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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the summer 2009 newsletter. 2008 was an extraordinary year for China and for Chinese scholars the world over. In the midst of global economic decline it is China's response and China's potential which may bring us through to a more even keel in economic practices and relationships. Next year will also be important as China celebrates 60 years since Liberation and 30 years since Reform. How China chooses to commemorate these landmarks will also be of profound interest to our field. And of course, themes of remembrance and celebration are crucial to our 2009 conference. On which: the site is now active and accepting submissions and registrations. A few hints on the process: have your abstract ready for pasting in, plus any other materials that you will need to upload, don't forget to tick every box to indicate that you are aware of all the systems underway. I have done my own submission (without help) so I know it works! Payment is through an authorised paypal account which is online now. Payment at this conference includes access to all the events (including two evening events with drinks and finger food), 2 years CSAA membership and any entertainment and intellectual extras that we can arrange for you.

This year there is an extra option for those who wish to submit a paper for peer review, which we will hope will be of especial benefit to postgraduates, and recent post-doctorates, with full papers. Please indicate in the comments box if you want to take advantage of this service. If you do have any problems email for help at stephanie.donald@csaa.org.au

If you wish to update your membership but you are not attending the conference, the membership channels are as usual through the Treasurer.

One of the conference events is the AGM when the new Council is elected or confirmed. It is the practice of the CSAA to move around the country - and, given that the last four conferences have been in Queensland, Victoria, WA, and NSW, it seems that it is Tasmania's or South Australia's turn next ... So perhaps people could start thinking about nominating for the various roles in time for the nomination process in March-July 2009. It is a good idea if the Treasurer and/or Secretary live in the same city as the President.

The postgraduate network is also growing and a discussion board will be active soon with links to similar groups in the UK and elsewhere. Please tell your postgraduates about the site so that they can get involved.

Best wishes for a demanding, steadfast, obstinate and hardworking Year of the Ox.

Stephi (born 1961)

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#### 2009 CSAA Biennial Conference Commemoration and Celebration in the Chinese-speaking World

Dates: 9th-11th July 2009

Hosted by the University of Sydney

The 2009 conference adopts the theme of 'jiu', and thus takes up the challenge of both celebrating and commemorating the achievements and hardships of the past century 1909-2009 in the Chinese-speaking world. We encourage papers and panels that develop this theme by revisiting old paradigms in the spirit of new research ideas, and by bringing historical perspective to the issues of the present day.

Puns and wordplay, where they allow for complex ideas to be fluently transmitted to an expert audience, are very welcome and apposite. We draw your attention to the many significant events that have occurred in the '*jiu*' (nine) years, from the beginning of the southern Chinese film industry in 1909, to the phenomenal reach of political events, achievements and tragedies in 1919, 1949, 1959, 1979, 1989. At the time of writing, 2009 is an unknown quantity. Historians, political scientists, cultural analysts,

anthropologists, literary scholars, art historians and geographers are especially invited to consider such key moments as a starting bloc for a panel or paper.

The conference is also a showcase for all Chinese research in Australia. The CSAA membership includes some of the finest China researchers in the world, and an acknowledgment of that excellence is important to this meeting.

Key notes include **Professor Jeffrey Wasserstrom** (University of California, Irvin), **Professor Stephen Teo** (University of Western Sydney), **Professor Prasenjit Duara** (National University of Singapore), and **Professor Mary Farquhar** (Griffith University). There will also be special events organised to celebrate specific aspects of Chinese film, poetry and music. The traditional conference dinner will be organised around a visiting speaker, and entertainments, with buffet and drinks provided.

The call for papers and panels will close in March 2009. If submitting with the peer review option however, full papers should be uploaded by 31 January 2009. All submissions will be through the CSAA Conference website. Detailed instructions on the submission process are available in the Guidelines for Authors section of the website.

In order to facilitate both coherence and variety we have designed substreams to which panels may be addressed. These will be co-ordinated by a postgraduate steering committee, drawn from around Australia, and advised by the conference committee here in Sydney. As is usual in CSAA conferences, panels addressing members' interests not covered in streams are welcomed. Please note that in all disciplines, panel applications will receive precedence in scheduling.

Cities
Rural China
Cultural Industries and Media
Politics and Economy
History and the Future
Literature and the Arts

A full description of the streams and registration procedure can be found in the Conference website.

http://www.conference.csaa.org.au

#### Opening of a Discussion Forum for the CSAA Community

Recently we updated our website to make it more user-friendly, but also to encourage our members to more actively interact with the association and with the rest of the Chinese studies community. Up until now our newsletter has served as a medium for the CSAA to inform its membership about what is occurring in the Chinese studies community throughout Australia. The content of the newsletter has been mainly concerned with publicising information about on-going research, new publications, new appointments, forthcoming conferences and workshops, and a campus round-up. We consider, however, that the newsletter should also serve as a forum for dialogue between the members of the association.

In this issue we would thus like to invite the CSAA community to participate in a new 'Discussion and Opinion' forum, which I will moderate with the help of the CSAA council members. We extend an invitation to all of you to submit short (500-800 words) opinion pieces on any issue, event or debate that is relevant to China studies in Australia. We look forward to receiving your communications.

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#### The Chinese-Australian Journey: Digital Stories

By Michael Keane

Students from China find the experience of studying in Australia both pleasurable and challenging. They make new friends and learn about themselves in the process of adapting to a new culture.

At QUT we have had much fun with Chinese, and other international students, making digital stories.

These are short, personally narrated multimedia tales. The students undertake a workshop with trainers and develop their personal memories and stories into scripts and recorded voiceovers. They use Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Premiere to produce a personal documentary film of broadcast quality.

The digital stories are made to a formula of around two minutes, 250 words, and a dozen images - but the results are as diverse as the individual participants who made them.

Digital stories are a mid-range technology that can provide people with limited digital literacy with the opportunity to present a digital creative work using old media.

For some examples of our digital stories from Chinese post-graduates see https://wiki.cci.edu.au/display/CIA/Digital+Stories

Other examples of our digital stories:

http://www.kgurbanvillage.com.au/sharing/digital/index.shtm

*Note:* if your system bandwidth does not allow simultaneous viewing, you can download and save to hard disk and view at your leisure.

#### Successful ARC Grants starting in 2009

Congratulations to all the scholars, including many members of the Association, whose work on China and China-related topics has been recognised as worthy of competitive national funding from 2009.

#### **Adelaide University**

DP0985877 *Prof PC Jain* Network Diplomacy: Japan's Strategic Responses to the Rise of China and India

#### The Australian National University

DP0985113 *Prof GR Barme; Prof JM Minford* Manchu Rivers and Mountains: rediscovering the Bannerman cultural world of nineteenth century China and its modern heritage

DP0984734 Dr A Chan The Changing Nature of China's Enterprise Culture

DP0985775 *Dr T Jacka; Prof MR Phillips* Gender, family conflict, and suicide in rural China

DP0984510 *Dr A Kipnis; Dr L Tomba; Prof S Li* The making of urban citizens: social inclusion and division in China's new urban areas

DP0988572 *Prof X Meng; Prof P Frijters; Prof RG Gregory; Prof C Dustmann; Dr F Cornaglia* An Economic Analysis of the Effect of Networks on Jobs and Mental Health in China: Patterns, Consequences and Policy Implications

DP0988281 *Prof WJ McKibbin; Dr A Stegman* Climate Change Projections and Policy Design Under Uncertainty

DP0985125 *Dr JT Makeham; Dr J Powers; Dr JA Jorgensen; Prof C Lin* The Indian Roots of Modern Chinese Thought

#### **Deakin University**

DP0986641 *Prof B He* The Democratization of the Rising China through Deliberative Democracy

#### The Flinders University of South Australia

DP0988350 *Prof JM Holledge; Prof JE Tompkins; Dr JJ Bollen* Ibsen Between Cultures: The Australian Experience

#### **Griffith University**

DP0985738 *Dr SE Trevaskes* Chinese firewalls: the death penalty and the people's war on drugs along China's borders

#### **Monash University**

DP0985781 *A/Prof G Davies* Digital dissent in the People's Republic: the language of protest and criticism in Sinocyberspace

DP0985927 *Prof Dr JS Gillespie; Prof RP Peerenboom* Pushing against globalisation: Understanding how state and nonstate actors in socialist transforming East Asia shape global laws and regulations

#### The University of Melbourne

DP0987640 A/Prof AE McLaren Ethnoecology and the State in Regional China

DP0988179 *Dr SC Biddulph* The prospects for justice in the legal reform of police administrative detention powers in China

#### University of Technology, Sydney

DP0984495 *Prof DS Goodman; Dr B Carrillo; Dr M Chen* The New Rich and the State in China: The social basis of local power

DP0985709 *Dr EM Jeffreys* Governing Prostitution in the People's Republic of China

DP0985710 *Dr EM Jeffreys; Prof LP Edwards* Being Famous in China: Celebrities, Heroes and Public Figures

#### The University of Sydney

DP0985082 *Dr TE Doelman; Dr P Jia* Crossing Borders: The Use and Distribution of Volcanic Glass Artefacts in Northeast Asia

#### **University of Western Sydney**

DP0988547 A/Prof BM Neilson; Prof M Ang; Dr N Rossiter; Prof ME Morris; Prof R Samaddar; Prof H Wang; Prof S Mezzadra Culture in Transition: Creative Labour and Social Mobilities in the Asian Century

DP0988108 *Prof M Singh; Dr J Han* Extending the capabilities of argumentative Chinese students: Enhancing Australia's pedagogical capacity for engaging China through internationalising research education.

#### Member's Profiles

Here are the profiles of two of our members who are doing very laudable things!

#### Russell Hardwood



My PhD research is examining the social and economic impacts of government development interventions upon poor, isolated rural communities in southwest China. As part of my PhD research project, I spent more than seven months interviewing farmers, teachers and government officials and observing daily life in *Gongshan* County – a particularly poor community with a large

ethnic minority population located at the northern end of the *Nujiang* valley, northwest Yunnan.

My research focuses specifically on the Sloping Land Conversion Program ('Grain for Green'), nature reserves and compulsory education.

My engagement with Gongshan extends beyond conducting research for my PhD thesis. In 2006 I initiated (and now coordinate) the Confucius Institute (UWA) Australia-China Education Fund, which is dedicated to providing better educational outcomes for children from disadvantaged households in southwest China. Our first project involved building a 1.3 kilometre concrete path connecting an isolated mountaintop village with the local primary school. With the new path in place local children can now safely access school all year round and achieve a full and effective education. In 2008 I initiated a separate project entitled the 'Women in University Initiative' which is funding a full university scholarship for an ethnic minority woman from *Gongshan*.

Coordinating these projects has proven to be an invaluable learning

experience and has provided me with an opportunity to gain a more nuanced understanding of community life. I plan to use both the theoretical and practical knowledge gained through my PhD experience to pursue a career in the field of international development.

#### Russell Harwood

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#### **Elaine Jeffreys**



Elaine Jeffreys is a Senior Lecturer in China Studies at the University of Technology, Sydney, a member of the UTS China Research Centre and China Councillor for the Australian Asian Studies Association. She received a PhD in Political Science from the University of Melbourne. Elaine is the editor of *Sex and Sexuality in China* (Routledge 2006) and author of *China, Sex and Prostitution* 

(RoutledgeCurzon 2004). Recent publications include: 'Advanced producers or moral polluters? China's bureaucrat-entrepreneurs and sexual corruption', in David S.G. Goodman (ed.) The New Rich in China: Future Rulers, Present Lives (Routledge 2008); and 'Querying queer theory: debating male-male prostitution in the Chinese Media', Critical Asian Studies (2007) 39, 1: 151-75. She was awarded two ARC Discovery Projects with funding commencing in 2009: DP0985709 'Governing Prostitution in the PRC'; and, with Louise EdwardsDP0985710 'Being Famous in China: Celebrity, Heroes and Public Figures'. Outside of academia, Elaine is a well-known player of Irish traditional dance music on the wooden-flute.

#### Elaine Jeffreys

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#### Provincial China Workshop 2008

'[W]elfare regime types have not yet been used to characterize China – even studies of East Asian welfare regimes usually exclude the PRC.'

To redress this academic neglect, this year's Provincial China Workshop 2008, jointly organized by the UTS China Research Centre and the Scottish Centre for Chinese Social Sciences Research and held at Nankai University in Tianjin between 27-29 October 2008, was to prod China scholars into considering whether or not China can best be identified by a single or multiple welfare regimes. As a nation-state, does China have a distinctive regime in the provision of social welfare or is it a 'welfare mix' regime which includes learned experience from other states, taking the forms of liberal welfare, conservative-corporatist welfare or social democratic welfare states?

Without any need for further explanation, this Workshop was a successful one. While there was no definite answer to the question of whether or not there is a typical Chinese social welfare regime, it certainly encouraged China scholars to examine the welfare issues which have a direct impact on one-fifth of the world's population.

Being a 'newcomer' to the Provincial China Workshop and with an educational background from the discipline of International Relations, I find that this workshop has broadened my horizon on China studies, particularly in understanding a wide range of social security issues - ranging from housing, education, unemployment, health, poverty alleviation to old age policies inside the country. It not only gave me an opportunity to explore China's social security issues from a micro-perspective but also made me aware of the importance of social security for the poor. Perhaps most of us have taken it for granted that the poor's living standard is guaranteed under a socialist state. However, the past three decades of market oriented economic reforms have brought growing inequalities among different provincial localities. The rich have greater access to various types of social security services. On the other hand, the poor fail to have access to schooling, housing or even basic healthcare and as a result, their quality of life has deteriorated compared with the socialist economic system under Mao. With these grave social welfare problems, an interesting common thread that ran through this year's workshop was the minimum living standard (dibao). There is an ongoing debate among scholars and government officials about how to achieve a minimum living standard for the poor.



Apart from academic inspiration, this workshop also provided me with an opportunity to meet my new colleagues from the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS). During the workshop, I was about to commence my work as a post-doctoral research fellow in the China Research Centre at the UTS. This workshop was an excellent platform for me to meet my new colleagues and become acquainted with them. In addition, I also met a host of China scholars who work on various social issues. I enjoyed chatting with them during the breaks between panels. They not only gave me a warm welcome but also a frank exchange of academic ideas. I look forward to seeing them again in the next China Provincial Workshop in 2009.

#### Lai-Ha Chan Postdoctoral Fellow, China Research Centre, University of Technology Sydney

# Letter to the organizers of the China Node Symposium on Culture and Religion

Last September the China Node headed by Professor Stephanie Donald organized a two day symposium on Culture and Religion in Contemporary China. The event included a postgraduates' workshop, film screening and a series of roundtables. The biggest success of this event was that it attracted a large number of postgraduate students, who actively engaged not only in the postgraduates' workshop but also in the discussions that arose from the roundtables. Here, one of the postgraduate students present in the symposium writes a letter to the organizers to congratulate them on the conception and organization of this event.



Dear China Node Symposium organisers,

Thank you very much for organising the China Node Symposium 2008 and congratulations on the success of this event.

I am a postgraduate student at the University of Sydney, currently doing my doctoral research on gender and sexuality in China. I find the Symposium fascinating: in two days, you have gathered researchers from different institutions (in Australia and New Zealand) and various disciplines presenting their research on culture and religion in contemporary China. Most of the participants are leading scholars in the field of China Studies and most of the topics mark the frontier of the field. As a postgraduate student in China Studies, I find such interdisciplinarity, richness and diversity extremely helpful.

I am also expressed by the openness of the discussions and academic generosity that the participants have shown. For instance, in the 'National Studies' Roundtable, five academics presented different views about the phenomenon of National Studies. Some views diverged so much that they almost constituted different schools of opinions. Yet the participants discussed the issue with such openness and friendliness that I find rare in many other conferences. Besides, I had not expected that a lot of academics would turn up at the Postgraduate Workshop, which was scheduled on the morning of the first day when most academics had just arrived in Sydney from other parts of Australia or New Zealand. To my surprise, I found a lot of academics supporting the postgraduate students by attending the workshop and contributing their ideas. One postgraduate student told me that the feedback she received from the academics were fundamental to her research project. All the postgraduate students felt that the presenter-discussant-Q&A format very helpful.

Each workshop in China Node had its own characteristics. The postgraduate workshop was characterised by its wide range of participation. The Symposium sponsored ten postgraduate students from across Australia, which was a large number in the history of China Node. Two of the participants were Master students, who were often neglected in many other academic conferences. I truly welcome the idea of the postgraduate student involvement and hope that more conference would give more opportunities to support postgraduate students and early career researchers. The 'Localities' Roundtable and 'From Text to Screen' Roundtable were very timely because they presented (and pushed) the boundaries of the newly-emerged 'critical Han studies' and the emerging 'Chinese film adaptation studies'. It was certainly exciting to witness all these different areas in their formation and to support the academics who were doing pioneering and exciting work.

My favourite workshop in the China Node Symposium is the 'Cities, Space and Cosmopolitan Desires' Roundtable. It was truly a 'roundtable', whether in the spatial sense or in the sense of meeting its purpose of encouraging friendly conversations and generating good ideas. Six members in the discussion panel came from six different disciplines: geography, political science, sociology, creative industry studies and literary and film studies. Together with other participants in the roundtable, they discussed the same topic: cities in China. Inevitably, this 'strange' combination of people and disciplines has generated interesting discussions and fantastic ideas. In the end, I felt that this was a successful experiment to break down the boundaries of disciplines in examining such a complex issue as the city. This roundtable gave me as much help in understanding the complexity and dynamics of the city as in reflecting on the issues of the current postgraduate education system as well as my own limits in knowledge.

Perhaps my only complaint, or rather, suggestion, is that the schedule of the workshop seemed a bit tight. It would be better to put the two-day compact events into three days. But I certainly understand that the organisers must have taken the cost and the participants' time into consideration. In any case, I, as well as many other postgraduate students who I met at the Symposium, feel that we seem to have finished a month-long course in a mere two days, filling our brains with the latest information and fresh ideas. I can foresee the influence that the symposium on me and my study in the days to come.

My sincere thanks go to all the organisers. Most of the organisers are among the best scholars in the field. They actually went out of their studies and 'made their hands dirty' by doing physical work in preparation for the symposium. Special thanks to the organisers of the Symposium, to Ming Liang and Zheng Yi, for their excellent work. I look forward to more China Node events in the future.

Best regards,

Hongwei Bao Ph.D. candidate, Faculty of Arts, The University of Sydney

#### **Upcoming events**



#### Asia Pacific Week 2009 (ANU)

In 2009, the Australian National University will be hosting the Asia-Pacific Week from 27-30 January. During Asia Pacific Week around 180 graduate students from across Australia and the region will be participating in workshops, master classes and public lectures focusing on South Asia, the Pacific, China, Japan, Indonesia and East Timor.

Key public events include:

Tuesday 27 January 5.30-6.30, Dr Sara Ahmad, Chair of Gender and Water Alliance, "Gender and Water";

Wednesday 28th January 1.00-2.30, Dr Peter Jackson (ANU), Dr Tseen Khoo

(Monash), Dr Michelle Antoinette (ANU), Dr Gaik Khoo (ANU) "What are Asian and Pacific Cultural Studies?":

5.30-6.30 Andrew Pike, Canberra film-maker, "Taking Emily Kame Kngwarreye to Japan"

Thursday 29th January, 5.30-6.30, Ass Prof Jun Saito, Political Science Department, Yale University "Trapped in Reform: the Long Collision Course for Japan's Liberal Democrats?"

The webpage for the event can be found at http://rspas.anu.edu.au/asiapacificweek

#### **Conference Announcements and Call for Papers**

#### Transmission of Academic Values in Asian Studies workshop

Australian National University (ANU)
The Australia-Netherlands Research Collaboration (ANRC)

25 & 26 June 2009, Canberra

Call for papers closes 27 February 2009.

This workshop proposes to examine issues surrounding the transmission of scholarly values in Asian Studies. It will draw upon the views of scholars from a range of life-stages in order to seek a clearer picture of the values that scholars see as important to preserve and of the techniques for achieving transmission between the generations. A feature of the workshop will be attention to differences in values and practice between Australia and other countries.

We now invite proposals for brief presentations (15-20 mins) on one or more themes of the workshop, see <a href="https://www.aust-neth.net/workshop.php">www.aust-neth.net/workshop.php</a> We are keen to include Asian Studies researchers from every career stage (postgraduate to post-retirement) and we encourage colleagues to think imaginatively about those features of the field that are precious and need to be handed from one generation to the next.

Convenor: Robert Cribb robert.cribb@anu.edu.au

For further information contact Helen McMartin: helen.mcmartin@anu.edu.au

Workshop website: www.aust-neth.net/workshop.php

## Australian Social Policy Conference and Chinese Social Policy Workshop (UNSW)

University of New South Wales (UNSW) 8-10 July 2009, Sydney, Australia

#### **Key dates:**

Special session proposal: 19 December 2008 Refereed paper submission: 13 February 2009 Non-refereed abstract proposal: 9 April 2009

Enquiries and submissions: ASPC2009@unsw.edu.au

#### Call for papers:

The Social Policy Research Centre invites offers of papers from researchers, teachers, students and practitioners of social policy for presentation at the 2009 Australian Social Policy Conference. Papers can present the results of research, discuss conceptual or theoretical approaches to contemporary social policy, raise issues for debate or discuss questions of methodology.

Keynote speakers at the conference will include Naomi Eisenstadt, UK Social Exclusion Task Force, Tom Calma, Australian Human Rights Commission and Ann Orloff, Northwestern University.

The overarching theme of the conference will be "An Inclusive Society? Practicalities and Possibilities". However, as in previous conferences, discussion will cover a wide range of social policy topics.

For the 2009 conference there will be three categories of presentations: full refereed papers (with double-blind refereeing to satisfy requirements for Higher Education Research Data Collection points) and papers and poster presentations based on refereed abstracts.

Acceptance of papers for presentation at the conference is necessarily competitive. Selection will be the responsibility of the SPRC, in collaboration with external session organisers and referees. Criteria for selection will include academic quality, originality, accessibility and relevance to current debates in social policy. Where papers are based on empirical research, preference will be given to papers showing evidence of research results. We welcome papers presenting all points of view. Please specify the thematic area(s) (listed above) into which you feel your paper falls. We reserve the right to place it elsewhere, where appropriate, to maintain program balance.

Papers submitted for full refereeing should be no more than 3000 words in length and should include an abstract of no more than 200 words. Author

details should be provided only on a separate cover sheet to facilitate double-blind refereeing. The closing date for the receipt of these papers is 13 February 2009.

For other papers, the closing date for receipt of abstracts (maximum 200 words) is 9 April 2009. Please send your abstract or paper (preferably as a Microsoft Word attachment to an email) to ASPC2009@unsw.edu.au.

Telephone enquiries about papers or the conference in general should be directed to (02) 9385 7802. Registration details will be made available shortly.

#### **Special Sessions**

In addition, we also invite proposals for special sessions (to be organised by the proposers). These might include groups of related papers within the contributed paper streams, or themed research workshops. Proposals for special sessions should be sent to b.bradbury@unsw.edu.au by 19 December 2008.

#### **Chinese Social Policy Workshop**

In conjunction with the Australian Social Policy Conference, a workshop on developments in Chinese social policy will be held on **7 July 2009** at UNSW. Its aim is to increase the capacity of Chinese and Australian researchers to collaborate in areas of joint policy research interest.

Chinese, Australian and other international researchers and government and nongovernment officials engaged in current research in China or an interest in developing that research agenda are welcome to present or attend the workshop. The expected outcome will be the formation of networks of academics, post-graduate candidates and officials to further the conclusions from the workshop. Peer reviewed papers from the workshop will be published in an international special issue journal.

Refereed papers and abstracts in English are sought for this workshop, for which the same refereeing process and closing dates will apply as for the main conference (see above). Please make it clear your paper or abstract is intended for the one-day workshop. Papers can be presented in Chinese at the workshop and simultaneous translation in Chinese and English will be available. Themes for papers or working sessions are:

- Current Chinese social policy questions
- Methodological approaches to Chinese social policy research
- Australian engagement in Chinese social policy research
- Other

The conference website will be accessible from late 2008 through the SPRC website www.sprc.unsw.edu.au

## The 18th New Zealand Asian Studies Society International Conference 2009

Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand 6-8 July, 2009

The New Zealand Asian Studies Society (NZASIA), established in 1974, seeks to encourage the spread of knowledge about Asia, its history, its culture and its role in international affairs. The Society's biennial conferences help achieve this aim through the dissemination of original research in all fields concerning Asia.

#### Call for papers

This will be an open, multidisciplinary conference. Participants are invited to submit panel or paper proposals presenting original research on any Asia-related topic. Proposals for panels are welcome. We can accept only one paper submission per person. Emerging scholars and postgraduate students are particularly welcome. Paper presentations will be allocated 30 minutes (20 minutes presentation and 10 minutes discussion). Shorter papers with more time for discussion are welcome. Panels will normally comprise three paper presentations.

Paper abstracts, single spaced and no longer than 200 words, must be submitted electronically as Microsoft Word email attachments **before 15 March 2009** to: Stephen.epstein@vuw.ac.nz

On your abstract please indicate the following: Title of paper or panel Author(s) and/or panelists Contact details for the author(s) and panelists Three to four keywords

Further information available on: http://www.nzasia.org.nz/conference.html

#### CHINESE STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (INC.)

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

To become a member of the CSAA, please visit the CSAA website, print out and complete the membership application form, and post to the Treasurer. Membership fees as of December 2008 are:

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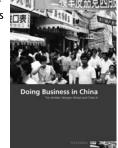
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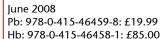
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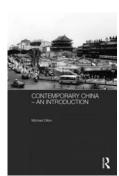
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