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Yehua Dennis Wei

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! Many of you might know that I have now relocated to Salt Lake City (SLC). The past few months have been very hectic for me: the relocation process has been far more challenging than I ever expected.

I am now a professor at the University of Utah (UU) working jointly with the Department of Geography and Institute of Public and International Affairs. The position was advertised as a senior faculty in International Public Policy open to all seven departments in the UU's College of Social and Behavior Sciences. The interview process was like

something I never experienced before: the Search Committee had more than a dozen members, including representatives from the College Advisory Board and the Governor's Office, and I met not only with social scientists, but also faculty in business administration, humanities, and law. The fact that I was hired indicates that non-geographers valued the work I have been doing in a field different than their own.

The world of academia has become increasingly interdisciplinary. Geographers, including those working on Asia, have much to offer when it comes to interdisciplinary collaboration. Our regional expertise is in demand. The current



Yehua Dennis Wei,
 Chair of the AGSG

interdisciplinary environment I am surrounded by provides opportunity and support for such efforts. I will try to reach out to more systematic geographers and non-geographers, and hopefully more of you will do so as well.

Yehua Dennis Wei
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San Francisco: AGSG 2007 Business Meeting & Awards

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Student SGAG Representative:

As of 2007, it was proposed and approved to establish a student representative position.

Sanjeev Kumar, Ph.D. student

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2007 Distinguished Service Award:

Association of American Geographers
Asian Geography Specialty Group
Recognizes the Outstanding Service Contributions of
Dr. Hussein A. Amery
Colorado School of Mines

Student Awards:

Student Essay Award winner:

Reena Patel

University of Texas at Austin
Working the Night Shift: Gender and the Global Economy



Abstract:

The global mainstream media characterizes the IT sector, and transnational call centers in particular, as catalysts for social change in India. Yet, the emergence of this industry is not shifting patriarchal relations of power in a significant way due to social and spatial constraints on women's mobility in the urban nightscape. Specific to call center employment, mobility is important because it requires night shift workers. For a woman in India to be out at this hour is generally considered improper and unsafe. However, women are participating in this industry and corporate strategies, such as the use of private shuttle vans to transport women to and from work in the middle of the night, reflect the ways in which both the industry and its female employees negotiate a presence in the public sphere. Based on exploratory research conducted in Mumbai, India in January, 2005, I argue that the insertion of women into the urban nightscape, via the night shift requirements of the global economy, is met with covert resistance. Although there are no visible barriers such as "men only" signs written into public

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space, women's bodies continue to be marked as a site of transgression.

Student Travel Award winner:

Waquar Ahmed

Penn State University

Global Discourses and Local Politics in the production of Power Policy in India.

Abstract: This paper, adopting a political-economy approach, examines the evolution of electric-power policy in India by drawing link-

ages between global and local/national discourses, of development. The study focuses on the objectives and goals of the developmental state of India after the end of colonial occupation, and how the transition from Keynesianism to neoliberalism as the dominant developmental discourse at the global level has impacted India's power policy. Further, it focuses on the dynamic nature of state-society coalition in India to understand how changing coalitions, representing varying social and spatial interests, at different points of time in history, has impacted India's power policy.

Financial Report (issued by AAG HQ on 12th March 2007):

Asian Specialty Group

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>8/31/05</i>	<i>Balance forward</i>			<i>\$ 5,317.24</i>
9/30/05	Dues collected for September 2005	120.00		5,437.24
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3/3/06	Fatamura - Web page work		(232.50)	5,529.74
3/21/06	Amery - Reimburse expenses		(199.00)	5,330.74
3/22/06	Raj - Best student paper		(250.00)	5,080.74
3/22/06	Ogra - Travel award		(150.00)	4,930.74
3/22/06	Wang - Travel award		(150.00)	4,780.74
3/22/06	Buryn - Chakravarti award		(150.00)	4,630.74
3/31/06	Dues collected for March 2006	55.00		4,685.74
4/30/06	Dues collected for April 2006	35.00		4,720.74
5/31/06	Dues collected for May 2006	25.00		4,745.74
6/30/06	Dues collected for June 2006	50.00		4,795.74
7/31/06	Dues collected for July 2006	55.00		4,850.74
8/31/06	Dues collected for August 2006	45.00		4,895.74
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9/30/06	Dues collected for September 2006	80.00		4,975.74
10/31/06	Dues collected for October 2006	95.00		5,070.74
11/30/06	Dues collected for November 2006	77.00		5,147.74
12/31/06	Dues collected for December 2006	38.00		5,185.74
1/31/07	Dues collected for January 2007	59.00		5,244.74
1/31/07	Balance			<u>\$ 5,244.74</u>

AAG CALL FOR PAPERS, 2008 (15 -19 APRIL) IN BOSTON

<http://www.aag.org/annualmeetings/2008/index.htm>

Difference Matters: Reconstructing Regional Geography:

Calls for a revitalizing reformulation of regional geography, formerly a hallmark of the discipline, continue through the decades. Theoretically informed multi-methods rigor plus policy relevance can help make geography matter again. This paper session proposes a multi-regional set of papers, featuring various systematic foci, which include a statement regarding their contribution to a revitalized regional geography as demonstrated by their handling of a particular investigation.

Interested participants contact **Susan Walcott** swalcot@uncg.edu with AAG PIN#

High-Technology and Multinational Corporations(MNCs) transforming Urban and Cultural landscapes

The emerging regional economies such as Brazil, Russia, India and China also called 'BRIC' poses both a threat as well as an opportunity to the established global firms. To safeguard from the threat and take advantage of the opportunities multinational corporations have progressed via three phases in the past few decades (The Economist, April 7, 2007). During the first stage firms operate from their home country and sell products through overseas sales offices. During the second stage parent companies create miniaturized models of itself in nations around the world and implement its strategic goals of increasing size and penetration of market. In the third stage the global firm instead of replicating its own model, shapes its strategies and development goals as a 'single global entity'. In this stage the global firm out sources jobs anywhere, depending upon the acceptable mix of costs, needs, and business environment. The aim of this paper session is to set the stage for all the

research scholars engaged in understanding how the IT, High-tech and the multinational corporations transform the urban and socio-economic landscape in developing economies. Both conceptual and empirical papers are welcome.

Potential Topics include but are not at all LIMITED to the following:

1. Role of High-tech in transforming the urban landscape
2. MNCs and their impact in developing economies
3. How software industries are impacting India and China?
4. Are the newly formed High-tech/ silicon cities are the models for the rest of the developing world
5. Transforming role of Gender in high-tech cities in developing and less developing countries.
6. Are the high-tech creating Siliconization or Sili-colonization?

If you are interested in participating in the above session please email me :

- a) Title of your Paper
- b) PIN
- c) Abstract

NO LATER THAN: 22nd October 2007 to Rajrani Kalra at rkalra@uca.edu

Immigrants and the State: Role of the Nation States in a Transnational World.

Organized by: Sanjeev Kumar Department of Geography University of Georgia, USA

According to World Migration Report 2005, immigrants represent about 3% of the total global population. The figure of 185-192 million people

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dwarfs in comparison to the 6.5 billion people living on earth. However, these immigrants unlike their predecessors are increasingly challenging those sacral notions of state and its institutions.

The aim of this paper session is to provide a platform for scholars engaged in researching the changing 'dialectics' between the immigrants and the institutions of the state. Papers that focus on the social, political and the economic dimensions of 'transnational' immigration, as well as those focusing on the role of the state, in constructing 'transnational' identities are particularly welcome. Both conceptual and empirical papers based on various theoretical and methodological approaches on the process of creation and sustenance of transnationalism is welcome too.

Potential topics may include but not limited to the following:

- Defining the meaning and scope of transnationalism
- Issues of nationalism, citizenship and other state based identity markers in the age of transnationalism
- Role of the neo-liberal global economic order in creating and sustaining transnational immigrants
- Role of modern means of communication and transportation in creating and sustaining the transnational networks
- Relationship of the transmigrants with their source and host nations
- Role of Diasporic associations and other sites of social networks in creating transnational social space
- Role of market in sustaining the inflow of immigrants without proper legal status
- Role of gender and race in creating immigrants' experiences

Please send an email stating your paper title, PIN, and abstract no later than *October 25* (please note that this is earlier than the AAG

deadline) to Sanjeev Kumar at skumar@uga.edu

Placing returnees--Returned professionals and entrepreneurs from aboard and local economic developments.

The growing flow of returnees from developed countries back to their homelands has become an increasingly visible phenomenon, particularly in Asia. Saxenian in her recent work: /The New Argonauts/ credits the returnees as key agents in creating regional advantages in the global era. However, many of the critical questions remained to be answered. It is clear that the returnee flow varies greatly across space and time, as well as in durations. Geographically sensitive explanations are necessary to account for these differences and for the varied impacts on the local economies. I am hoping to organize an AAG session to critically examine various aspects of the returnees:

- Why do they leave and under what conditions do they leave?
- The best data sources for returnees
- Their activities in the homeland
- Their transnational linkages and their local networks
- Their impact on the local economies

If you are interested to participate, please send your paper title, PIN, and abstract no later than *September 24* (please note that this is earlier than the AAG deadline) to Yu Zhou yuzhou@vassar.edu

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Thirty Years of Chinese Economic Reforms and Urban Environmental Changes: Special Sessions in Honor of Dr. Chor-Pang Lo:

Since the initiation of economic reforms in 1978, China has been under transition from a centrally planned command economy to a socialist market economy. With the marketization and globalization of the Chinese economy, the traditional structure of socialist cities and regions has been transformed. The urban economy has been transformed with the infusion of foreign investment and the growth of the service sector; land markets have also emerged. Chinese cities have been undergoing unprecedented growth and restructuring. Dramatic land use and land cover change has taken place in China. Rapid industrialization and urbanization has resulted in the loss of a significant amount of agricultural land and has generated severe environmental consequences in its water, air, and land, especially in many coastal cities and regions. Many environmentally-conserving forest, agriculture and aquaculture systems are being challenged, and the long-term harmonious relationship between people and the environment is being undermined.

In more than 30 years, Prof. Chor-Pang (C.P.) Lo of University of Georgia has made great contributions to the study of, and education in, China geography. His research ranges from economic reforms, urban and social transformation, environmental studies, to applications of geospatial techniques to many issues mentioned above. He not only teaches geography of China throughout his teaching career, but also is a prolific researcher and author with numerous publications including several high-quality papers in *Annals of AAG* and a book on Hong Kong. Equally important, he trained graduate students at both master and doctoral levels, who themselves have become successful academicians. Prof. Lo also contributed to advancing the course of China Geography Specialty Group (CGSG) of AAG by serving as its

chair between 1989 and 1991, and received the Distinguished Service Award from CGSG in 2005. To quote from the nomination, "His dedication to geography in general and China geography in particular has inspired a new generation of scholars working to understand this fast changing country and growing economy."

Prof. Lo plans to retire next spring, after decades of outstanding research, instruction, and academic services. We wish him well, and would like to have a special session(s) dedicated to Prof. Lo. In this proposed session, potential topics may include but not limited to the following:

- Institutional restructuring, economic growth, and globalization
- Industrial districts, clusters, and networking
- Producer and consumer services
- Technology innovation and high-tech industries
- Urban economic, social, demographic, and spatial transformation
- Urban environmental issues, and environmental effects of urbanization
- Land use and land cover change, environmental monitoring, and agricultural sustainability.

Please send your paper title, PIN, and abstract no later than *September 24* (please note that this is earlier than the AAG deadline) to one of the following co-organizers:

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'Cool Asia': Transnational Influences of Asia's Cultural Exports

Organized by: Yuko Aoyama, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University, USA

Asia's exports are no longer limited to manufactured commodities. Some of Asia's cultural in-

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dustries have not only grown in their economic significance, but have become powerfully influential, increasingly hijacking teenagers' obsessions around the world. The aim of this paper session is to encourage much needed contributions on the analyses of Asia's cultural industries. Papers that focus on economic and industrial dimensions, with links to global mobility (through exports, development and flow of talent, outsourcing/offshoring, cultural tourism), innovation, agglomerations, market analysis, institutions, as well as the role of the state in cultural industry developments are particularly welcome. Various theoretical and methodological approaches will be considered, including themes such as global convergence, varieties of capitalisms, cultural economies, consumer economy, and user-involvement.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- - Japanese manga/anime industries and their transnational influences
- - Japanese, Korean, and Indian video game industries
- - Transnational online gaming
- - Chinese and Korean animation industries and the role of the state
- - Korean fashion industry and its influences on popular culture in China
- - Korean film industry and its influences on popular culture and tourism in Japan
- - Hong Kong, Chinese, and Indian film industries
- - Diaspora fashion and transnational entrepreneurship
- - Nepalese fashion industry and quota-jumping exports through India
- - Globalization of Hollywood
- - Indigenous art/music and cultural tourism in Cambodia, Vietnam, and other parts of Asia

Please send an email stating your interest and an abstract to: Yuko Aoyama

yaoyama@clarku.edu by October 10th, 2007.

The Changing Geographies of Agriculture and Food in East Asia

This paper session is primarily concerned with contemporary changes in the geographies of agricultural production, distribution and consumption of food in East Asia (i.e. China, Japan, Taiwan, and South Korea). This paper session will focus on the following general themes: political, economic and/or consumer driven developments and evolution within systems of agricultural production, retail distribution, and/or consumption. As political, economic, and social changes take hold throughout East Asia, this paper session seeks to identify and document patterns in agricultural power relations, the economics of distribution and trade, and changing socio-cultural meanings of food within and between East Asian nations. Papers can address topics such as growing urban consumer societies, globalized trade networks, agricultural tourism, rural development, and commodity chains.

If interested, please registrar online and then email your pin, paper title and 250-word abstract to BOTH Aaron Kingsbury at aaronjk@hawaii.edu AND Amy Zader at Amy.Zader@colorado.edu by October 10, 2007.

ASIAN STATE SPACES: SEEING ASIAN DEVELOPMENTAL STATES *SPATIALLY*

In recent social science literature, there has been an increasing number of challenges to 1) the naturalization of state space, in which the spatiality of national state has been seen as a pre-given and relatively unchanging feature of modernity (Brenner, Jessop, Jones and MacLeod 2003), and 2) the 'methodological nationalism' in traditional social science researches, in which the national scale is viewed, in ontological terms, as the logically primary level of political and economic processes, and hence even in epistemological terms, as the main unit of analysis and conceptualization

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(Brenner 2004). In relation, the territoriality of the national state is increasingly seen as a historically specific strategy of spatial enclosure and as an evolving, multi-scalar institutional configuration.

Despite these theoretical developments on state spaces, most studies on Asian developmental states – including Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, China etc. – have been still highly influenced by the assumptions of the naturalized state space and the methodological nationalism. Thus, the production and transformation of state spaces and the multi-scalar territorial configurations of the state in the Asian developmental states have rarely received much academic attention. With this problem orientation, this session will bring together papers that examine the spatialities of the Asian developmental states, paying attention to territorial configurations of the state power and spatial and scalar restructuring of the state.

Possible topics here might include:

- Historical-geographical development of the Asian developmental states
- Geography of state-society relations
- Territoriality of state regulation and associated political tensions
- Spatiality of state's economic development policies
- State's urban and regional policies and their impacts on urban and regional development
- Politics of uneven regional development
- Spatial and scalar restructuring of the state
- Decentralization and the changing nature of center-local relations
- Changes in state's spatial policies in relation to neo-liberalization and globalization
- Rise of new forms of urban and regional governance and its implications
- Urban redevelopment and mega-project
- Urban entrepreneurialism and inter-city competition

- Politics of multi-scalar governance
- Transnationalism and re-territorialization of the state
- Changes in state regulation on trans-border movement of capital
- Immigration and cross-border control
- Economic globalization and internationalization of the state

The above list is just for illustration, not limitation. We strongly encourage the participants to mobilize your geographical imagination beyond them.

Please send expressions of interest to either one of the organizers by 15 October 2007.

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The Pamir Mountains of Central Asia

A paper session co-sponsored by the Mountain Geography Specialty Group and the Asian Geography Specialty Group

This paper session provides a forum for researchers working in the Pamir Mountains of Central Asia. Popularly called the "Roof of the World," the Pamir rise above the Central Asia steppe and desert where the Hindu Kush, Karakoram and Tien Shan mountains also converge. Most of this range falls within the isolated multifrontier of Tajikistan's Gorno-Badakshan Autonomous Oblast, with parts in Afghanistan, Pakistan, China, and Kyrgyzstan. Mountain runoff sustains the Amu Darya and Syr Darya rivers, Central Asia's lifelines and principle tributaries to the Ara Sea. Current issues include, but are not limited to, population relocation following the Tajik civil war,

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opium and weapons trafficking, poverty reduction, improving education and agricultural productivity, transborder commerce, environmental hazards such as the potential Lake Sarez dam collapse, and securing the new Tajik National Park.

Papers that focus on aspects of physical geography, human geography, and environment-society relations are welcome. We are interested in empirically grounded work as well as contributions of a more conceptual and theoretical nature. In organizing this paper session on the Pamir, we seek to promote interaction and dialogue among researchers working in and on the mountains of Central Asia.

We ask that you send your paper title, abstracts, and PIN no later than *October 20* to one of the co-organizers:

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An Historical Glimpse, the AGSG Bulletin - Fall 1980

- Editor, P. P. Karan at the Department of Geography, University of Kentucky, Lexington.
 - Geographers were welcomed to Tokyo by Princess Chichibu at the 24th Congress of the IGU.
 - Professor Chun-fen Lee of Shanghai was a visiting professor at the University of Akron during the summer and a Fulbright scholar at Michigan State University for the 1980 fall semester.
 - Charles Greer of Indiana University visited China as part of a conference on water diversion from the Yangtze River to North China.
 - Annual dues were \$3.00.
 - Ashok Dutt of the University of Akron guest edited a special issue of *Social Science and Medicine* entitled "Contemporary Perspectives on the Medical Geography of South and Southeast Asia."
 - The First International Philippine Studies Conference was held at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.
 - Clifton Pannell and Roy Welch of the University of Georgia visited the Canton delta.
 - A conference on Chinese historical geography and cartography was held at Princeton University attended by Laurence J. S. Ma of the University of Akron, Clifton Pannell of the University of Georgia, and Jack Williams of Michigan State University.
 - A new field of research and training was emerging in India, that of Regional Planning.
 - Allan G. Noble published an article on "Food Production and Population Growth in Bangladesh" (along with Ashok Durr and Abu Rahman).
 - M. N. Shrestha published an article on the "Internal Migration of People in Nepal."
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Selected Recent Publications (AGSG Members in Green):

ASIA

- Folke, Steen, Pao Li Lim, Juha I. Uitto** and Elizabeth K. Lang (2007), *Evaluation of the Second Regional Cooperation Framework: Asia and the Pacific*. New York: UNDP Evaluation Office. (xi+54 pp.) www.undp.org/eo
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- Latz, Gil.** Forthcoming, Fall 2007, Educating about Asia, Special Issue on: Natural Disasters in Asia, *Pedagogical Resource Essays, and Shorter Reviews*.

Middle East

- Baroudi Sami E.** Arab intellectuals and the Bush administration's campaign for democracy: The case of the Greater Middle East Initiative. *Middle East Journal* 61, no.3 (2007) p. 390-418.

Cyprus

- Hoti S.; McAleer M.; Shareef R.** Modelling international tourism and country risk spillovers for Cyprus and Malta. *Tourism Management* 28, no.6 (2007) p. 1472-1484.
- Lindley, D.** Historical, tactical, and strategic lessons from the partition of Cyprus. *International Studies Perspectives* 8, no.2 (2007) p. 224-241.
- Loizides N.G.** Ethnic nationalism and adaptation in Cyprus. *International Studies Perspectives* 8, no.2 (2007) p. 172-189.

Israel

- Bienkowski P.** Tribes, borders, landscapes and reciprocal relations: The Wadi Arabah and its meaning. *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* 20, no.1 (2007) p. 33-60.
- Cohen N.** From overt rejection to enthusiastic embracement: Changing state discourses on Israeli emigration. *GeoJournal Immigrants and transnational experiences in world cities* 68, no.2-3 (2007) p. 267-278.
- Gelbman A.; Keinan O.** National and transnational borderlanders' attitudes towards the security fence between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. *Geo-*

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- Fuchs M.** Impact of research on water use for irrigation in Israel. *Irrigation Science* 25, no.4 (2007) p. 443-445.
- Ghazi-Walid Falah.** 2007. "The politics of doing geography: 23 days in the hell of Israeli detention." *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, Vol. 25, pp. 587 -593.
- Hoffman B.** The 'cult of the insurgent': Its tactical and strategic implications. *Australian Journal of International Affairs* 61, no.3 (2007) p. 312-329.
- Klawitter S.** Water as a human right: The understanding of water rights in Palestine. *International Journal of Water Resources Development* 23, no.2 (2007) p. 303-327.
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Iraq

- Natali D.** The spoils of peace in Iraqi Kurdistan. *Third World Quarterly* 28, no.6 (2007) p. 1111-1129.

United Arab Emirates

- Bagaeen S.** Brand Dubai: The instant city; or the instantly recognizable city. *International Planning Studies* 12, no.2 (2007) p. 173-197.
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Iran

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Afghanistan

- Maletta H.** Arable land tenure in Afghanistan in the early post-Taliban era. *African and Asian Studies* 6, no.1 (2007) p. 13-52.

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Korea and George W. Bush, 2001-4. *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 42, no.3-4 (2007) p. 263-282.

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Jun M.-J. Korea's public sector relocation: Is it a viable option for balanced national development? *Regional Studies* 41, no.1 (2007) p. 65-74.

Kalinowski T. Democracy, economic crisis, and market oriented reforms. *Comparative Sociology* 6, no.3 (2007) p. 344-373.

Kangas R. The changing face of the Russian far east: Cooperation and resource competition between Japan, Korea, and China in Northeast Asia. *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology* 6, no.1-3 (2007) p. 441-460.

Kim D.-S. Location modeling of population and land-use change in rural area by new expressway. *Journal of Urban Planning and Development* 133, no.3 (2007) p. 201-210.

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Through the Grapevine

Philip Brown, Department of History, The Ohio State University, has received a three-year The National Science Foundation Scholar's Award of \$223,000 to support his research project, "Coping with Natural Hazard Risk: Civil Engineering, Floods and Landslides in the Modernization of Japan."

Elizabeth Chacko was in South East Asia this summer, researching the movement of "knowledge workers" (mostly IT workers) from South Asia to Malaysia, their reasons for choosing Malaysia as a destination for temporary work, their experiences as knowledge workers in this state and their future career plans, which include migration out of Malaysia.



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NEWS FROM THE NINTH ASIAN URBANIZATION CONFERENCE

With academics and practitioners from over twenty countries attending, the **Ninth Asian Urbanization Conference** was convened in Chuncheon, South Korea on August 18 through 23, 2007. The conference, hosted jointly by the Kangwon National University (KNU) and Gangwon Regional Development Institute (GRDI), was held on the KNU campus and featured participants from Canada, China (People's Republic of), Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, The Netherlands, Turkey, Vietnam, and the United States.

Conference sponsors included the Asian Urban Research Association (AURA), the Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, The University of Akron and Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, as well as the host institutions. The keynote address, "Asia's Urban Future," was delivered by Ashok K. Dutt and Frank J. Costa, both emeritus faculty from the University of Akron. George Pomeroy, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania and AURA Secretary, presented service awards sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences at Shippensburg University to the founding members of AURA. A service award was also presented to Shii Okuno, University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences (in Kobe, Japan) for his efforts in organizing the previous Asian Urbanization Conference. The conference was ably organized by Nakhun Song (Principal Organizer; GDRI) and Gabyoul Kim, Chair of the Department of Real Estate at KNU. The conference included field trips to Seoul (visiting new towns, the Cheonggye River restoration project, and the Insadong District) and the DMZ Unification Observatory.

In total, over 80 papers were presented. Representative and illustrative paper titles include "Hierarchical Network Strategies: An Agenda for Reciprocal Rural-Urban Linkages" (Khalil Kalantari, Tehran University), "Exploring the Spatial Structure of Innovative Activities in Korea" (Junho Jung, Kangwon National University), and "Commissioned Mural Art in Post-Colonial Hong Kong from 1997 to 2006" (Kong Ho, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford).

Planning is well underway for the **Tenth Asian Urbanization Conference** (<http://www.hku.hk/asia2009/>) to be held in August 2009 at the University of Hong Kong. Local Organizers are Anthony Gar-On Yeh (hdxugoy@hkucc.hku.hk) and Roger C.K. Chan (hrxucck@hkucc.hku.hk) of The Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management.

The umbrella organization for organizing and sponsoring the Asian Urbanization Conferences is the **Asian Urban Research Association (AURA)**. For more information, please contact George Pomeroy, AURA Secretary, at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (gmpome@ship.edu / <http://webpace.ship.edu/aura>).

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