



La Trobe Asia Research Showcase

11 November 2015
9.00am – 2.00pm
Level 20, 360 Collins St

Welcome to the first La Trobe Asia Research Showcase. Today, La Trobe researchers will be presenting aspects of their work that has been supported by the La Trobe Asia Grant Program. The aim is to highlight the remarkable research being undertaken in the region and to bring together a diverse group of scholars and researchers to share ideas and approaches to undertaking research in the region. We thank you for your interest and attending today and hope that you enjoy the day.

PROGRAM

Time and Venue	Activity
9.00 am – 9.15 am	REGISTRATION
9.15 am – 10.00 am Room 3	<p>OPENING – LIVE PODCAST</p> <p>Guest Speaker: John Garnaut speaking with Professor Nick Bisley (this session will be recorded as a live podcast and will include Q&A from the audience)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>John Garnaut is Fairfax Media's Asia Pacific editor. Most recently he was China correspondent. John graduated in law and arts from Monash University and worked for three years as a commercial lawyer at Melbourne firm Hall & Wilcox before joining the Sydney Morning Herald as a cadet in 2002. He became the Economics Correspondent in the Canberra press gallery and in 2007 was posted to Beijing.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>Executive Director of La Trobe Asia and Professor of International Relations at La Trobe University. He is currently Editor-in-Chief of the <i>Australian Journal of International Affairs</i>, the country's oldest scholarly journal in the field of International Relations.</p> </div> </div>
10.00 am – 10.15 am Student area	MORNING TEA

10.15 am – 11.15 am

Room 3

Each presenter will speak for 10-15 mins and take 5-10 mins Q&A (total 20 mins)

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1

Dr Ian Woolford (Hindi Studies)

"The life and death of Bidapat: A North Indian Folk Drama" Ian Woolford will present on his fieldwork in northeast Bihar, India. He has worked with some of the few remaining performers of a village genre called bidapat nach, and investigated its connections to some of the most admired works of modern Hindi literature.

Dr James Leibold (Senior lecturer, Department of Politics and Philosophy)

James will look at **minority education in China**, with particular focus on current challenges facing China's ethnic minorities, especially the Uyghurs and Tibetan, in receiving an equal and quality education.

Dr Jasmine-Kim Westendorf (Lecturer in International Relations)

Jasmine-Kim investigates **the unconventional approach taken in the peace process in Nepal** and how it affected the establishment and consolidation of peace. It pays particular attention to local interpretations of the successes and shortcomings of the peace process and the ongoing challenges the country faces.

10.15 am – 11.15 am

Room 4

Each presenter will speak for 15-20 mins and take 10-15 mins Q&A (total 30 mins)

Ronald Knevel (Oral Health Course Coordinator, Department of Dentistry and Oral Health)

Ron investigates student and stakeholder perceptions of the **role of the dental hygienist in Nepal** as well as providing insight in self-reported career choice motivation and intentions after graduation of dentistry and dental hygiene students.

Dr Patricia Fenner (Senior Lecturer, Course Coordinator Master of Art Therapy)

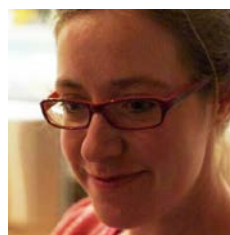
This project focused on **art making and mental health recovery in Samoa**. In a country with very limited financial resources the project explored how art making with a recovery intention can provide wellbeing outcomes for young people experiencing trauma and mental illness.

11.15 am – 11.45 am

Room 3

LIVE PODCAST

Guest Speaker: Dr Kumuda Simpson-Gray and **Professor Nick Bisley** with Matthew Smith (this session will be recorded as a live podcast and will include Q&A from the audience)



Kumuda is a Lecturer in International Relations at La Trobe University with a research focus on American gun culture and vigilantism; US-Iran relations and nuclear politics, and democracy promotion in the Middle East.

<p>11.45 am – 12.45 pm</p> <p>Room 3</p> <p>Each presenter will speak for 10-15 mins and take 5-10 mins Q&A (total 20 mins)</p>	<p>CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2</p> <p>Dr Nicola Henry (Senior Lecturer, Legal Studies)</p> <p>Nicola will be discussing civil society tribunals as a transitional justice response for addressing wartime sexual violence, drawing on examples from the Women’s International War Crimes Tribunal on Japan’s Military Sexual Slavery.</p> <p>Dr Benjamin Habib (Lecturer in International Relations)</p> <p>Ben will be discussing the findings of his field research in Seoul investigating inter-Korean environmental engagement. This research found that general reticence within the ruling conservative party in South Korea over engagement with the North continues to limit expansion of environmental cooperation programs across the DMZ.</p> <p>Dr Andrew Gilmore (Management and Marketing)</p> <p>Andrew will be presenting the influence of trust in Chinese food import purchase intentions. Trust is decomposed into: disposition to trust, institution-based trust, trusting beliefs and trusting intentions. The influence of the transaction cost minimization objective of members of the Chinese food supply chain on the import purchase intentions is also discussed.</p>
<p>11.45 am – 12.45 pm</p> <p>Room 4</p> <p>Each presenter will speak for 10-15 mins and take 5-10 mins Q&A (total 20 mins)</p>	<p>Dr Zhanming Liang (Public Health)</p> <p>Zhanming has been researching whether core competencies for Victorian Health Service Managers are applicable to Chinese Health Service Managers.</p> <p>Dr Markandeya Jois (Senior Lecturer, Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Microbiology)</p> <p>Mark will be presenting the role of phytochemicals in the prevention and treatment of obesity and related diseases including type 2 diabetes. The recent work in his lab suggests that the free-living nematode <i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i> may be an excellent model for the discovery of beneficial phytochemicals and to identify their mechanism(s) of action.</p> <p>Dr Megan Maher (Biochemistry and Genetics)</p> <p>Megan will speak about her work at the cutting edge of membrane protein structural biology through a collaboration with Professor So Iwata at Kyoto University</p>
<p>12.45 pm – 2.00 pm</p> <p>Student Area</p>	<p>LUNCH AND NETWORKING</p> <p>Catering provided by Mary and Steve The Caterers Pty Ltd</p>