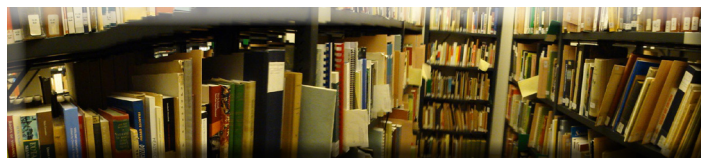

The Australia-Netherlands Research Collaboration

Annual Report 2011

(covering the period from 1 September 2010 to 31 August 2011)



Aims and objectives of project

The Australia-Netherlands Research Collaboration (ANRC) supports Australia-Netherlands academic relations and brings together researchers from both countries to focus on Southeast Asia. The collaboration provides a forum within which Australian and Dutch researchers undertake cooperative research projects, nurture and develop young scholars, and create platforms for developing policy advice on Southeast Asia in both countries. Collaborations involve Southeast Asian researchers as well as researchers from Australia and the Netherlands.

To achieve these aims, the ANRC has provided funding support for research teams to hold discussion-focused workshops on particular research themes; and continues to provide funding support for PhD students to undertake research work or advanced training. The project also holds policy fora in both countries, bringing together government advisors and researchers to discuss policy issues related to Southeast Asia.



Funding

Details of funding received at the commencement of the project from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and The Australian National University were detailed in the 2008 Annual Report. An expenditure report is included on page 6.



Australian Government

Administrative matters

Professor Robert Cribb from The Australian National University has continued in the role of Project Coordinator - Australia, and Ms Helen McMartin as the Project Administrative Manager.

On the Dutch side Dr Peter Meel from Leiden University has continued in the role of Project Coordinator - Netherlands, and Ms José Birker-van Herten as Project Administrative Manager.

The ANRC website continues to be a valuable communication tool for the project. Technical support and server space is provided by the Information Technology office at the College of Asia and the Pacific, at The Australian National University. Ms Jude Shanahan has provided the bulk of the technical support.



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Inventory of expertise

An inventory of Southeast Asian experts from Universities across Australia has been updated. The list currently has 192 experts. These have been grouped into three categories: Language, arts and literature (Appendix A); History and anthropology (Appendix B); and Economics and governance (Appendix C).

The list forms a key contact resource to which announcements about ANRC activities are made. It provides an important means of access to Australia's expertise on Southeast Asia.

Research theme collaborations & workshops

Focused collaborative workshops have been the key activity of the ANRC. Each workshop has brought together multi-disciplinary teams of 10-15 researchers from Australia, the Netherlands and Southeast Asia to collaborate on Southeast Asian topics in humanities and social sciences including

- Legal pluralism
- Authoritarianism, conflict and human security
- Environmental problems and indigenous people
- Economy, state and society
- Language, literature and media
- Religion, education and culture



Barbara Hatley (University of Tasmania), Edwin Jurriens (Australian Defence Force Academy), Daruni (Indonesian Institute of the Arts), Bart Barendregt (Leiden University), Yudiaryani (Indonesian Institute of the Arts), Amrih Widodo (Australian National University) at the 'Cultural Performance in post-New Order Indonesia: New structures, scenes, meanings' workshop, held in June 2010 at the Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta

The workshops have been successful in both immediate and longer-term outcomes. They have approached important topics in innovative ways and in most cases will lead to major publications. The workshops have also generated stronger research links and networks between Australian and Dutch researchers and researchers from Southeast Asian countries. They have provided capacity building by involving young researchers and offering opportunities for researchers to broaden their areas of expertise, and generating relevant policy advice to the governments of Australia and the Netherlands.

All of the funded workshops have now been held.

The report of the workshop held just prior publication of the 2010 Annual Report, is included here.

The Indigenous peoples and natural resource management: Towards new forms of governance workshop was held from 13 to 15 July 2010 at the Puri Saron Hotel, Seminyak, Bali, Indonesia. The academic leaders were Professor Gerard Persoon from Leiden University and Dr Carol Warren from Murdoch University.

The workshop was convened to examine the present status of indigenous peoples' rights over resources in the Philippines and Indonesia. Indigenous legal rights over resources have received increasing international recognition, and it is now important to examine both the ways in which this recognition has translated into action on the part of local communities, governments, NGOs and companies and to assess the relevance of current academic theories on implementation of newly recognized rights.

The term 'indigenous peoples' is established in international discourse and in official documents in the Philippines. The Philippines Indigenous Peoples Rights Act was adopted in 1997. This law has led to new forms of self-organization by indigenous peoples, and to actual involvement in natural resource management, but governmental officials have often

continued to play a crucial, restricting role. There is conflicting evidence of the impact of internationally granted rights (for instance through UN Conventions), national laws and Corporate Social Responsibility. Law and practice in these areas often fail to connect and may contradict each other. In Indonesia, the government refuses to use the term 'indigenous' on the grounds that there should be no distinction between types of citizen. Local organizations in Indonesia deal with this issue in various ways. Some strongly emphasize their indigenous status vis-à-vis migrant communities, while others accept the arguments of common Indonesian nationality. Although the legal framework differs from the Philippines, the tension between different levels of law remains.

The indigenous rights discourse is currently being transformed by two developments. First, as a result of increased education, improved transport facilities and access to modern media, the younger generation in indigenous communities no longer defines its future in the same terms with respect to natural resource management as their parents have done. Members of the younger generation often aim for new types of futures outside their home territory, and their relationship to the sustainability and indigenous rights discourses has become complex.

Second is the emergence of Payment for Environmental Services (PES) as an economic policy instrument with major implications for indigenous peoples. PES includes compensation for carbon storage, through the so-called REDD+ programme, for which enormous funds are being made available. Australia and Norway are among the major initiators of these programmes in Indonesia, while Philippines programmes are also being developed. The programmes have the potential both to bring benefits to indigenous peoples and to disempower them.



Participants at the 'The Indigenous peoples and natural resource management: Towards new forms of governance' workshop held at the Puri Saron Hotel, Seminyak, Bali, Indonesia

PhD Overseas Travel Fellowships

These grants aim to provide practical support to Australian PhD students to conduct specific, defined tasks in the Netherlands related to their PhD research thesis and develop human capital in the Australia-Netherlands relationship. These tasks can include fieldwork, consulting an archive or library, engaging in language or disciplinary study, or consulting academic experts.

PhD Overseas Travel Fellowship funding guidelines and selection criteria for the 2011 round were posted on the ANRC website in August 2010 with a closing date in February 2011. The selection panel met in March, in Canberra. Members of the panel were

Professor Robert Cribb, Project Coordinator - Australia, The Australian National University

Dr Michael Barr, Department of International Relations, School of International Studies, Flinders University

Dr Jane Ferguson, School of Culture, History and Language, The Australian National University

Associate Professor Michele Ford, Department of Indonesian Studies, The University of Sydney



Luhsun Tan from Monash University was a 2011 ANRC PhD overseas Travel Fellowship recipient. He spent time researching at KITLV, NIOD and the Tropenmuseum where this photo was taken. He also met with academic experts during his trip in May and June 2011



Marco Cuevas-Hewitt from the University of Western Australia was a 2009 ANRC PhD Overseas Travel Fellowship recipient. He spent time at the International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam, the Philippine Solidarity Group Netherlands in Utrecht, and at snow covered Vrije University

Eight applications were received and four were awarded funding. These will be funded from non-DEEWR funds. Details of the successful applications are as follows:

Mr Matt Cox (University of Sydney) whose PhD thesis is 'Portraiture in Indonesia'. Matt will make a six week trip to view primary artworks and undertake research at Leiden University library, Special Collections at KITLV, Instituut Collectie Nederland and a number of other museums.

Amount awarded: \$3,200

Mr Vivek Neelakantan (University of Sydney) whose PhD thesis is 'The Development of Indonesia's Political Culture of Health: The Soekarno Years, 1949-1967'. Vivek will make a six week trip to the Netherlands to consult with academic experts at Leiden University and KITLV as well as undertake research at the libraries there and at the National Archives.

Amount awarded: \$3,190

Mr Luhsun Tan (Monash University) whose PhD thesis is 'Narratives of colonial change through the civilian war diary and visual archive'. Luhsun will spend two months in the Netherlands and visit KITLV, NIOD and the Tropenmuseum to undertake research and access archives, conduct interviews and consult with experts.

Amount awarded: \$3,900

Mr Johan Weintré (Flinders University) whose PhD thesis is 'Social Capital and Governance of Natural Resources under regional autonomy in Kapuas Hulu, West Kalimantan'. Johan is planning a three month trip to undertake extensive research at KITLV and consult with experts there.

Amount awarded: \$5,022

Five PhD students from the Netherlands were also awarded ANRC PhD travel fellowships in the Dutch 2011 funding round, for travel to Australia.

Finance report

A summary of expenditure to 31 August 2011 is included on the following page.

The Australian National University has provided significant in-kind support to the project including a portion of the salary costs of the Project Coordinator, Professor Robert Cribb, and broad administrative support at the College and Central levels as well as office and event venue space.

Expenditure report to 31 August 2011

Total grant income of \$350,000 received in November 2006

Expense details	DEEWR Budgeted expenditure to 31 December 2012	DEEWR funds spent to 31 August 2011	Non-DEEWR funds spent to 31 August 2011 (Aust only)
Staff - Project Administrative Manager, part time	\$104,836.00	\$79,575.75	\$80,081.13
Staff - Major conference	\$3,328.00		
Office set-up			\$1,894.26
Office consumables-maintenance			\$740.27
Publicity			\$3,001.87
Workshops held in Australia and Southeast Asia			
Wshop 1: International dimensions of Indonesian Islam, Sept 07		\$2,594.01	\$6,001.65
Wshop 3: The state and illegality in Indonesia, Sept 08		\$7,609.30	
Wshop 4: The Old Javanese <i>Rāmāyana</i> . Text, History, Culture, May 09		\$9,349.80	
Wshop 6: Labour Migration and Trafficking: Policy Making at the Border, Aug 09		\$21,131.00	
Wshop 7: Growing up in Indonesia: Experience and Diversity in Youth Transitions, Sept 09		\$10,493.00	
Wshop 8: Culture and the Nation: Arts in the shadow of Lekra 1950 - 1965, Oct 09		\$15,049.75	
Wshop 9: Human security and religious certainty in Southeast Asia, Jan 10		\$10,821.27	
Wshop 10: Indonesian urban kampongs: targets of state policy or abandoned zones, Jan 10		\$8,160.53	
Wshop 11: Melanesian languages on the edge of Asia: past, present and future, Feb 10		\$17,443.53	
Wshop 12: Studying 'spaces of non-existence': Methodological concerns, Mar 10 **		\$23,430.00	
Wshop 13: Cultural Performance in post-New Order Indonesia: New structure, scenes, meanings, June 10		\$23,301.00	
Wshop 14: Indigenous peoples and natural resource management: towards new forms of governance, July 10		\$6,120.43	
TOTAL	\$181,786.00	\$155,503.62	\$6,001.65
Workshops held in the Netherlands			
Wshop 2: Studying Islam in Southeast Asia: state of the art and new approaches, July 08		\$3,375.48	\$31,269.25
TOTAL		\$3,375.48	\$31,269.25
Annual report			\$647.00
Policy Fora (Australia)	\$9,600.00	\$478.63	
Policy Fora (Netherlands)			\$6,310.04
Project Liaison (Australia)			\$4,989.00
Project Liaison (Netherlands)			\$12,671.21
PhD Overseas Travel Fellowships			\$40,752.00
Mid-project conference			
Wshop 5: Transmission of Academic Values in Asian Studies, June 09			\$31,428.12
Reading Dutch for Historical Research course, June 10			\$42,772.69
Major conference	\$50,450.00		
	\$350,000.00	\$238,933.48	\$219,785.80

** this workshop was initially funded from the Australian side, when the reconciliation is completed, the Netherlands contribution will reduce this amount from DEEWR funding

A number of workshop reconciliations with the Netherlands occurred during this period resulting in a reduction in the TOTAL for DEEWR expenditure towards workshops compared to the 2010 report