

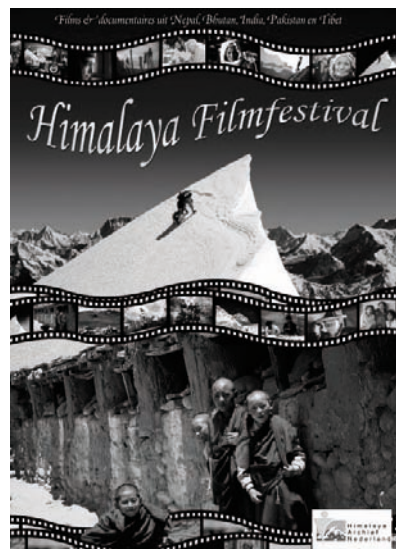
in the main theatre of the Tropical Institute in Amsterdam on September 16. Other dates and locations will be announced.

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Himalaya Film Festival

6-7 November 2004, Cultural Centre of the Free University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Organized by the Himalayan Archive Foundation in Alkmaar, the Netherlands, the second Himalayan Film Festival at will feature documentary cinema, films and videos on the Himalayan region. The festival will screen approximately 46 films in two parallel programmes, grouped by subject and cinematographic approach. More information can be found at www.himalayafilmfestival.nl



Courtesy of Himalaya Film Festival

Islamic humour from Indonesia

In the Western world, violent acts carried out by radical Islamic groups since September 11, 2001, have resulted in a wave of public concern on anything 'Islamic'. It is often forgotten that Islamic civilization is one of the world's largest communities, with more than 1.4 billion followers on all continents, and that Islamic traditions are an important part of the world's cultural heritage.

Islamic humour from Indonesia is the focus of a classroom project at the Asia-Africa-Institute of the University of Hamburg, Germany. Jokes have been selected from many genres including *Tawa-Show di Pesantren* ('Laughter-Show in the Islamic Boarding School') and collections of Islamic clerics' utterances, prominently those of Abdurrahman Wahid, spiritual leader of the world's largest Muslim organization, the *Nahdlatul Ulama* and former President of the Republic of Indonesia.

Translating the colloquialisms and witty allusions into German was a good exercise for undergraduate students. Understanding humour from another culture is one of the most difficult tasks in intercultural communication. To aid readers' understanding, students in the project have provided notes on Islamic humorous traditions, Islam in Indonesia, and regional diversity.

The translated jokes are being reviewed for correct rendition by a scholar from the Islamic University Syarif Hidayatullah in Jakarta, currently at the Asia-Africa-Institute, University of Hamburg, made possible by cooperation between the University of Hamburg and the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia. The translated joke collection will be published in Indonesia and will be made available to German-language tourists in Indonesia.

The collection will be distributed by bookshops and street vendors. It is hoped that the final project will have an official introduction or preface by a known Islamic scholar from Indonesia, in both German and Indonesian.

As there are comparatively few German-language tourists in Indonesia, the partners of this project would like to invite other groups in, for instance, the English, French or Dutch-speaking worlds to participate in similar projects.

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Southeast Asia: A Historical Encyclopedia from Ankor Wat to East Timor

Book launch: 11 November 2004, Amsterdam

Southeast Asia: A Historical Encyclopedia covers the historical development of Southeast Asia from the prehistoric period to the early years of the 21st century, and caters to users of high school, public and university libraries. The three-volume work covers historical topics, including archaeology and prehistory, major historical periods and eras, cultural heritage, ethno-history, wars and conflicts, notable personalities, religions and popular beliefs. Themes focus on political developments, economic and social transformation, constitutional develop-

ments and legislation, historical geography and the environment.

Southeast Asia: A Historical Encyclopedia will be launched in Amsterdam, the Netherlands on 11 November 2004 by Professor Wim Stokhof, director of IIAS. In conjunction with the official launch in Amsterdam, a round-table seminar on the theme *Southeast Asian Studies in Europe: Reflections and New Directions* will be held on 12-13 November 2004. Drawing upon both academia and the corporate sector from Europe and Southeast Asia, short and long-term priorities will be mapped out for Southeast Asian studies in the next decades.

Southeast Asia: A Historical Encyclopedia, from Ankor Wat to East Timor
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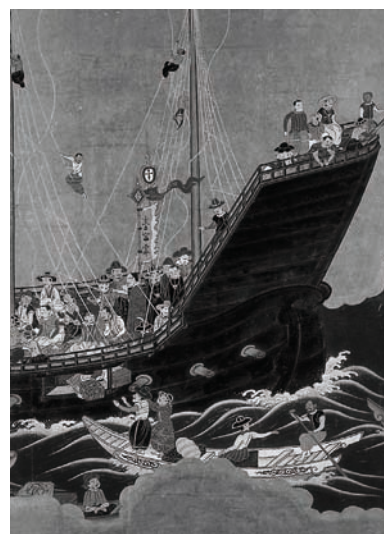
Encounters: The Meeting of Asia and Europe 1500-1800

23 September-5 December 2004, London, UK

The V&A's autumn exhibition *Encounters: The Meeting of Asia and Europe* will feature objects from the period 1500-1800 after Europeans first discovered the sea route to the Indies. When Europeans arrived in Asia they were overwhelmed by the magnificence of the courts they visited, the wealth of the cities and the sophisticated goods for sale. The human dimension of the story as Asians and Europeans experienced their first encounters forms a central section of the exhibition.

The exhibition will address how East and West perceived and represented each other during a period of intense cultural, commercial and technological exchange. It examines how each saw the other as 'exotic' and how this shaped both cultures.

On display will be more than 200 objects including rare porcelain and jewel-



Courtesy of Encounters, Victoria and Albert Museum, London

encrusted caskets made for European princes and collectors, miniature paintings, lacquer, silks, wallpapers and cashmere. It will include objects from the V&A's collections and those of individuals and museums worldwide - the Royal Collection, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Louvre, the Forbidden City and the Japanese Imperial Collection. Many of these objects have never before been exhibited in Britain.

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The Living Memory Project

Finance is sought for *The Living Memory Project* to create a video archive of testimony from East Timor's former political prisoners. An estimated 10,000 people living in East Timor today were imprisoned under the Indonesian military occupation, many suffering torture. The project will collect, preserve and catalogue testimony as part of East Timor's national heritage. Interviews will build a database on the effect of imprisonment on ex-prisoners' health.

In 2003 UNESCO officials praised the idea and encouraged its expansion to a two-year, US\$300,000 project, training and employing over a dozen ex-prisoners. Early this year UNESCO unexpectedly

withdrew, citing lack of funds. \$30,000USD is now sought to film, edit and present a pilot sample of interviews, working over three months with a five-person staff. If fifteen institutions could provide \$2000 each, work could begin. Budget and staff details are available on request from theagedili@yahoo.com or Living Memory Project, P.O. Box 3952, Darwin, NT, 0801 Australia.

The end product would be an archival sample of interviews with background material, available to libraries, human rights organisations, schools, universities and the media in various formats, presentable as a small exhibition.

The author is journalist and writer Jill Jolliffe, supported by the Association of Ex-Political Prisoners of East Timor (*Associação dos ex-Prisioneiros Políticos do Timor-Leste*, ASEPPOL).

> Conferences and workshops

European Association of Southeast Asian Studies (EUROSEAS)

1-4 September 2004, Paris, France

The European Association for Southeast Asian Studies (EUROSEAS) is an association of European scholars who wish to integrate their work with that of other European Southeast Asia specialists. Members of EUROSEAS meet regularly to share expertise, publications and source materials.

The fourth EUROSEAS conference will take place 1-4 September 2004 in Paris. To view the complete list of 36 panel topics and/or register for the conference, please see the website www.afrase.org/euroseas2004/indexe.php. This website can also be reached through the EUROSEAS website www.kitlv.nl/euroseas.

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Indonesia in Transition

25-27 August 2004, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

The research program Indonesia in Transition analyses changes taking place in contemporary Indonesian society. Funded by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences, the program brings together historians, sociologists, anthropologists, political scientists, geographers and economists from Indonesia and the Netherlands.

Indonesia in Transition is made up of four projects: (1) 'Rethinking Regionalism' compares attempts at regionalism in the 1950s and today. (2) 'The Making of Civil Society' focuses on debates around 'civil society', particularly in relation to Islam, ethnicity, local politics and the formation of political parties. (3) 'The Experience of Crisis' traces how people have experienced crisis in different places and periods in Indonesian history. (4) 'Indonesian Mediations' investigates the mass media's representations of violence, regional identities, Islam and gender, as well as the role of film, radio and pop music in shaping 'mediated communities'.

To date, three workshops have been held in Indonesia: in Yogyakarta in 2001, in Padang in 2002, and in Depok/Jakarta in August 2003 (co-sponsored by IIAS and IndoverBank), where researchers presented their projects' preliminary findings. The results have been published in three volumes edited by Henk Schulte Nordholt et al (2002, 2003, 2004) and are available online: www.knaw.nl/indonesia, Indonesia in Transition.

The final conference of *Indonesia in Transition* will be held 25-27 August 2004 in the Trippenhuis at the Kloveniersburgwal in Amsterdam. On the opening day, Sidney Jones of the International Crisis Group and Daniel Sparringa from Universitas Airlangga will deliver keynote lectures on the current political situation in Indonesia. Project coordinators will then present findings of their research, to be reviewed by external discussants. The third part of the conference will feature a series of presentations by project researchers on the theme 'Key figures, portraits of tumultuous times'. A round-table discussion will close the conference, which will put themes in a wider comparative context and discuss agendas for the future.

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European Association of Chinese Studies (EACS)

25-29 August 2004, Heidelberg, Germany

With more than 200 papers, this will be the largest conference in Chinese Studies in European history. At least half of the 700+ EACS members are expected to participate.

Although the European Association of Chinese Studies was established in the mid-seventies, its history goes back to 1948 when the first conference of Junior Sinologists was held in England. Its membership now includes historians, lin-

guists, economists, geographers, political scientists and sociologists.

More information about the EACS can be found on the website (<http://www.soas.ac.uk/eacs/>) and up-to-date information on the Heidelberg conference (<http://www.sino.uni-heidelberg.de/eacs2004/>).

The Institute of Chinese Studies, University of Heidelberg, is one of the largest Sinological institutions in Germany. It hosts the *European Center for Digital Resources in Chinese Studies* (<http://chinaresource.org/>), the *Internet Guide for Chinese Studies* (<http://www.sino.uni-heidelberg.de/igcs/>), the *European Virtual OPAC for Chinese Studies* (<http://www.sino.uni-heidelberg.de/evocs/>) and *Sinological Serials in European Libraries Project* (<http://www.sino.uni-heidelberg.de/sselp/>).

Log On: Chinese women and Cyber Networks

20-21 October 2004, Hong Kong

This symposium will bring together scholars specializing in works related to Chinese women and cyber culture. It will explore how Chinese women are able to exploit and use the Internet and cyber networks for personal and social gain. Themes include:

- Cyber culture and the construction of women's identity
- Chinese women and consumption of cyber cultures
- Cyber-network as Chinese women's social capital
- Use and Abuse of cybernetworks
- Chinese women and cyberactivism
- The symposium is organized by the Centre of Anthropological Research, University of Hong Kong.

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Modern China Digital Resources

21-23 August 2004, Heidelberg, Germany

The European Center for Digital Resources in Chinese Studies has built a library of digital resources. Funding from the Alfred Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Foundation has made it possible to provide broader access to these databases for students and scientists.

The center is organizing a workshop to introduce databases on modern China with hands-on sessions for each database. MA students, PhD candidates and post-docs are encouraged to apply. Participants will have time for individual research in the digital and printed resources of our library. The workshop takes place a few days before the XV Conference of the European Association of Chinese Studies, August 25-29, 2004, and workshop participants are encouraged to extend their stay in Heidelberg. There will be an introduction to the library of the Institute of Chinese Studies by Thomas Kampen. Deadline for Applications: July 12, 2004. The number of participants is limited to a maximum of 8.

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Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations

18-21 August 2004, Shanghai, China

The Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) has, since 1992, organized large student conferences in different Asian cities. HPAIR 2004, co-hosted by Fudan University, will be held in Shanghai, China on 18-21 August, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

HPAIR is a partnership between the students and faculty of Harvard University, an academic program and a forum of exchange to facilitate discussion on economic, political, and social issues relevant to the Asia-Pacific region.

The theme of this year's conference is *The Once and Future Asia: Expanding Horizons, Historic Transitions*.

- Workshops will focus on the following topics:
- Exploring Asia's Urban Landscapes: Tracing Their Histories and Imagining Their Futures Modernization and Identity in East Asia: Looking Back and Looking Forward
- Rivalry despite Interdependence: The Paradox of Asian Security
- The Scientific Revolution in Asia
- In Search of Civil Society in Asia

• Trial by Fire: Forging a New Legal Reality in East Asia

The HPAIR Conference extends invitation to all students at college level and beyond.

For more information see: www.hpair.org
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Vietnam's integration into the world and state sovereignty

25 October 2004, Paris, France

Since the end of the 1980s, Vietnamese authorities have initiated domestic economic reforms and an open-door policy to the world. State authority has thus been put into question.

On the domestic level, reforms have challenged state exclusivity of competence in various strategic fields. In foreign policy, the increasing number of commitments linking the Vietnamese state to its foreign partners constitutes a limit on its sovereignty.

This conference will: (1) consider the internal and external dynamics that undermine Vietnamese state sovereignty; and (2) emphasize the state's political strategies and regulations to reinforce its authority, its internal cohesion and its position toward the external world.

The conference is organized by the Research Group on Contemporary Vietnam - Centre for International Studies and Research (CERI), Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences-Po).

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European Social Science Java Network

12-15 January 2005, Java, Indonesia

The ESSJN was founded in 1987 with the aim of holding small annual workshops of social scientists and historians with an interest in the island of Java. The Network has no secretariat and its administration moves with the Workshop from one year's host to another. Workshops have been organised on a variety of subjects in several European countries.

Following a successful 13th meeting in Marseilles in 2002, the 14th workshop will be held on 12-15 January 2005 in Java, at the campuses of PERCIK in Salatiga and Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta. As well as discussions on the themes 'Youth and Identity in Java' and 'Religions in Java,' an important agenda item will be making the Java Network more global, with future workshops being held outside Europe, encouraging participation by scholars from Australia, Japan and the USA.

Those interested in joining the Java Network should contact Robert Wessing at java-workshop2004@yahoo.com.

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