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WORKSHOP

INTIMATE CONNECTIONS: EVERYDAY EXPERIENCES OF INTER-ASIA TIES

11–13 August 2016

Keynote speakers:

Professor Koichi Iwabuchi
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**Associate Professor
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Location:

Humanities Research Centre,
AD Hope Building,
Australian National University,
Canberra, ACT

Japan Institute
ANU College of
Asia & the Pacific

In recent years Asia has experienced an unprecedented flow of people, media representations, and capital as many countries have undergone vast economic and political transformations. In considering these tectonic shifts, analysts have often focused on macroeconomic and political questions, studying shifting market forces or politics at a national level. Such questions have tended to promote top-down research focusing on one nation or one sub-region at a time. In contrast, there is an emerging field of research on inter-Asian connections which views contemporary Asian nations as interlinked and interrelated at the most intimate of levels. Building on this approach, this workshop offers a space for rigorous discussion on how shifting political-economic realities are fostering new intimate connections among people throughout the region.

The deadline for applications for the masterclass is 31 July 2016.

Please email Benjamin Hegarty (benjamin.hegarty@anu.edu.au) to register for catering purposes. If you will attend the keynote lectures only there is no need to register.

To register for the masterclasses on Saturday 13 August please contact Benjamin Hegarty (benjamin.hegarty@anu.edu.au) for details.

Workshop Schedule

11 August 2016

9:00	Opening Welcome Speech Simon Avenell	12:45-13:45	Lunch
9:15-10:15	Public Keynote 1 Professor Koichi Iwabuchi “Intimacy’s Enemies Revisiting Radical Potentials of Trans-Asian Mediated Connections”	13:45-14:45	Public Keynote 2 Dr Dredge Kang “The Interracial Optics of Asian Intimacies in Cosmopolitan Thailand”
10:15-10:45	Morning tea	14:45-15:15	Afternoon tea
10:45-12:45	Panel 1 Globalisation and Media Flows > Gietty Tambunan “Seeking Pleasures of Consumption in the ‘New’ Global Flows: Appropriating East Asian Popular Culture Products in Indonesia” > Kania Arini Sukotjo “Comparative Studies of Yaoi Culture in Japan and Indonesia” > Anoosh Soltani “Instagramming Identities: the Use of Social Media Space by Migrant Asian Muslim Women in Waikato, Aotearoa New Zealand”	15:15-17:15	Panel 2 Race, Sexualities and the Body > Benjamin Hegarty “Inter-Asian Approaches to the Erotics of Development: Indonesian Transgender Imaginations and the Afterlife of Authoritarianism” > Thomas Baudinette “An Exploration of Racialized Desire in Japan’s Gay Sub-Culture: The Case of Chinese Men” > Carl Gabrielson “Japanese Women and American Military Men: Perpetuating and Resisting Stereotypes in U.S. – Japan Intimate Relations.”

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9:30-10:30	Public Keynote 3 Associate Professor Thang Leng Leng “Inter-Asia Intimacies on the Ground: Journeying with the Women from Japan”	14:00-15:00	Public Keynote 4 Dr Chika Watanabe “Intimacy Beyond Love: a Case for Ethnography and History in Inter-Asian Encounters”
10:30-11:00	Morning tea	15:00-15:30	Afternoon tea
11:00-13:00	Panel 3 Remaking Intimacy > Ching-Ying Tien “The Reformulated Meaning of Family and Home for Taiwanese Expatriates in Vietnam” > Sherman Tan “The Sympathetic Imagination: Singaporeans and their Migrant Others” > Wen-Ching Ting “(Re) making Intimate Connections: the Role of Religious and Ritual Practices in the Displaced Shan Communities along the Both Sides of Thai-Burma Border”	15:30-17:30	Panel 4 Gender, Money and Productivity > Shiori Shakuto “After Productivity: Shifting Intimate Relations among the Japanese Retirement Migrants in Malaysia” > Andy Scott Chang “When Men are Left Behind: Gender Relations in Indonesian Migration” > Tingting Liu “Romance is good only when it comes with money: Chinese rural migrant labourer’s encounter with a precarious era”
13:00-14:00	Lunch	17:30-18:00	Concluding Discussion

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10:30-12:00	Masterclass 1 Dr Chika Watanabe “Economics, Development, Activism”	13:00-14:30	Masterclass 2 Dr Dredge Kang “The New Anthropology of Love”
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break		