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The co-sponsors of the conference are the JNU, the University of Sussex and the Australian National University. The core fund will come from the DSA Programme of the Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU, and possibilities of grant from other agencies like UGC, Ministry of Environment, etc. are being explored.

Nonetheless, it is anticipated that the bulk of papers will be on South and Southeast Asia.

Papers are invited on theme subjects and also on a wide array of subjects including or related to prehistory of the environment; pre-colonial, colonial and post-colonial forest conservation and management; river control, flood control; national parks; ornithology; arable expansion; climate history and change; environmentalism; management of commons; indigenous knowledge; tribal/indigenous/adivasi/aborignie people and environment; the natural sciences; museums; public health; the medical profession; disease epidemiology; famines; extreme events; impact of railway and road building; dam-building; popular environmental movements; tourism and the environment; the timber trade; globalization and the Asian environment; art and the environment; urban environmental history; dance/drama/arts/photography; geology; commons; indigenous knowledge; environmental justice; museums; public health; the medical profession; disease epidemiology; famines; extreme events; impact of railway and road building; dam-building; popular environmental movements; tourism and the environment; the timber trade; globalization and the Asian environment; art and the environment; urban environmental history; dance/drama/arts/photography; geology; commons; indigenous knowledge; environmental justice; museums; public health; the medical profession; disease epidemiology; famines; extreme events; impact of railway and road building; dam-building; popular environmental movements; tourism and the environment; the timber trade; globalization and the Asian environment; art and the environment; urban environmental history; dance/drama/arts/photography; geology; commons; indigenous knowledge.

### Globalizing Media and Local Society in Indonesia

**Information**

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The upcoming Globalizing Media and Local Society in Indonesia workshop aims at a better understanding of the cultural and social dynamics of contemporary Indonesia through interdisciplinary discussion by researchers and practitioners of media from diverse countries. It will address the broad issue of how the globalization of media has constantly struggled with a policy of national integration and with diverse local practices.

Globalization has been vigorously discussed in several intellectual fields. There is a widely held belief that globalization is a recent phenomenon, caused by rapid innovations in information and communication technologies (ICTs), which leads to a uniformity often said to be conterminous with Americanization. The basic hypothesis of globalization is that globalization has taken place all over the world, and that there are no significant differences between the developed and developing countries.

The workshop focuses on two inter-related topics. First, globalizing media in the national context of Indonesia. One of the main topics is to explore how the Indonesian media has changed since the collapse of the New Order enabled more democratic, decentralized and globalized media and societies. And second, the production and/or consumption of media in local societies in which the global and the national interact. We ask how people have access to varieties of media and how they interpret them in the local context. We pay special attention to television because of its recent dramatic development in Indonesia. However, we suggest that broader issues of media like performance, arts, films, radio, and the newly developed technologies such as internet have to be explored.

### Forums of Discussion

1. **Hani terraced-field culture, the ecological environment, and sustainable development.**
2. **Origin and course of Hani/Ahka history and culture.**
3. **Hani/Ahka linguistics and philology.**
4. **Modernization and development of the economy and society in Hani/Ahka areas.**
5. **Studies of nationalities in drainage areas of Honghe and Mekong rivers.**

**Conference Announcement:**

7th International Conference on Philippine Studies (ICOPHIL)

‘The Philippines: Changing Landscapes, Manscapes, and Mindscapes in a Globalizing World’

Convenor Prof. Otto van den Muijzenberg

Please contact: otto.muijzenberg@let.leidenuniv.nl for more information or to be added to the ICOPHIL mailing list. The call for papers and panel proposals will be presented in the next issue of the IIAS Newsletter.

### Conferences

**Hani/Ahka Culture**

Under authorization of the Ministry of Culture of the People’s Republic of China, the Fourth International Conference on Hani/Ahka Culture will be held as scheduled at various locations in Yunnan and Honghe counties, Honghe Prefecture, Yunnan Province.

During the conference, two attractive activities of different folk-custom spot investigation will be offered in Yunnan and Honghe counties. Attendees may expect to see the beautiful scene of Hani terraced fields, houses, folk customs, activities of cultivation, spinning, weaving and dying cloth, and savour the Hani diet by joining the famous Hani multi-table Long Street Festival.

**Theses should fall within the following six subject areas:**

1. Hani terraced-field culture, the ecological environment, and sustainable development.
2. Protection, use and development of Hani/Ahka traditional culture.
3. Origin and course of Hani/Ahka history and culture.
4. Hani/Ahka linguistics and philology.
5. Modernization and development of the economy and society in Hani/Ahka areas.
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**Agenda > Greater Hanoi province, Vietnam**

3-9 December 2002

**Agenda > Greater Yunnan province, China**

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