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WOMEN IN ASIA CONFERENCE 2019

Women in an Era of Anti-Elitism:
Responding to the Challenge of Rising
Populism and its Threat to Gender Inclusivity

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Women in Asia Conference is affiliated with the [Women's Forum](#) of the [Asian Studies Association of Australia](#). WIAC2019 is the 12th Women in Asia Conference. It is being held at UNSW and supported by [UNSW's Institute for Global Development](#).

ABOUT THE WOMEN IN ASIA FORUM

The ASAA Women's Caucus was established in 1978 and changed its name to the Women's Forum at the 2006 ASAA Conference. The forum has played a significant role in raising the profile of women doing research on Asia in Australia, as well as promoting research about women in Asia.

The Women's Forum of the ASAA includes people interested in promoting scholarship on women in Asia or supporting women working within Asian Studies.

The Women's Forum:

- / convenes the [Women in Asia Conference](#) (21-23 June 2019, UNSW)
- / coordinates a moderated email [discussion forum](#)
- / holds a biennial meeting held during the [ASAA Conference](#)
- / supports the [Women in Asia book series](#)

WOMEN IN AN ERA OF ANTI-ELITISM

There is a significant populist trend in which 'elites' are increasingly seen as being 'out of touch' with 'ordinary people'. This manifests across the globe but includes Asia. WIAC2019 considers the role and position of women in Asia in an era of anti-elitism. A range of pressing social, economic and legal challenges face the nation-state and regional stability due to rising populism in Asia.

WIAC 2019 seeks to:

- / generate new knowledge about the impact of changing gender norms in the context of growing support for anti-elite, conservative and fundamentalist movements.
- / adopt an interdisciplinary, comparative and gendered approach.
- / consider how changing gender norms intersect with populism's appeal in Asia.
- / explore the ways that perceived threats to traditional norms of men and women's roles and diverse expressions of gender and sexuality are fundamental to the rise in Asian populism.

Populism is gendered and Asia offers excellent opportunities for exploring cross-cultural, cross-religious, trans-historical evidence on this rising global phenomenon.



CONFERENCE COMMITTEE



Associate Professor Melissa Crouch

UNSW Law

Melissa Crouch is Associate Professor at the Law Faculty, the University of New South Wales, Sydney. She teaches and researches on law and religion, law and governance, and comparative constitutional law, with a specialization in Southeast Asia. Her most recent publications are 'The Politics of Court Reform: Judicial Change and Legal Culture in Indonesia' (CUP 2019) and 'The Constitution of Myanmar: A Contextual Analysis' (2019).



Professor Louise Edwards

UNSW Arts & Social Sciences

Louise Edwards is Scientia Professor of Chinese History. She publishes on women and gender in China and Asia. Her most recent books include *Women Politics and Democracy: Women's Suffrage in China* (Stanford University Press 2008), *Women Warriors and Wartime Spies of China* (Cambridge University Press 2016) and *Citizens of Beauty: Drawing Democratic Dreams in Republican China* (University of Washington Press, forthcoming). Louise is a former President of the Asian Studies Association of Australia.



Dr Tanya Jakimow

UNSW Arts & Social Sciences

Tanya Jakimow is an anthropologist of development, researching in India and Indonesia. The central focus of her work is the micro-politics of local level development. Tanya's most recent research is focused on the experiences of local level women political actors in India and Indonesia.



Dr Felix Tan

UNSW Business School

Felix Tan is an early career Information Systems researcher at the UNSW business school. He actively investigates the enabling effects of enterprise systems and digital platforms, in the contexts of business and society, with particular emphasis on disruption, strategies, structures, and transformation.



Dr Carmen Leong

UNSW Business School

Carmen Leong is an early career researcher in the discipline of Information Systems (IS). She received her PhD degree from The National University of Singapore in 2015. Her research interests include digital empowerment in social studies and digitally enabled strategic transformation in organisations. She has been conducting research as an associate of a case study team comprising of mentors, scholars and students from universities in China and Australia.



Associate Professor Minako Sakai

UNSW Canberra

Minako Sakai is an Associate Professor at UNSW and is leading the Asia Pacific Development and Security Research Group at UNSW. She is also an Adjunct Associate Professor at the College of Asia and Pacific at the Australian National University. She works on interlinked research themes, religion and regional identity, civil society and social change in Asia, especially Indonesia.

CONFERENCE RESEARCH STREAMS

In addition to accepting panel proposals, the 2019 Women in Asia Conference will host panels around a series of key themes.

GENDERED PROCESSES OF POWER

Led by :

Dr Tanya Jakimow

(UNSW Arts & Social Sciences)

This theme explores the gendered processes of political power, examining the ways it is generated, reproduced and challenged. We especially invite papers that approach political power as a resource or form of capital that can be accumulated and appropriated through the (gendered) relations between political actors.

In particular, we wish to explore the different ways that women generate political power—for example through emotional labour or acts of piety—and how this power contributes to achievement of broader political objectives: their own, and those of other actors.

The theme is exploratory, raising new questions such as:

- / What are the processes through which female political power is appropriated by male political actors or larger party machinery?
- / What are the returns on women's political labour, and how does this differ to the returns for men?
- / How do/can women generate collective political power that challenges patriarchal relations?
- / How do women's strategies to generate political power contribute to populist politics, and potentially the (inadvertent) harming of women's interests?

WOMEN IN LAW IN ASIA: NAVIGATING THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND THE JUDICIARY IN AN ERA OF ANTI-ELITISM

Led by :

Associate Professor
Melissa Crouch
(UNSW Law)

Across Asia, the legal profession and the judiciary have undergone major changes since the Asian Financial Crisis of 1997. This includes changes in the structure and size of courts, judicial reform and changes in legal practice. Yet little scholarly attention has been paid to the role of women in the legal profession and the judiciary in Asia. This stream will consider the sociological and political dimensions of the role of women in the legal profession in Asia in an era of anti-elitism.

Asia presents a new comparative context within which to explore the position and influence of women in the legal profession, and the ongoing barriers and limitations to women's participation in the profession. Likewise, women in the judiciary in Asia are understudied. While there is renewed scholarly attention to the feminization of the judiciary, little consideration has been given to trends in Asia.

Existing research suggests that new lines of inquiry and modes of analysis are required, particularly for legal traditions (such as civil law or plural legal systems) that do not fit within the existing scholarship on women in common law and/or liberal jurisdictions. This stream will focus on the mobility of women in the legal profession, the extent to which issues of gender inequality are being addressed among lawyers and judges, and what is distinctive about professional identity formation for women in law in Asia.

THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN POPULISM AND GENDER INCLUSION

Led by :

Dr Felix Tan and
Dr Carmen Leong
(UNSW Business School)

Recent technological advancements fostering new collaborations and social networking have delivered both positive community development outcomes and evoked new challenges to societal norms across Asia.

This stream aims to provide an open and constructive discussion forum of the role of technology to foster fair and reasonable opportunities for participation in economic activities, for decision-making and to influence policies across Asia. This includes:

- / How technology is used to foster the open exchange of ideas and the freedom of expression, enabling and promoting participation in the economic activities and decision-making without distinction based on gender differences?
- / How individuals and organizations are using technology to achieve gender balance and cultural change in certain industries?
- / How governments and NGOs recognize the capability of technologies in order to respond to challenges of inclusivity?
- / How technology challenges traditional gendered power norms?

We are excited to hear from researchers representing all ontological perspectives and we welcome qualitative, mixed methods, conceptual works and papers that examine the above topics.

GENDERING POPULISM IN ASIA

Led by :
Professor Louise Edwards
(UNSW Arts & Social Sciences)

Campaigns against elites often invoke conservative, patriarchal gender norms in which feminism and women's rights are marked as dangerous, foreign cultural influences. Nationalism and fundamentalism often combine with misogyny and intolerance towards gender diversity and LGBTI peoples.

- / How are these trends manifest across Asia?
- / What forms of resistance are emerging?
- / Are their historical precedents from national independence movements?
- / How are women being invoked as symbols of virtue/pride in nations and communities as 'traditional' values resurge?
- / Does gendered populism operate differently in non-democratic or semi-democratic nations than it does in multi-party democracies?

The stream seeks to explore how women and LGBTI communities are faring in the era of rising populism. It also seeks to invite consideration of how we can gender existing theories of populism and make them meaningful to research and activism in diverse Asian contexts.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

BODY POLITICS AND POLITICAL MILITANCY: SHIV SENA WOMEN AND THE MANY LIVES OF AGENCY IN WESTERN INDIA

Presented by :
Associate Professor Tarini Bedi
(University of Illinois at Chicago)

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This lecture poses provocations on how, in the current moment, we might think both with and against the dominant analytical understandings of populism that by and large continue to assume a universally gendered “people.” It grapples with the conundrum that while all populisms generally structure their rhetoric and their claims through appeals to more traditional gender roles, they also incorporate more women into their ranks.

I suggest that in order to understand these contradictions and complexities of populist politics it is important to pay close attention to the intersections between political events and the everyday life of populist politics and to the embodied and performative practices of women at these intersections. I think about this mode of engagement with what I call “body politics” through my fieldwork with women of Shiv Sena (Shivaji’s Army), a militant political party that has been allied with Hindu Nationalist politics in Western India.

I suggest that attention to body politics and embodiment could help us understand connections between populism and electoral politics and the production of gendered political authority for women who compete for elections at the lowest levels of electoral democracies. I argue that attention to the connections between body-politics and party/populist politics illuminates how political subjects are constituted within lived systems of ethnic, gender and sexual difference that are configured in local places, within local constraints, and locally available imaginaries of political authority.

I am particularly interested in exploring how these embodied practices shape and ground political subjectivities; and how they allow women to critique dominant forms of male power and in the process build political and electoral constituencies that are outside the male gaze.



ABOUT TARINI BEDI

Associate Professor Tarini Bedi is an urban and political anthropologist who conducts research in South and Southeast Asia. She is Associate Professor of sociocultural anthropology in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her research and teaching interests lie at the intersection of urban and political anthropology, gender studies, anthropology of infrastructure and mobilities, and cultural geography.

Her first book, "The Dashing Ladies of Shiv Sena: Political Matronage in Urbanizing India" (2016, SUNY Press) develops a feminist theory of brokerage politics. It is particularly interested in the expressive, masculinized, and visual forms of politics utilized by low-level women politicians in Western India. She is currently finishing up a second book manuscript, *Everyday Technologies of the Urban: Motoring and Mobilities in Bombay/Mumbai's Taxi Trade* which looks at the social, material, political, labor and manufacturing histories of road transport, motoring, and automobility through the lens of the taxi trade in Bombay/Mumbai.

21 JUNE EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER WORKSHOP

Sponsored by :
Australian Academy of Humanities

Friday 21 June 2019
12:30pm – 4:30pm

Law Faculty Common Room (Room 249)
Level 2, Law Building (Map Ref: F8)
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12:30pm Registration

Please register at the desk located outside the room.

1pm Session 1: Social Impact and (National) benefit

Chair: Dr. Tanya Jakimow (UNSW)

Speakers: Jan Breckenridge (UNSW), Louise Edwards (UNSW) & Sarah Cook (IGD, UNSW)

In this session we will hear from researchers across the Humanities and Social Sciences about how they narrate the benefit of their research and devise a strategy to increase social impact.

1:45pm Break - Tea and Coffee will be served

2pm Session 2: Academic Service and Leadership

Chair: Felix Tan (UNSW)

Speakers: Mina Roces (UNSW), Melissa Crouch (UNSW) & Kuniawati Dewi (Indonesian Institute of Sciences, LIPI)

This session will discuss the difference between service and leadership roles, the gendered nature of academic labour, the considerations when deciding to take on such roles, and negotiation skills to ensure that such labour makes a positive contribution to your career.

2:45pm Break

3pm Session 3: Building International Networks (of solidarity)

Chair: Melissa Crouch (UNSW)

Speakers: Priya Chacko (Adelaide University), Minako Sakai (UNSW Canberra) & Dina Afrianty (La Trobe University)

The session will provide advice on building national and international research networks. In doing so it will consider ways that scholars may be marginalised from these networks on account of their gender, race, institution, accent, language and so on, as well as strategies to deal with this on an individual level, and most critically, as an academic community.

3:45pm Session 4: Finding time for life

Chair: Carmen Leong (UNSW)

Speakers: Hannah Bulloch (ANU), Karen Fisher (UNSW) & Monika Barthwal-Datta (UNSW)

This session aims to help participants find perspective in relation to their academic career among the other aspects of their life, as well as time management and negotiation skills to become more productive in the pursuits that advance that career.

4:30pm Networking Drinks and Refreshments

22 JUNE CONFERENCE DAY 1

Saturday 22 June 2019
9am – 5:30pm

Law Building (Map Ref: F8)
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8am - 9am	Registration Law School Foyer (Ground Floor)					
9am - 10am	Conference Welcome Welcome to Country Welcome from Associate Professor Melissa Crouch (Secretary, Asian Studies Association of Australia) Welcome from Dr Sarah Cook (Director, UNSW Institute for Global Development) Law Theatre G04					
10am - 10.30am	Morning Tea Break Level 1, UNSW Law					
10.30am - 12pm	Law G17	Law 101	Law 275	Law 163	Law 201	Law 203
	Panel 1a: Pathways to Power: Women in Formal Politics 1 (Indonesia)	Panel 2a: Women in the Legal Profession and Judiciary in Asia Sponsored by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, the Gilbert + Tobin Centre for Public Law & UNSW Law	Panel 3a: Social Media and Gendered Participation	Panel 4a: Gendered Political Styles and Identities	Panel 5a: Asian Women Consumers	Panel 6a: Women, Identity and the Moral Economy
12pm - 1pm	Lunch Break Level 1, UNSW Law 12:30 - 1 Optional: Women in Asia Forum Caucus Law 101					
1pm - 2.30pm	Panel 1b: Pathways to Power: Women in formal politics 2 (East and South East Asia)	Panel 2b: Women in the Legal Profession: Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Pakistan Sponsored by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, the Gilbert + Tobin Centre for Public Law & UNSW Law	Panel 3b: Gender, Feminism and Digital Technology	Panel 4b: Women's Movements - Challenging Patriarchy	Panel 5b: Ethnographies of Gender in the Philippines part A: Feminine and Masculine Ideals Defined and Disrupted	Panel 5d: Religious populism and its impact to the campaign on women rights and gender equality in Indonesia
2.30pm - 3pm	Afternoon Tea Break Level 1, UNSW Law					
3pm - 4.30pm	Panel 1c: Resuscitating Gender quotas	Panel 2c: Women in the Legal Profession: Myanmar, Indonesia, and ASEAN Sponsored by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, the Gilbert + Tobin Centre for Public Law & UNSW Law	Panel 3c: Women, the Internet and Social Media	Panel 4c: Individuals and the State—Gendered Negotiations		Panel 5e: Women in Rodrigo Duterte's Philippines: Anxieties and Aspirations
4.30pm - 5.30pm	Body Politics and Political Militancy: Shiv Sena Women and the Many Lives of Agency in Western India Presented by Dr Tarini Bedi Sponsored by UNSW Arts and Social Sciences Law Theatre G04					
5.30pm	Break - no activities					
7pm	Conference Dinner SOLD OUT Time for Thai Restaurant 2/309 Anzac Parade, Kingsford					
Streams	Stream 1: Gendered Processes of Power (Led by Dr Tanya Jakimow)	Stream 2: Women in Law in Asia (Led by Associate Professor Melissa Crouch)	Stream 3: The Role of Technology in Populism and Gender Inclusion (Led by Dr Felix Tan and Dr Carmen Leong)	Stream 4: Gendering Populism in Asia (Led by Professor Louise Edwards)	Panel Submissions	Open Stream Panels

23 JUNE CONFERENCE DAY 2

Sunday 23 June 2019
9am – 5.30pm

Law Building (Map Ref: F8)
UNSW Sydney

8.30am - 9am	Registration Law School Foyer (Ground Floor)							
9am - 10.30am	Law G17	Law 101	Law 275	Law 162	Law 163	Law 201	Law 202	Law 203
	1d: Politics and Labour	Panel 2d: Women in the Judiciary: Nepal, India and Malaysia <small>Sponsored by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, the Gilbert + Tobin Centre for Public Law & UNSW Law</small>	Panel 4d: Women and the State		Panel 5j: Affective labour and self-making among women in contemporary East Asian societies	Panel 5m: Staging women's voices in disaster and conflict areas in Indonesia	Panel 6d: Women, Media and Empowerment	Panel 6g: Motherhood, Identity and Health
10.30am - 11am	Morning Tea Break Level 1, UNSW Law							
11am - 12.30pm	Panel 1e: Empowerment, development and political change	Panel 2e: Women in the Judiciary: Phillipines, Thailand, the Pacific <small>Sponsored by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, the Gilbert + Tobin Centre for Public Law & UNSW Law</small>	Panel 5f: Rethinking Women's Empowerment: New Frontiers from Muslim Countries part 1	Panel 5h: Negotiating power in China: women in transformative social and public space	Panel 5k: Religious populism and womens rights movement in Indonesia	Panel 6c: Gendered Violence	Panel 6e: Women's Empowerment and Rights in Asia	Panel 6h: Women, Work and Community Empowerment
	Lunch Break Level 1, UNSW Law							
1.30pm - 3pm	Panel 1f: Appropriation of Women's bodies	Panel 2f: Roundtable on Women in the Legal Profession and Judiciary in Asia <small>Sponsored by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, the Gilbert + Tobin Centre for Public Law & UNSW Law</small>	Panel 5g: Rethinking Women's Empowerment: New Frontiers from Muslim Countries part 2	Panel 5i: Women in Asia research resources in Australia: a library panel	Panel 5l: Un/(re) productivity and gender/sexuality in Japan	Panel 5n: Ethnographies of Gender in the Phillipines B: Displacement, Continuity and Change	Panel 6f: Women, the Environment and Money	
3pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea Break Level 1, UNSW Law							
3.30pm - 5.30pm	Closing Panel Discussion on Women in an Era of Anti-Elitism Presented by Associate Professor Melissa Crouch, Professor Louise Edwards, Dr Tanya Jakimow, Dr Carmen Leong, Associate Professor Minako Sakai and Dr Felix Tan Law Theatre G04							
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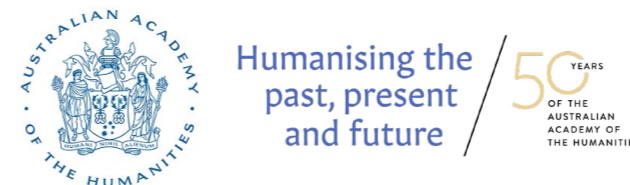
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Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is an active political foundation operating worldwide. KAS promotes peace, freedom and justice through political education. The consolidation of democracy, the promotion of European integration, the intensification of transatlantic relations and development cooperation are our particular concerns. KAS is supporting panels in the law stream of the Women in Asia Conference, funding flights and accommodation for participants to present their research. Thank you!



The Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA) is the peak body of university experts and educators on Asia in Australia. The ASAA takes a strong interest in promoting knowledge about Asia in schools and in contributing to state and Commonwealth government policies related to Asia. The support of the Asian Studies Association of Australia will go towards bursaries that will enable students to present their research at WIAC2019. Thank you!



The Australian Academy of the Humanities is the national body for the humanities in Australia. They champion the contribution humanities, arts and culture makes to national life, providing advice to ensure ethical, historical and cultural perspectives inform discussions regarding Australia's future challenges and opportunities. As part of the Academy's 50th anniversary celebrations in 2019, they are delighted to support the next-generation of humanities scholars attending the Early Career Researcher Workshop. Thank you!

WOMEN IN ASIA FORUM

The Women's Forum of the Asian Studies Association of Australia includes people interested in promoting scholarship on women in Asia or supporting women working within Asian Studies. The Women's Forum is the host of the Women in Asia Conference and have supported this year's conference with bursaries to enable students to present their research at WIAC2019. Thank you!

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UNSW BUSINESS SCHOOL

UNSW Business School is a leading Asia-Pacific business school, with a focus on collaborative education and research partnerships that extend throughout the Asia-Pacific region. UNSW Business School's original and relevant business research shapes economic policy and influences the way business is done around the world. UNSW Business School is generously supporting bursaries that will enable students to present their original research at WIAC2019, as well as sponsoring the Director of Diversity and Inclusion of the Association for Information Systems to attend the conference. Thank you!

UNSW LAW

UNSW Law is ranked 16th in the world and is Australia's leader in progressive and rigorous legal education and research. Inspired by principles of justice, UNSW Law has a focus on law in action and makes a difference in this world. UNSW Law are generously support the panels in the Law Stream. Their support will allow presenters in this stream attend and present their original work at WIAC2019. Thank you!

UNSW GILBERT + TOBIN CENTRE OF PUBLIC LAW

The Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law in the Faculty of Law plays a prominent, independent role in public debate on issues vital to Australia's future including Charters of Rights, federal reform, reconciliation and native title, refugees and migration law and the challenges of responding to terrorism. The Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law are supporting the panels in the Law Stream of the conference and will enable presenters on these panels attend WIAC2019. Thank you!

UNSW ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

UNSW Arts and Social Sciences combines outstanding teaching and research with a commitment to public engagement, social impact and an international perspective. UNSW Arts and Social Sciences is sponsoring WIAC2019's keynote speaker, Dr Tarini Bedi, through the Faculty Distinguished Visitors Program. Tarini Bedi will be joining WIAC2019 from the University of Illinois in Chicago and we are grateful for the support. Thank you!

UNSW INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

The Institute for Global Development (IGD) is an ambitious UNSW initiative designed to tackle significant local and global challenges. IGD is committed to achieving change through harnessing academic excellence, fostering transformative partnerships and translating evidence into impact. The IGD has supported WIAC2019 by providing vital in-kind administrative support to organise the conference. Thank you!



OTHER INFORMATION

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WIAC2019 is minimising the amount of waste we produce. We will not be providing printed copies of the program. Instead, please consider saving this program on your phone, tablet or laptop.

Bamboo and sugarcane disposables will be used during breaks. However, we encourage you to bring a reusable cup to use during breaks for coffee, tea and juice.

WIFI ACCESS

All attendees will need to individually pre-register to use WiFi. Please follow these instructions carefully.

In order to access the UNSW WiFi network during your time on campus, you will need to pre-register via this link:

[Register here](#)

1. Enter the passphrase: (Case Sensitive) WIAC2019
2. Enter your contact details. You will receive a verification email. Follow the instructions to create your WiFi account.
3. Create a password: You cannot use your name or a date of birth and your password will be Case Sensitive.
4. You will receive a V-Username. Write this down, along with your password that you create (Case Sensitive) and ensure you bring these to the campus.
5. You are now ready to logon to the Uniwide network.

If you are using a work issued laptop or device, please be aware that the firewall setup may restrict you accessing WiFi. Personal devices seem to encounter fewer issues.

All activity on the wireless network is monitored and users are expected to abide by all relevant UNSW policies. These policies can be found at: <https://www.it.unsw.edu.au/students/policies/>.

KEY SIDE EVENTS

Thursday 20 June

Association of Mainland Southeast Asia Scholars (AMSEAS) Annual General Meeting

4:30pm - 5:30pm, Room 249,
UNSW Law Building (Map Ref: F8), UNSW Sydney

All AMSEAS members encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to: melissa.crouch@unsw.edu.au

Friday 21 June

South Asian Studies Association of Australia Annual General Meeting

5pm - 6:30pm, Law Faculty Common Room,
UNSW Law Building (Map Ref: F8), UNSW Sydney

All SASAA members encouraged to attend. The AGM will be followed by dinner nearby.

Please RSVP to: t.jakimow@unsw.edu.au

China's Presence in Mainland Southeast Asia Today

9am - 5pm, Lecture Theatre 351,
Education Building, University of Sydney

As China seeks to convert its economic power into further regional influence this workshop aims to provide a clearer picture of the current relationship between mainland Southeast Asian countries and China. It will also consider its significance at a time of growing geo-political tension in the Indo-Pacific region.

[Register now](#)

Monday 24 June

SSEAC Research Conference

The SSEAC research conference is an opportunity for University of Sydney postgraduates and early career researchers working on Southeast Asia-related topics to present their research in preparation for upcoming conferences. It's also a chance for academics, practitioners and the wider community to engage with the next generation of Southeast Asia research excellence.

[Register now](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE BREAKS?

A couple of stalls and activities will occur during the morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch breaks during the conference.

Saturday 22 June

Lunch

The Women in Asia Forum will hold its annual caucus. Come along to meet and network with the Women in Asia Forum – the hosts of this year's conference!

All Day

[WEFTShop](#) is a Fairtrade clothing brand that will pop up at the Women in Asia Conference. Selling limited edition and ethically made cushions, jewellery and bags, purchases directly support refugee and migrant families from Myanmar!

UNSW Bookshop will be joining us with a pop up stall selling a range of books and merchandise.

Dinner

The conference dinner is sold out!

The conference dinner will be held at Time for Thai located at 2/309 Anzac Parade, Kingsford. The restaurant is a 10 minute walk from UNSW Sydney.

If you missed out on a ticket to the conference dinner, we encourage you to head to a local restaurant in groups.

Sunday 23 June

All Day

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ABOUT THE VENUE

The conference will be held on UNSW Sydney's Kensington campus in the Law Building (Map Ref: F8). The university campus is well serviced by public transport and is located about 20 minutes drive from Sydney Kingsford-Smith International and Domestic Airports. The campus is also well located to amenities including a hospital, various cafes and restaurants and is about 15 minutes from the Sydney CBD.

A [short guide](#) to the local area including the venue, places to eat and accommodation is available [on our website](#).

Please find maps of the [UNSW campus](#), including an [accessibility map](#), online.

Parking

There are many parking options on campus. Between 7:30am and 7:30pm on weekdays, parking is paid. Parking is free on weekends and weekdays before 7:30am and after 7:30pm. Parking is on a first come, first served basis and it is not possible to reserve parking spots. There is also timed and untimed on-street parking around UNSW but spaces are limited due to high levels of residential occupation around the university.

Public Transport

Sydney is well serviced by public bus, train, tram and ferry services. All metro and greater Sydney region public transport is ticketed by use of an Opal card. Opal cards can be purchased from newsagents, convenience stores and most supermarkets.

To plan journeys you can use the Opal card app (also used for topping up card credit) or the TripView app, both available from the Android and Apple app stores. Google maps also can provide information on public transport options.

Religious Facilities

UNSW Sydney is well known for its identity as a global university. There are prayer facilities on campus that accommodate Anglican, Buddhist, Catholic, Orthodox, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Jewish and Muslim faiths. These are located at The Religious Centre on Level 3, The Squarehouse (Map Ref: E4). All food provided at the conference will be Halal. Vegetarian options will also be available.



**CONFERENCE VENUE
Law Building (F8)**

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