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**Editor's Note** I hope to see many of you at the AAS annual meeting. We should reach initial agreement on what the nature of our website should be. I favor devoting most of the space to ever-changing news of research and professional opportunities. Ron Provencher [rprovinc@juno.com](mailto:rprovinc@juno.com).

**Periodicals (Relevant to M/S/B Studies)**

**>American anthropologist**

**V.108.n.4 Dec 2006** -- 1) Andrew Wellford, review of Amity A. Doolittle, 2005, *Property and politics in Sabah, Malaysia: Native struggles over land rights*, 224 pp. Seattle: U. of Washington Press [From the review – A very welcome book offering important insights into the logic of development in Malaysia and its impact on local struggles for land rights – An exemplary work utilizing ethnography, political economy, and historical analysis, skillfully demonstrating the impact of colonial policies concerning native land rights and commercial development on postcolonial development discourses in contemporary Malaysia -- Author argues that political rights, struggles over identity and land rights often overlap and are congruent – This case study of Sabah is very well researched, developed, and written; with many insights into the politics of development, and it is also useful for NGOs and activists, providing a useful analysis of the term 'indigenous', p 894.

**>Archipel**

**V. 72 2006** -- 1) [Claude Guillot & Ludvik Kalus, "*Inscriptions islamiques sur des canons d'insulinde du XVIe siecle*" [From the Abstract - Part of a series about Islamic epigraphy in the Malay Archipelago centering on inscriptions on 4 of the oldest canons, but mentioning others from 14th to 19th century, inscriptions in *jawi* script and most in Malay language], pp 69-94; 2) Annabel Teh Gallop and Ali Akbar, "The art of the Qur'an in Banten: calligraphy and illumination" [In the Malay world the finest Islamic manuscripts are copies of the Qur'an -- Article not about religion, culture or society in Banten... it is a codicological study: focusing on bindings; division into volumes; paper, page size and mise-en-page; calligraphy (the text, surah headings, marginal texts, supplementary texts; illumination, etc)], pp 95-156; 3) Claudine Salmon, "Women's social status as reflected in Chinese epigraphs from Insulinde (16th-20th Centuries)" [Diversity of women's epitaphs, tomb inscriptions of Chinese (one a lady of Patani, 1592 AD), tomb inscriptions of native women in Chinese style (Brunei, Bali, Malaka, Bugis, Banten,

Padang, Kuching, Makassar & more) -- Unprecedented position of 'Chinese daughters' in funerary inscriptions, and into 18th century, with further extension during the 19th&20th century into the Malayan Peninsula], pp 195-220.

**>Asia Pacific journal of education**

**V.26.n.2 Nov 2006** -- 1) Maimunah Ismail & Roziah Mohd Rasdi, "Career mobility of high-flying women academics: a study at selected universities in Malaysia" [From the Abstract -- Investigates the relationship between past experience and the career mobility of 31 female academics from 8 Malaysian universities -- Based on in-depth interviews, respondents' career mobility at the exploration stage is influenced by early exposure to learning, experience in secondary schools (especially, boarding schools), first degree experience, and personal qualities -- However, respondents' career mobility during establishment and maintenance stages is attributed to graduate study experience, career centrality, family support, uniqueness of academic role, health consciousness and adherence to religiosity], pp 155-171.

**>Asia Pacific viewpoint**

**V.47.n.3 Dec 2006** -- 1) Bill Pritchard, "More than a 'blip': the changed character of South-East Asia's engagement with the global economy in the post-1997 period" [From the Abstract -- A review of SEA's recent economic engagement with the global economy pointing to profound recent changes in the scope and character of the region's development -- Foreign direct investment the key driver of regional growth before 1997, but now the region is facing a more difficult and complex economic arena from which to attract funding... Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore on the charts and in the text], pp 311-326.

**>Asian ethnicity**

**V.7.n.3 Oct 2006** -- 1) William Case, review of Cheah Boon Kheng (ed), 2004, *The challenge of ethnicity, building a nation in Malaysia*, 170 pp, Singapore: Marshall Cavandish, International, ISBN 981-210-279-5 [Draws upon essays presented in a series of seminars organized by the Centre for Policy Research at Universiti Sains Malaysia addressing ethnic identities and tensions in Malaysia, a country characterized as a classic plural society -- The editor's introduction sets the tone of the book, noting that Malaysia constitutes a juridical nation-state, no real national identity has yet taken root: Instead, a Malay-centric identity is pitted against a wider Malaysian identity, propagated by social minorities that have in reaction banded together -- Other contributors investigate ways in which ethnic sentiments and tensions still fester: Shakila Badul Manan on Mahathir Mohamad's address at the UMNO General Assembly in 2002; Chan Huan Chiang delves into correlations between students attending 'national type' or vernacular schools; Vejai Balasubramaniam on rapid economic development and the rise of a petit bourgeois middle class; Chin Yee Whah contends that economic development and the rise of the middle class have encouraged small and medium businesses in the country to collaborate more closely across ethnic lines; and much more], pp 311-313.

**>Asian survey**

**V.xlvi.n.5 Sep/Oct 2006** -- 1) Takeshi Yuzawa, "The evolution of preventive diplomacy in the ASEAN regional forum: problems and prospects" [From the Abstract -- Examines processes behind the evolution of preventive diplomacy in the ASEAN Regional Forum -- Forum's potential to establish

meaningful preventive diplomacy mechanisms is likely to remain highly limited unless it departs from the rules of the 'ASEAN Way' of institution building... a prerequisite, not a solution], pp 785-804.

**>Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land-en Volkenkunde**

**V.164,n.4 2006** -- 1) John van der Putten, "Abdullah Munshi and the missionaries" [Section titles: Introduction; Abdullah and the missionaries; White people's knowledge and expertise; Abdullah's writings; Conclusion -- Argues "that the texts later published under the title *Ceretera ilmu kepandaian* left an inefaceable mark on the *Hikayat*: Abdullah had just finished, or was still in the process of, translating and adapting those texts to be used in schools when 'he received the assignment' of compiling a story about himself and his times... indications that the *Sejarah Melayu* was used by Abdullah as a model to compose his own work... etc.], pp 407-440; 2) Santo Koesobjono, review of Saw Swee-Hock, 2005, *Population policies and programmes in Singapore*, xvi+303 pp, Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Pb ISBN 9812303189 [Singaporean demographer-statistician and observer of population development of his own country, describes the history of population policies and programs from the end of WW II to 2004 -- Book recommended reading for policy-makers in countries where fertility is falling and threatens to remain below replacement levels -- Reviewer liked the book, but notes that the book would perhaps have been more satisfying had it explored the relationships between economic progress, changes in marriage behavior, and fertility differences between Chinese, Malay and Indian components of Singapore's population], pp 543-545.

**>Chulalongkorn journal of economics**

**V.17,n.1 Apr 2005** -- 1) Chan Sok Gee & Mohd Zain Abd Karim, "The lead-lag relationship between stock index futures and spot market in Malaysia: a co-integration and error correction model approach" [From the Abstract -- This paper analyzes the lead-lag relationship between spot and futures markets of the Malaysian Kuala Lumpur Composite Index (KLCI) employing the co-integration and error-correction approach -- Results of the error-correction model (ECM) suggest that futures price lead spot price and the change in futures price is relatively more efficient as compared to spot price -- Results also indicate that spot price does lead future price, but the lead-lag relationship is relatively weak as compared to the impact of futures prices on spot price -- Thus, investors are able to use futures price as a good indicator in predicting spot price -- The causal relationship suggests that policy makers should take into consideration the impact of futures market towards cash market when developing a policy for the futures market], pp 53-72.

**>Comparative education**

**V.42,n.2 May 2006** -- 1) Jo Arthur & Peter Martin, "Accomplishing lessons in postcolonial classrooms: comparative perspectives from Botswana and Brunei Darussalam" [From the Abstract -- Drawn from observations & audio-recordings of language, explores how teachers and pupils and teachers are challenged to teach and learn in a language, English, that is not their own -- Compares similarities and differences in the ways teachers and pupils engage language through a range of monolingual and bilingual

strategies -- Demonstrates the tensions in the language policies of the two postcolonial countries, which have resulted in privileging imported over indigenous languages in the context of globalization], pp 177-202.

**>Crossroads: an interdisciplinary journal of Southeast Asian studies**

**V.18,n.1 2006** -- Harold Smith, review of Leek Hock Guan (ed), 2004, *Civil society in Southeast Asia*, 287 pp, Copenhagen: Nordic Institute of Asian Studies & Singapore: ISEAS [Essays from a 2001 ISEAS conference concerning Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam -- Reviewer notes that Lee Hock Guan's introduction provides a useful summary of the origin of development of two contrasting models of the civil society, one based on conflict with totalitarian regimes and the other based on the value of social capital, and that both views originated in the West begs the question, "How useful are Western notions about civil society for development in non-western societies" -- Patricia Martinez on Islam, democracy and the growth of civil society; and Lai Suat Yan on the Women's Movement and elections in Malaysia -- Gillian Goh & Ooi Gick Ling on authoritarian government in Singapore ... the government assisting voluntary groups that aided the regime, but not movements aligned with an opposition party -- A very positive review], pp 181-183.

**>Diasporic communication V.12.n.2 2006** -- 1) Duncan

McCargo, "Communicating Thailand's southern conflict" [An account of two Malay men killed at a teashop in Tanyonglimo, Narathiwat. -- Villagers convinced that the killings carried out by (Thai) security forces, and two marines were taken hostage, after which Thai security forces surrounded the village, and the villagers erected barricades -- Villagers refused to let officials or Thai reporters inside, asked for foreign (Malaysian?) journalists to cover the incident -- Marine hostages tortured and killed -- Attempts to explain the incident and how the various communities and actors seemed to perceive it -- Asks how journalism can promote ideas of peace in this complex of actors and settings], pp 19-34; 2) Sripan Rattikalchalakorn, review of Glen Lewis, 2006, *Virtual Thailand: the media and cultural politics in Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore*, xiii, 227pp, Routledge [Reviewer begins review with own take on Thai food, noting that Lewis's book is about the *nam prik* and how it goes with Thai society... spicy, unique and exciting like the nation's culture, media, economy, politics and international relations -- The book does not engage in much theory, but is informed by political, economic, cultural and media perspectives of the country and its relations with its more developed neighbors (Malaysia & Singapore), and with its less developed neighbors (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar & Vietnam)], pp 97-99.

**>English world-wide: a journal of varieties of English**

**V.27,n.3 2006** -- 1) Salbrina Haji Sharbawi, "The vowels of Brunei English: an acoustic investigation" [From the Abstract -- Provides an acoustic description of the vowels of Brunei English, based on recordings of 10 female speakers reading a passage of *The North Wind and the Sun* -- The formant values of the 11 monophthong vowels and rate of change of the diphthong /eɪ/ were measured and compared with data of 7 British English speakers and also with results of similar studies on Singapore English -- Findings: a) Brunei English shares some common features with Singapore English (both do not distinguish between /i:/ and /ɪ/, /e/ and /æ/, and /x/ and /v/); But the high back vowels in Brunei English are unlike those of

Singapore English -- Much more, but we don't have the proper fonts.. rp], pp 247-264; 2) Debra Ziegeler & Sarah Lee, "Causativity reduction in Singaporean English" [From the Abstract -- A common feature of Singaporean English, and found to a lesser extent in British & US English, is the 'conventionalized scenario'; i.e., a causative construction in which an intermediate causee is neither expressed nor necessarily recoverable from context and common ground, e.g., *You cut your hair*, in which the action is normally attributed to another, unexpressed participant -- Study provides written data on the use of conventionalized scenarios in Singapore English, explaining their link to competing resultative constructions in terms of an action for result grammatical metonymy, in which the passival resultative construction is substituted with an active-voice], pp 265-294.

### >Environment and planning

**V.38,n.10 Oct 2006** -- 1) Thomas A. Hutton, "Spatiality, built form, and creative industry development in the inner city" [From the Abstract -- Theoretical treatments of new industry formation within the inner city emphasize the significance of agglomeration economies, social relations, institutional factors, and representational semiotic features of the landscape -- Article contributes to a larger understanding of generative processes of industrial innovation in the urban core by demonstrating through theoretical synthesis and case studies, the critical roles played by 'material'(or physical) space and form -- Three case studies: Singapore (Telok Ayer), London and Vancouver -- Photos & maps], pp 1819-1841.

### >Far Eastern economic review (60th anniversary)

**V.169,n.9 Nov 2006** -- 1) "Letters:" [3 letters from Singapore congratulating *FEer* on its moving from Singapore to Hong Kong to better control ruinous libel suits brought by Singapore's first family... Lee father and son ... and 1 from Michigan saying that the Chinese population of Singapore is favored over other Singaporean populations: a) Chia Mun Loong, 'Get out while you can'; b) Esther Fang {Michigan}, 'A Chinese advantage'; c) Henry Chai, 'The suffocated country'; d) Steven Yeong, 'Better reception wanted'], pp 6-8; 2) Anwar Ibrahim, "Radical Islam in Southeast Asia" [Central theme is U.S. government's mistaken regard of Southeast Asia as a 'second front' in its 'war on (Islamic) terrorism' ... a sort of 'throwback' of the Orientalist slant of past sweeping generalizations, such as Clifford Geertz's bi-polar religious orientations, *santri* and *abangan*, in his *The religion of Java* -- This oversimplified view unfortunately shared by the so-called enlightened statesmen in the region... failing to recognize the Muslim dominant counties such as Malaysia and Indonesia have in the past effectively checked other kinds of radicalism such as militant communist movements -- Notes the US over-reaction in Iraq -- The problem of over-reaction to poor Muslim communities (is radicalism really about religion or is it about poverty, racism and political powerlessness) -- The need for prosperity, distributive justice, the rule of law and a profound respect for human rights], pp 37-39.

**V.169,n.10 Dec 2006** -- 1) Peter Cohen, "Letters: Oh puh-leeze" [About Datuk Anwar Ibrahim's November essay "Radical Islam in Southeast Asia" -- Complains that Anwar's essay is 'full of the usual apologia for Islamic misbehavior', especially regarding the Palestinian/Israeli dispute... the "source of

Islamic bigotry and lack of tolerance is to be found within Islam and not in some 'neo-Orientalist' writings by Clifford Geertz or Bernard Lewis"], p 6; 2) "Letters: Singapore days" -- a) Dawn Tan, a Singaporean, complements *FEer* on the material posted on the website regarding the Singapore government's defamation lawsuits against the periodical, and regarding Singapore's education system, and is 'heartened' that the periodical has not capitulated -- b) Sunil Sandhu, a graduate student in Palo Alto, is not convinced that press censorship is bad for Singapore, but would like to see more open discussion between scholars in Singapore -- c) Patrick Lim, in New York, finds it "...disappointing that *FEer* and a few journalists repeatedly choose to highlight unsubstantiated points made by Mr. Chee, whose popularity is questionable even among Singaporeans supporting the political alternative" -- d) Ng Yiqin, in Singapore, professes strong support for *FEer's* cause, pp 7&9; 3) "Letters: on the merits" -- a) Dr. Jen Shek Wei complains the Michael Barr's October essay "The charade of meritocracy" and finds no evidence in the article of racial discrimination whatsoever; b) Victor Ho is "...amused that two Australian political scientists are sniping at 'freedom' in Singapore... Australia is the most white racist country, next to South Africa under Botha"; c) Harish Mehta, suggests "...an alternative postcolonial reading of Singapore's policy to promote the teaching of Chinese, Tamil and Malay in schools... to ensure that English... would not completely erase Mandarin, Tamil and Malay"], p 9; 4) Ronald Deibert, "The geopolitics of Asian cyberspace" [The Open Net Initiative (ONI) as a window on the dark underbelly of the Internet, in which countries are known to engage in content filtering -- When ONI was formed in 2002 the most prominent offenders were China, Iran and Saudi Arabia; but now, in Asia alone, there is confirmed internet content filtering in China, Burma, Vietnam, the Maldives, Thailand, South Korea, North Korea, Pakistan, India and Singapore], pp 22-25; 5) Cecilia Oh & Caitlin Wiesen, "Asia's problematic patent laws"[When trade ministers adopted the Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health at 2001 WTO Ministerial Conference, they hailed it as 'proof that the multilateral trading system could respond to global public-health concerns' -- But problems with liberalizing trade agreements in the region, even regarding drugs used to treat the HIV/AIDS pandemic -- Malaysia finally decided to permit imports of generic antiretroviral drugs to help stem the tide of HIV/AIDS in the country thru the resultant drop in cost of drugs], pp50-52; 6) "Travelers' tales: elite girl" see at <http://www.insanepoly.com/blog/>.

### >Global change, peace & security

**V.18,n.3 Oct 2006** -- 1) Carl Ungerer, "Australia's policy responses to terrorism in Southeast Asia" [Mostly a very broad view, with some focus on the Bali bombings, regional leaders' negative attitude toward Australian PM's open canvassing the possibility of Australia using pre-emptive military strikes against terrorist groups ... former PM Dr. Mahathir suggesting that such actions if committed in Malaysia would constitute an act of war... but that former Singaporean PM Lee Kwan Yew expressed frustration with non-military measures against known terrorist training operations in the region], pp 193-199.

### >Globalisation, societies and education

**V.4,n.3 Nov 2006** -- 1) Aaron Koh, "Working against globalisation: the role of the media and national education in

Singapore" [From the Abstract -- How media and schools are used as disciplinary apparatuses to resist and work against globalization in Singapore -- Cites Aihwa Ong on the deployment of state ideological apparatuses...media, schools, acts of re-assemblage ... when technocrats resort to assemble institutions, diverse government practice and political values to engage in citizenship production -- National Education curriculum package introduced by Singapore schools as example of 're-assemblage' -- Argues that in the context of globalization, this cultural construction of a national identity is fraught with ruptures], pp 357-370.

#### >Immigrants & minorities

**V.24.n.2 Jul 2006** -- 1) Nahid Kabir, "Muslims in a 'White Australia': colour or religion" [From the Abstract -- Muslim migration in Australia took place over 3 distinct periods: the 'colonial', the 'White Australia', and the 'Multicultural' periods -- Discusses the settlement issues of Muslims during the 'White Australian' period (1901-1973 ... the 'White Australia period'), focusing on 5 ethnic groups: Malays, Javanese, Indians, Afghans and Indians in Queensland & Western Australia, questioning whether these groups were treated 'differently' because of their Islamic faith, drawing upon primary and secondary sources... archival and oral testimonies -- There has been a 'hard attitude' against Muslims], pp 193-223.

#### >International journal of instructional media

**V.33.n.1 2006** -- 1) Ludwig Ganske & Zahari Hamidon, "Technological immersion in Brunei" [From the Abstract -- Brunei is a developing country, so its entry into high-tech education is recent -- E-learning an entry point for technology into the public school system -- Examines the way Bruneians diffuse technology into education -- A survey of three different audiences to understand the penetration of electronic technologies into education... internet learning presently low in impact, but is expected to become revolutionary -- Surveys show differences between attitudes held by people living in a developing nation and a developed nation -- Survey takes first step by initiating needs assessment planning in integration of technology in Bruneian schools], pp 55-72.

#### >Journal of multilingual & multicultural development

**V.27.n.6 2006** -- 1) Lionel Wee, review of Janet Shepherd, 2005, *Striking a balance: the management of language in Singapore*, 232 pp, Bern & New York: Peter Lang, ISBN 3-631-53556-2 [Language policy in Singapore revolves around two major concerns about the state's desire to maintain an Asian-Western dichotomy, exemplified by: a) its insistence that Singaporeans learn English for socio-economic benefits and their officially-assigned ethnic mother tongue for a sense of cultural rootedness; and b) the desire to ensure interethnic equality, which is exemplified by the recognition of three official mother-tongues, one for each of the 3 major ethnic groups (Mandarin/Chinese, Melayu/Malay, Tamil/Indian) -- Given this, Shepherd's book suffers from a serious design problem, by leaving out any analyses of the Malay and Indian communities and languages -- Eight chapters: ch1) language management & language planning; ch2) historical discussion; chs3&4), the core of the book, provide lots of historical information; and chs5,6&7) recount efforts of language planning, divided into time periods], pp 509-511.

#### >Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society

**V.lxxix.pt.1 2006** -- 1) J.M. Gullick, "The fall and rise of Klang, 1967-1900" [From the Abstract -- The 2nd half of the 19th century saw the decline of Klang in its historic role of minor port, but this was offset in the 1890s by emergence of the town as local center of agricultural development in the district thru improved communication and drainage of previously unusable swamp land -- This article describes and analyses these changes], pp 1-26; 2) Usman Haji Yaakob, "The Malaysian Census 2000: characteristics and critical issues" [From the Abstract -- Discusses results of the 2000 census -- Malaysia's population soared from 10,439,430 in 1970 to 23,274,690 in 2000, and now has a larger proportion of young people -- In 2000, 33.3% of the population was under 15 years of age, and only 3.8% was 65 years or more -- Literacy rate was 91% compared to 58% in 1970 -- Age of first marriage for males and females in 2000 was 28.6 and 25.1 years respectively -- Pace of urbanization was rapid, with 62% of the total population living in urban areas -- But level of mortality, particularly infant mortality declined rapidly], pp 27-42; 3) Shinozaki Kaori, "The foundation of the Penang Chinese Chamber of Commerce in 1903: protecting Chinese business interests in the two states" [Examines motives of individuals responsible for establishment of the PCCC in 1903 -- These Chinese businessmen, with a wide network of connections in Southeast Asia sought, thru establishment of the chamber of commerce, to create a conduit for influencing the Straits Settlements Colonial Government, and to facilitate communications with the Ching Government -- Also, the organization was established to resolve business problems in Penang], pp 43-65; 4) Raimy Che'-Ross, "A variant epilogue to and epic tale: the 'latest' recension of *Hikayat Hang Tuah*" [From the Abstract -- A methodical examination of existing texts and manuscripts, rightly *sine qua non* for any serious evaluation of the work, is still disappointingly lacking -- Consequently, a variant ending to the tale was only identified and its importance highlighted just a decade ago -- The appearance of a third manuscript bearing this alternative epilogue, from the royal court of Terengganu, prompts a re-assessment -- A measured evaluation of its codicological background and objective recognition of its historiographic qualities are proposed, to better appreciate the *Hikayat Hang Tuah's* worth], pp 67-106; 5) Mohammad Abdul Mohit & Mohd Bashir Sulaiman, "Repeal of the rent control act and its impacts on the pre-war shophouses in Georgetown, Malaysia" [From the Abstract -- Pre-war buildings including shophouses constitute an important element in Malaysian cities -- Located within traditional commercial areas, they not only adorn the streetscape but support urban living and socio-economic activities -- The control of rent act 1966 contributed to heritage conservation in Malaysia -- The repeal of the act adversely affected the historic buildings in the country -- Shows the impacts of the repeal on rent and property markets of pre-war buildings in general and the extent of renovation of shophouses in particular in Georgetown, Penang's Noordin Street], pp 107-121; 6) Book Reviews: a) Lalita Sinha, review of Julian Millie (ed), 2004, *Bidasari: jewel of Malay Muslim culture*, 310 pp, Leiden: KITLV Press, ISBN 90-6718-224-9, pp 123-125; b) H. S. Barlow, review of Khasnor Johan, 2005, *Malay College Kuala Kangsar, 1905-2005: leadership but what's next?*, 248 pp, Shah Alam: Times Editions, Mashall Cavendish, ISBN 983-331-852-5, pp 125-126; 7) Raimy Che'-Ross, "The last will and

testament of Munshi Abdullah bin Abdul Kadir (1797-1854): *Corrigenda et Addenda*, pp 131-133],

>*Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*

**3rd series, V.16.pt.3 Nov 2006 -- 1)** A. J. Stockwell, "Chin Peng and the struggle for Malaya, enemy number one, 1946-55" [Basically, an interesting and compact series of critical counter statements to Chin Peng's interviews and his book, *My side of history* -- Section titles: 'Enemy number one, 1948-55', pp 279-282; 'Chin Peng's side of history', pp 282-284; 'The armed struggle', pp 284-292; 'A national hero?', pp 292-297], pp 279-297

>*Malaysian business*

**Aug1st-15th 2006 -- 1)** A. Kadir Jasin, "Other thots: setting our house in order" [From the intro -- It might be heartening to note that Malaysia-Singapore bilateral ties have improved under the present administration, as former Singapore High Commissioner to Malaysia K. Kesavapany writes in his book *Singapore-Malaysia relations under Abdullah* -- Sadly, at the same time, it's highly disheartening that some Malaysians are voluntarily foregoing their forced savings due to inflation and other issues in the country], pp 8-9; **2)** Charles Raj, "Commentary: a question of transparency" [From the intro -- While recent events have given Malaysians a reason to cheer where transparency is concerned, the government must walk the talk so that its word doesn't become irrelevant -- Let not these assurances remain mere assurances -- Announcement of the Securities Commission's decision to make public its reasons for rejecting corporate proposals, the allocation of RM 15 billion for major projects via tenders, the cancellation of the proposed RM490million High Performance Sports Training Center in England and the declassification of documents related to the scenic bridge project] p 10; **3)** S.C. Chan, "Politics: graceful exit for Taib?" [If the writing on the wall is any indication, then long-serving Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud is preparing to call it quits from active politics], pp 12-13;

**Aug16th-31st 2006 -- 1)** A Kadir Jasin, "Other thots: speak now or forever hold your peace" [It is time for Malaysians from all walks of life to be candid about what they feel is right and wrong with the country today so that they can work together to create a better future for us all -- Now, after 3 years and having made a series of controversial decisions, PM Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has a chance to prove to the people that he is a worthy successor to Mahathir Mohamad -- Months after belatedly tabling the 9th Malaysia Plan, Abdullah, in late July and early August, announced 2 major regional development projects: a) the long overdue Penang public transportation projects... the 2nd Penang bridge and the Georgetown monorail; and b) the 'foreign-funded' South Johore Super Corridor, which he claimed to be his idea ... making him to seem "...sound a tad arrogant" - - Advises citizens to "Give Pak Lah a chance" -- Ends in the same frame of mind regarding Deputy Umno Youth Chief (billed as "The Reluctant Politician") Khairy Jamaluddin's reportedly saying that he was prepared to quit his position if the movement considered him a liability... And A. Kadir Jasin wonders if Khairy considers himself an elected official... having not been opposed in the election -- Ends with a generalization about politicians: "They (politicians) cannot say one thing in a whisper and say 'yes we support' loudly when their lofty posts

are at stake"], pp 6-7; **2)** Charles Raj, "Turbulence alert" [It would seem that Malaysia Airline's recent moves in its turnaround plan might just work to the contrary -- Perhaps it should find the real reasons why its financials are in the red -- The best thing would be for MAS to do an independent audit on why it has slipped in the red, despite hiving off its unprofitable domestic routes un PMB -- It might reveal the real reasons and measures that need to be taken], p 9.

**Sep1st-15th 2006 -- 1)** A Kadir Jasin, "Other thots: Malaysia-Singapore: who will win the poker game?" -- While Malaysia is embroiled in a political spat between the past and present PMs, its southern neighbor Singapore, well-known for its astuteness and opportunistic streak, might just gain the upper hand -- E.g., Singapore's new PM, Brig. Gen (R) Lee Hsien Loong, who is beginning to sound like his father, Minister Mentor, Lee Kuan Yew, who spoke openly of his worries that 'deep political differences' between Mahathir Mohamad and Abdullah Ahmad Badawi could affect the 'climate of Asean'; and Lee hoped that 'everyone hopes it will be resolved soon' -- Singapore leaders had mixed feelings, when Mahathir departed from the scene in 2003, wanting him to go but concerned about the stability of Malaysia without him -- But in some ways it advantaged Singapore regarding the bridge issue and the South Johor Economic region -- But Abdullah is once again moving forward], pp 8-10.

>*Manusia: journal of humanities*

**V.9.n.1 Mar 2006 -- 1)** Phanindra Teeranon, "The influence of initial consonants on the intrinsic pitch of high and low vowels in the Malay dialect spoken in Pathumthani Province, Thailand" [From the Abstract -- Voiced consonants will lower *Fo* values of high vowels, and voiceless consonants will raise *Fo* values of low vowels to the extent that the average *Fo* of these high vowels is actually lower than the average *Fo* of the low vowels under examination -- Is this counterbalance finding applicable to Southeast Asian languages? -- A test case in a Malay dialect of the Austronesian language family spoken in Pathumthani Province, Thailand -- Data collected, which confirmed the counter balance effect and also demonstrated that the influence of voicing initial consonants on the *Fo* vowels is greater than the influence of vowel height], pp13-25.

>*Social analysis: the international journal of cultural and social practice*

**V.50.n.1 Spr 2006 -- 1)** Michael Roberts & Arthur Saniotis, "Empowering the body and 'noble death'" [The introduction to this issue of *Social analysis* ... See especially the section titled 'Aesthetics, mystical power, and death in *silat*'], pp 10-12; **2)** Douglas Stephen Farrer, "'Deathscapes' of the Malay martial artist" [From the Abstract -- Traces the connections between death and the after-life as configured through the Malay martial art, *silat*, in Malaysia, Singapore, and the Riau Archipelago -- Practice and performance of *silat* addressed thru aspects of ritual, dance, jewelry, symbols and art -- *Silat* designed to physically and spiritually transform the practitioner and remove fear of death and dying -- Partially accomplished by summoning (*berseru*) shadows of the 'potent dead' -- Illustrates disjuncture of 'deathscapes' by comparing the agonizing death of a *silat* master to the cemetery ordeal of his son], pp 25-50.

>*The economist*

**Nov11th-17th 2006 -- 1)** "The world this week: everlasting" [Thailand's authorities, seeking to pacify its troubled Muslim-

majority south, freed 92 southerners detained over the 2004 Tak Bai protest, in which the police and army killed more than 80 Muslims], p 8.

**Nov25th-Dec1st 2006 -- 1)** "Emerging-market indicators: overview" [Inflation eased in Malaysia from 4.7% to 4.6% in the year to October], p 106.

**Dec 2nd-8th 2006 -- 1)** "Putting the malaise into Malaysia" [As the country approaches its 50th birthday, racial and religious tensions are jeopardizing its economic and social success -- Uproar still raging in Malaysia over inflammatory speeches at UMNO's annual congress in mid-November... e.g., one delegate spoke of being ready to 'bathe in blood' to defend the race and religion of the Malay majority against Chinese and Indian minorities... a government minister brandished a *kris* and another urged the use of it... is Malaysia 'losing it' after almost half a century? -- A commentary about the 'social, economic and political contract' that has mostly avoided ethnic divisiveness, while producing excellent public education and a good economy... which recently is falling behind -- Mohamed Jawhar Hassan, head of ISIS think tank, says Malays desire more overt expression of their religion, and Chinese and Indian parents want to educate their children in their own separate ethnic-based schools], pp 45-46; **2)** "Global news channels: everyone wants one now" [Mostly about France's new state-owned English-language television news copying BBC, Qatar, China, and others; noting that these kinds of channels tend to have heavy-handed slants on news that many citizen viewers don't like... Singapore's Channel News-Asia one of the examples], pp 63-64; **3)** "Proton: a fork in the road" [Malaysia's crisis-ridden national carmaker faces a stark choice -- A Malaysian government project begun in the 1980s, Proton never really took off against foreign competition, even with a Japanese partner (Mitsubishi) and is struggling to find its future direction - Government is fishing to find another strategic partner by February -- Once it had 65% of the Malaysian market, but output never rose above 227,000 cars and exports never exceeded 20,000 units annually -- Poor quality, relatively expensive and sharply declining second-hand values... now has only 31% of the Malaysian market... and so on], p 68.

**>The historian**

**V.68,n.3 Fall 2006 -- 1)** Ian J. Kerr, review of Christopher Bayly & Tim Harper, 2005, *Forgotten armies: the fall of British Asia, 1941-1945*, xxiii + 555, Cambridge, Mass: Belknap Press [From the review -- A formidable body of archival sources located in Britain, India, Malaya and Singapore and a wide range of secondary sources provide the research base for this work -- Evocative, telling details fill the pages, yet the individual trees never overwhelm the view of the forest(s) -- The authors demonstrate how profoundly the war years affected the complex varieties of peoples in Burma, Malaya, and Singapore and, somewhat more indirectly, the peoples of the Indian subcontinent -- And more], pp 606-607; **2)** Anthony Reid, review of Norman G. Owen (ed), 2005, *The emergence of modern Southeast Asia: a new history*, xxiii + 541, Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press [From the review -- This book is a 'grandchild' of *In search of Southeast Asia* (1971) in that significant foundation money was expended to make it possible for a number of authors to debate a collective text at length -- Five of the six authors of the original are in this volume: William

Off (Malaya/Malaysia), David Wyatt (Thailand), Joel Steinberg (Philippines), David Chandler (Cambodia), Alexander Woodbine (Vietnam); and Luce Foundation funded it... Norman G. Owen (ed) had assisted the original team as a graduate student -- The new 'version' has only 13 thematic chapters (not 24 country-specific chs) and the 5 chapters on pre-colonial rulers have been sacrificed in favor of extending the country-specific treatments further back in time], pp 615-617.

**>The international communication gazette**

**V.68,n.5&6 Oct/Dec 2006 -- 1)** Lars Willnat, Annette Aw, Naila Hamdy, Zhou He, Victor Menayang, Maria Teresa La Porte, Karen Sanders & Ezhar Tamam, "Media use, anti-Americanism and international support for the Iraq war" [From the Abstract -- Investigates the impact of pre-war news coverage on international support for President Bush's decision to invade Iraq in 2003, based on a survey conducted a week prior to the start of the war among 1787 university students from six countries in Europe, Asia and the Middle East (Egypt, Malaysia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Great Britain and Spain... number of respondents 290+ for each country) -- Table 1 = Attitudes toward Iraq, Fears about consequences of war and Anti-Americanism; Table 2 = Hierarchical regressions predicting attitudes toward Iraq; Table 3 = Hierarchical regressions predicting fear about the consequences of war; Table 4 = Hierarchical regressions predicting support for US military intervention in Iraq -- Exposure to pre-war coverage was associated with more positive attitudes toward Iraq and higher levels of fear related to the possible consequences of a war; and stronger international support for a US invasion correlated with more positive attitudes toward Iraq, less fear about a possible war and lower levels of anti-Americanism -- Overall high levels of opposition to Bush's war plans: Malaysian respondents 91%; Indonesia 92%; Hong Kong 88%; Spain 80%; Great Britain 54%; and Egypt 96% -- And many more such comparisons], pp 533-550.

**>The journal of imperial and commonwealth history**

**V.34,n.4 Dec 2006 -- 1)** Joseph M. Fernando, "Sir Ivor Jennings and the Malayan constitution" [From the Abstract -- Examines the role of the British jurist, Sir Ivor Jennings, in the drafting of the Malayan independence constitution -- He was one of the 5 members of the constitutional commission, selected from a range of Commonwealth countries, appointed in 1956, and led by Lord Reid, the Scottish lord of appeal -- Discusses the principles that shaped the draft and the final document... Jennings' contribution the most significant... His working papers on governance the basis for the commission's discussion and his influence discernible in the provisions relating to the distribution of legislative and financial powers between the federal government and the states, and in the section on fundamental liberties... Provided both intellectual leadership for the commission and was the master draftsman of the new constitution], pp 577-597; **2)** Michael W. Charney, review of Karl Hack & Tobias Rettig (eds), 2006, *Colonial armies in Southeast Asia*, xviii + 334 pp, Abingdon: Routledge, Hb ISBN 0-415-33413-6 [See especially, the chapters on Malaysia (Hack) and Singapore (Blackburn) -- Highly recommended for researchers and students in Southeast Asian studies as a whole], pp 625-626; **3)** Nicholas J. White, review of Wang Gungwu (ed), 2005, *Nation-building: five Southeast Asian histories*, vii + 288 pp, Singapore: ISEAS, Pb

ISBN 981-230-317-0 [Serves as a companion to the five single-authored books recently or soon to be published by ISEAS, concerned with nation-building efforts in the founding member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations: Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand -- A structured but complex and lively review], pp 650-652.

>**The Straits Times** ([asianewsnet.net/columist.php?aid=4800](http://asianewsnet.net/columist.php?aid=4800)).

>**World Englishes (Symposium on literary creativity)**

**V.25,n.3/4 Aug/Nov 2006** -- 1) David Deterding & Andy Kirkpatrick, "Emerging South-East Asian Englishes and intelligibility" [From the Abstract -- An English lingua franca seems to be emerging in the ten ASEAN countries -- This paper investigates features of the pronunciation of this lingua franca -- 20 speakers, 2 each from each of the 10 countries were recorded while conversing in groups of 3-4 people], pp 391-409; 2) Jock Wong, "Contextualizing *aunty* in Singapore English [In Singapore English, the social honorifics *aunty* & *uncle* are used by extension as cultural categories to refer, somewhat unflatteringly, to distinct kinds of person - ironically, use of the terms also reflects age deference and thus indicates the speakers' mixed feelings towards the objects of their reference -- Meaning of the word *aunty* described in the form of a reductive paraphrase using natural semantic meta-language - On the basis of meaning, contrastive cultural attitudes reflected by use of the word are explored], pp 451-466.

>**World policy journal**

**V.xxiii,n.3 Fall 2006** -- 1) Barbara Crossette, "Ailing Southeast Asia: a reckoning looms" [Once a land of economic tigers, moving toward democracy; but now income gaps widening, living standards down, free elections at risk -- How did this happen? -- Sections on the 'Group portrait' (which includes Malaysia, Singapore, and Brunei as well as the other S.E. Asian states); 'The institution gap'; 'The downward path'; 'The fractures within'; and 'The Burmese morass'; One of her last page conclusions: "The rest of the developing world had a lot to learn from Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand..."], pp 23-32.

**Books Books books books**

>**Bangura, Yusuf (ed)**

2006 ***Ethnic inequalities and public sector governance***. 368 pp. Palgrave. Hb ISBN 1403986460. [From the web -- Contributing scholars discuss links between ethnicity, inequality and governance -- Findings suggest not diversity *per se*, but *types of diversity* that explain potentials for conflict or cohesion in multi-ethnic societies -- Relative equality achieved in public sectors of those countries that are highly fragmented or have ethnicity-sensitivity policies; but not in those with ethnicity-blind policies -- Book arranged in 4 parts according to types of ethnic structures: I – Unipolar; II Bipolar; III Tripolar; IV Multipolar – See especially, B.T. Khoo, "Ethnic structure, inequalities, and public sector governance in Malaysia", in Part III – Other societies include: Lithuania, Botswana, Fiji, Trinidad & Tobago, Latvia, Belgium, Nigeria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Switzerland, Ghana, Kenya, India, Papua New Guinea, and Tanzania.]

>**Bangura, Yusuf & Rodolfo Stavenhagen (eds)**

2005 ***Racism and public policy***. 328 pp. Palgrave. Hb ISBN 1403949166. [From the web -- A collection stands as a timely reminder that to ignore the racial factor in the forces of globalization is as mistaken as eliminating class analysis – Volume supplements the literature of comparative race

relations from the perspective of institutional racism and its effect on public policies such as immigration, citizenship, security and policing -- 2 parts: I Racism, xenophobia and citizenship (chs. on USA, Middle East, and Western Europe); II Racism and social justice (chs. On USA, Malaysia, Indonesia, Southern Africa, and New Zealand) – See especially, K.S. Jomo, "Managing ethnic relations in post-crisis Malaysia and Indonesia: lessons from New Economic Policy?" ]

>**Bieber, Florian & Stefan Wolff (eds)**

2007 ***The ethnopolitics of elections***. 160 pp. Routledge. Hb ISBN 9780415400473. [From the web promo – Conceptualizes the dynamics underlying electoral politics in ethnically divided societies, providing empirical evidence and analysis of recent elections in societies on a comparative and single-case basis, including case studies of Malaysia, Singapore, Macedonia, Slovakia, Belgium, Rwanda, Guyana, Trinidad, and Tobago – Previously published as a special issue of *Ethnopolitics*.]

>**Boellstorff, Tom**

2007 ***A coincidence of desires: anthropology, queer studies, Indonesia***. 280 pp. Duke University Press. Pb ISBN 13-978-0-8223-3991-5. [From the website promo – Considers how interdisciplinary collaboration between anthropology and queer studies might enrich both fields – Provides several in-depth case studies putting research approaches into practice – Juxtaposes his own work and findings with studies by other scholars working in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines and Thailand -- He also considers the tension between Islam and sexuality in gay Indonesians' lives and analyzes a series of incidents in which groups of men identified with Islamic fundamentalism violently attacked gatherings of gay men.]

>**Boomgaard, Peter & David Henly & Manon Osseweijer (eds)**

2006 ***Muddied Waters: Historical and contemporary perspectives on management of forests and fisheries in island Southeast Asia***. 350 pp. Leiden: KITLV. ISBN 90-6718-243-5. [From website promo -- Examines the history of human interaction with forest and marine ecosystems in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines – Present excessive levels of logging and fishing have emerged only with the last generation -- A few decades ago it was common for marine and forest-related economic activities to have limited and stable effects on the environment – Did this stability reflect lower population densities, less well developed markets, and less efficient extraction technologies; or was it the more successful resource management techniques and institutions, and if so, why have these since failed or been abandoned? -- 17 contributions to the volume by international expert authors on such topics as collection of rattan, beeswax and forest resins in the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the management of modern marine nature reserves -- An essential reading for anyone interested in the environmental history of Southeast Asia. ]

>**Buchmann, Stephen & Diana Cohn (& Paul Mirocha, illustrator)**

2007 ***The bee tree***. 41 pp. El Paso, Texas: Cinco Puntos Press. ISBN 13: 978-0-938317-98-2 and ISBN 10: 0-938317-98-9. [Thanks to Barbara Andaya and to Ligia Arguilez at Cinco Puntos Press -- Based on the authors' experiences in rural Malay communities in Peninsular Malaysia, Brunei, Sabah, Sarawak, and Kalimantan in which there are many bees and honey-gatherers, this book tells the tale of a young man (Nizam) who waits anxiously to prove that he is capable of succeeding his grandfather (Pak The) as leader of a traditional honey-hunting community -- The young man's quest is artfully joined

to a legend about a Malay princess and her servants, and information about the giant bee species that produce the honey -- Intended for adults who read to children or for children who read, with many beautiful illustrations (in a 'sophisticated Disney cartoon' style) that greatly enhance the telling of the story -- Also, there is a section at the end that presents the real life characters in the book and the culture and people of Malaysia -- Release date: April 2007. ]

>**Burgess, Michael**

2006 *Comparative federalism theory and practice*. 376 pp. Routledge. Pb ISBN 9780415364553. [Grounded in a distinction between 'federations' and 'federalism' -- Details the origins, formation, evolution and operations of federal political interests thru chapters that analyze the conceptual bases of federalism & federation thru the evolution of the intellectual debate on federalism -- Five main paths into comparative analysis with empirical studies of Malaysia as well as USA, Canada, Australia, India, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and the EU -- Explore the pathology of federations, look at failures & successes, and the impact of globalization -- Final chapter presents a definitive assessment of federal theory. ]

>**Cook, Malcolm**

2007 *Banking reform in Southeast Asia*. 256 pp. Routledge. Hb ISBN 9780415413190. -- From the web promo -- A detailed account of the history of banking reform in SEA --- Analyzes major developments in the global economic system over the past 3 decades --- Includes globalization of finance, debt crisis of 1980s and the 1997-98 Asian financial crisis --- Examines ways states respond to powerful external shocks and implications for policy choices --- Comparative analyses of economies of Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines -- Considers how banking reform responded to challenges posed by global economic integration -- Conclusions contribute to debates in international political economy.]

>**Cullinane, Kevin & Don-Wook Song (eds)**

2006 *Asian container ports: development, competition and co-operation*. 264 pp. Palgrave. Hb ISBN 0230001955. [The overarching theme of 'development, competition and co-operation' regarding a wide range of individual container ports in Asia -- Major trends identified and concrete examples provide new insights regarding relationships among main ports in the region -- Provides a new analysis contributing to theoretical and conceptual debates on port competition -- Aids understanding of port development strategies in the Asian trade and economic growth context -- See especially J. Tongzon, "Singapore: the premier hub of Southeast Asia in Pt IV, "Ports in Southern Asia"; AND "Singapore & Tamjung Pelapas: co-operation or competition?" in Part V.]

>**Drysdale, Peter & Takashi Terada**

2007 *Asia-Pacific economic cooperation*. 2000 pp. Routledge. Hb ISBN 9780415310987. [The APEC established as a regional grouping in 1989 to deal with issues relating to regional interdependence thru free & open trade and investment -- Now has 21 member economies including Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Taipei, Papua New Guinea, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, Canada, USA, Mexico, Peru and Chile -- 5 volume set deals with the context of international relations and economic cooperation ... every university library should have a set.]

>**Fealy, Greg & Virginia Hooker (eds)**

2006 *Voices of Islam in Southeast Asia: a contemporary sourcebook*. 540 pp. Singapore: ISEAS. Pb ISBN 981-230-367-7.

[From the website -- The first sourcebook presenting a wide selection of literature on contemporary topics about Islam in South-east Asia, most not previously available in English -- Six broad themes: personal expression of faith, Islamic law, state and governance, women and family, jihad, and interactions with non-Muslims and the wider Muslim world -- Looks at ideological and doctrinal content of Islam in SEA in all its facets, exploring motivations of different interpretations and viewpoints -- **Pt I (the states)**: 3 of the 9 state chs on MSB by John Funston: a) ch2, "Brunei Darussalam"; b) ch6, "Malaysia"; ch 8, "Singapore" ... other chapters on Burma, Cambodia & Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand -- Pt II (extracts from primary sources): a) ch 10, "Personal expressions of faith", Virginia Hooker; b) ch 11, "Sharia", Virginia Hooker; c) ch 12, "Islam, state and governance", Greg Fealy; d) ch 13, "Gender and the family", Sally White; e) ch 14, "Jihad", Greg Fealy; and f) ch 15, "Interactions: global and local Islam; Muslims and non-Muslims", Greg Fealy & Virginia Hooker; and References & Index. ]

>**Freedman, Amy L.**

2007 *Political change and consolidation*. 208 pp. Palgrave. 1403968578. [From the web -- The economic crisis of 1997-1998 triggered political turmoil throughout Asia, especially in South Korea and Thailand, but also in Indonesia -- But Malaysia's 'soft' authoritarian system remained mostly unchanged -- Author explains this variation, by examining external pressures from global actors such as the IMF and USA security policy and other factors such as popular protests, the nature of the political opposition, and the elite coalition formation/dissolution at the highest levels of government -- Shows that political and democratic consolidation is more likely when the external pressures coincide with goals of reform factions within the country -- Contents: Intro; Thailand's missed opportunity for democratic consolidation; The New Order comes to a close; South Korea...best case scenario; Malaysia... power renewed; Conclusion.]

>**Fry, Douglas P.**

2006 *The Human potential for peace: an anthropological challenge to assumptions about war and violence*. 384 pp, 42 illus. NY: Oxford University Press. Pb ISBN 978-0-19-518178-4. [ See especially the section that is titled 'The Semai of Malaysia' in Ch 6 "Peace Stories". ]

>**Gangadharan, N.**

2005 *Templer Park*. 116 pp. Subang Jaya, Selangor: Pelanduk. Hb ISBN 9679789152. [From the website promo -- the author, who managed the park for more than 31 years, takes a trip down memory lane, providing a step by step history of the park, and glimpses of the rich flora and fauna that the park is famous for -- Has photos from half a century ago until recent times.]

>**Heng Lee Chee & Simon Barraclough (eds)**

2007 *Health care in Malaysia: the dynamics of provision, financing, and access*. Routledge -- Hb ISBN 9780415418799. [From the web promo -- Examines the transformation in the Malaysian health care system since independence, from colonial legacy of national provision bequeathed from the British to the impact of the global ideological shift against state-ism in the 1980s -- Considers the responses of the Malaysian state and government policy; Issues such as equity of provision, women's access to health care, HIV-AIDS health care, care for the elderly -- A detailed examination of the changing health care system in Malaysia, and its impact on Malaysian citizens, users and society. ]

## &gt;Jungug Choi

2006 **Governments and markets in East Asia: the politics of economic crises**. 192 pp. Routledge -- Hb ISBN 978041539- 9029. [From the web -- Examines relationship between economic performance, elite co-operation, and political regime stability in the context of the Asian crisis, arguing that economic crisis is not the cause of greater political harmony or discord, but rather that it serves as a catalyst that may encourage elites to cooperate or conflict depending upon the particular circumstances at the time of crisis -- Cases are Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, South Korea, and the Philippines.]

## &gt;Ka h Mok &amp; Ray Forest (eds)

2007 **Changing governance and public policy in East Asia**. 256 pp. Routledge. Hb ISBN 9780415415965. [[From the web promo -- Examines how Asian states have responded to globalization in the search for new governance and public policy paradigms -- Singapore, Malaysia, China, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and Thailand -- Responses to the growing impact of 'liberalizing and marketizing' trends in public policy formulation and management; the relevance of the 'state guided' regime in 'governing public policy/public management'; policy implications for Asian states pursuing pro-competition policy instruments.]

## &gt;Kent, Alexandra

2005 **Divinity and diversity: a Hindu revitalization movement in Malaysia**. 200 pp. Honolulu: U. of Hawai'i Press. Pb ISBN 978-87-91114-89-2. (NIAS Monographs, No. 98, distributed by Nordic Institute of Sdian Studies) [From the web promo -- Looks closely at the Malaysian following of the contemporary Indian god man Sathya Sai Baba, a new-Hindu guru famed for his miracle-working -- Has a broad appeal among non-Malays -- Attempts to formalize and control the movement that evolved within a middle-class sub-section of the Malaysian Indian community, which makes subtle and ambiguous appeals for both spiritual unity and religious pluralism in response to a perceived totalitarianism and intolerance of Malaysian modernity as it is wielded by the Malay-dominated government.]

## &gt;Lau Ban Tin

2005 **Capital control and the Malaysian economy**. 180 pp. Subang Jaya, Selangor: Pelanduk. Hb ISBN 9679788628. [From the website [www.pelanduk.com](http://www.pelanduk.com) -- Reviews and discusses the key issues relating to Malaysia's macroeconomic management, exchange-rate mechanisms, global capital flows and the country's global competitive advantage -- Recommends propositions for consideration by the Malaysian government to review the capital control measures to help regain investment and increase domestic investor confidence.]

## &gt;Mayling, Tan-Chow (Forward by David F. Ford)

2007 **Pentecostal theology for the twenty-first century**. 240 pp. Hants, Eng. & Burlington, Vt: Ashgate Publishing Ltd. Hb ISBN 0-7546 5718 3. [The book's non-Western perspective and empirical contextual study of Singapore's multicultural and multi-faith context is the basis of the author's point that Pentecostalism has the potential to be a peaceful harbinger of plurality -- An interesting and important portion of the complexity of the multi-ethnic situation in Singapore.]

## &gt;Ngiam Tong Dow

2006 **A mandarin and the making of public policy: reflections by Ngiam Tong Dow**. 256 pp. Honolulu: U. of Hawai'i Press. Distributed by Singapore Univ. Press. Pb ISBN 978-9971-69-350-3. [From the website promo -- Ngiam Tong Dow served in the elite Singapore Administrative Service for more than 40 years -- His vision, foresight, and leadership in economics and finance have

helped transform Singapore into a textbook case in development economics.]

## &gt;Ooi Kee Beng

2006 **The reluctant politician: Tun Dr Ismail and his time**. 311 pp. Singapore: ISEAS. ISBN 978-981-230-425-4. > [From the website promo -- Biography of Malaysia's powerful Home Affairs Minister and Deputy PM, Tun Dr Ismail Abdul Rahman, based on his private papers and numerous interviews with his relatives and others who knew him well, including Ghafar Baba, Musa Hitam, Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, Robert Kuok, Lee Kuan Yew and Ghazalie Shafie -- New perspectives on the struggle for independence, Malaysia-Singapore relationships, origins of SEA regionalism, internal conflicts of UMNO & MCA-UMNO ties, fatal illness of Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, May 13<sup>th</sup> riots, and New Economic Policy.]

## &gt;Oldroyd, Benjamin P. &amp; Siritwat Wongsir (Fwd:T.D.Seeley)

2006 **Asian honey bees: biology, conservation, and human interactions**. 36 halftone Illustrations & 360 pp. Cambridge, Mass: Harvard U. Press. Hb ISBN 0-674-02194-0. [From the web promo -- In the last 15 years researchers in China, Japan, Malaysia and Thailand began to change their focus from European honey bees to indigenous Asian honey bees -- This book is a comparative work synthesizing the rapidly expanding Asian honey bee literature -- The authors introduce the species, and review evolution and speciation, division of labor, communication, and nest defense, emphasizing the pressures from pathogens, parasites, and predators... including human beings ... detailing the long history of the honey hunt -- See also Boomgaard *et al* and Buchmann *et al* on p 7.]

## &gt;Ong Wong Webb, Graham Gerard (ed)

2006 **Piracy, maritime terrorism and securing the Malacca Straits**. 266 pp. Singapore: ISEAS/IIAS. ISBN 978-981-230-391-2. [From the website promo --The waters of Southeast Asia, particularly the Malacca Straits, have the greatest challenges and most occurrences of piracy and challenges to security -- This is a second installment within the Series on Maritime Issues and Piracy in Asia by ISEAS.]

## &gt;Orme, John David

2005 **The paradox of peace: leaders, decisions, and conflict termination**. 208 pp. Palgrave. Hb ISBN 1403965-196. [From the web -- Eight cases compared: Austria & Germany 1848-1871; USA & Britain 1895-1905; Indonesia & Malaysia 1963-1966; West Germany & the Soviet Union 1955-1971; Egypt & Israel 1948-1978; Russia & Austria 1879-1914; Greece, Turkey & Cypress, 1960- ; India & Pakistan 1947; Circumstances and Statesmanship.]

## &gt;Oskamp, Anja &amp; Arno R. Lodder &amp; Martin Apistola (eds)

2004 **IT support of the judiciary: Australia, Singapore, Venezuela, Norway, the Netherlands and Italy**. 159 pp. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Hb. ISBN 13-9789067041683. [From the website promo -- IT (information technology) has found its way into legal practice and into the judiciary -- Book provides insight into developments of 3 countries: Singapore, Australia, and Venezuela; as well as reports of Norway, the Netherlands and Italy as bases of best quality in Europe -- Thian Yee Sze is author of Ch3, on Singapore: Intro; Singapore's legal system and judicial structure; The impetus behind the use of technology; The early years of harnessing technology in the supreme court; The vision of a paperless court...towards building a world-class judiciary; An electronic litigation system for the 21<sup>st</sup> century; Electronic trials and hearings... the birth of the technology courts; Use of electronic documents in the courtroom; The electronic filing system... a litigation

system *par excellence*; Strategy behind planning, development & implementation of the electronic filing system; A watershed in the pursuit of an electronic litigation system; Lawnet .. a strategic national legal information network; The final pieces of the electronic litigation system jigsaw; The realization of the vision of an electronic litigation system ... dawn of a new era of the cybercourt; The final destination of the journey!]

>Peletz, Michael G.

2007 **Gender pluralism: Southeast Asia since early modern times**. 240 pp. Routledge. Pb ISBN 9780415931618. [From the web promo -- Provides an understanding of deep historical traditions of cross-dressing in ancient societies as well as the current political climate towards transvestites and homosexuals in Asia -- Focuses on 2 court cases in Malaysia: a woman posing as a man who married a woman; and a former Deputy Prime Minister who spent years in prison on allegations of sodomy -- Drawing on the historical record and his own ethnographic research, makes a clear case for the influence of Western culture on other societies and the increase in governmental and religious controls.]

>See Hoon Peow

2007 **The law and child labour in Malaysia: case study in a Chinese new village**. 186 pp. Subang Jaya: Pelanduk. Pb ISBN 9679789373. [From the website -- An in-depth study showing the complexity of the issue of child labor, showing how child labor may not be a consequence of poverty -- Speaks to how the law should be modified to consider other factors such as culture, educational system and social environment.]

>Seow, Francis (Forward by Gary Woodward)

2006 **Beyond suspicion? The Singapore judiciary** (Yale University Council on Southeast Asia Studies Monograph Series #55). 428 pp. New Haven: Yale University Press. Pb ISBN 0938692-87-9. [Thanks to Margaret John, Coordinator for Singapore & Malaysia, Amnesty International -- Francis Seow has revealed a vital part of Singapore's repressive machinery -- The judiciary is essential to understanding the nature of human rights abuses -- The chapters about the use of civil defamation suits thru the courts by the ruling party against political critics are particularly thorough -- Seow's meticulous treatment of these suits shows that the Singapore judiciary has failed to check the Executive's misuse of the law -- Garry Roden's web review adds that Seow has also laid bare the serious limitations of the political system, the full magnitude of the judiciary's emasculation, and PAP's manic desire to crush serious scrutiny and political competition -- Required reading for historians and other scholars as well as human rights campaigners.]

>Shippen, Mick

2005 **The traditional ceramics of Southeast Asia**. 224 pp. Honolulu: U. of Hawai'i Press. Pb ISBN 978-0-8248-3008-3. [From the web promo -- Offers a broad survey of the ceramic crafts of the people of Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar -- The work, life, and history of individuals and their communities are portrayed in a fascinating tale combining color photographs of potters at work and text that describes their lives in small, rural villages -- Beautifully illustrated and useful reference book for potters, and documentation of the traditional craftsmanship.]

>Sow Swee-Hock (ed) Sow Swee-Hock, (ed)

2006 **ASEAN-China economic relations**. 376 pp. Singapore: ISEAS. ISBN 978-981-230-422-3. [From the website promo -- Examines rapidly economic relations between ASEAN and China in recent years -- The 15 chs discuss relations in detail regarding trade,

ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA), investments, services trade, energy cooperation, development of the Mekong Subregion, China aid to SEA countries, business networks, and political dimensions of China/ASEAN economic relations -- Chapters by Saw Swee-Hock, John Wong, Linda Low, Sarasin Viraphol, Chen Wen, Lu Bo, Wang Jianguy, Chang Chiou Yi, Sun Jie, Jose L. Tongzon, Elspith Thomson, Zhang Haibing, Mya Than, Sheng Lijun, and Eric Teo Chu Cheow.]

>Stewart, Frank & Brent Fujinaka (eds)

2006 **Beyond words: Asian writers on their work**. 174 pp. Honolulu: U. of Hawai'i Press. Pb ISBN 978-0-8248-3058-8. [From the web promo -- More than two dozen authors from Malaysia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, Korea, Japan, Tibet, and China discuss their particular approaches to writing ... their words captured from their essays, interviews, stories, and poems by the editors, who sought diversity in nationality, language, age, gender, and aesthetics -- Some writers write to effect social justice, political reform and justice from oppressive government; some more concerned with 'heart', social relationships, etc. -- Authors include: Ko Un, Wang Ping, F. Sionil Jose, Goenawan Mohamad, Muhammad Haji Salleh, Soth Polin, Yoko Tawada, Nguyen Chi Thien, and K.S. Maniam, among others -- Photographs by Linda Connor.]

>Surin, AJ

2006 **Cyberlaw and its implications**. 168 pp. Subang Jaya: Pelanduk. Pb ISBN 9670788644. [From the website -- An unsurpassed background and commentary of all the relevant legal issues related to the converged industries of communications, broadcasting and the Internet.]

>Syed Ali Tawfik Al-Atas & Ng Tieh Chuan.

2005 **Abdullah Badawi: revivalist of an intellectual revivalist of an intellectual tradition**. 180 pp. Subang Jaya, Selangor: Pelanduk. Hb ISBN 967978911X. [From the website promo -- Traces the ancestral roots of Malaysia's 5<sup>th</sup> PM and attempts to elucidate the esoteric ideas couched in his famous poetic composition "In search of everlasting peace" -- Also provides a critical preliminary examination of the phrase 'Islam hadhari' within the framework of the worldview of Islam -- A beautifully penned poetic and scholarly composition.]

>Vasanthi, Ramachandran

2007 **As it is... An ode to a decade of hidden issues**. 260pp. Subang Jaya, Selangor: Pelanduk. Pb ISBN 9679789306. [From the web -- A well-known newspaper columnist's gives the reader a reality check on Malaysia's national affairs and issues, and recaps how the decade of 1995-2005 has shamelessly defined the nation -- Issues: education, politics, war, science, youth and women's issues.]

>Wadley, Reed L. (ed)

2005 **Histories of the Borneo environment: economic, political and social dimensions of change and continuity**. Viii + 314 pp. Leiden: KITLV. ISBN 90-6718-254-0. [From website promo -- A detailed historical look at the Borneo environment from native, colonial and national perspectives, examining change and continuity in the economic, political and social dimensions of human-environmental interactions -- Reflecting the increasingly multi-disciplinary nature of environmental histories, this book brings together an international group of historians, anthropologists, geographers and foresters to look historically at the environment of Brunei, the Malaysian states of Sabah and Sarawak, and the Indonesian province of Kalimantan -- Drawing on archival research and fieldwork, these 10 original contributions examine interrelated topics including long-distance trade, conservation, land tenure, resource access, property rights, perceptions of the environment, migration, and development

policy and practice; which, in sum, travel through a period encompassing 11 centuries of Borneo history.]

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2006 *Muslim women and sports in the Malay World: the crossroads of modernity and faith*. 77 pp. Seattle: University of Washington Press. Pb ISBN 974-9511-02-6. [From the web -- Partly through surveys and interviews conducted at the 22<sup>nd</sup> South East Asian Games in Hanoi, capturing the athletes' experiences and perspectives as they compete, often under rules that conflict with Islamic practice -- Examines the challenges faced by young Muslim female athletes from Malaysia, Brunei, and Indonesia in competitive sports -- Contents: Foreword; Introduction; Islam and the challenge of modernity; Islam and the Malay World; Democracy and Islam in the Malay World; The development and status of Muslimah in the Malay World; The status of Muslimah in Malaysia; The status of Muslimah in Indonesia; The status of Muslimah in Brunei; Muslimah and modern sports; Muslim Athletes at the SEA Games; Research methodology; Demographic data of the respondents; Psychographic data of the respondents... Malay Muslims' positive attitude towards sports; Balancing religious and sports responsibilities; The future for Muslim athletes: a time for change; Concluding remarks; Notes; References.]

#### **WEBSITES**

>Center for Orang Asli Concerns (COAC) website

<http://www.coac.org.my/> -- The website for the Center for Orang Asli Concerns (COAC), in Subang Jaya, Malaysia (web.archive.org) is committed to information and commentary on the Orang Asli of Peninsular Malaysia -- Site still being tuned, and suggestions to improve the site welcomed -- Link reported by Timothy Pwee, forwarded by H-Net Discussion List on History and Study of Southeast Asia (h-seasia—at-h-net.msu.edu) -- Resource types: news and comments, documents, study, corporate info, online guide -- Links, the last, [elliott.s.parker@CMICH.EDU](mailto:elliott.s.parker@CMICH.EDU) & [MSBFORUM@LISTSERV.CMICH.EDU](mailto:MSBFORUM@LISTSERV.CMICH.EDU) .

#### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

>International Conference: “A suburban world? Global decentralization and the new metropolis” – Submission opens 1 Jan 07 and due by 30 Apr 07 -- Hosted by Dr. Robert Lang (Metropolitan Institute), Dr. Paul Knox (Virginia Tech), and Dr. Edward Blakely (University of Sidney) – Subjects: a) Immigration/changing demographics of the suburbs; b) Special segregation for lifestyle/economics/ gated communities; c) Megapolitan/metropolitan form; d) Transportation; e) Energy consumption/sustainable environment; f) Disasters/adaptation; g) Transnational communities/residential tourism; h) Governance & regulation; i) Business of suburbia/economic development/economic space; j) Suburban decline; k) Urban form at the neighborhood level; l) Newburbia/newtowns – Website: [www.mi.vt.edu/](http://www.mi.vt.edu/) ; and questions: to [asuburbanworld@vt.edu](mailto:asuburbanworld@vt.edu). (From [URBANTH-L@lists.yzu.edu](mailto:URBANTH-L@lists.yzu.edu) ) .

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

>University of Hawaii/East-West Center, “Looking at Asia: changes, continuities and consequences” – From the newsletter of Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast [www.aspac.info](http://www.aspac.info) -- The June 15-17, 2007 ASPAC Conference in Honolulu offers a chance to consider change and continuity regarding cultural, political, economic, religious and historical consequences in Asia – ASPAC welcomes submissions in all areas of Asian

studies – n-ASPAC, a recently initiated electronic newsletter with 4-6 issues a year, seeks input from the Asian Studies community, especially regarding content features... so far suggested are book reviews, grants & fellowships, new appointments, vacancies, and highlights of Asian Studies in the ASPAC area.]

>Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, “Dangerous trade: histories of industrial hazard across a globalizing world” – [From [URBANTH-L](mailto:URBANTH-L) – 1) This international conference will be held December 13-15, 2007, focusing on two periods of global economic integration: a) late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries; and b) the later 20<sup>th</sup> century – 2) Several themes to be highlighted: a) the making of hazardous industries in particular places (For each period, case studies in both developed and developing worlds); b) knowing and controlling industrial hazards; c) historical relationships between intra-workplace and wider environmental hazards; d) cross-national passages in the making, recognition and remedy of industrial hazards; and e) comparative and supra-national approaches to the history of industrial hazard – 3) Overall, striving to attempt to attain a more synthetic understanding of how the history of industrial hazards has varied across industries, nations, and period; and how, when and why hazardous processes and associated knowledge and remedy have (or not) traveled from one nation or region or territory to another – The conference will have a workshop format, in order to move quickly to an edited publication – Accepted participants will be expected to submit a full manuscript version of their paper a month and a half before the conference/workshop – Funds likely to be available for accepted presenters to cover food, lodging, and travel... national/international (a balance of U.S. and non U.S. participants) – Paper proposal deadline is March 31, 2007: a) paper proposal must include a 500 word abstract & curriculum vitae sent as an e-mail attachment, in Word or Word Perfect files to [csellers@notes.cc.sunysb.edu](mailto:csellers@notes.cc.sunysb.edu) or hard copies, to Christopher Sellers, History Dept, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY 11794 USA – Address inquiries to Christopher Sellers at the above e-mail or to Joseph Melling at [J.L.melling@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:J.L.melling@exeter.ac.uk) .]

**CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS**

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#### **POSITIONS**

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[From URBANTH-L] The Dept of Anthropology invites applications for a term-certain sessional instructor position in social and cultural anthropology, from September 2007 thru April 2008 – Successful candidate will possess a Ph.D. and have research experience in an East Asian or Southeast Asian society – Principal duties consist of instruction of two half-courses in each of the two terms of employment, selected from: a) 'Intro to social & cultural anthropology' (this course could be repeated to count for 2 choices); b) 'Culture and society of China'; c) 'Culture and society of Japan'; d) 'Indigenous knowledge and global developments'; e) 'Business in cultural context'; f) 'Applied anthropology'; g) 'Anthropology of law'; h) 'Economic anthropology'; i) 'Ethnography of global-local dynamics'; j) 'Ethnographic survey of selected world areas'; k) 'Women in East Asian societies' – Send: 1) an up-to-date curriculum vitae; 2) a cover letter that discusses your career objectives and teaching experience (if any); 3) a list of the names and addresses (both postal and e-mail) of three referees whom we are free to contact – The deadline for receipt of these materials is March 1, 2007 to: Dr. Doyle Hatt, Head; Department of Anthropology; University of Calgary; 2500 University Drive NW; Calgary, AB, T2H 1N4, Canada.

### **CONFERENCES**

**Association for Asian Studies.** 22-25 March 2007 in Boston, USA, <http://www.aasianst.org/annmtg.htm> .

### **HONORS**

**The Leeds Prize** is awarded each year by the Society for Urban/National/Transnational/Global Anthropology (formerly known as the Society for Urban Anthropology) for the outstanding book in urban, national and/or transnational anthropology published in the previous year (2006) – It is named in honor of the late Anthony Leeds – This absolute deadline for submission for the 2006 prize is June 15, 2007 ... no books received after that deadline will be considered for the 2006 prize – A letter of nomination (from an author, a colleague, or a publisher) and \*four\* copies of the book should be sent to: Robert Rotenberg -- Leeds Prize Committee --Dept. of Anthropology -- DePaul University -- 2343 N. Racine Avenue -- Chicago, IL 60614-3107 (Please clearly mark the books "Leeds Prize Committee" – Book must be relevant to urban, national or transnational anthropology; have a publication year of 2006; Textbooks and anthologies will not be considered, but books of original scholarship by multiple authors may be submitted; Winner(s) serve 3 years on the selection panel and have their acceptance remarks published in *City and Society* – Address questions to Robert Rotenberg at the address above.

### **Amnesty International**

[From Margaret John, Coordinator, AI Singapore and Malaysia Network – Edited to save space -- Full text at [www.amnesty.ca](http://www.amnesty.ca) and [www.asiapacific.amnesty.org](http://www.asiapacific.amnesty.org) November – . In Singapore former ISA prisoners are speaking publically – Francis Seow's forth-coming book, *Beyond suspicion: the Singapore judiciary*, is due before year's end – Singapore's Law Society President called for the body to be given freedom to speak on legal issues beyond those to which they have been restricted – The Canadian Association of University Teachers urged further action by the Canadian government and the international community regarding Dr.Chee Soon Juan ... meanwhile he

was sentenced to prison again for 5 weeks, for speaking without a permit – Singapore is recognized as having the highest per capita execution rate of any country – 2 suspected Islamic militants were released, there was no change regarding 34 other detained suspects – The government told the *Far Eastern Economic Review (FEER)* , the *International Herald Tribune*, *Financial Times*, *News Week* and *Time* that they must comply with rules for offshore publications... All 5 were required to post bonds of S\$200,000 and have legal representatives in Singapore to deal with any lawsuits against the publisher – The *Far Easter Economic Review* was sued by the PM&MM regarding a article on the treatment of Dr. Chee Soon Juan... the Ministry of Information, Communication and the Arts made it a criminal offence to subscribe to, import or reproduce the journal for distribution; but FEER has no employees in Singapore, therefore challenges the right of Singapore to enforce damages -- In Malaysia , regarding freedom of religion and expression, the government is restricting discussion of 'contentious' issues such as government control of the internet and the media – The independence of the judiciary became an issue once again when former chief judge Salleh Abas spoke about the sacking of himself and 5 other senior judges in 1988 – Some progress on rights of people held in police custody with new amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code, but other promised reforms still not established – 17 suspected Islamic militants were released, some had been held almost 5 years without charge or trial, and 60 others remain ... forgotten by the international community, AND MORE at the websites – **16 Dec 06:** Dr Chee Soon Juan released, but in 5 days time faced another trial for attempting to leave Singapore in April 2006 without permission to participate in a World Movement for Democracy conference in Turkey in April 2006... as a bankrupt (result of not paying his S\$500,000 fine from a defamation suit by 2 PMs) and thus ineligible for any travel from Singapore... If found guilty, he faces S\$10,000 fine and 2 years in jail... In 2007 he faces trial for 7 instances of speaking in public without a license – **9 Jan 07:** Iwuchukwu Amara Tochi, a Nigerian on death row in appealed for clemency 6 months ago on a charge of drug trafficking to President Nathan... no decision yet .]

### **Obituary Notice**

**David K. Wyatt**, a pre-eminent historian of Thailand and of classical Malay literature, as well as a researcher in seven languages, died November 17, 2006 of emphysema and congestive heart failure [From [seac@u.washington.edu](mailto:seac@u.washington.edu) ].

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