

# > IIAS Research Programmes

## ABIA South and Southeast Asian Art and Archaeology Index

The ABIA Index is an annotated bibliographic database, which is compiled by an international team of specialists brought together in a project coordinated by the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology (PGIAR) of the University of Kelaniya, Colombo, Sri Lanka. The database is freely accessible for searches via the Internet. The ABIA website (with help functions) is under construction. Selections from the database also appear in print.

ABIA Index 2 (to be published by Brill, Leiden) will contain circa 2000 references to publications processed for the database between 1 September 1998 and 1 September 2001.

Teams at two regional centres participate in the production of the ABIA Index database. One at PGIAR in Colombo, Sri Lanka, under the guidance of Mr S. Lakdusinghe, director of PGIAR and Chairman of the ABIA project, with support of the Central Cultural Fund; the other at the IIAS in Leiden, the Netherlands, under the guidance of its Director Professor W. Stokhof. The ABIA project has branches in Indonesia and India, and correspondents in several other countries.

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### CLARA: 'Changing Labour Relations in Asia'

The Changing Labour Relations in Asia programme (CLARA) aims to build a comparative and historical understanding of labour relations in different parts of Asia which are undergoing diverse historical processes and experiences in terms of their national economies, their links with international markets and the nature of state intervention. This understanding will be based on the promotion of inter-Asian cooperation and that between Asian and non-Asian institutions.

The programme promotes several types of activities, namely: coordination of workshops; research projects; short-term research fellowships; networking; publications; and the setting up of a databank. CLARA is supported by the IIAS and the International Institute of Social History (IISH).

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### Genomics in Asia: Socio-Genetic Marginalization

This new interdisciplinary programme studies the socio-political implications and practices of the development and application of the new biomedical and genetic technologies in Asian religious and secular cultures. The programme was initiated by IIAS and the Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM, Leiden), but will be executed in cooperation with other Dutch research institutes such as the Centre for Bioethics and Health Law (CBG, University of Utrecht), the Institute for Innovation and Trans-disciplinary Research (Free University, VU), and various Asian research institutes. The programme aims to generate insight into the ways in which the use and monopoly over genetic information shape and influence population policies, environmental ethics, and biomedical and agricultural practices in various cultures and across national boundaries. Our concern with genetic stigmatization does not just pertain to the diagnosed genetic deviants, but also to the genetic labelling of criminality, poverty, the illiterate, the disabled, and social and ethnic minorities.

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### 'Islam in Indonesia: The Dissemination of Religious Authority in the Twentieth Century'

This 4-year cooperative research programme aims at studying and documenting important changes, which occurred in religious - especially Muslim - authority in Indonesia during the past century and which have contributed significantly to the shaping of the present nationhood. The programme focuses on four advanced research projects, being: (1) The traditional religious authority: Ulama and

fatwa; (2) Mystical associations (tarekat) in urban communities; (3) Dakwah (Muslim propagation) activities in urban communities; (4) Education and the dissemination of religious authority.

The programme is implemented by the IIAS. It resorts under the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences (KNAW), administered by Scientific Co-operation Netherlands - Indonesia. Its main donor is the KNAW; co-sponsors are: the Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM), Leiden, the Research School of Asian, African and Amerindian Studies (CNWS), Leiden, and the IIAS. The programme furthermore co-operates with several research institutions in Indonesia, such as the Islamic State Universities (IIAN), Jakarta.

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### The Syntax of the Languages of Southern China

The project 'The Syntax of the Languages of Southern China' has a descriptive-analytical aspect and a theoretical aspect. On the descriptive-analytical side, it aims at a detailed description and in-depth analysis of a limited number of syntactic phenomena in six languages, both Sinitic and non-Sinitic, spoken in the area south of the Yangtze River. On the theoretical side, it will systematically compare these descriptions and analyses in order to contribute to further development of the theory of language and the human language capacity; the development of such theories have hitherto been disproportionately based on the study of Western languages.

The project is a joint NWO/Leiden University/IIAS research programme.

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### Transnational Society, Media and Citizenship

This integrated multidisciplinary programme studies the complex nature of contemporary cultural identities and the role which the globalization of information and communication technologies (ICT's) plays in the (re)construction of identities. Although the programme is based in the Netherlands, the projects will be conducted at numerous fieldwork sites. The research programme will broaden our understanding of implications of new media and communications technologies in transforming political and religious forms, which transcend the nation-state and the relationship between consumption practices and identity formation.

The programme was initiated by the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research (ASSR) together with the IIAS and is executed with financial support from the Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research (WOTRO).

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## August - December 2002

- 28-31 August 2002  
Leiden, the Netherlands - IIAS Workshop  
*Vietnamese Peasant Activity: An Interaction between Culture and Nature*
- 11 September 2002  
Brussels, Belgium  
*Asia Update: EU-Asia Relations after September 11*  
Organized by the Strategic Alliance for Asian Studies, to be held in the European Parliament in Brussels
- 13-14 September 2002  
Leiden, the Netherlands - IIAS Workshop  
*Globalizing Media and Local Society in Indonesia*
- 20-21 September 2002  
Leiden, the Netherlands - IIAS Workshop  
*Asian Contributions to the Formation of Modern Science: The Emergence of Artificial Languages*
- 21-25 September 2002  
Gothenburg, Sweden  
*Burma-Myanmar Research and its Future*  
First Collaborative International Conference of the Burma Studies Group (BSG) in conjunction with the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) and the Centre for East and Southeast Asian Studies (CEAS), Gothenburg University
- 27 September 2002  
Leiden, the Netherlands  
SoY (South of Yangtze) Linguistics Colloquium
- 25 October 2002  
Leiden, the Netherlands  
SoY (South of Yangtze) Linguistics Colloquium
- 31 October - 1 November 2002  
Leiden, the Netherlands - IIAS Workshop  
*Islam in Indonesia: annual programme seminar*  
Convenors: Dr Michael Laffan and Dr Nico Kaptein
- 22 November 2002  
Leiden, the Netherlands  
SoY (South of Yangtze) Linguistics Colloquium
- 5-8 December 2002  
Leiden, the Netherlands - IIAS Workshop  
*Chewing the West: Occidental Narratives as Nation-Building Nutrition Selected and Digested by Asian and African Literatures in Indigenous Languages*
- 12-14 December 2002  
Leiden, the Netherlands  
*Mega-Urbanization in Asia: Directors of Urban Change in a Comparative Perspective*

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