable feedback.

## China Scholarship

Honours student Sam Forbes has won a Chinese Government scholarship and has been accepted on a Masters degree course in Chinese language and literature at Nanjing Normal University. The scholarship will cover a preparatory year and the three-year Masters course. Congratulations to Sam, whose adventure begins in September 2009.



## Spring and Summer

**HMA20 Understanding Asia Through Food** Soybeans, noodles, coconut and coriander – what can these tell us about life in Asia? **Hobart 16-27 November 2009**

**HMA213/313 Background to Asian Theatres** The roles of Asian theatres in ritual, political and community life.

**Launceston 13-22 January 2010.**



**HMJ342 Performance, Tradition and Modernity in Japan** Minamoto Yoshitsune is the best loved folk hero in Japan and his story is represented in theatre and film. This unit involves a journey in Japan on Yoshitsune's trail, and examines traditional and modern Japan through performance arts. **Japan 5-16 January 2010**

**Japan In-country Program** Intensive Japanese language (all levels) at Asahi Nihongo centre and homestay. **Fukuoka, Japan 24 Nov – 21 Dec 2009**

**Indonesia In-country Program** Intensive Indonesian (all levels) at University of Mataram and homestay in beautiful Lombok. **4 - 22 Jan & 25 Jan - 12 Feb 2010**

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## New Units for 2010

**HMC224/324 Political Economy of Post-Reform China** The transformation of state, society and economy in the area of market reform in China. (Sem 1, 2010)

**HMC225/325 Political and Cultural History of Taiwan** An Asian Tiger's story of economic transformation and search for identity over 100 years (Sem 1, 2010)

**HMC226/326 Ethnic Minorities in Contemporary China** The myth and reality of China's ethnic unity and diversity (Sem 2, 2010)



**HMA/HMC/HMJ/HMN420 Gender in Asia** Honours/post-graduate coursework units which examine theoretical and practical issues concerning gender in Asia. Students investigate specific case studies relating to the lived experiences of both men and women in their regional studies interests.

## Graduate wins placement in community project

Michael Simmons, who graduated from SALS in August with a Diploma in Languages (done concurrently with his Law degree), has just been accepted into the highly competitive Australia-Indonesia Youth Exchange Program. Michael will be working on community projects on the remote islands of Bangka and Belitung in the summer of 2010. Congratulations Michael.

## Honours



Now's the time to discuss Honours for 2010. Interested? If you have a grade point average of 7.0 or better, why not talk with your SALS lecturer or with Barbara Hartley, Honours Coordinator ([Barbara.Hartley@utas.edu.au](mailto:Barbara.Hartley@utas.edu.au)) ?

## Cultural Performance in post-New Order Indonesia: New structures, scenes, meanings.

Professor Barbara Hatley has won funding to hold a workshop in Yogyakarta Indonesia at the end of June 2010. The project focuses on contemporary cultural performances in Indonesia theatre and music, film, digital and video arts produced in new formats, venues and arts events. Barbara is working with a Dutch counterpart, Dr Bart Barendregt from Leiden University.



Japanese Dancers organised by Taka Ueki captured attention at the UTAS Open Day in Hobart

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