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(Senior) Research Fellowships, One-Year Visiting (Senior) Research Fellowships and Postdoctoral Fellowships

Applications are invited for (Senior) Research Fellowships, One-Year Visiting (Senior) Research Fellowships and Postdoctoral Fellowships at the Asia Research Institute (ARI) for commencement between **May 2009 and September 2009**.

The positions are intended for outstanding active researchers from around the world, to work on an important piece of research in the social sciences and humanities. Interdisciplinary interests are encouraged. Up to three months of a 12-month fellowship may be spent conducting fieldwork in the Asian region.

A majority of the positions will be allocated to the more specific areas listed below. However some will be reserved for outstanding projects in any area outside of those listed. Applicants should mention which category they are applying to or if none, write "open category". Applications which link more than one field are also welcome.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(Senior) Research Fellow

1. The appointment will be tenable for a period of two years at the first instance, with the possibility of extension for another term of two years (ie. up to a total of a four-year term).
2. The fellowship comes with a competitive remuneration and benefits package, depending on seniority, in the range of SGD 4,000 to SGD 14,500 per month.
3. Travel assistance will be provided for non-Singaporeans who are recruited from overseas. Singaporeans and Singapore Permanent Residents who are returning home from abroad will be provided with travel assistance if they have been residing overseas for more than three years.
4. Support for research and fieldwork, and conference attendance (on application and subject to approval).
5. A monthly housing allowance for expatriate staff who do not own properties in Singapore to subsidise the cost of property rental in Singapore.
6. Medical benefits.
7. Vacation leave of 28 days per calendar year.

Application deadline: 1 November 2008

One-Year Visiting (Senior) Research Fellowship

1. The appointment will have a normative tenure of one year, though shorter periods may be negotiated.
2. The fellowship comes with a competitive remuneration and benefits package. Depending on seniority, the maximum remuneration is SGD12,000 a month.
3. Airfare reimbursement/travel subsidy will be provided for expatriates who are recruited from overseas.

4. A monthly housing allowance for expatriate staff who do not own properties in Singapore to subsidise part of the cost of property rental in Singapore.
5. Medical benefits.
6. Vacation leave of 28 days per calendar year.

Application deadline: 1 November 2008

Postdoctoral Fellowships

1. Contract is tenable for a period of one year in the first instance with a possibility of extension to two years.
2. The salary package is SGD 4,500 per month (inclusive of housing allowance for expatriate staff who do not own properties in Singapore), with a one-off travel subsidy of SGD 2,000 for appointee.
3. Support for fieldwork and conference attendance (on application and subject to approval).
4. Candidates must have fulfilled all requirements of the PhD within the last 4 years. If you are currently a PhD candidate at the point of application, you may also apply provided that you are confirmed for graduation between May to September 2009. A letter from your university will be required to confirm your graduation before your proposed start date.

Application deadline: 1 November 2008

*Terms and conditions, according to university guidelines, are subject to change without prior notice.

AREAS OF RESEARCH FOCUS

1) The **Changing Family in Asia** (Convenor: Prof Gavin Jones) explores the dimensions of family change in the region, their causes and implications. These dimensions include rising ages at marriage, declining size of the nuclear family, increase in one-person households and alternative family forms, changing gender roles within families, and changes in family structures. They are studied in the context of the changing political-economic structures and changing state/family roles in provision of services and support.

2) The **Asian Migration** (Convenor: Prof Brenda Yeoh) explores the issues arising from increased levels of human mobility in the region, both within and across national borders. Mobility of high-level professional and managerial personnel, unskilled labour migration (both documented and undocumented), and human trafficking all raise methodological and theoretical questions and major policy issues, as does the role of migration in development and change.

3) The **Religion and Globalisation in Asian Contexts** (Convenor: Prof Bryan Turner) explores the changing patterns of religious belief, practice, and identity in recent times, particularly in Southeast Asia. The title implies a general interest in transnational and diasporic communities, engagement with modern technologies and values, as well as new global or "glocal" forms of religious activities and institutions. More specifically the cluster looks at modern forms of filial piety and the interactions between politics and religion. In addition to these substantive research areas, the cluster promotes the interdisciplinary research involving the study of social and cultural theories and diverse methodological approaches to the academic study of religion.

4) The **Cultural Studies in Asia** (Convenor: Prof Chua Beng Huat) is an emerging field of academic research in Asia which is challenging conventional disciplinary boundaries to rethink received knowledge on existing issues and/or to address new topics and concerns thrown up by the rapid changes and impact on cultural practices, brought about by new technologies and the new phase of global capitalism. This research cluster focuses on comparative and pan-Asian popular culture practices in different spheres of everyday life.

5) The **Sustainable Cities** (Convenors: Prof Heng Chye Kiang & Prof Chua Beng Huat) Asia has been experiencing rapid and often uncontrolled changes in many areas over the past four decades. Economic growth, while generally desired, has also resulted in much environmental degradation and socio-cultural discontinuities. Asian cities, the site of these tumultuous changes

in the age of capitalist globalization, are caught between urbanization and the demands of sustainability. The "Sustainable Cities" research initiative at ARI is targeted at examining emergent urban situations in which social-cultural and environmental sustainability require urgent attention. Issues under scrutiny include eco-urbanism, cultural preservation, and quality of social life. The following is an inclusive list of research expertise and ideas that would be welcome: sustainable architecture, urban management & governance, urban planning, urban design, urban place-making, land-use management, transport and communication modes, the interface between technology and society (for example, in relation to emerging environmental technologies, and water and energy resource use), industrial and landscape ecology, economics and finances of sustainability of quality human health and social life, regeneration of heritage areas in extant cities.

6) The **Open Category** (Convenor: Prof Lily Kong) While any research institute must focus its work on certain particular frontiers on which it hopes to make a difference, ARI has also kept its doors open to talented people, exciting ideas and worthwhile projects across the whole spectrum of the social sciences. Many of our most exciting visitors have been in what we call the "open" cluster, to ensure this openness to ideas remains. Applications are welcomed in any field, and especially for projects that are innovative and interdisciplinary.

ABOUT THE ASIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE (ARI)

Established as a university-level institute in July 2001, the Asia Research Institute (ARI) is one of the strategic initiatives of the National University of Singapore. ARI engages the social sciences broadly defined and especially interdisciplinary frontiers between and beyond disciplines. It seeks to be a space of encounters between the region and the world. Within NUS it works particularly with the Faculties of Arts and Social Sciences, Business, Law and Design, the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and the other Asia institutes to support research, conferences, lectures and graduate study at the highest level.

INVITATION TO APPLY

Interested applicants are invited to **email/mail** their applications, consisting of:

- i) Application form (please click [here](#) to download the application form);
- ii) Curriculum Vitae;
- iii) Synopsis of the proposed research project (no restriction on the number of pages);
- iv) At least one sample of published work;
- v) Ensure that at least three referees submit directly to us (email is acceptable) a confidential report on the applicant's academic standing and on their research project by the **1 November 2008**.

We regret that only successful candidates will be informed. Candidates who do not hear from the University within 10 weeks after closing date of the advertisement may assume the position has been filled.

Address for submission of applications and references:

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Application for Research Appointments

Please return the completed form via post or email to Ms Chong Mei Peen (Human Resources), Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 469A Tower Block, Bukit Timah Road #10-01, Singapore 259770, Email: joinari@nus.edu.sg.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Post Applied For: (Please tick the appropriate box)	<input type="checkbox"/> (Senior) Research Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> One-Year Visiting (Senior) Research Fellowship <input type="checkbox"/> Postdoctoral Fellowship
Cluster Applied For:	<input type="checkbox"/> Changing Family <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Migration <input type="checkbox"/> Religion & Globalisation <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainable Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Open Category
Proposed Commencement Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> May 09 <input type="checkbox"/> Jun 09 <input type="checkbox"/> Jul 09 <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 09 <input type="checkbox"/> Sep 09
Please indicate how you came to know about the position being applied for:	
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PERSONAL DETAILS

Title and Full Name as in Passport/Identity Card (underline Surname/Family Name):

Prof /Dr / Mr /Miss / Madam**

Email:

Phone: Confidential Fax No:

EDUCATION (List Universities and other Institutions attended)

From	To	Universities/Institutions Attended	Country	QUALIFICATIONS ATTAINED (with dates; for PhD and Masters degree, state field of study)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (Starting with your present post, please give your employment history in reverse date order)

From	To	Position Held	Employer's Name & Address	Gross Monthly Salary

IF APPOINTED:

(Please tick the appropriate box. For (S)RF and V(S)RF applicants only.)

- Taking leave from present appointment and will be on ****full home salary / partial home salary / no pay leave** while at ARI.

Please elaborate (as appropriate):

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- Resigning from present position

RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Title of Research Proposal

REFERENCES *(Letters of recommendation needed from the referees you state below)*

Name	Post	Institution/ Organisation	Address/Confidential Fax No./E-Mail Address
1.			Address: Phone: Confidential Fax No: Email address:
2.			Address: Phone: Confidential Fax No: Email address:
3.			Address: Phone: Confidential Fax No: Email address:

ANY OTHER INFORMATION

Any other relevant information you would like to give in support of your application:

DECLARATION

I declare that the particulars in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I have not willfully suppressed any material fact.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

***Please delete where appropriate*