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## CHAIR'S REPORT

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Hussein A. Amery  
The tragic consequences of the seismically generated sea waves, Tsunami, of December 26 have caused death and destruction all around the region of South East Asia. Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Maldives, India, and Thailand, Malaysia, Bangladesh and Myanmar have all been affected, some much more than others. The tsunami was among the deadliest disasters in modern history. According to Tad Murty, vice-president of the Tsunami Society, the total energy of the tsunami waves was about five megatons of TNT (20 petajoules). This is more than twice the total explosive energy used during all of

World War II (including the two atomic bombs), but still a couple of orders of magnitude less than the energy released in the earthquake itself. The devastation was so widespread and massive that the head of the United Nations Children's Fund in the Maldives said that "Some of the places I've visited look like they've been hit by a nuclear bomb". Over 200,000 people were killed and many hundreds of thousands were displaced. Many members of the AGSG have been affected directly through the impact the Tsunami waves had on relatives, friends and colleagues.

On behalf of the member of the AGSG, I



**Hussein A. Amery,  
Chair of the AGSG**

would like to express a heartfelt sorrow for the bereaved. The destructive forces of these tragic events were overwhelming and indiscriminate: the victims were of different races, religions and nationalities. This and the massive global efforts to assist relief efforts underscored the supremacy of our common humanity which transcends culture and geography.

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The tragedy reawakened the pivotal role that geographers and geographic skills can and do contribute to the understanding of natural hazards, mitigating their impacts, assessing relief needs and the targeted delivery of relief aid.

Prof. Wirun Tangchaoren, Dean of Srinakharinwirot University, told Thailand News Agency that his university would push for geography to be included in the basic curricula in schools, colleges and universities.

"Geography is not just about what occurs on the land, but is also about geology, tectonic plates, magma under the earth...these new branches of knowledge must be integrated", he said. It is satisfying to have read news reports about how a person used what she had learned in a geography course about Tsunamis to give an "early" warning to those around her which helped save some lives. Finally, geography has much to contribute to the rebuilding and rehabilitation efforts that

are on-going.

The AAG's annual conference will commence in the near future in Denver. Our own specialty group is sponsoring a few sessions on a wide ranging topics. Your attendance of these sessions would advance your knowledge by listening to peers present their research findings, and would extend support to the study of geographic issues in Asia.

Here is what the conference's program says about the location and time of our Group's Business Meeting:

"4706 Asian Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting is scheduled on Friday, 4/8/05, from 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM"

I hope that everyone that is able to attend will do so. We need all the input that we can get. I look forward to seeing so many of my old friends and to meet new ones.

Hussein A. Amery

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## AGSG Business Meeting Agenda

**Friday, 8 April 2005, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Plaza Court 6**

1. Chair's Report, Hussein A. Amery  
(Liberal Arts and International Studies  
Division, Colorado School of Mines)
2. Secretary-Treasurer's Budget Report,  
Secretary-Treasurer: Dennis Yehua  
Wei (Department of Geography, Uni-  
versity of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)
3. AGSG Newsletter  
Todd Stradford  
(Department of Geography, University  
of Wisconsin-Platteville).
4. Area Directors' Reports, 2004-05  
East Asia Director

- Henry Wai-chung Yeung (Department of  
Geography, National University of Singa-  
pore).  
Southeast Asia Area Director  
James A. Tyner  
(Department of Geography, Kent State  
University)  
Southwest Asia Area Director  
Colin Flint  
(Department of Geography, Penn State  
University).  
South Asia Director (2002-4):  
Elizabeth Chacko (Department of Geogra-  
phy, George Washington University )
5. AGSG 2005 Election Results (report by Dennis

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Yehua Wei)

6. AGSG Distinguished Services Awards, 2005  
(Hussein A. Amery)
7. AGSG Student Essay Award, 2005  
(report by Dennis Yehua Wei)
8. Any Other Business? .....

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## 27 Years ago in the AGSG Bulletin - Fall 1977

- In August 1977, Allen G. Noble & Laurence J. C. Ma led ten geographers to eight major cities and to rural areas of the People's Republic of China.
- Allen G. Noble and Ashok K. Dutt published *Indian Urbanization and Planning*.
- I-Shou Wang published *A Demographic Atlas of Taiwan, 1974*, containing 94 choropleth "symaps" produced by computer.
- William L. Thomas, California State, Hayward, returned from a year spent in the Province of Ilocos Norte, Luzon, Philippines after completing research on the structural and functional changes that had taken place since 1961.
- Mcik Day, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, left for the study of limestone geomorphology in Java and Sulawesi.
- David H. Kornhauser published *Recent Population Change in the Japanese Metropolis: The Flight from Inner City*, in Science Reports of Tohoku University
- Ronald G. Knapp published *Chinese Frontier Settlement in Taiwan*, in the Annals of the AAG.
- Clifton Pannell published *Cities East and West: Comments on Theory, Form and Methodology*, in the PG of the AAG.
- Article: Committee on Asian Studies, AAG,  
"The Committee on Asian Studies of the Association of American Geographers was constituted at the Columbus meetings of the AAG, 1946-1947, under the chairmanship of George B. Cressey. Geographers interested in Asia will recall that during the war, circa October 1942 - January, 1943, there was an active 'Committee on the Geography of Eastern and Southern Asia' of the National Research Council with Wellington Jones, Chairman, and Dr. Cressey, Executive Secretary. The AAG committee was formed to continue along some of the same lines as the war-time committee. In June 1947 Shannon McCune was appointed Corresponding Secretary for Asia of the American Society for Professional Geographers. Consequently at the Charlottesville meetings of the AAG, December 30, 1947, Dr. McCune was asked to become chairman of the AAG committee so that there could be closer coordination of the efforts of the two geographic organizations."



## **Book Review: SOUTHEAST ASIA TRANSFORMED: A Geography of Change.**

SOUTHEAST ASIA TRANSFORMED: A Geography of Change. Edited by Chia Lin Sien. Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. 2003. 452 pp. (Tables, maps) US\$24.90. cloth. ISBN 981-230-117-8.

Southeast Asia Transformed is an edited volume commemorating the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) in Singapore. With its main theme of "Change and Transformation", the piece provides both historical and contemporary material that deals with the socio-economic and environmental forces currently shaping the human and physical landscapes of the region. In the introductory chapter, Chia Lin Sien and Martin Perry examine the shifting nature of Southeast Asia's unity and identity, while considering the present context of intensifying globalization, telematics based development, and economic restructuring following the Asian Financial Crisis of the late 1990s. Urbanization, industrialization, rural transitions, borders, regional integration, and future development trajectories, are highlighted as key trends and issues that serve to organize the book's remaining chapters.

It is important to note that the volume was written before the events of 9/11 and the Bali bombing in 2002. Without doubt, a consideration of these incidents would lead to further insights in a number of chapters. This is especially relevant in Vivian Louis Forbes piece that deals with geopolitical change in the region. He traces the evolution of national state boundaries and provides the current state of maritime and terrestrial zones under dispute. Forbes wonderfully illustrates the colonial origins of several present day border conflicts along with possible resolutions at the local and regional levels. Chapter 3 features Graeme Hugo's work on the nature, causes, and consequences of demographic change in the region. He identifies the great heterogeneity of both regional and national populations while pointing out significant changes in international and internal population

movements. Tony Greer and Martin Perry investigate sustainable development, the environment and natural resources in chapter 4. Noted as one of the world's most important locations of marine and terrestrial biodiversity, they argue that the accelerated depletion of natural resources is increasingly tied to anthropogenic activities. Greer and Perry call for more collaboration amongst international and regional organizations, an increased role for NGOs with national governments, and further empowerment for local level groups. In chapter 5, Rodolphe De Koninck discusses the economic and territorial expansion of Southeast Asian agriculture post-1960 to the present. He highlights a range of political motivations (such as land and population distribution and the securing of "marginal" peoples) surrounding agricultural expansion along with the varying impacts of development initiatives adopted by different national governments.

Rural-urban linkages, processes of urbanization and transportation form the themes of the next three chapters. Through a number of illustrations, Jonathan Rigg examines evolving rural-urban relations and the diversification of rural livelihoods. He questions the conceptual binary of rural and agriculture and calls for a more fluid definition of the rural category as greater numbers of households make use of non-farm work to supplement their incomes. In chapter 7, Philip Kelly and Terry McGee observe how current processes of urbanization are strongly tied to the integration of different nation states into the global economy. An important point is raised regarding how a global "space of flows" is a process involving multiple scales of analysis that serve to drive urban change. In chapter 8, Peter Rimmer reviews issues of air and sea transport since the 1960s, mainly outlining the impact of containerization and jet transport, significant developments that continue to transform landscapes of the region.

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"information economy", chapters 9 to 12 deal with the effects of information and communications technology (ICT), business networks and industrial development, patterns of trade, and tourism. Neil Coe argues that there "are high levels of inequality with regards to ICT infrastructure and provision, as well as relatively high regulatory barriers to integration" (318). Coe illustrates how the "digital divide" is manifested both within and among South-east Asian states and argues that the divide is increasing at both levels. Martin Perry sheds light on the nature of business networks between the region and the international economy. He suggests that the region is still largely externally oriented and dependent on foreign direct investment (FDI) from the West and Japan with little by way of regional economic interdependence within Southeast Asia. Through the use of a trade cluster model, Jessie Poon finds that trade networks have been strengthening within the region during the period of 1975-1995, but like Perry, external orientation to trade remains more significant for future economic growth. In the final chapter, Wong Poh Poh outlines patterns of international tourism and their resulting social, economic and environmental impacts.

There are a few underlying themes that are worth noting. As emphasized in the chapters by Forbes and Coe, whether through border disputes involving marginal ethnic groups or by people who experience unequal access to the benefits of the information economy, social inequalities form an important undercurrent. As several countries in the region orient themselves to the information econ-

omy where economic activity continues to flow through and concentrate in primate cities, like the miracle economies of the past, present bouts of global economic integration run the similar risk of marginalizing and excluding groups, especially those living outside core urban economic areas.

In a related point, the chapter by Kelly and McGee raises the important issue of negotiating the multiple scales of analysis when considering processes of globalization. In this sense, what is the human scale and everyday experience of such processes or other concepts given in the book? Although beyond the scope of the volume (and also perhaps a number of chapters), local voices would have served to further ground some of the theoretical and empirical discussions made while providing additional insights.

Overall then, while covering a wide range of issues, the volume provides a good overview of key trends and social transformations currently taking place in the region. But by their nature, collections of this kind are limited in further elaborating on the specific topics covered. That said, whether of interest to students, scholars and policy makers, *Southeast Asia Transformed* is a fine collection of works by experts of diverse theoretical backgrounds that "comprise a synthesis of the essential elements of the region" (xxii).

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Department of Geography  
University of British Columbia





## 101st AAG Annual Meeting Denver

### AGSG Sponsored Sessions:

#### **4706 Asian Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting**

Friday, 4/8/05, from 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Plaza Court 6

#### **1632 Resource Degradation and Conservation in the Himalayas and Pamirs -**

Tuesday, 4/5/05, from 4:00 PM - 5:40 PM-  
Tower Court C

##### **Organizer(s):**

Ulrich Kamp - DePaul University  
Marcus Nuesser - University of Bonn, Germany

##### **Chair(s):**

Marcus Nuesser - University of Bonn, Germany

##### **Presenters:**

- 4:00 PM Alton C. Byers** - The Mountain Institute-  
**Contemporary Human Impacts on Alpine Ecosystems in the Sagarmatha (Mt. Everest) National Park, Khumbu, Nepal**
- 4:20 PM Keith Bosak**-  
**Nature, Conflict and Biodiversity Conservation in the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve**
- 4:40 PM Marcus Nuesser** - University of Bonn, Germany-  
**Changing Land Use in the Periphery of the Central Himalayas (Gori Valley, Uttaranchal, India)**
- 5:00 PM Ian Snider** -  
**"A Political Ecology of Transhumance in the Niti Valley of India's Garhwal Himalaya."**
- 5:20 PM Cyrus Samimi** - University of Erlangen-Nuremberg  
**Eastern Pamirs of Tajikistan: Changing Land Use Practices and Environmental Degradation**

#### **3146 Changing Economic Geography of Developing Countries I: Industrial Changes -**

Thursday, 4/7/05, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM-  
Columbine

##### **Organizer(s):**

Yifei Sun - California State University  
Shuguang Wang - Ryerson University

##### **Chair(s):**

Wolfgang Hoeschele - Truman State University

##### **Presenters:**

- 8:00 AM Waquar Ahmed** - Clark University  
**India's Economic Transition: Exogenous Influences and Endogenous Contradictions**
- 8:20 AM Shuguang Wang** - Ryerson University  
**The Emerging Retail Hierarchy in Shanghai and the Role of Shopping Centers**
- 8:40 AM James T. Murphy** - University of Richmond  
**Neo-liberal reform, socio-economic space, and endogenous industrial development in the Global South: Assessing the potential of Bolivia and Tanzania's manufacturing sectors**
- 9:00 AM Jiantao Lu** - University of California  
**The Spatial Difference between Overseas Chinese and Non-Chinese Investments in China**
- 9:20 AM Wolfgang Hoeschele** - Truman State University -  
**The Changing International Division of Labor, 1980-2000: Emergence of the Partially Industrialized, Manufactures Exporters**

#### **3246 Changing Economic Geography of Developing Countries II: Economic Restructuring in China**

Thursday, 4/7/05, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM  
Columbine

##### **Organizer(s):**

Yifei Sun - California State University  
Yehua Dennis Wei - University of Wisconsin

##### **Chair(s):**

Hongmian Gong - Hunter College

##### **Presenters:**

- 10:00 AM Yehua Dennis Wei** - University of Wisconsin  
**Dynamics of the Core-Periphery Structure: Wenzhou Model and Regional Development in Zhejiang Province, China**
- 10:20 AM Mr. Tan Wang** - The University of Hong Kong  
**Emerging "Headquarters Economy" and Hyper-Service Hubs in China**
- 10:40 AM Shiu-Shen Chien** - LSE  
**Innovation and Isomorphism of Regional Development Policy in China—case study of Special Economic Zone in Jiangsu**
- 11:00 AM Terry Cannon**  
**China and the spatial economy of the reforms: Topocracy and the 'Local Developmental State'**
- 11:20 AM Clifton W. Pannell** - University of Georgia  
**Forces for Change in China's Economic Geography**

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### **3446 Changing Economic Geography of Developing Countries III: Technology and Innovation I**

Thursday, 4/7/05, from 1:00 PM - 2:40 PM  
Columbine

#### **Organizer(s):**

Yifei Sun - California State University;  
Roger C.K. Chan - The University Of Hong Kong

#### **Chair(s):**

Yifei Sun - California State University

#### **Presenters:**

**1:00 PM Jinn-Yuh Hsu** - National Taiwan University  
**Leveraging Applied Research and Technological Development among East Asian Firms**

**1:20 PM Rajrani Kalra** - Kent State University  
**High Technology and Urban Development: A Case Study of Bangalore, India**

**1:40 PM Weiping Wu** - Virginia Commonwealth University

**Development of a Local Innovation System and University-Industry Linkages in Shanghai**

**2:00 PM Roger C.K. Chan** - The University Of Hong Kong  
**Hi-Tech Industrial Firms in Shanghai: Business Environment and Institutional Framework**

### **3546 Changing Economic Geography of Developing Countries IV: Technology and Innovation II**

Thursday, 4/7/05, from 3:00 PM - 4:40 PM  
Columbine

#### **Organizer(s):**

Yifei Sun - California State University;  
Yehua Dennis Wei - University of Wisconsin

#### **Chair(s):**

Dr. Susan M. Walcott - Georgia State U.

#### **Presenters:**

**3:00 PM Ms. Melanie Feakins**  
**Incipiently Global: Offshore Outsourcing in Russia**

**3:20 PM Mr. Chia-Ho Ching**  
**Trans-border Production Network and Technology Learning: the case of Taiwanese and Chinese Software Industry**

**3:40 PM Jun Zhang** - University of Minnesota  
**Venture capital, stock market and the uneven spatial development of Internet industry in China**

**4:00 PM Becky P.Y. Loo** - University Of Hong Kong  
**The Spatial Patterns of Internet Consumption and Production in China**

**4:20 PM Dr. Susan M. Walcott** - Georgia State University  
**The Tail of the Dragon: Developing Western China through High Tech Clusters**

### **3646 Changing Economic Geography of Developing Countries V: Cities and Economy in Transitional States**

Thursday, 4/7/05, from 5:00 PM - 6:40 PM  
Columbine

#### **Organizer(s):**

Yifei Sun - California State University;  
Roger C.K. Chan - The University Of Hong Kong

#### **Chair(s):**

Roger C.K. Chan - The University Of Hong Kong

#### **Presenters:**

**5:00 PM Piper Gaubatz** - University Of Massachusetts  
**Globalization, Urban Planning and Development Models, and China's "Go West" Campaign**

**5:20 PM Fan Yang**  
**Economic Tertiarization and Urban Reform in Globalizing China: the Case of Guangzhou**

**5:40 PM Yang Chun** - The University of Hong Kong  
**The Politics of City-Region Governance in China: A Case of the Proposed Cross-boundary Bridge in the Greater Pearl River Delta**

**6:00 PM Prof. Xiaobin Zhao** - University of Hong Kong  
**Urbanization Process and Economic Development in the Post-reform China: A Reappraisal**

**6:20 PM Andrew Ryder** - University of Portsmouth  
**Central-East European Cities After Communism: changes since 1989**

### **4112 Industrial Restructure, Diaspora, Retail Commerce, and aged effect of central region in Japan**

Friday, 4/8/05, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM  
Governor's Square 12

#### **Organizer(s):**

Unryu Suganuma - Hokuriku University

#### **Chair(s):**

Shawn M. Banasick - Kent State University

#### **Presenters:**

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**8:00 AM** Helmuth Toepfer - University of Bonn  
**Some regional effects of the ageing process in Central Japan**

**8:20 AM** Unryu Sukanuma - Hokuriku University  
**The Definition of Japanese Diaspora in China**

**8:40 AM** Dr. Nathalie Marie Cavašin - Waseda University  
**The landscape of retail commerce in Japan: how to stop the decline in Taito-ku district in Tokyo?**

**9:00 AM** Shawn M. Banasick - Kent State University  
**Deindustrialization and the Regional Structure of Manufacturing Employment in Japan.**

**Discussant:**

Pradyumna P. Karan - University Of Kentucky

### 4116 *Changing Economic Geography of Developing Countries VI: China Geography Specialty Group Student Paper Competition*

Friday, 4/8/05, from 8:00 AM - 9:40 AM

Governor's Square 16

**Organizer(s):**

Yifei Sun - California State University  
Shuguang Wang - Ryerson University

**Chair(s):**

Shuguang Wang - Ryerson University

**Presenters:**

**8:00 AM** Guillaume Neault  
**The Social Construction of Land use Planning and Development in China: 1949-1978.**

**8:20 AM** Jiangping Zhou  
**Stakeholder Conflicts in Recent Inner-city Redevelopment in China**

**8:40 AM** Shenjing He  
**The Changing Rationale and Interest Distribution of Urban Redevelopment in Shanghai**

**9:00 AM** Ms. Limei Li - Hong Kong Baptist University  
**Exploring a New Dimension of Residential Differentiation in Urban China under Market Transition: a Study of Suburban Residential Enclaves**

### 4216 *Changing Economic Geography of Developing Countries VII: Land Use and Environmental Changes*

Friday, 4/8/05, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM

Governor's Square 16

**Organizer(s):**

Yifei Sun - California State University;  
Qihao Weng - Indiana State University

**Chair(s):**

Qihao Weng - Indiana State University

**Presenters:**

**10:00 AM** Yichun Xie - Eastern Michigan University  
**CA/ABM Modeling of Paddy Field Conversion - A Case Study in China**

**10:20 AM** Jun Luo - University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee

**Study on Urban Population Surface and Density Function: a Case of Nanjing, China**

**10:40 AM** Honglin Xiao - Ebn University  
**The Impact of Human Activities on Karst Landforms at Guizhou China from 1991 to 2001**

**11:00 AM** Qihao Weng - Indiana State University  
**Urban Air Pollution Patterns, Land Use, and Thermal Landscape: An Examination of the Linkage Using GIS**

### 4449 *Geographies of the Middle East and the Arab World I: Innovative Pedagogy for a Dynamic Region*

Friday, 4/8/05, from 2:00 PM - 3:40 PM

Majestic Ballroom

**Organizer(s):**

Reecia Orzeck - Syracuse University  
Colin Flint - Pennsylvania State University

**Chair(s):**

Colin Flint - Pennsylvania State University

**Panelist(s):**

Rex Honey - University of Iowa  
Paul J. Kaldjian - University of Wisconsin -- Eau Claire

Reecia Orzeck - Syracuse University  
Farhang Rouhani - Mary Washington College  
Banu Gokariksel - University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

### 4549 *Geographies of the Middle East and the Arab World II: Research Agendas and Challenges*

Friday, 4/8/05, from 4:00 PM - 5:40 PM

Majestic Ballroom

**Organizer(s):**

Colin Flint - Pennsylvania State University;  
Reecia Orzeck - Syracuse University

**Chair(s):**

Reecia Orzeck - Syracuse University

**Panelist(s):**

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Ghazi Falah - University of Akron  
Hussein A. Amery - Colorado School of Mines  
Anna J Secor - University of Kentucky  
Dona J. Stewart - Georgia State University  
Colin Flint - Pennsylvania State University

### 5250 *Fieldwork in Asia: Opportunities and Challenges*

Saturday, 4/9/05, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM

Vail

#### Organizer(s):

Elizabeth Chacko - The George Washington U.

#### Chair(s):

Elizabeth Chacko - The George Washington U.

#### Panelist(s):

Hussein A. Amery - Colorado School of Mines  
Yeong-Hyun Kim - Ohio University  
Elizabeth Chacko - The George Washington University  
Henry WC Yeung - National University of Singapore  
Martin H. Hess - University Of Manchester  
Weiping Wu - Virginia Commonwealth University  
Gil Latz - Portland State University

### 5506 *Health and (missed) Development: Issues and Imperatives. A Session to Honor Dr. Ashok K. Dutt*

Saturday, 4/9/05, from 4:00 PM - 5:40 PM

Plaza Court 6

#### Organizer(s):

Vandana Wadhwa - University of Akron  
Jayati Ghosh - Dominican University Of California

#### Chair(s):

Jayati Ghosh - Dominican University Of California

#### Panelist(s):

Bimal Kanti Paul - Kansas State University  
Ezekiel Kalipeni - University of Illinois  
Yehua Dennis Wei - University of Wisconsin  
Cindy Fan - UCLA  
Lalita Sen - Texas Southern University

### 4212 *India Rising*

Friday, 4/8/05, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM

Governor's Square 12

#### Organizer(s):

George M. Pomeroy - Shippensburg University  
Rajiv Thakur

#### Chair(s):

Ashok K. Dutt - University Of Akron

#### Panelist(s):

Prof. Graham Chapman

George M. Pomeroy - Shippensburg University  
Debnath Mookherjee - Western Washington University

Allen G. Noble - University of Akron  
Jayati Ghosh - Dominican University Of California  
Pradyumna P. Karan - University Of Kentucky  
Rajrani Kalra - Kent State University  
Jan Nijman - University of Miami  
Frank J. Costa  
Ashok K. Dutt - University Of Akron

### 5209 *Rural China II: Migration and Human Resources*

Saturday, 4/9/05, from 10:00 AM - 11:40 AM

Governor's Square 9

#### Organizer(s):

Cindy Fan - UCLA

#### Chair(s):

Stanley Toops - Miami University

#### Presenters:

10:00 AM Yifei Sun - California State University  
**A Spatial Strategy for Human Resources in Rural Development: A Case Study of China**  
10:20 AM John Zhongdong Ma - Hong Kong University  
**Labor migration and socio-demographic transition in China**  
10:40 AM Cindy Fan - UCLA  
**The Impacts of Migration on Rural China**  
11:00 AM Wenfei Winnie Wang - UCLA  
**Why do women return?-----A study of return migration in Sichuan and Anhui, China**

#### Discussant(s):

Gregory Veeck - Western Michigan University

### 5525 *Thinking and Researching the Asian City*

Saturday, 4/9/05, from 4:00 PM - 5:40 PM

Director's Row F

#### Organizer(s):

Jamie Gillen - University Of Colorado;  
Josh Lepawsky - University of Kentucky

#### Chair(s):

Jamie Gillen - University Of Colorado

#### Presenters:

4:00 PM Josh Lepawsky - University of Kentucky  
**A museum, a city, a nation**  
4:20 PM Jamie Gillen - University Of Colorado  
**Toward a Global Entrepreneurial City Model**  
4:40 PM Chor Yee Wong - Texas Tech University  
**Globalization: Hong Kong's Repositioning in Regional Co-operation and Integration**  
5:00 PM Kyonghwan Park - University of Kentucky  
**Transnationalism and Fragmented Geographies of the Diasporic "Asian City": Re thinking Koreatown in Los Angeles**



## Selected Recent Publications (AGSG Members in Blue):

### Asia

**Hugo, Graeme.** Asian migration to Australia: changing trends and implications. *Scottish geographical journal [Glasgow]* Vol. 119. No. 3. 2003. p. 247-264.

**Liu, Chunjiang and others.** Variation in litter-fall-climate relationships between coniferous and broadleaf forests in Eurasia. *Global ecology and biogeography [Oxford]* Vol. 13. No. 2. March 2004. p. 105-114.

**Ricklefs, Robert E.; Qian, Hong; White, Peter S.** The Region effect on mesoscale plant species richness between eastern Asia and eastern North America. *Ecography [Oxford]* Vol. 27. No. 2. April 2004. p. 129-136. Map.

### Turkey

**Arends-Tóth, Judit & Van de Vijver, Fons J. R.** Domains and dimensions in acculturation: implicit theories of Turkish-Dutch. *International journal of intercultural relations [New York]* Vol. 28. No. 1. February 2004. p. 19-35.

**Bengio, Ofra.** *The Turkish-Israeli relationship: changing ties of Middle Eastern outsiders.* New York: Palgrave Macmillan. 2004. 236 p.

**Olson, Robert.** *Turkey-Iran relations, 1979-2004: revolution, ideology, war, coups and geopolitics.* Costa Mesa: Mazda Publishers. 2004. 284 p. Maps.

### Israel

**Bengio, Ofra.** *The Turkish-Israeli relationship: changing ties of Middle Eastern outsiders.* New York: Palgrave Macmillan. 2004. 236 p.

**Benjamin, Orly & Barash, Tamar.** 'He thought I would be like my mother': the silencing of Mizrahi women in Israeli inter- and intra-marriages. *Ethnic and racial studies [London]* Vol. 27. No. 2. March 2004. p. 266-289.

**Zviely, Dov & Klein, Micha.** Coastal cliff retreat rates at Beit-Yannay, Israel, in the 20th century. *Earth surface processes and landforms*

*[Chichester]* Vol. 29. No. 2. February 2004. p. 175-184. Maps.

### Iraq

**Graham, Stephen.** Vertical geopolitics: Baghdad and after. *Antipode [Oxford]* Vol. 36. No. 1. January 2004. p. 12-23.

**Jhaveri, Nayna.** Petroimperialism: US oil interests and the Iraq War. *Antipode [Oxford]* Vol. 36. No. 1. January 2004. p. 2-11.

**Swartzlander, Jeffrey M.** The Role of surveyors in Operation Iraqi Freedom. *Professional surveyor magazine [Falls Church]* Vol. 24. No. 4. April 2004. p. 8-13.

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## Previous Conferences of Interest

### **I. 2003 Pacific Neighborhood Conference, Bangkok, Thailand.**

The theme of the 2003 PNC Annual Conference (Bangkok, November 7-9) was "Cultural Heritage and Collaboration in the Digital Age." A variety of panels and presentations of interest to historical geographers and serve as a barometer of activity in the field as it focuses on Asian history and culture. Selected elements of the program are reproduced below. The full program can be viewed on line at <http://www.hpcc.nectec.or.th/PNC/>. Abstracts (when available) can be accessed through the "Program Day by Day" link. (Information on 2004's meeting, October 17-22, Taipei, Taiwan, is available from <http://pnclink.org/PNC2004/index.htm>.)

#### **\* *Historic Maps and the Study of Asian History***

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**China and Taiwan Historic GIS (Chinese and Taiwan Civilization in Time and Space)**, Hsiung-ming Liao

#### **\* *Digital Cultural Atlas Showcase***

**Buddhas in the Forest, Buddhas along the Road: Stone Buddhist Sculpture in Japan**, Janet R. Goodwin, et al.

**A Sphere of Electronic Cultural Atlas, Chosun Korea -The Reciprocity of Population and Land**, Hang-Nyong, et al.

#### **\* *Southeast Asia Digital Cultural Atlas***

**TimeMap of the Khmer Empire**, Roland

Fletcher

#### **\* *Charting Asia-Pacific Encounters***

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**Hoian Trade Port, Formation And Function As a Trade Route Partner**, Phan Thanh Bao, et al.

**Shipwrecks of Southeast Asia**, Roxanna Brown, Bangkok University Museum

#### **\* *Archeology and Remote Sensing***

**Finding the Road to Bree: Initial Perspectives on the Use of Remote Sensing for the Study of the Medieval Khmer Road Network**, Mitch Hendrickson

**Remote Sensing at Angkor: Mapping Settlement Structure Using Imaging Radar, Aerial Survey and GIS**, Damian Evans

#### **\* *Historical GIS in Southeast Asia: Plotting Historical Places and Communities***

**Applying GIS to the Study and Teaching of Vietnamese History**, Nguyen Van Hue, et al.

#### **\* *Historical GIS in Southeast Asia: GIS and Cultural Heritage***

**The Nature of Low Density Urbanism**, Roland Fletcher

#### **\* *Historical GIS in Southeast Asia: GIS for Anthropology***

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**Karbi Anglong, Assam, India: Anthropological Case Study of Local History**, Subhra Dey

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**Mapping the Khmer Rouge Killing Fields**, John Ciorciari, et al.

## II. Historical Geography at the 2004 Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, California, March 6.

### Session 162: GIS in Historical-Geographical Analysis: Case Studies from Japan and Vietnam: Sponsored by the Early Modern Japan Network

Organizer and Chair: Philip C. Brown, Ohio State University

The papers assembled here involve attempts to use this new technology as an analytical tool. **Loren Siebert** has been developing a digital cartographic history of the Tokyo region (mid-nineteenth century to the present) and spent the past two years in Tokyo working with **Koichi Watanabe** to extend that work ("Mapping Settlement Patterns and Characteristics around Edo in the 1800s Using a Geographic Information System [GIS]"). **Philip Brown** found that many explanations for the rise of corporate forms of village landholding in early modern Japan relied explicitly on assumptions about the frequency and severity of floods and/or landslides; he has begun to use GIS as a means of investigating the relationship between the natural environment and the presence of village control over

who farms what piece of land ("Arable as Commons: Land Reallocation and the Natural Environment in Early Modern Japan"). **Brian Zottoli** began to employ GIS to map and analyze cadastral rolls in pre-colonial Vietnam for his dissertation on state-local relations ("Equal Fields, Different Charters: Vietnam's Communal Farmers before the French"). **Brian Ostrowski** examines spatial influences on the development of early Christian missionary efforts in the seventeenth century ("GIS Approaches to the Early History of Christianity in Vietnam").

## III. Early Modern Japan Network 2004 Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, March 4.

The Early Modern Japan Network is composed of scholars who study Japan in the late fifteenth to mid-nineteenth century and it is largely composed of historians and literature specialists rather than historical geographers. Nonetheless, recent developments are opening interest in the geographical dimensions of early modern Japanese society. At its annual meeting, held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, two samples of this work by historians were presented.

"Silence Without Secrecy? What is Left Unsaid in Early Modern Japanese Maps"

Marcia Yonemoto argues first, that maps are ideas, and the history of maps is the history of ideas. Insofar as the map-as-idea becomes ideologically deployed, it utilizes suppression as well as expression in equal measure. We can productively read these enforced silences in maps as a form of political discourse that works at both the practical and symbolic levels. Secondly, analyzing the silences and secrecies in maps can ultimately

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help bring maps more fully into the purview of intellectual and political history.

"Japanese Portolan Charts and Hybrid Nautical Technology,"

Peter D. Shapinsky notes that for Japanese mariners in pre-modern East Asia, nautical technology was often a hybrid of practices and devices that originated in Japan, Korea, China, Southeast

Asia, perhaps even the Arab world, and Europe. In this world, practices like Yin-Yang theory, prayer and other spiritual mechanisms, and stellar navigation mixed with equal potentialities of use with devices like sounding leads, astrolabes, compasses, and maps. Discursively, the European arrival simply brought additional vectors of interaction and different types of knowledge, including the portolan chart, into the mix.

Phil Brown, Ohio State University

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## Upcoming Conference

**THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES CONFERENCE** will be held in Boulder, CO USA, Monday and Tuesday (April 4th and 5th). The Association of American Geographers Meetings begins with the Opening Address the evening of April 5th in nearby Denver.

The goal of the meeting is to bring a core group of international development scholars together to share papers, ideas and to get to know each other. The

schedule of the meeting will be both structured and open. It will include papers, discussion panels and interaction with a pre-AAG Political Geography

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for this meeting. We will all hold our panels at the Marriott Hotel in Boulder and registration for one meeting includes registration for the other. The Registration Fee will be US\$50 for faculty and \$0 for students. There will be a free reception. Further, optional recreational activities the weekend before the meetings (skiing, golf, climb-

ing, hiking, etc.) will be available at the best prices we can find. Registration will be via a soon-to-be-constructed website.

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54th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers, University of Western Ontario, London  
[Http://www.geography.ssc.uwo.ca/cag05](http://www.geography.ssc.uwo.ca/cag05)

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