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**ARC Asia Pacific Futures Research Network Email Bulletin  
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Dear Asia Pacific Futures Research Network Participants,

There are a number of matters related to the ARC-APFRN to draw to your attention.

**\*\*Third Round project Applications Grants now open: Closing August 15th\*\***

The application form will be on the website in a few days.

[\[http://www.sueztosuva.org.au/grant\\_apps.php\]](http://www.sueztosuva.org.au/grant_apps.php) but for those of you who want to get to work straight away.... it largely conforms to the existing application (with the addition of a criteria about 'building leadership skills in ECRs and Postgrads')

This third round still focuses on the 2006 theme 'Communication in the Asia Pacific' but activities planned to take place in early 2007 are still eligible.

A specific round for the 2007 Signature Theme (Health, population and mobility) will be called for in about September.

**\*\*Second Round Grants Outcomes\*\***

The grants subcommittee of the Management Committee has determined the outcomes of the second round. Six applications from four universities were successful. A total of \$32,000 was allocated in this round. Projects included:

"India-Australia: Cross Border Communications through media, environment and people"[Goodall, UTS);

"Mediating Transition to Post-Authoritarian Indonesia" (Hill, Murdoch);

"Rankings, RAEs and RQFs" [Currie, Murdoch];

"Understanding the Internet in Asia and the Pacific" [McClelland, UOW)

"Islamic Culture(s), Nation-building and the Media" [Millie, Monash]

"Media representations of Asian attitudes towards Australia and Australians" [Thompson, UOW]

To see details visit: [http://www.sueztosuva.org.au/successful\\_apps.php](http://www.sueztosuva.org.au/successful_apps.php)

**\*\*Signature Event 2006: Curtin University 27-29 November\*\***

Planning for this event and its many international and national speakers is continuing apace thanks to the work of Professor Krishna Sen and Dr Denise Woods.

For more information on how to participate visit:

<http://www.mediaasiaconference.humanities.curtin.edu.au/>

A call for EOI for the 2007 Signature Event on health, population and mobility will be called soon. Convenors are provided with \$50,000 approx to host the event. I'll let you know details and deadlines in due course.

### **\*\*Other Events forthcoming\*\***

See the website for our numerous other activities related to Media and Communication this year. We have a number of events listed to which your participation is warmly invited.

<http://www.sueztosuva.org.au/e2005/>

[A note to previous application awardees, don't forget to send me details of your websites or conference/workshop information so I can load it onto the website.]

### **\*\*South Asia Research Facility\*\***

The AusAid funded, LaTrobe administered SARF has made rapid progress this year thanks to Prof Kenneth McPherson and Ms Tracy Lee.

The 6 postgraduate scholarships have been allocated to individual students and matching of students to universities and supervisors is currently taking place.

The short term research proposals (Islamic Schools and HIV Aids - Conflict) have been called for and the national conference is being organised. Dates for the latter are: 25-26 September.

Location: Canberra.

For more details on SARF's programs see:

[http://www.sueztosuva.org.au/south\\_asia/sa\\_research\\_facility.php](http://www.sueztosuva.org.au/south_asia/sa_research_facility.php)

### **\*\*Islam Node Activities\*\***

The Islam Node (formerly known as West Asia/Islam) has updated its part of the website to include a listing of all its members and their research interests. It also includes postgraduate work on the area. The growth and dynamism of Australian research into Islam is clear from this impressive set of documents.

See <http://www.sueztosuva.org.au/islam/>

### **\*\*\*New Node Leader for South Asia\*\*\***

The Management Committee welcomes Dr Sanjay Seth to replace Professor Robin Jeffrey as leader of the South Asia Node. Robin has stepped down from his position after taking on the duties of Convenor of ANU's College of Asia Pacific Studies. On behalf of the network membership and particularly the South Asia Node members, I'd like to express heartfelt thanks to Robin for his work in both helping establish the network and getting it moving in its formative period.

At the same time, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Sanjay on behalf of the Network and I am sure the Management Committee looks forward to working closely with him over the next few months.

Sanjay teaches politics at LaTrobe and has published many essays on political theory, postcolonial theory and modern Indian history. He is the author of *Marxist Theory and Nationalist Politics: Colonial India* (1995) and *Subject Lessons: The Western Education of Colonial India* [Forthcoming Duke, 2007]. He is also co-editor of the *Journal of Postcolonial Studies* and is writing an intellectual history of Indian nationalism.

I hope that you have been able to make the most of the non-teaching period in your research.

Best wishes

Louise