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> IIAS Research Programmes and Projects

ABIA South and Southeast Asian Art and Archaeology Index

The ABIA Index is an annotated bibliographic database, which is compiled by an international team of specialists brought together in a project coordinated by the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology of the University of Kelaniya, Colombo, Sri Lanka. The database is freely accessible for

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ABIA Index vol. 1 (Kegan Paul International, London) includes over 1300 annotated and key word-indexed references to publications of 1996 and 1997. It is still available via the IIAS at: http://www.iias.nl/iias/research/abia/a bia.html. ABIA Index 2 (to be published by Brill, Leiden) will contain circa 2000 references to publications processed for the database between 1 September 1998 and 1 September 2001. Teams at two regional centres partici-

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CLARA: "Changing Labour Relations in Asia"

The Changing Labour Relations in Asia programme (CLARA) aims to build a comparative and historical understanding of labour relations in different parts of Asia which are undergoing diverse historical processes and experiences in terms of their national economies, their links with international markets and the nature of state intervention. This understanding will be based on the promotion of inter-Asian cooperation and that between Asian and non-Asian institutions.

The programme promotes several types of activities, namely: coordination of workshops; research projects; short-term research fellowships; networking; publications; and the setting up of a databank. CLARA is supported by the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) and the International Institute of Social History (IISH).

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"Islam in Indonesia: The Dissemination of Religious Authority in the 20th-Century"

This 4-year cooperative research programme aims at studying and documenting important changes, which occurred in religious - especially Muslim - authority in Indonesia during the past century and which have contributed significantly to the shaping of the present nationhood. The programme focuses on four advanced research projects, being: (1) The traditional religious authority: Ulama and fatwa; (2) Mystical associations (tarekat) in urban communities; (3) Dakwah (Muslim propagation) activities in urban communities; (4) Education and the dissemination of religious authority.

The programme is implemented by the IIAS. It resorts under the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences (KNAW), administered by Scientific Co-operation Netherlands - Indonesia. Its main donor is the KNAW; co-sponsors are: the Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM), Leiden, the Research School of Asian, African and Amerindian Studies (CNWS), Leiden, and the IIAS. The programme furthermore cooperates with several research institutions in Indonesia, such as the Islamic State Universities (IIAN), Jakarta.

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The Syntax of the Languages of South-

The project "The Syntax of the Languages of Southern China" has a descriptive-analytical aspect and a theoretical aspect. On the descriptive-analytical side, it aims at a detailed description and in-depth analysis of a limited number of syntactic phenomena in six languages, both Sinitic and non-Sinitic, spoken in the area south of the Yangtze River. On the theoretical side, it will systematically compare these descriptions and analyses in order to contribute to further development of the theory of language and the human language capacity; the development of such theories have hitherto been disproportionately based on the study of Western languages.

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Transnational Society, Media and Citizenship

This integrated multidisciplinary programme studies the complex nature of contemporary cultural identities and the role which the globalization of information and communication technologies (ICT's) plays in the (re)construction of identities. Although the programme is based in the Netherlands, the projects will be conducted at numerous fieldwork sites. The research programme will broaden our understanding of implications of new media and communications technologies in transforming political and religious forms, which transcend the nationstate and the relationship between consumption practices and identity forma-

The programme was initiated by the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research (ASSR) together with the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) and is executed with financial support from the Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research (WOTRO).

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