



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  
*Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC)*

### 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  
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### 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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