

The Newsletter issues online

We are excited to inform you that you can now find all issues of *The Newsletter* on our website, open access of course, going back to the very first one published in 1993.

Over the past 28 years, the paper version of *The Newsletter* has been through a number of redesigns and has enjoyed various 'looks', but so too has its online sibling. The current issues are produced entirely digitally, and are simply sent to the printers by email, only to miraculously appear in print a few days later. But it was not always that easy. The first 26 issues, produced between 1993 and 2001, were done the 'old-fashioned' way. The paper version was put together at the printers, and a digital copy never existed.

Now, thanks to the invaluable support provided by our colleagues at Leiden University Libraries 'Special Collections', we

have been able to scan all of the earlier issues. The resulting PDFs are fully searchable, and have recently been added to our website's section for *The Newsletter*. This was a vital step in our ambition to make all of our issues available to as many readers as possible.

The online versions of issues 73 and onwards are currently the most complete: each item on the content page leads you to an 'article page' where a full printable version of the text can be found, alongside a link to the paper version PDF.

Issues 27-72 provide you with a content page where you can open individual PDF pages correlating to each article. Full text printable pages have not yet been created, but this will likely be our next step in the process!

We hope you will enjoy browsing through our previous issues, as well as catching up with our most recent. All of which can be found on www.iias.asia/the-newsletter.



Above: Selection of previous newsletters available to view online.

Continuation of Humanities Across Borders (HAB)

The International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a third grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in New York to support the consolidation and institutionalisation of its flagship collaborative education program 'Humanities Across Borders' (HAB). From building a trans-regional network of partners, to testing out-of-classroom and community embedded experiential pedagogies in HaB 1.0, in this next phase, HAB and its 18 partners in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas, will mobilise institutions into a new pattern of South-South-North collaboration in higher education.

The three institutional innovations envisioned for HAB 2.0 are:

- i) a global consortium with its commitment to public humanist values in education;
- ii) a foundational curricular platform in 'Humanities Across Borders' co-created and co-taught across the consortium's geographies; and
- iii) an interactive digital platform and pedagogical resource repository, made widely accessible through partner libraries.

In this way we hope to build a collaborative model of locally rooted, globally conscious, higher education that, until now, has been an aspirational ideal for many universities attempting to achieve educational justice goals. In the coming years, we will disseminate the programme's situated learning approach extensively, via the consortium's website, publications, conferences, and other pedagogical events, and hope to encourage other institutions to join our endeavour.

On behalf of IIAS and its partners, I wish to express our sincere gratitude to The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for its vision and support to HAB and its efforts in re-enchanting public humanist values among academe today.

Philippe Peycam, IIAS Director

Follow the program activities here: <https://humanitiesacrossborders.org>

Textual Heritage

Online Symposium
22-24 March 2021
Registration and further information:
www.unive.it/textualheritage



Join the first symposium entirely dedicated to 'textual heritage', and explore the many facets of this new analytical concept!

How have literature, historical chronicles, musical notations, inscriptions, manuscripts, books and scrolls shaped our cultural heritage, and how will they change in the 21st century? How do the processes of reading, writing, copying, translating and performing texts inform and transform notions of authenticity, authorship, ownership, as well as the relationship between tangible and intangible heritage?

A dozen specialists from different disciplines and areas – many early career scholars – will discuss fresh approaches to textual sources, engaging with the latest developments in the field of heritage. On each of the first two days, keynotes by Prof. Wiebke Denecke (MIT) and Prof. David C. Harvey (Aarhus University), will kick off the debate. On the final day, a lively roundtable will bring the program to a close. Attendance is free, but registration is kindly required.

Organisation
Department of Asian and North African Studies, Ca' Foscari University of Venice
In collaboration with Waseda University Top Global University program.

Registration
For registration and further information, check out the dedicated website www.unive.it/textualheritage

IIAS webinar series

IIAS organises webinars on a variety of Asia-related topics, held by IIAS fellows and other speakers. All webinars (and updates to the schedule) are announced on our website at www.iias.asia/events.

You are most welcome to join (free of charge) by registering online in advance.

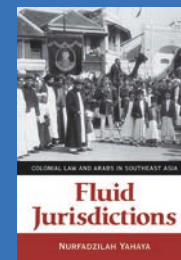
We will subsequently contact you with further information on how to participate.

Our previous webinars can be viewed on our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/asianstudies.

The following speakers have been confirmed for the coming period, and we will be adding new lectures to the list as time goes on.

22 March 2021

Book talk
Fluid Jurisdictions: Colonial Law and Arabs in Southeast Asia



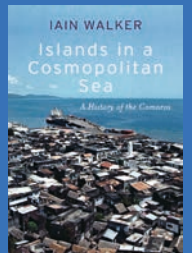
Speaker:
Nurfaizil Yahaya (author)

21 April 2021

Speaker: Norah Gharala
(title to be confirmed)

29 April 2021

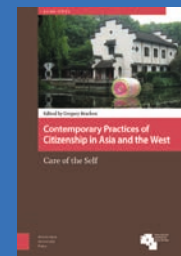
Book talk
Islands in a Cosmopolitan Sea: A History of the Comoros



Speaker:
Iain Walker (author)

24 March 2021

Book talk
Contemporary Practices of Citizenship in Asia and the West: Care of the Self



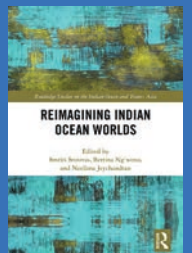
Speaker:
Gregory Bracken (author)

19 May 2021

Speaker: Hedwig Waters
(title to be confirmed)

26 May 2021

Book talk
Reimagining Indian Ocean Worlds



Speakers:
Smriti Srinivas, Bettina Ng'weno, Neelima Jeychandran (authors)



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