The Indo-Pacific Governance Research Centre and the Australia-India Institute present

From Asia-Pacific to Indo-Pacific: Rising Powers, Emerging Regions and Transformations in Governance

Workshop Program

Friday 21st of September, 2012 | Ingkarni Wardli building | Level 7 Conference Room

The IPGRC is located in the School of History and Politics, the University of Adelaide. This workshop takes place with the support of the Australian Research Council, the School of Social Sciences (the University of Adelaide), the School of Economics (the University of Adelaide), the Asian Studies Association of Australia and the Confucius Institute (the University of Adelaide).
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This workshop will bring together leading scholars to discuss and present papers on the implications of the shift in power from the Transatlantic to the Transpacific. As global economic power shifts from West to East, the Indo-Pacific region – the vast geo-strategic and geo-economic realm spanning the western Pacific Ocean to the western Indian Ocean along the eastern coast of Africa – is rapidly eclipsing the once-dominant Asia-Pacific as the centre of trade, investment, rivalry, competition and cooperation. The Indo-Pacific contains close to half the world’s population and draws Australia together with the rising powers of China and India, the dynamic sub-regions of Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia and the resource rich and sometimes volatile Middle East and Africa. Moreover the region provides several of the world’s most important choke-points for global commerce including the Strait of Malacca, through which almost a quarter of world trade passes.

This interdisciplinary workshop seeks to shift academic and policy debate from dominant Asia-Pacific notions of regionalism towards an exploration of the normative and social foundations of a broader Indo-Pacific region. To the extent that dominant global and regional institutions and norms were developed in the shadow of the Cold War, emerging institutions and norms reflect a new constellation of economic and political power influenced by the rise of China and India. At the same time, the rise of China and India should be seen within the context of the emergence of the Indo-Pacific region, as inter-regional trade, security and political concerns increasingly shape their global and regional policy preferences.

The workshop aims to initiate a new and innovative critical research agenda on the implications of the emergence of the Indo-Pacific region and the rise of the Indo-Pacific powers for three areas, in particular: regionalism, international political economy and geo-politics and geo-economics.

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8:00 – 8.30 Opening: Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Warren Bebbington

Introductions

8:30 – 10:00 Panel 1 - Rising powers and new forms of regional governance: Competition, contestation and cooperation

Chair: Clem Macintyre

- *From Asia-Pacific to Asia* – Malcolm Cook (Flinders)
- *Redefining Property Rights: Contests and Coalitions in a Multi-Level Governance Regime* - Natasha Hamilton Hart (Auckland)
- *Rising Powers, Regulatory Regionalism and Multilevel Governance* – Kanishka Jayasuriya (Adelaide) and Shahar Hameiri (Murdoch)
- *Asian investment and Corporate Social Responsibility practices in Africa – new dynamics and paradigms? A preliminary investigation* - Scarlett Cornelissen (Stellenbosch)

10:00 – 10.30 Morning Tea

10:30 – 12:00 Panel 2 - Beyond the Asia-Pacific? Emerging regional constructions

Chair: Richard Leaver

- *Regional Territory: Defining And Demarcating Asia Spatially And Historically* – Marijn Nieuwenhuis (Warwick)
- *India and the Politics of the ‘Region’: From Afro-Asia to the Indo-Pacific* – Priya Chacko
- *From the Indo-Pacific to a Chinese Lake (or Two)? Understanding China’s Approaches to an Evolving Region* - Chengxin Pan (Deakin)
- *The Indo-Pacific: Regional Constructions through the Lens of Nation-States* - Timothy Doyle (Adelaide and Keele), Dennis Rumley (UWA), Sanjay Chaturvedi (Panjab University)

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch
1:30 – 3:00  Panel 3 – Markets, Capital and Sub-national Actors: the regional political economy of rising powers

Chair: Mandar Oak

- Constructive governance: managing competition and cooperation across the Indo-Pacific- Paul Cammack (City University of Hong Kong)
- Subnational units and Chinese foreign policy - Czes Tubilwicz (Adelaide)
- Imagining the Indo-Pacific: Taking Stock of Cambodia - Jonathon Louth (Chester)
- The State, Capital and Development in ‘Emerging’ India – Surajit Mazumdar (Ambedkar University)

3:00 – 3.30  Afternoon Tea

3.30 – 5:00  Panel 4 - Rising powers and emerging patterns of regional and global order

Chair: Purnendra Jain

- India As An Asia-Pacific Power: Rhetoric And Reality- Sandy Gordon (ANU)
- The China Problem: Representing Difference - Greg McCarthy (Adelaide) and Mobo Gao (Adelaide)
- Salience of China: Perspectives from India – Swaran Singh (JNU)
- Transforming Indian Foreign Policy: Imperatives, Responses and Consequences-Ian Hall (ANU)

5:00 - 5:15  Discussion on future publications, deadlines etc– only for presenters

5:15 - 6:30  Drinks and Nibbles - Ingkarni Wardli, Level 7 Conference Room

7:00  Dinner - Regattas
IPGRC Research Mission

The IPGRC agenda encompasses issues of social and political governance – which are often transnational in scope and origin – pertaining to key problems and issues confronting states, civil society, and citizens in the Indo-Pacific region. These include questions of institutional reform and development, inequalities, human rights, financial and economic governance, environmental and human security. In adopting this approach we hope to generate a better understanding of more effective strategies for improving governance, which hopefully in the long run will enhance public policy making in key areas such as climate change, poverty reduction, gender equality, social policy and human security.

A key aspect of the research agenda of the IPGRC is the identification and analysis of the impact of the emerging Indo-Pacific Powers for the institutions and processes of global and regional governance as well as their implications for Australian politics, institutions and public policy.

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