



Detail of migration map of Asia: courtesy UNHCR

Inter-Asian Connections

The conference aims at showcasing innovative research from across the social sciences, humanities and related disciplines, 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, South Asia, to Southeast Asia and East Asia.

Dubai, UAE
February 21-23, 2008

PLENARY SESSIONS

February 22, 2:30—4:30 pm
Zayed University Auditorium

Inter-Asian Connections: Past, Present and Future

Gopalan Balachandran, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Magnus Bernhardsson, Williams College
Engseng Ho, Harvard University
Shahnaz Rouse, Sarah Lawrence College

February 22, 5:00—7:00 pm
Zayed University Auditorium

Methodologies of Inter-Asian Studies

Chaired by: Ravina Aggarwal, The Ford Foundation
Michael M.J. Fischer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Dru Gladney, Pacific Basin Institute, Pomona College
Tansen Sen, Baruch College – The City University of New York
Etel Solingen, University of California, Irvine

February 23, 11:00 am—12:30 pm
and 1:30—3:00 pm
Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC)

Conference Synthesis and Workshop Reports

Chaired by: Srirupa Roy, Social Science Research Council

KEYNOTE PANELS

February 23, 3:30—5:30 pm
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The Asian Century

Chaired by: Seteney Shami, Social Science Research Council
Craig Calhoun, President, Social Science Research Council
Prasenjit Duara, University of Chicago

February 23, 5:30—7:30 pm
Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC)

Dubai: Interconnecting Asia

Chaired by: HE Nabil Alyousuf and Tarik Yousef, Dubai School of Government

WORKSHOPS

Border Problems: Theory, Culture, and Political Economy

Distant Divides and Intimate Connections: Migrant Domestic Workers in Asia

Initiatives of Regional Integration in Asia in Comparative Perspective: Concepts, Contents and Prospects

Inter-Referencing Asia: Urban Experiments & the Art of Being Global

Law-in-Action in Asian Societies and Civilizations

Multiple flexibilities: nation-states, global business and precarious labor

Neoliberal Globalization and Governmentality: State, Civil society and the NGO Phenomena in Asia

Networks of Islamic Learning across Asia: The Role of International Centers of Islamic Learning in Building Ties and Forging New Identities

Post-collective Economic Lives and Livelihoods:

Studies of Economy, Institutions and Everyday Practice in Post-socialist Eurasia and Asia

Sites of Inter-Asian Interaction

South Asia Regional Fellowship Program: Collaborative Research

Transnational Circuits: 'Muslim Women' in Asia



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