



Annual Progress Report 2008

The Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC) was inaugurated on 27 February 2001 as a faculty-based research centre within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (now the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, CHASS). In 2006, it was affiliated with the newly formed Department of Asian and International Studies (AIS). Professor William Case (Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies) was appointed Director of SEARC in July 2006. Dr Vivienne Wee (Associate Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies) is Associate Director.

During its first four years of operation, SEARC established a strong international and regional reputation as a focal point for the study of political, economic, and social issues in contemporary Southeast Asia. Though possessing its own budget for research projects, SEARC members actively sought competitive external grant funding and commissioned a range of research projects, leading to a steady output of high-quality publications and working papers. It also attracted many respected scholars from outside the region who, in conducting seminars and carrying out research projects, helped further to enliven the Centre. SEARC also contributed more broadly to academic and public debate at City University (CityU) by regularly sponsoring public addresses, forums, roundtables, and international conferences.

In 2004, SEARC's founding Director, Professor Kevin Hewison, took up a new position in the United States. After his departure, 2005 and the first half of 2006 saw SEARC under the directorship of the Dean of FHS, though only in an acting capacity. Beginning in 2006, however, with the appointment of a new Director and winning of a large external grant by the Associate Director, SEARC began a campaign of revitalization. During 2008, generous funding support was made available to SEARC by CityU, enabling a steady stream of research activities, workshops, public events, and top publications to resume.

1. MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES

1.1 SEARC's mission statement

SEARC's mission statement reflects the development of the Centre and the changing role of CityU within Hong Kong's higher education sector. More detailed discussion of SEARC's mission within the University is presented in Section Seven below.

1.2 SEARC's aims

- To advance the Centre's international standing and City University's reputation by researching political, economic, and social developments in contemporary Southeast Asia
- To produce high quality academic publications on Southeast Asia

The mission of the Southeast Asia Research Centre is to build its position as an internationally recognised centre of excellence in applied and academic studies of contemporary Southeast Asia. *In doing this, the Centre seeks to project its analysis of regional issues into mainstream debates in the social sciences.*

The Centre carries out research under the broad headings of comparative politics, regional political economy, and the interface between state and society. It focuses more specifically on political democratization and authoritarian durability, economic linkages in the region, and social issues, including, migration, labour, Islamisation, and gender.

- To establish mutually beneficial links with international researchers and institutions committed to Southeast Asian issues
- To extend links to scholars and institutions researching other parts of the developing world, especially China, Northeast Asia, and Latin America, whose concerns resonate with those at the Centre
- To provide the Hong Kong government, business community and civil society organizations with policy relevant information about the region
- To enhance the study of Southeast Asia in Hong Kong and to increase understanding of the region within the CityU and Hong Kong communities.

1.3 SEARC's research themes

In late 2006, the SEARC Management Committee approved adoption of three new research themes, supplanting those that had in been in place since the Centre's inception. These themes, designed to provide a broad research direction while reflecting changes in contemporary Southeast Asia and the expertise of its new researchers, will contribute to the Centre's ongoing revitalization. They include:

- **'New democracies and contemporary authoritarianism'**

Research conducted under this theme begins by broadly addressing major trends of political continuity and change in the Southeast Asian setting. Southeast Asia has long been recognized as one of the world's most politically 'diverse' regions, with new democracies in the Philippines, Indonesia, Timor Loro Sae, and possibly Thailand; closed authoritarian regimes in Burma/Myanmar and Brunei; and post-totalitarian regimes in Viet Nam and Laos. Reflecting the expertise of the Centre's Director, Professor William Case, particular attention will be given to what have been identified through comparative analysis as 'hybrid' regimes, highly durable political systems which, in combining democratic procedures with authoritarian controls, are characteristic of several Southeast Asian countries, including Malaysia, Singapore, and Cambodia. On this count, parallels also exist with Hong Kong's experience, encouraging comparative policy-relevant analysis. Research will also be extended to finer institutional questions of executive accountability, legislative activities, the patronage systems that flourish within the region, and the prospects for transformative civil societies. This research theme is an important one, with the democratic or authoritarian elements that are constitutive of particular regimes holding major implications for political life across Southeast Asia's eleven countries and its half billion people.

- **'Economic openings, state mediations, societies in flux'**

Research conducted under this theme addresses new patterns of foreign investment in Southeast Asia, emanating largely from China, but also from new private equity firms, many of which though headquartered in the West have a large presence in Hong Kong. In addition, local equity firms and powerful sovereign funds have appeared in South Korea, Singapore, and Malaysia. At the same time, Viet Nam has emerged as a major destination for foreign direct investment, especially from Hong Kong, with export manufacturing now rapidly diversifying beyond China.

This theme also promotes research addressing Southeast Asia's role as the driving force behind East Asian free trade agreements and notions of an East Asian 'community' and 'identity'. But more than focusing on cross-national activities and their mediation by governments, these studies also explore major implications for political and societal restructuring.

- **The ‘State-society interface: contestations and convergences over gender, values, identities, rights and resources’**

This theme addresses a range of contested issues that are best approached using interdisciplinary tools from sociology, anthropology and other social sciences. In many respects, this theme reflects what SEARC has traditionally researched most effectively since several of its core members possess expertise in gender, religion and ethnicity in Southeast Asia and the challenges confronted by Southeast Asian migrant workers in Hong Kong and elsewhere. Issues involving the environment will also be explored, especially as they involve China’s policies of resource extraction in the Southeast Asian region. This particular theme best lends itself to applied research and real-world problems.

Viet Nam project

- As a major part of SEARC’s revitalization, the Centre has set up a specific Viet Nam country project. Viet Nam’s rapid transition from a planned and collectivized economy to more marketized dealings – driven by national leadership that fully recognizes the need for change – has consisted of serious reforms and poverty reduction, while avoiding severe social dislocations. Viet Nam has thus been hailed as Asia’s next ‘tiger’ economy, with powerful implications for China and Hong Kong.

In early 2007, the then CityU president, H.K. Chang, mandated that SEARC should reorient a substantial part of its research effort to the study of contemporary Viet Nam. Funding was then made available to SEARC for relevant research projects and staff support. Funding was also made available to the Department of AIS, with which SEARC is affiliated, in order to recruit as many as three Viet Nam specialists who would then join the Centre as core members. In mid-2007, Dr Chan Yuk-wah, who researches Vietnamese diasporas, relations with China, and Chinese minorities in Viet Nam, was reappointed to AIS. In early 2008, Dr Jonathan London, a specialist in Viet Nam’s contemporary politics and political economy, was recruited to AIS from Nanyang University in Singapore. With the funding made available to SEARC, Dr London organized a number of workshops addressing Viet Nam issues during his first year.

Women’s Empowerment in Muslim Contexts (WEMC) project

- In 2006, Dr Vivienne Wee, Associate Director of SEARC, began a five-year applied research project to discover and implement strategies through which women living in Muslim countries and communities might change inequitable patterns of dominance. The independent project is funded by the UK Government’s Department for International Development, with SEARC as the lead research partner and administrator of the Research Programme Consortium implementing the project. The project fits squarely within SEARC’s ‘State-society interface’ research theme. It is elaborated more fully in section 3.1 below.

The Centre’s Research Themes are available from its web site, at:

<http://www6.cityu.edu.hk/searc/themes.shtml>.

2. MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

2.1 Core members

The Centre’s core members consist of its principal researchers. They include:

- Professor William Case (Director, SEARC and Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)
- Dr Vivienne Wee (Associate Director, SEARC and Associate Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)

- Professor Martin Painter (Acting Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Chair Professor, Department of Public and Social Administration)
- Professor Graeme Lang (Head and Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)
- Dr Catherine Chiu (Associate Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Associate Professor and Associate Head, Department of Asian and International Studies)
- Professor Joseph Cheng (Chair Professor, Department of Public and Social Administration)
- Dr David Chan (Associate Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)
- Dr Yuk-wah Chan (Assistant Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)
- Dr Michael Connors (Associate Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)
- Dr Stephen Frost (Assistant Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)
- Dr Kyaw Yin Hliang (Assistant Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)
- Dr Jonathan London (Assistant Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)
- Dr Justin Robertson (Assistant Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)
- Dr Bill Taylor (Associate Professor, Department of Public and Social Administration)
- Dr Nicholas Thomas (Associate Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)

2.2 Management Committee

Selected from its core membership, SEARC's Management Committee is responsible for the operations of the Centre, including the management and allocation of resources for Centre members and projects. Reorganized in late 2008-2009, the Management Committee's members are:

- Professor William Case (Director, SEARC)
- Dr Vivienne Wee (Associate Director, SEARC)
- Dr Catherine Chiu (Associate Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Associate Professor and Associate Head, Department of Asian and International Studies)
- Dr Bill Taylor (Associate Professor, Department of Public and Social Administration)
- Dr Nicholas Thomas (Associate Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)

2.3 Steering Committee

The Steering Committee considers the Centre's overall direction, planning, budget, and projected outcomes. The members are:

- Chairman: Professor Martin Painter (Acting Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences)
- Convenor: Professor William Case (Director, SEARC)
- Dr Vivienne Wee (Associate Director, SEARC)
- Professor Joseph Cheng (Chair Professor, Department of Public and Social Administration)

- Professor Graeme Lang (Head, Department of Asian and International Studies)

2.4 International Advisory Committee

SEARC's International Advisory Committee seeks to recruit outstanding scholars on Southeast Asia. The Committee provides SEARC with general advice about research developments in the region. Its members include:

- Professor Wang Gungwu (Director, East Asia Institute, Singapore)
- Professor Richard Higgott (Director, Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation, The University of Warwick, UK)
- Professor Pasuk Phongpaichit (Professor of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand)
- Professor Zhuang Guoto (Director, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University, China)
- Professor Richard Robison (Professor of Political Economy, The Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands)
- Professor H.H. Michael Hsiao (Director, Asia-Pacific Research Program, Academia Sinica, Taipei)
- Professor Garry Rodan (Director, Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Australia)
- Professor V.T. King (Professor of Southeast Asian Studies and Director, Graduate School, University of Hull, UK)
- Professor Kevin Hewison (Director, Carolina Asia Centre, University of North Carolina of Chapel Hill, USA)

2.5 Research Associates and Affiliates

Since 2003, Research Associates (from within CityU) and Research Affiliates (from outside CityU) have been appointed by the Management Committee. These associations help to solidify the close working relationship between the Centre and these researchers.

Research Associates in 2008

- Dr Raymond K.H. Chan (Department of Applied Social Studies)
- Dr Angel Lin (Department of English and Communication)

Research Affiliates in 2008

- Dr Mark Beeson, Birmingham University, United Kingdom
- Dr Andrew Brown, Department of Political and Social Change, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University, Australia
- Dr Vedi Hadiz, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore, Singapore
- Miss Mary Ho, Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- Dr Michael Jacobsen, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Dr Kanishka Jayasuriya, Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Australia

- Ms Nancy Tong, WEMC, SEARC, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Visiting Fellows in 2008

- Ms Chew Choo-lin (1 March 2007-29 February 2008)
- Ms Ngo Tuyet-lan, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Viet Nam National University, Vietnam (1 October 2007-31 July 2008)
- Dr Lee Yong-chul, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University, Japan (8 November 2007-7 February 2008)
- Ms Farida Shaheed, Shirkat Gah Women's Resource Centre, Pakistan (1 November 2007-30 June 2009)
- Ms Khadija Zaheer, Shirkat Gah Women's Resource Centre, Pakistan (15 October 2007-14 October 2008)

2.6 Research and administrative staff

Research Fellows in 2008

- Dr Jan Stark, Senior Research Fellow, SEARC (January 2007 - 6 January 2009)
- Dr Astrid Tuminez, Senior Research Fellow, SEARC (part-time) (January 2006 - 10 May 2008)
- Dr Nankyung Choi, Research Fellow, SEARC (January 2008 -)

Research Associates

- Ms Ngo Tuyet-lan, Senior Research Assistant, SEARC (August 2008 -)
- Mr Chong-wong Tiong, Senior Research Associate, SEARC (November 2006 - 2 July 2008)
- Ms Phoebe So, Senior Research Associate, WEMC, SEARC (September 2006-)
- Ms Joy Tadios, Senior Research Associate, WEMC, SEARC (October 2006-)

Administrative Support

- Ms Josephine Yim, Clerical Officer, SEARC (July 2006-)
- Ms Mandy Wong, Executive Officer, WEMC, SEARC (December 2007-)
- Mr Sunny So, Clerical Assistant, WEMC, SEARC (November 2008-)

3. RESEARCH GRANTS

Core members of SEARC have been active in seeking funding for research projects from external competitive sources and from CityU. In the first four years of its operation, SEARC was also able to provide in its own right smaller amounts of funding for closely targeted research projects. In 2007 funding became available to resume this small grant funding on a modest scale, though the bulk of it will be directed exclusively to the study of Viet Nam. In addition, SEARC established during its early years a critical focus on women's issues, ethnicity, religion, labour, migration, and environment that bolstered the success rate of its members in making applications. The research that followed has contributed to academic debates across a range of fields, while also demonstrating policy relevance. The awarding of grant funding in 2008, as well as the progress of ongoing projects is listed below:

3.1 External competitive grants

- In July 2006, Dr Vivienne Wee, SEARC Associate Director, was awarded a grant of HKD53 million by the UK government's Department for International Development (DFID). This is the largest grant ever won by a researcher at CityU. The grant supports a five-year project entitled **'Women's Empowerment in Muslim Contexts: Gender, Poverty and Democratisation From the Inside Out (WEMC)'**. This award is part of DFID's programme to enhance women's empowerment globally and to attain the third goal in the United Nations' Millennium Campaign, specifically, to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women. Dr Wee's project brings together an innovative coalition that synergizes world-class academic institutions and leading civil society organisations. It is implemented by an international Research Programme Consortium (RPC) comprising CityU researchers and collaborating institutions that includes: SEARC (CityU), International Gender Studies Centre (Oxford University), Department of Community Health Services (Aga Khan University, Pakistan), Shirkat Gah Women's Resource Centre (Pakistan), Solidaritas Perempuan (Indonesia), Semarak Cerlang Nusa (Indonesia), Women Living Under Muslim Laws (Regional Coordination Office – Asia), and ENGENDER (Singapore, Hong Kong). Dr Catherine Chiu, Core Member of SEARC and Associate Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at CityU, is also part of this project, coordinating SEARC's research on Muslim women in Guangzhou. Dr Wee herself, apart from being the Director of the RPC, is also the lead researcher in the research on Indonesia.

During 2008, Dr Wee continued to provide intellectual leadership and strategic management in her third year as Director of the RPC. Research continued in Muslim communities and countries in four Asian sub-regions – China (East Asia), Indonesia (Southeast Asia), Pakistan (South Asia), and Iran (West Asia), and it will be supplemented by analysis of cross-border interactions. However, the relevance of this project extends beyond Muslim contexts to non-Muslim milieus with other kinds of disempowering forces. The project analyses women's empowerment strategies, identifies sources of support for strengthening women's agency as insiders challenging disempowering structures, builds analytical capacity and strategic alliances that catalyse transformative research, and pinpoints ways for promoting good governance, democratization, and appropriate development. It is thus very much an applied research project through which to identify women's indigenous strategies for empowerment in ways that can transform unfavourable power relations.

- In October 2007, Dr Vivienne Wee received a grant of HKD273,000 from the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) for a project on **“Culture”, Women, Violence: Debunking and Rejecting Cultural Justifications for Violence Against Women'**. This ground-breaking project differs from other projects on violence against women by focusing on a key mechanism that leads to the perpetuation of such violence – namely, the misuse of culture as a mode of justification. Such 'cultural' justifications systematically reproduce particular patterns of violence as social norms, thereby rooting violence in the very fabric of social relationships and interactions. The project was launched in conjunction with the WEMC Research Programme Consortium's forums on 'Culture', Women, Violence, organised in Turkey in collaboration with the Istanbul Bilgi University and the Middle East Technical University. UNIFEM's grant is for Phase 1 of the project, which covers a video-link between Istanbul and New York during the forum, as well as preliminary footage for a film on 'Culture', Women, Violence. Further funding is expected for Phase 2 of the project.
- In 2008, SEARC Director Professor William Case was successful in his application for a GRF (formerly CERG) grant from the University Grants Council. The project (9041396-770), entitled **'Executive Accountability under Authoritarian Rule: The Role of Southeast Asia's Legislatures'**, has been funded over three years for HKD530,544. Commencing in January 2009, it will test a hypothesis that in Southeast Asia, legislatures operating under

authoritarian regimes can sometimes better hold executives accountable than in the region's new democracies. Comparisons will be made across five country cases: Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines, and Indonesia.

3.2 University grants

- During 2008, Professor William Case completed a project entitled **'Ownership Patterns and Political Regimes in the "ASEAN Three"'**. The grant (grant type: New Staff Start-up Grant, 7200101) was awarded for HKD99,974. The study evaluated the resilience of different political regimes in Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia – Southeast Asia's largest economies – a decade after they had been tested by the Asian financial crisis of 1997-98. Fieldwork was undertaken in the capital cities of all three country cases during January 2008. A paper entitled 'Capital, Crisis and Regimes: The "ASEAN Three" a Dozen Years Later' was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, an SSCI journal, in mid-2008 and has been set for publication in early 2010.
- During 2008, Professor William Case continued a project entitled **'Can Legislatures Hold Governments More Accountable under Contemporary Authoritarianism than in New Democracies? Evidence from Southeast Asia'**. The grant (grant type: Strategic Research Grant, 7002186) was awarded by the University Research Committee in September 2007 for HKD174,319 over 15 months, commencing 1 October 2007. It has since been extended to June 2009. The study compares the motivations and performances of legislators operating under a semi-authoritarian regime in Malaysia with those of legislators in a new democracy in Indonesia. It hypothesizes that because legislators under the former kind of regime seek to impose accountability rather than to gain patronage, they are more effective in exposing and deterring various government abuses. Professor Case attended three sessions of Malaysia's parliament and interviewed opposition parliamentarians during December 2008. In the second part of the comparative exercise, he is scheduled to attend sessions of Indonesia's parliament and interview parliamentarians during May or June 2009.

3.3 SEARC-funded research projects

As noted above, during its first years of operation, SEARC was able to fund a range of small research projects (see table below). Owing to budgetary constraints, this allocation of funding ceased in 2005. During 2007, however, new funding was obtained through which to resume research projects at a modest level. A few projects were thus funded during 2008. To date, a total of HKD1,597,094.82 has been allocated to SEARC research projects. All applications were reviewed by members of the Centre's Management Committee. Where funding exceeded HKD90,000, external refereeing was sought. Most of the funding that has been obtained during 2007, however, will be reserved for raising SEARC's research profile as a major centre for the study of contemporary Viet Nam.

| Investigator | Project title | Amount (HKD) | Commencement | Status |
|---|---|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Dr Zang Xiaowei | Earnings Determination and Ethnicity in Malaysia | 249,942.40 | March 2001 | Completed |
| Professor Kevin Hewison & Dr Raymond Chan | Labour Regulatory Regimes and Labour Standards: A Comparative Perspective | 249,893.75 | March 2001 | Completed |
| Dr Joseph Kwok | NGOs working with Women with Disabilities: An exploratory | 60,000 | March 2001 | Completed |

| Investigator | Project title | Amount (HKD) | Commencement | Status |
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| | and comparative case study in Hong Kong and the Philippines | | | |
| Professor Kevin Hewison | Reconstructing Institutions and Power in Southeast Asia: Malaysia and Thailand | 58,600 | March 2001 | Completed |
| Dr Vivienne Wee | Political fault-lines in Southeast Asia: pre-modernist atavisms in post-colonial nation-states | 60,000 | June 2001 | Completed |
| Dr Vivienne Wee | Political fault-lines in Southeast Asia: movements for ethnic autonomy in nation-state structures | 59,940 | June 2001 | Completed |
| Dr Graeme Lang | Syncretistic Religions in East and Southeast Asia: A Comparative Analysis of Yi Guan Dao (China) and Cao Dai (Viet Nam) | 10,450 | June 2001 | Completed |
| Dr Kanishka Jayasuriya | The Politics of Social Capital in Southeast Asia | 59,920 | July 2001 | Completed |
| Professor Joseph Cheng | China's ASEAN Policy in the 21 st Century | 75,000 | August 2001 | Completed |
| Dr Vivienne Wee | Southeast Asian Migrant Workers in Hong Kong: Transnational Labour Networks in an Inter-ethnic Gendered Economy | 60,000 | February 2002 | Completed |
| Dr Michael Jacobsen | Ethnification of Provincial Politics in Indonesia. Assessing Economic Decentralisation from a Provincial Perspective | 54,500 | February 2002 | Completed |
| Dr Vivienne Wee | Movements for Local Autonomy in Riau Province, Indonesia | 77,000 | February 2002 | On-going |
| Professor Ian Holliday | Just Cause and Contingent Factors: Burma 1990 and Beyond | 6,002 | February 2002 | Completed |
| Dr Michael Jacobsen | Assessing Ethnic Chinese Entrepreneurs and Official Economic Policy Planning in North Sulawesi Province, Indonesia | 58,500 | February 2003 | Completed |
| Professor Joseph Cheng | The ASEAN-China Free Trade Area: Genesis and Implications | 49,865 | February 2004 | Completed |
| Dr Graeme Lang | China's Impact on Forests and the Forest-Products Industry in Southeast Asia | 36,000 | May 2004 | Completed |
| Dr Angel Lin | Globalisation and | 38,950 | June 2004 | On-going |

| Investigator | Project title | Amount (HKD) | Commencement | Status |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------|---------------|-----------|
| | Language-in-Education Policy and Planning (LPP) in Postcolonial Southeast Asian Societies | | | |
| Professor Ian Holliday | Confronting Authoritarianism in the Information Age: Virtual Political Mobilisation against Myanmar's Military Junta | 16,006 | June 2004 | Completed |
| Professor Joseph Cheng | Broadening the Concept of Security in East and Southeast Asia: the Impact of the Asian Financial Crisis and the September 11 Incident | 45,000 | June 2004 | Completed |
| Dr Vivienne Wee | New Immigrants from China to Laos | 40,200 | June 2004 | On-going |
| Dr Jan Stark | Inter-Linkages between Malaysia and Pakistan | 20,005.67 | April 2007 | Completed |
| Professor Joseph Cheng | Sino-Vietnamese Relations: Territorial Disputes, "China Threat" Perception and Peaceful Development | 50,000 (estimated) | February 2008 | On-going |
| Dr Jan Stark | Pakistan-Malaysia Linkages: Exploring New Diversified Regional Relations | 40,000 | March 2007 | Completed |
| Dr Jan Stark | "Snow Leopard" re-visited: Kazakhstan's Ties with East Asia | 46,852 | March 2008 | Completed |
| Dr Chan Yuk-wah | Migration Recycled: Viet kieu and the Construction of the Vietnamese Modernity | 46,740 (estimated) | June 2008 | On-going |
| Professor Martin Painter | Exploring the Regulatory State in Socialist market Economies: The Case of the Telecommunications Sector in China and Viet Nam | 27,728 (estimated) | November 2008 | On-going |

4. COLLABORATION AND PUBLICITY

4.1 Collaboration

The Centre has a range of collaborative arrangements with individual researchers, Centres, and other universities. These include:

- Murdoch University, Perth, Australia
- The Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands
- Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia

- National University of Singapore, Singapore
- Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies, Wollongong University, Wollongong, Australia
- Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia
- Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China
- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
- Carolina Asia Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, United States

4.2 Publicity

SEARC has gained an impressive amount of local, regional, and international publicity. Core members and Centre research staff are regularly quoted in the press on Southeast Asian affairs. The range of outlets includes: *Asian Wall Street Journal*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Financial Times*, *South China Morning Post*, Associated Press, Reuters, CNN, BBC, Star TV, Voice of America and Chinese-language and Southeast Asian-language newspapers and magazines. During 2008, Professor Case gave a number of radio interviews with Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) and Voice of America about political developments in Thailand and Malaysia. Dr. Vivienne Wee gave interviews to Feminist International Radio Enterprise and to a Cape Town-based radio station in 2008. Dr Chan Yuk-wah was also interviewed on RTHK about young people's culturally conditioned attitudes toward death.

In 2008, SEARC thoroughly revamped its website (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/searc>) to reflect the centre's new research themes, activities, committee, and core memberships. Further, after having been revitalized in 2007, SEARC's working paper series, posted on its website, was expanded in 2008. At the end of the year, the series included 101 papers.

5. ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC EVENTS

SEARC regularly organizes academic workshops and seminars, as well as public events in various formats. These events frequently involve international participants, thus increasing CityU's exposure and strengthening its cross-national links. Usually held on university premises, they have generated considerable publicity for CityU, raising its intellectual vibrancy and civic vitality. SEARC has thus continued this tradition, hosting a number of events during 2008.

5.1 Academic workshops

SEARC held three major workshops in 2008. The first, 'Contemporary Authoritarianism in Southeast Asia', included noted academics from the US, UK., Australia, Southeast Asia, and CityU. Papers from the workshop have been accepted for publication in a special issue, guest edited by Professor William Case, of *The Pacific Review* in mid-2009. *The Pacific Review* is an SSCI journal (see appendix). Hence, this project has been highly successful in that, while collaborating cross-institutionally, papers written by four CityU academics based in the Department of AIS will be featured in the special issue. In addition, a proposal to republish the papers in book form is currently being considered by Routledge.

The other two workshops, 'Remaking the Vietnamese State' and 'Viet Nam, East Asia, and Beyond', were convened by Dr Jonathan London, thereby advancing the 'Viet Nam project' that former CityU President H.K. Chang encouraged SEARC to undertake and provided funding for over a period of three years. Papers presented at the first of these workshops are currently being edited by an editor, employed by SEARC on a part-time contract basis with Viet Nam project

funding, in preparation for their submission to an international journal. Papers presented at the second workshop are currently being revised by their authors.

- **‘Contemporary Authoritarianism in Southeast Asia: Structures, Institutions, and Agency’**, convened by Professor William Case, 9-10 May 2008.
- **‘Remaking the Vietnamese State: Implications for Viet Nam and Beyond’**, led by Dr Jonathan London as part of the Viet Nam project, 21-22 August 2008.
- **‘Viet Nam, East Asia, and Beyond’**, led by Dr Jonathan London as part of the Viet Nam project, 11-12 December 2008.

A number of SEARC workshops have also been scheduled for 2009, the first of which, entitled ‘National Conciliation and Consolidation Process in Burma/Myanmar’, was held in January. The papers have already been accepted for publication in a special issue of *Contemporary Southeast Asia* in 2009.

A second workshop (co-organized with the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies [ISEAS] at the National University of Singapore), three conferences (one co-organized with Sun-yet Sen University to be convened by Chair Professor Joseph Cheng and a second co-organized with the Centre of Asian Studies at Hong Kong University to be convened by Dr Nicholas Thomas with funding from the Ford Foundation), and a symposium (co-organized by WEMC under Dr Vivienne Wee’s direction) are scheduled for later in the year (see *Other events for 2009* below).

Proposals are also being considered for two additional workshops in the second half of 2009, a first that would examine political and social liberalism in Southeast and be convened by Dr Michael Connors, who has just joined AIS and SEARC, and a second, convened by Professor William Case, on striking political changes that have taken place recently in Malaysia.

5.2 Academic seminars

SEARC organized a large number of seminars in 2008, averaging more than one every two months. Those addressing the impact of the recent economic crisis on the region were especially popular. These events featured high-profile speakers from major financial institutions based in Europe and Hong Kong. In each case, they were each invited by Dr Justin Robertson, a member of AIS staff and a core member of SEARC who possesses a particular research interest in hedge funds and private equity groups. SEARC also hosted a seminar by Mr. Jeff Ooi during 2008, chief of staff of the Penang state government in Malaysia, a newly elected opposition member of parliament, and a leading blogger in the Southeast Asian setting. The former president of the Pakistan Bar Association, Mr Muneer A. Malik, also gave a SEARC seminar, with Mr. Rob Hanlon, an AIS PhD student, having invited him through contacts with the Asian Human Rights Commission based in Hong Kong.

- **‘A Titanic Tussle: Thailand’s Future after the Election’**, Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak, (Institute of Security and International Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand), 16 January 2008.
- **‘Democracy and Elections: The Impact of Online Politics in Singapore’**, Mr James Gomez (Monash Asia Institute, Monash University, Australia), 5 May 2008.
- **‘The Relationship between the Judiciary and Human Rights: Pakistan’s Experience and its implication for Southeast Asia’**, Mr Muneer A. Malik (Former President of the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan), 14 May 2008.
- **‘An “L” of Recession’**, Dr Jim Walker (Managing Director of Asianomics, Hong Kong), 10 October 2008.

- **‘Can Asia Really be Globalized on the Way Up Yet Decoupled on the Way Down’**, Dr Simon Ogun (Founder and CEO of DSGAsia, Hong Kong), 27 November 2008.
- **‘Political Tsunami and the Future of Malaysia’**, Mr Jeff Ooi (Chief-of-Staff, Penang State Government, Malaysia), 1 December 2008.
- **‘Civil Society and Post-Election Politics in Cambodia’**, Dr Ngin Chanrith (Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia), co-organized with AIS, 16 December 2008.

Another SEARC seminar has been scheduled for March 2009, to be given by Dr Nankyung Choi, a SEARC research fellow, about Indonesia’s upcoming legislative elections.

5.3 Public events

One of the most popular activities that SEARC has undertaken over the years has been its public forums and talks through these events, academics, professionals, social activists, and interested members of the public have engaged one another through gatherings on the CityU campus, helping raise the university’s local profile and its contributions to public life. During 2008, SEARC continued this tradition hosting three events (a complete listing of those organized in past years is available on the SEARC website). The first consisted of a public lecture given by Mr Rob Gifford, formerly National Public Radio’s correspondent in Beijing, now its London Bureau Chief. This was one of the many events that were part of the annual Man Hong Kong International Literary Festival, marking the first time that CityU had been invited to participate in the event. The address was attended by over sixty CityU staff members and students, as well as members of the public.

- **‘Public address – Is a Peaceful Rise Really Possible for China? Impact on Southeast Asia and the World’**, Mr Rob Gifford (National Public Radio’s London Bureau Chief), co-organized with the Man Hong Kong International Literary Festival, 10 March 2008.
- **‘Public forum – Suku Tionghoa Bergabung Dengan Masyarakat Arus Induk di Indonesia The Integration of Ethnic Chinese into Mainstream Society in Indonesia’ [印尼華人融入主流社會]**, co-organized with Hong Kong Society for Indonesian Studies, 24-25 May 2008.
- **‘Public forum – Founding Assembly of the International Migrants’ Alliance (IMA), a Global Alliance of Migrants, Immigrants, Refugees and Displaced People’**, co-organized by WEMC with the International Migrants’ Alliance (IMA), 15 June 2008.

6. APPLIED WORK UNDERTAKEN

In past years, as SEARC matured and its research programme evolved, the Centre’s focus turned increasingly to projects that held prospects for real-world application, not least in Hong Kong. SEARC’s research thus came to focus on (i) labour migration, labour standards, and corporate social responsibility; and (ii) China and Southeast Asia.

One example of the significant output that resulted from these activities involves a project entitled *Labour Regulatory Regimes and Labour Standards: A Comparative Perspective*, funded by the Centre and concluded in 2004. This project generated a range of publications and provided the basis for the successful CERG application. It also produced six working papers that later became the basis for the Centre’s specialist web site devoted to labour law and practice in Hong Kong, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. This site enabled researchers, labour activists, union organizers, and others to compare sections of law in each of these countries. It was launched in May 2004. By the end of that year it had received over 2,000 hits, and by early 2008 had received some 9,800 hits.

Another example of this applied research involves a consultancy undertaken by SEARC researchers, Dr Vivienne Wee, Dr Chan Yuk-wah, and Ms Cathy Chan, for the Wan Chai District. It investigated the ways in which Indonesian migrant workers access public facilities and services. It resulted in the publication in 2006 of a report entitled ‘A Survey of the Social Integration of Indonesians in Wan Chai District’.

During early 2007, Professor William Case and Ms Phoebe So studied the campaigning and voting dynamics of the Hong Kong chief executive election. In their analysis, parallels and contrasts were drawn with the political systems of several Southeast Asian countries and states within federal systems, leading to the canvassing of various reform proposals. This gained some attention for SEARC, leading to Professor Case’s being invited to give extended commentary on Pearl TV and an address at the Hong Kong Club (see appendix). A manuscript based on the observations made by Professor Case and Ms So was also included in SEARC’s working paper series and later formed the basis for a journal submission to *East Asia: An International Quarterly*, published in late 2008 (see Appendix A).

By far the largest applied research effort undertaken by SEARC, however, has involved the WEMC project, a consultancy undertaken for DFID over a five-year period. This project is geared to discovering and disseminating various strategies through which women in Muslim countries and communities, (specifically, Indonesia, Pakistan, Iran, Muslims in China, Indonesian labour migrants, and Afghan refugees) might increase their positions in context-specific power relations in order to attain more equitable statuses and access to resources in family and community relations, education, career prospects, and citizenship rights. In its aims and breadth, it is difficult to think of a project in the social sciences today that could have a more worthwhile research application.

7. RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND ACHIEVEMENTS

7.1 Research development

In mid-2008, the Southeast Asia Research Centre was allocated HKD1.0 million by CityU’s Advisory Group on Research Centres. This, together with the funding that had previously been made available from the president’s discretionary fund for the Viet Nam Project, as well as the funding granted for the WEMC project by DFID, made a great increase in research activity possible. SEARC’s core members were thus able to produce some top publications and conference papers. In 2008, core members presented papers at peak events, including the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association (APSA), the American Sociological Association (ASA), and the International Studies Association (ISA). It should be recognized that the acceptance rate of papers proposed for conferences at this level is less than ten percent. (Details are presented in the Appendices.)

In line with CityU’s mission statement (see text box, above), SEARC’s principal goal is to develop a world-class research centre for the university and to advance knowledge regarding significant political, economic, and social changes in contemporary Southeast Asia.

City University’s Mission and Role

‘The mission of City University of Hong Kong is to nurture and develop the talents of students and to create applicable knowledge in order to support social and economic advancement...

‘The University considers research and teaching as inextricably linked. Research informs teaching, which includes the provision of research opportunities to our students so that they can contribute to the development of the community... The University enhances its strength through pursuing collaboration in teaching and research with other institutions of higher education-

7.2 New directions

SEARC seeks to preserve its traditional strengths in ethnicity, religion, labour, migration, women's issues and cross-national relations between China and Southeast Asia. But as part of its continuing revitalization, new directions in research have been charted.

As noted above, SEARC is now turning to questions about: (i) democratic change and authoritarian durability in Southeast Asia and Hong Kong; (ii) the political economy of investment patterns and regionalist identity formation across East and Southeast Asia; and (iii), under its 'State-Society Interface' heading, gender relations and women's empowerment in a range of Muslim countries and communities in Southeast Asia and elsewhere in Asia. In addition, while SEARC also remains committed to broadly based questions about relations between China and Southeast Asia, greater emphasis will be given to more specific questions about economic change in Viet Nam, as well as the implications this holds for the country's politics, social minorities, borderlands, and competitions with China over markets and security. These new directions, while respecting SEARC's commitments to applied research, will align the Centre's activities more closely with vibrant scholarly debates in comparative politics, political economy, and sociology.

By the end of 2008, SEARC's agenda on women's issues in diverse Muslim contexts probably remained most advanced. Building on the successes of the *Islam in Southeast Asia and China Symposium* held in late 2002, and the conference, 'Ethnicity in Multicultural Asia – Theory and Findings', held in late 2003, some of SEARC's core members have further developed their interests in Islam, Islamism and Islamization. In particular, through her large WEMC project, Dr Vivienne Wee has been investigating strategies for empowering women in contested Muslim settings. Professor William Case has also published recently a co-authored article on Islamism's unexpected compatibilities with democracy in Malaysia. The practical significance of this kind of research is made plain by the deepening religious tensions that afflict large parts of Asia.

Moreover, in fully recognizing CityU commitments to applied research, SEARC hopes to nurture other areas of policy-related study, particularly in environmental studies. SEARC is no longer able to recruit and fund new research fellows, as it had during its early years. But it is envisaged that as the Department of Asian and International Studies with which it is affiliated acquires new teaching staff, greater expertise in environmental issues in East and Southeast Asia will become available. Accordingly, SEARC's proposed research aim is in concert with new directions proposed for AIS by its head of department, Professor Graeme Lang, who has outlined GE courses and research projects addressing environmental questions.

Professor Lang, together with the Departmental Staffing Committee, has also proposed recruiting to AIS of a chair professor in East Asian developmental economics. Were this to happen, SEARC would readily make use of this new expertise to form novel research programs addressing the consequences of the current global economic crisis on the Southeast Asian region and its financial and trade linkages with Hong Kong and China.

SEARC remains very concerned also to bring each of its research activities to closure in the form of high-quality publications. To the extent that it can, it will continue to provide small-grant funding to CHASS-based faculty in support of tightly focused research projects that lead to larger-scale proposals, but also to immediately publishable outcomes. It will also regularly hold focused workshops involving moderate numbers of selected participants, seemingly the most efficient way in which to produce publishable papers. The process will be aided also, if funding allows, by SEARC's retention of an in-house editor, thus quickening turn-around and submission times. Finally, as it carries out its research activities, SEARC seeks to strengthen the cross-institutional links that it has started to develop through its workshops, leading to even greater scholarly vibrancy.

In sum, during 2008, SEARC sought to perpetuate the applied character of much of its research. The Centre's research is thus in accord with the major research-related items of CityU's mission

statement (see above). But it strives also to address more academic debates in the fields of comparative politics, political economy, sociology, and Southeast Asia area studies.

7.3 Achievements

| SEARC Research Outputs 2008 | |
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| Category | Number |
| Monograph and special features | 2 |
| Edited books/journals | 3 |
| Chapters in edited books | 18 |
| Refereed journal articles | 12 |
| Non-refereed journal articles | 3 |
| Papers for conference, workshop, symposia, etc. | 30 |
| Book reviews | 5 |
| Academic workshops | 3 |
| Academic seminars | 7 |
| Public events | 3 |

SEARC's research outputs are discussed in various parts of this report and are listed in Appendix A. During 2008, there were significant achievements that augur well for the next few years (see Table, left).

Among its most notable achievements has been the revitalization of the *RoutledgeCurzon/City University of Hong Kong Southeast Asia Studies* series, with Professor William Case, Dr Vivienne Wee, and Professor Graeme Lang serving as co-editors. This series, which had lapsed for some

years, will again enhance the Centre's international reputation as a centre of research excellence. To date, seven titles have been published. In 2008, a volume entitled *US-Asia Economic Relations* was published in this series by Dr Justin Robertson, an AIS staff member and core member of SEARC. A volume edited by Dr Wee, entitled *Political Fragmentation in Southeast Asia*, is scheduled to be published in 2009.

In addition, as noted above, the number of workshops, seminars, and public events organized by SEARC increased greatly during 2008-2009. Two of these workshops have produced papers already accepted for publication as special journals (see appendix).

8. EVALUATION

SEARC was externally reviewed in November 2004 and very positively assessed, confirming its standing as a world-class research centre able to help enhance the international profile of CityU. This reputation has also been reflected in its frequent production of special issues and features of international journals, as well its publication of seven titles through the RoutledgeCurzon/City University of Hong Kong Southeast Asia Studies book series. These books have sold well, been favourably reviewed, and have attracted expressions of continuing support from the publisher.

During 2005 and the first half of 2006, however, after the departure of SEARC's founding Director and the decline in its resources, SEARC seemed to reach a plateau. Thus, during the second half of 2006, a campaign to revitalize SEARC was started. To lead this effort, Professor William Case was appointed as the new Director in July.

A senior research fellowship was also advertised and applicants were sought whose reputations gave confidence that they would contribute to the Centre's scholarly vibrancy and research output. Toward the end of 2006, an offer was made to Dr Jan Stark, based at the Centre for Development Research in Bonn, Germany, and an expert in political Islam in Southeast and Central Asia, to join SEARC as a senior research fellow for a year. Dr Stark, fluent in Malay/Indonesian, Arabic, Persian, English, and German, and with publications in several international journals of comparative politics, accepted SEARC's offer and began his appointment in 2007. His appointment was then renewed through 2008.

Toward the end of 2007, with funding provided by the dean, Dr Nankyung Choi was recruited from Nanyang University in Singapore to join SEARC as research fellow for two years. Dr Choi specializes in democratization and electoral politics, especially in Indonesia, interests that squarely accord with SEARC's new research themes. She took up her appointment in January in 2008.

Funding was also approved by the former president to appoint research associates and possibly another research fellow to help in advancing SEARC as an internationally recognized centre for the study of politics, economy, and society in contemporary Viet Nam. At the time of writing, advertising was about to be placed by the Department of AIS for the recruitment of a second teaching staff member with a specialization in some aspect of contemporary Viet Nam. It is anticipated that the successful candidate will become a core member of SEARC and collaborate with Dr London and Dr Chan in rapidly advancing the Centre's Viet Nam-oriented research.

Meanwhile, SEARC researchers continue to receive invitations to present their research internationally at workshops and on conference panels, observe elections overseas, and provide media commentary to local and international outlets. They are also active in applying for competitive external funds, while publishing articles in high-quality international journals and books from highly regarded publishers. In 2008, Dr Justin Robertson published a single-author book in the RoutledgeCurzon/City University of Hong Kong Southeast Asia Studies series. In 2009, an eighth title, *Political Fragmentation in Southeast Asia*, edited by Dr Vivienne Wee, is scheduled for publication.

But while growing more active toward the end of 2006 and seeking to make a strong contribution to CityU's international profile and research output, hence contributing to the university's mission and role, SEARC still faced challenges in three principal areas.

- **New SEARC profile.** The new profile of SEARC and its researchers means that the Centre has strong prospects to raise even further the high regard in which it is already held. But the new aims and staff turnover have meant too that a more regular schedule of workshops and conferences hosted by the Centre only came into place in 2008. SEARC has been somewhat hampered in this too by the recentness of the funding that it has received and the fact that most of it has been committed to Viet Nam. Further, Dr London, currently the pivotal staff member in SEARC's new mission to study Viet Nam's contemporary politics and political economy, did not take up his appointment until 2008. A third Viet Nam specialist has yet to be appointed. Meanwhile, three of SEARC's most longstanding and productive core members, Professor Martin Painter and Professor Graeme Lang have been preoccupied with new administrative duties.
- **Budgetary resources.** Operating expenses, outstanding commitments for staff salaries, and small grant funding awarded in past years left SEARC nearly bereft of resources throughout 2006 and the first quarter of 2007. Thus, while the WEMC project flourished with independent funding, SEARC was unable to support anything further in the way of research projects and workshops during 2006. SEARC was generously funded during 2008, however, enabling research activities to resume.

As noted above, SEARC researchers apply regularly for competitive external grants. They also endeavour to produce research in areas that bear relevance for industry, especially in Hong Kong. They have also been commissioned to undertake projects by various Hong Kong government bodies. But while producing studies on migration and labour standards, SEARC's standing as a social sciences-based research centre makes it difficult to attract corporate donors. Government projects have also been irregular. SEARC has attracted approximately HKD150,000 per year in overhead from DFID for its administration of the WEMC project. However, SEARC will likely remain dependent on CityU for the bulk of its budgetary resources.

- **Fieldwork.** As a research centre dedicated to the study of the Southeast Asian region, it is essential that SEARC researchers be given adequate time to carry out fieldwork. Conducting interviews, targeted surveys, archival research, and other forms of data collection all require that researchers spend time overseas. Without this, very little in the way of new information

can be gained that leads to the publications in respected book series and SSCI journals that CityU rightly values. Moreover, as their contacts fade and language skills atrophy, researchers are reduced to recycling old material or synthesizing the data and interpretations of others, soon eroding their credibility among academic peers and media analysts. SEARC researchers remain fully committed to their classroom and administrative commitments at CityU. But the University's tight restrictions on research leave – even during term breaks – make it difficult to carry out extended research, especially across several country cases. For SEARC to prosper in the future, it is essential that its researchers be able to engage fully with the Southeast Asia region.

9. PLANS (SEARC, WEMC project, Viet Nam project)

• SEARC

One of SEARC's research themes specified above involves democratic change and authoritarian durability in the Southeast Asian setting. Thus, conferences and workshops will continue to be held that focus specifically on country cases in Southeast Asia. Workshops addressing liberalism in Southeast Asia and political change in Malaysia are envisaged, though have not yet been scheduled, for the second half of 2009. However, a major aim of SEARC over the next several years will also be to reach beyond the community of Southeast Asian specialists to engage comparativists writing about regime continuity and change in other parts of the developing world, especially China, Northeast Asia, and Latin America. It is expected too that findings and lessons made through this cross-regional analysis will have relevance for Hong Kong as its very unique political regime continues to evolve.

At the same time, in keeping with CityU's mission statement and SEARC's traditional strengths, a number of workshops geared to applied research and policy implications have also been scheduled (see below). Several of them involve cross-institutional collaboration, as well as external funding. It is anticipated that as these projects go forward and linkages deepen, the pace of SEARC's cross-institutional collaboration will quicken.

Conferences, workshops and public events scheduled in 2009:

'National Conciliation and Consolidation Process in Burma/Myanmar', convened by Dr Kyaw Yin Hliang, January 2009.

'Disaster and Politics in Southeast Asia', co-organized with the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), National University of Singapore, convened by Dr Kyaw Yin Hliang, March 2009.

'Cross-boundary Public Administration and Public Policy in the Process of Regional Integration', co-organized with Sun-yat Sen University in Guangzhou, China, convened by Professor Joseph Cheng, as part of the Contemporary China Research Project, April 2009.

'Unhealthy Governance: Securitizing Infectious Diseases in Asia', co-organized with Centre of Asian Studies, Hong Kong University, co-sponsored by Ford Foundation (Beijing) and Strategic Research Theme: Law, Policy and Development (Hong Kong University), convened by Dr Nick Thomas, 21-22 May 2009.

'Commemoration of the May 98 Tragedy in Indonesia', co-organized with Hong Kong Society for Indonesian Studies (HKSIS) and Hong Kong Society of Asia & Pacific 21, May 2009.

- ***Women's Empowerment in Muslim Contexts: Gender, Poverty and Democratisation From the Inside Out Project (WEMC)***

In July 2008, the WEMC project completed its second year. It is presently scheduled to run another three years until 30 June 2011. Research and publication activities by the Research Programme Consortium will continue to develop, with various events being scheduled.

Symposium scheduled for 2009:

'Why Women's Empowerment in Muslim Contexts? Interrogating Political Realities for Transforming Power Relations', organized by WEMC, 25 February 2009.

- ***Viet Nam Project***

Before his retirement in late 2006, CityU's president, H.K. Chang, allocated the Department of AIS and SEARC funding with which to advance university as an important centre for the study of Viet Nam. President Chang recognized that in recent years, Viet Nam has emerged with one of most dynamic economies and societies in Southeast Asia – a status that holds special implications for Hong Kong, yet remarkably has so far gone unaddressed by local scholars in any systematic way. Thus, he encouraged SEARC to extend its study so that it might become a major centre for research related to Viet Nam, something for which the Centre is well-positioned.

During 2008, two major workshops were organized by Dr Jonathan London as part of the Viet Nam project. The first half of 2009 will be a period of consolidation during which the revision and editing of the papers presented at these workshops will continue in order to prepare them for publication. In the second half of 2009, another conference has been scheduled, entitled 'Transforming Asian Socialisms' (see below). Other Viet Nam activities will include periodic talks by visiting scholars and the development of institutional ties between SEARC and research institutions in Viet Nam.

Conference scheduled 2009:

'Transforming Asian Socialisms', convened by Dr Jonathan London, August or December 2009.

APPENDIX A

SOUTHEAST ASIA RESEARCH OUTPUTS BY SEARC AND SEARC-AFFILIATED RESEARCHERS

(Published or accepted for publication in 2008)

Monographs and special features

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Case, William, guest editor, "Contemporary Authoritarianism in Southeast Asia", *Pacific Review*, vol. 22, no. 3 (June), 2009, (SSCI), forthcoming.

Thomas, Nicholas, ed., *Regionalism and Governance in Asia* (London: Routledge, 2009), 342pp + xxv, forthcoming.

Wee, Vivienne, ed., *Political Fragmentation in Southeast Asia: Alternative Nations in the Making* (London: Routledge, 2009) forthcoming.

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_____, 'Democracy and Security in East Asia', in William T. Tow, ed., *Re-envisioning Asia-Pacific Security: A Regional-Global Nexus* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), in press.

_____, 'Democracy and Democratization', in Mark Beeson and Nick Bisely, eds., *Issues in 21st Century World Politics* (London: Palgrave MacMillan), forthcoming.

Chan Yuk-wah, 'Fortune or Misfortune? Border Tourism and Borderland Gambling in Viet Nam', in Janet Cochrane, ed., *Asian Tourism: Growth and Change* (London: Elsevier Publishing Ltd., 2008), pp.145-56.

_____, 'Food Memory and Narratives of the Hoa People in Vietnam', in *10th Symposium on Chinese Dietary Culture* (Taipei: Foundation of Chinese Dietary Culture, 2008), pp. 221-23.

_____, 'Disorganized Tourism Space: Chinese Tourists in an Age of Asian Tourism', in Tim Winter, Peggy Teo and T.C. Chang, eds., *Asia on Tour: Exploring the Rise of Asian Tourism* (London: Routledge, 2009), pp. 67-78.

- _____, “No, We are not Eco-tourists’: Hill Walking and Eco-tourism in Hong Kong’, in Shalini Singh, ed., *Before Tourism: Explorations in Holidaymaking and Journeying in Asia* (London: Earthscan Publishing Ltd, 2009), pp. 250-72, forthcoming.
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- _____, ‘Batam’s 2006 Mayoral Election: Weakened Political Parties and Intensified Power Struggle in Local Indonesia’, in Maribeth Erb and Priyambudi Sulistiyanto, eds., *Deepening Democracy in Indonesia? Direct Elections for Local Leaders* (Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies) forthcoming, 2009.
- Kyaw Yin Hlaing, ‘ASEAN’s Pariah: Insecurity and Autocracy in Myanmar (Burma)’, in Donald Emmerson, ed., *Security, Democracy and Regionalism in Southeast Asia* (Stanford: The Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center, 2008).
- _____, ‘The State of the Pro-democracy Movement in Authoritarian Myanmar’, in Xiaolin Guo, ed., *The Future of Burma/Myanmar* (Sweden: Institute for Security and Development Policy, 2008)
- _____, ‘Language and Nation-Building in Myanmar’, in *Language and Nation Building in Southeast Asia* (Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2008)
- Shaheed, Farida, ‘The Challenges of Contestation: The Women’s Movement in Pakistan’, in Amrita Basu, ed., *Rethinking Globalisation*, (London: Routledge) forthcoming, 2009.
- Thomas, Nicholas, ‘Understanding Regional Governance in Asia’, in Nicholas Thomas, ed., *Regionalism and Governance in Asia* (London: Routledge), pp. 1-31, forthcoming, 2009.
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- Wee, Vivienne, ‘Making Alternative Nations in Existing Nation-states: Southeast Asia in Process’, in Wee, V., ed, *Political Fragmentation in Southeast Asia: Alternative Nations in the Making* (London: Routledge), forthcoming, 2009.
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- _____, 'Viet Nam and the making of Market-Leninism', *Pacific Review*, vol. 22, no. 3, 2009. (SSCI)
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- _____, 'Indonesia: "Clean" Political System and "Corrupt" Politicians', *East Asia Brief*, Vol. 3, No. 4, 2008, (in Korean).
- Kyaw Yin Hlaing, 'Challenging the Authoritarian State: Buddhist Monks and Peaceful Protest in Burma', *The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*, vol. 32, no. 1, 2008, p. 149-77.

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- _____, 'Legitimacy Deficits and Stunning Elections: The Malaysian Experience', American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Boston MA, 28-31 August 2008.
- Chan Yuk Wah, 'Migration Recycled: Viet Kieu and the Construction of the Vietnamese Modernity', *EASA Conference 2008: Experiencing diversity and mutuality*, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 26-30 August 2008.
- _____, 'Disorganized Tourism Space: New Mobility and Cultural Politics in the Age of Asian Tourism', presented at the *Conference on 'Still an Asian Century?'*, organized by University of Birmingham, UK, 10-12 September 2008.
- _____, 'Chinese Influence in the Development of Viet Nam's Border Region', 4th Mekong Ethnography of Cross-border Cultures (MECC) meeting, Sapa, Viet Nam, 3-8 December 2008.
- _____, 'Borderland Interaction and Chinese-Vietnamese Relationship' presented at the *Workshop on 'Viet Nam, East Asia, and Beyond'*, organized by SEARC, City University of Hong Kong, 11-12 December 2008.
- Hewison, Kevin and Catherine C.H. Chiu, 'Hong Kong-Owned Factories in Thailand: Labour Relations and Practices', presented at *the Geography Colloquium*, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (USA), 1 February 2008.
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- _____, 'Approaches to WEMC Concepts: Operational Definitions, Field issues...Implications?', presented at the *Second Symposium of the WEMC Research Programme Consortium*, Jakarta, Indonesia, 29 April - 2 May 2008.
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- _____, 'Governance & Justice: Law, Gender, and the Religious Tight. Some Thoughts for Consideration', Second Symposium of the WEMC Research Programme Consortium, Jakarta, Indonesia, 29 April - 2 May 2008.
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