



Conference on
Inter-Asian Connections II: Singapore
National University of Singapore: December 8-10, 2010

CALL FOR PAPERS
Deadline: Monday, May 31, 2010

The Hong Kong Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (HKIHSS) at the University of Hong Kong, the National University of Singapore (NUS), and the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) (the Organizers) are pleased to announce an open call for ***individual research paper submissions*** from researchers in any world region, to participate in a 3-day thematic workshop at an international conference, “Inter-Asian Connections II: Singapore.”

To be held in Singapore, December 8-10, 2010, the conference will host concurrent workshops, coordinated by individual directors and showcasing innovative research from across the social sciences and related disciplines. Workshops will focus on themes of particular relevance to Asia, reconceptualized as a dynamic and interconnected historical, geographical, and cultural formation stretching from the Middle East through Eurasia and South Asia, to East Asia.

The conference structure and schedule have been designed to enable intensive ‘working group’ interactions on a specific research theme, as well as broader interactions on topics of mutual interest and concern. Accordingly, there will be a public keynote and a plenary session in addition to closed workshop sessions. The concluding day of the conference will bring all the conference participants together for a public presentation and exchange of research agendas that have emerged over the course of the conference deliberations.

Individual paper submissions are invited from junior and senior scholars, whether graduate students or faculty, or researchers in NGOs or other research organizations, for the following five workshops:

- ❖ ***Regional Knowledge Hubs in Asia: the Social Sciences and Humanities in Science and Technology Human Capital (STHC)***
 - Workshop Directors – V.V. Krishna (National University of Singapore) and Tim Turpin (University of Western Sydney)
- ❖ ***Inter-Asian temple and trust networks within and out of Southeast Asia***
 - Workshop Director – Kenneth Dean (McGill University)
- ❖ ***How Asia Became Territorial***
 - Workshop Directors – Itty Abraham (University of Texas at Austin) and See Seng Tan (S. Rajarantnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University)
- ❖ ***Reproduction Migration in Asia***
 - Workshop Directors – Biao Xiang (University of Oxford) and Mika Toyota (National University of Singapore)
- ❖ ***Old Histories, New Geographies: Contrapuntal Mobilities of Trade in Asia***
 - Workshop Directors – Engseng Ho (Duke University) and Lakshmi Subramanian (Jamia Millia Islamia)

Descriptions of the individual workshops, including details on the workshop directors, and information on the application process are available at <http://www.ssrc.org/pages/conference-on-inter-asian-connections-ii-singapore-december-8-10-2010/>.



Application materials are due **Monday, May 31, 2010**. Please note that an individual cannot apply to more than one workshop. Selection decisions will be announced on **June 25, 2010**. Accepted participants are required to submit a 20-25 page research paper by **October 15, 2010**.

The Organizers will make every effort to ensure some level of funding for participants toward the travel/accommodation costs associated with attending the Inter-Asian Connections II conference. However, we are unable to guarantee any financial assistance at this point, and we encourage participants to seek funding from external agencies (such as their home institutions). We will be able to confirm details about funding availability after the selection process has been completed.

For additional inquiries, please contact the Organizers at interasia@ssrc.org.