

## *Conferences, Workshops, and Seminars*

Symposium on "Problematizing Culture: Media, Identity, and the State in Southeast Asia", Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, 28-29 November 1994

The economic growth and emerging political self-confidence in Southeast Asia has another face. It is the feeling of cultural vulnerability arising from the globalization of information and values and the increasing pace of the working of transnational capital. How do Southeast Asian societies cope with the situation where sources of traditional culture and identity are increasingly drawn from life-style consumption, popular culture, and satellite broadcasting?

The symposium, a project of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, hopes to address the diverse issues relating to this question. Fifteen papers by academics from Indonesia, Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, and the Philippines will be presented over two days. Papers to be presented include:

"Power Relations as Simulacra in Contemporary Indonesia"  
Ariel Heryanto (Universitas Kristen, Indonesia)

"Media and Cultural Politics in the New World (Dis)order"  
Ien Ang (Murdoch University, Australia)

"Missing in Inaction: Why the Philippines Has No Cultural Identity"  
Isagani R Cruz (De La Salle University, Philippines)

"The Postmodernization of Thai-ness"  
Kesian Tejapira (Thammasat University, Thailand)

"Desiring Television: Media Politics, Miss Thailand, and the Globalization of Beauty"  
William Callahan (Rangsit University, Thailand)

“Michael Jackson’s Face in Marlboro Country Redux: Media, Sexual Transgression, and Public Desire”

Ray Langenbach (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)

“Reading Dick Lee as the Mad Chinaman: Postmodern Resistance or Modernist Illusion?”

J. Wee Wan-Ling (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)

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Conference on “Memory and the Second World War in International Comparative Perspective”, Amsterdam, 26–28 April 1995

The year 1995 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the end of World War II, and the occasion will be celebrated by the Netherlands State Institute for War Documentation in Amsterdam with a three-day conference.

The conference is organized in collaboration with the Institute for the History of European Expansion (Leyden University), Women’s Studies (Utrecht University), and the Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis (New Jersey, USA).

#### Programme

Wednesday, 26 April 1995

##### KEYNOTE SPEECH

Ernst H. Kossmann (University of Groningen)

OPENING SESSION: “Memory: Theses, Debates, and Perspectives”

Chairperson: Natalie Zemon Davis (Princeton University, USA)

AFTERNOON SESSION: "Memory and the Holocaust"

Chairperson: Hans Blom (University of Amsterdam)

Thursday, 27 April 1995

MORNING SESSION: "Gender and the Memory of the Second World War"

Chairperson: Penny Summerfield (Lancaster University, U.K.)

AFTERNOON SESSION: "National and Post-National Memory and the Second World War: Western Europe and Eastern Europe"

Chairperson: Nicolaas C.F. van Sas (University of Amsterdam)

Friday, 28 April 1995

MORNING SESSION: "Memory in the Pacific and the Second World War"

Chairperson: Ian Buruma (London)

"Unwrapping Japan's Memories of an Asian and a Pacific War"

Presenter: Theodore and Haruko Cook (William Paterson College, New York)

"China's New Remembering of World War II"

Presenter: Arthur Waldron (Brown University, Rhode Island)

"The War Never Ended: The Case of Taiwanese-Japanese Soldiers"

Presenter: Hui-yu Caroline Ts'ai (National Chung-Hsong University, Taiwan)

Commentators:

Willem Rummelink (Japan-Netherlands Institute, Tokyo)

Matthew W. Matsuda (Rutgers State University, USA)

Special guest:

Carol Gluck (Columbia University, New York, USA)

AFTERNOON SESSION: "National and Post-National Memory and the Second World War During and After Decolonization: Indonesia and the Netherlands"

Chairperson: Michael Adas (Rutgers State University, USA)

"Remembering and Forgetting Japan's Role in Indonesia's Independence"

Presenter: Anthony Reid (Australian National University, Canberra)

“Full of Silence and Fury: Dutch Memories of the Pacific War”

Presenter: Petra Groen (Sectie Militaire Geschiedenis, The Hague)

Commentator:

Elsbeth Locher-Scholten (State University Utrecht)

Special guest:

Taufik Abdullah (Indonesian Institute of Sciences, Jakarta)

CLOSING SESSION

Panel discussion

Chairperson: Charles S. Maier

The conference secretariat will be pleased to send you on request the conference brochure containing detailed information on the theme and aims of the conference, as well as the registration card.

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