

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

I Seminar on Southeast Asian Borders

A three-day seminar on Southeast Asian Borders was held at the Australian National University in Canberra from 28–30 October 1993. The most important trends of the seminar were discussions of the emerging economic geometry – the quadrangle of northern Southeast Asia and the Si Jo RI triangle; these discussions were set within the larger context of the region, including the Tumen Triangle and the Timor Gap Treaty between Australia and Indonesia. Political and social aspects of the economic geometry were also discussed. This seminar was organized by the Thai-Yunnan Project of the Research School of Pacific Studies, ANU. The programme was as follows:

28 October 1993

Introduction

Gehan Wijeyewardene

BURMA

Burma-Yunnan Trade

Mya Than

The Shans 1947–67

Sao Hso Hom

Problems and Prospects of Economic and Cultural Cooperation within the Economic Quadrangle

Tanet Charoenmuang

The Borders of Papua-New Guinea

Ron May

The spread of HIV in Southeast Asia

Greg Cruicy

29 October 1993

CHINA

China's relations with its Neighbours under the New World Order

Ian Wilson

Tumen River in Northeast China at the Crossroads

Godfrey Linge

Chinese Minzu Autonomy: Who Gains?

William H. Newell

Southeast Asia in China: The Borderlands of Highland Guangxi

D.L. Holm

Rebooted Canophilia and the Courtship of Dog Lovers: The Yao Diaspora and Super-Powered Ethnology in Beijing's Southeast Asian Strategies

Douglas Miles

The Thai-Malaysian Border

Wan Kadir bin Che Man

The Timor Gap

Henry Burmester

Historical Relations Si Jo Ri: The Southern Growth Triangle of Singapore, Johor and Riau

Janelle Mills

30 October 1993

*Northwestern Cambodia under Thai Rule,
1767-1850*
Puangthong Rungswasdisab

The Sino-Thai Alignment and Cambodia
Julaporn Euarukskul

Cambodia's Borders
Michael Vickery

Concluding Discussions to be led by Carl Thayer,
Harold Crouch and Janelle Mills

II Conference on Vietnam Update 1993

Vietnam Update 1993 continues the series begun in 1990 bringing together academics, businessmen, public servants, non-governmental organizations and others interested in Vietnam. With the theme of Rural Transformation in the Context of Economic Liberalization, this Update focused on agrarian issues, particularly the impact of national economic and political changes on rural people. The conference was organized by the Department of Political and Social Change, Department of Human Geography, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. It was held on 3 December 1993 in Canberra and its programme follows:

Welcome

Prof. Merle Ricklefs, Director
Research School of Pacific Studies

Opening

Ambassador Nguyen Thanh Chau

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Recent Political Developments
Assoc. Prof. Carlyle Thayer
Political and Social Change, ANU

The Economy and the Countryside
Dr Adam Fforde
Consulting Economist
Mr. Steve Sénéque
Economist, ANU

Rural Society and the State
Prof. Ben Kerkvliet
Political and Social Change, ANU

RURAL TRANSFORMATION

Family Economy and Social Changes
Prof. Dao The Tuan

*Rural Production, Agricultural Research and
the Environment*
Prof. Vo Tong Xuan

Rural Institutions and Social Networks
Dr Tran Thi Van Anh

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Chair

Dr Doug Porter

- Technical assistance and rural change
- Rural investment and industrialization
- Agricultural research, education and extension
- Development assistance and sustainable financing of public goods and services
- Role of NGOs, formation of civil society and governance

Panelists

Dr Gill Burke, SEAsia Economic History Project,
ANU

Dr Sue Darling, Quaker Service Australia

Mr John Gunthorpe, Goodman Field Ltd.

Dr Doug Porter, Human Geography, ANU

Ms Deborah Stokes, Overseas Service Bureau

Closing remarks

III Workshop on The Spratly Islands: A Potential Regional Conflict

Today, in the face of globalization and regionalization, cross border-related issues have become frequent topics for international conferences, workshops and seminars attended by academics, policy makers, journalists and businessmen. The Workshop on the Spratly Islands was one of them and it was held in Singapore on 8–9 December 1993. It was organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore and its programme was as follows:

8 December 1993

Welcome and Opening Remarks

SESSION I Sharpening the Geographical and Legal Focus on the Potential Regional Conflict in the Spratly Islands

Paper-presenter: Victor Prescott
Discussant: Vivian Louis Forbes

SESSION II The Spratlys: A Test Case for China's Defence and Foreign Policy

Paper-presenter: You Ji
Discussant: Baharuddin bin Abd Kadir

SESSION III The Spratly Imbroglia: Time Not on China's Side?

Paper-presenter: Mark J. Valencia
Discussant: Mak Joon Nam

SESSION IV Trends in Chinese Policies Towards Southeast Asia and the Spratlys

Paper-presenter: Herbert S. Yee
Discussant: Aileen Baviera

SESSION V A Critique of the Three Proposals for "Solving" the Spratlys Dispute: A Chinese View from Taiwan

Paper-presenter: Peter Yu Kien-hong
Discussant: ETTY R. AGOES

SESSION VI Prospects for Solving Territorial Problems in the Spratlys: A Malaysian View

Paper-presenter: B.A. Hamzah
Discussant: Theera Nuchpiam

General Discussion

IV Conference on the Future of Asia-Pacific Security Studies and Exchange Activities

The Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta and the Joint Centre for Asia-Pacific Studies at the University of Toronto-York University, Canada, organized the Conference on the Future of Asia-Pacific Security Studies and Exchange Activities. This conference was an international meeting of the representatives from the various international strategic studies centres from all over the world. It was held in Bali, Indonesia from 12–15 December 1993 and the agenda of the conference was as follows:

13 December

Opening Session
Remarks
Jusuf Wanandi
Peter F. Geithner

Session One Asia-Pacific Security Trends and Implication for Security Studies

Chair
Susan L. Shirk
Commentator
Noordin Sopiee

Discussion

Session Two Regional Security Studies at the National Level

Chair
Lau Teik Soon
Commentators
Charles Morrison
Chan Heng Chee
Michel Oksenberg

Discussion

Dinner keynote speech by
General (ret.) L.B. Moerdani,
former Indonesian Minister of Defense and
Security

14 December

*Session Three Multilateral Research and
Dialogue Activities*

Chair

Alexei Arbatov

Commentators

Tadashi Yamamoto

Desmond Ball

Discussion

Session Four Training and Emerging Needs

Chair

Le Mai

Commentators

John Bresnan

Masashi Nishihara

Session Five Foundation Perspective

Chair

Amos A. Jordan

Panel

Thomas Graham

Stephen Bosworth

Jun-etsu Komatsu

Kusuma Snitwongse

15 December

Session Six The Future Agenda

Chair

Hadi Soesastro

Commentators

Stuart Harris

Seizaburo Sato

Yuan Ming

Robert A. Scalapino

Discussion

Concluding Session

Remarks

Jusuf Wanandi

Peter F. Geithner

Paul Evans