Internationalisation:
A perspective from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS
National University of Singapore

Vision

A leading global university centred in Asia, influencing the future

FASS

More than 6000 Undergraduates

Close to 1000 Graduate Students

More than 500 Exchange Students

More than 400 Faculty Members

More than 160 Executive & Professional Staff

17 Departments and Programmes
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European Studies

• Focus on contemporary, relevant, aspects of Europe as a major global presence
• Choice of language study between French and German
• Alums in business, overseas attachments, MFA, etc.
• Also available as a popular minor
CENTRE FOR LANGUAGE STUDIES

Widest offering of foreign languages:
Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Malay, Tamil, Thai, Vietnamese

- Innovative methodologies of teaching
- Complete complement of language modules leading up to advanced proficiency
- Small class sizes providing individual attention
- SEP language preparation and overseas immersion programmes

10 Years, 12 Languages...
Join the Centre for Language Studies’ Anniversary Celebrations in 2011!
The NUS Difference:
A Leader in Global Education

Bring the world to NUS  Take NUS students to the world
A Leader in Global Education

- Bring the world to NUS
- Take NUS students to the world

Highly diverse
Students and faculty from 100 countries
20% undergraduates and 60% graduate students from abroad

Joint-degree programmes in NUS
E.g. NUS-UNC Chapel Hill Joint BA (Honours) Degree

Inbound exchange students
>1,500 per year
A Leader in Global Education

Bring the world to NUS

Take NUS students to the world

50% undergraduates go overseas;
25% for > 6 Months

Revised to 70% in the next 5 years

> 60 joint- & double-degree programmes with top universities around the world

Reciprocal student exchange arrangements with 300 partner universities in 40 countries

7 NUS Overseas Colleges across the US, Europe, China, India and Israel
FASS

5 INTERNATIONALISATION STRATEGIES
1. Reputation and rankings

- The revolution in Asian universities’ push to internationalizing its education is the greater attention paid to its reputation.
- With internationalization, the communication of university quality has to expand beyond the country as the catchment area to region and beyond.
- The growing need for consumer information on academic quality has led to the growth of university rankings.
World University Rankings

Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2012

NUS is ranked 23rd Worldwide
(Top Universities by Reputation 2012)

Quaquarelli Symonds World University Rankings 2011

12th for Arts and Humanities
(2nd in Asia)

13th for Social Sciences
(1st in Asia)

QS World University Rankings 2012
25th placing, up three spots from last year
2. Partnerships of prestige

- Plugging into strategic alliances, networks and partnerships:
  - To excel, Asian universities can also establish strategic partnerships to leapfrog ahead. Drawing from the experience of the National University of Singapore, we have several strategic and mutually beneficial partnerships which have boosted NUS’ growth trajectory.

(President Tan Chorh Chuan, 2010)
Building Global Partnerships

International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU)

Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU)

Universitas 21 (U21)

ASEAN University Network (AUN)
3. Research Quality and Visibility

- Pressure to compete in the global league among Asian universities has led to
  - greater instrumentality among academics in choosing publication venues under a “‘publish or perish’ context”
  - strengthening of international collaborations and joint partnerships with world-class research institutes and universities
FASS Research Clusters

CLUSTER UPDATE
August 2012

Welcome to the inaugural edition of Cluster Update, a semi-annual newsletter to fill you in on all the latest developments from the interdisciplinary FASS Research Clusters.

Click on the images below to jump to content:

New premises are revealed at AS7 level 6 for Cluster events

More information on the upcoming Cluster for ‘Social Science and Policy’

Detailed news and events from the existing Clusters -

Seminar on ‘Borders, Babies and Biotechnology: Global Reproductive Travel’ by Associate Professor Andrea Whittaker, University of Queensland, 11 January
Jointly organized with Asia Research Institute
This seminar presented ongoing ARC funded research on reproductive travel in the region as another form of ‘illicit industry’ that dovetails with global modes of production and a transnational workforce. AP Andrea Whittaker explored the regulatory gaps spawing this trade, the lucrative new sex trade. In gender selection technologies and the implications of international surrogacy and donor ova services. This industry has also spawned a ‘rotten trade’ in the region involving the illegal trafficking in women and children.

Seminar on ‘Migrant Female Sex Workers in Hong Kong: Health Risk and Vulnerability: A Decade of Qualitative Research’ by Professor Eleanor Holroyd, RMIT University, Melbourne - 9 February
Jointly organized with the Health Research Cluster.
Professor Eleanor Holroyd presented data from three systematic qualitative research studies (ethnographic, media analysis and mixed methods) that captured the health risk, social construction of stigma, health protection strategies and vulnerability of occupational health status of migrant sex workers in Hong Kong. The seminar argued that the qualitative data locates FSW in a broader migration framework that is best conceptualized as ‘structural violence’; in addition, what is needed is a broad interventionist approach framework of addressing the socio-political factors contributing to migrant FSW health vulnerability.

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8 Clusters on Cities; Migration; Health; Environment; Religion; STS; Families, Youth and Children; and Social Policy
Seminars, Reading Groups, Collaborative Projects, Roundtables, Workshops, Conferences, Graduate Student Activities

Event Highlights cont.

Asia-Pacific Worlds in Motion IV Graduate Student Conference - 20-21 February
Jointly organized by FASS Migration Research Cluster, Division of Research & Graduate Studies, St. John’s College, Department of Geography, Metropole British Columbia, University of British Columbia (Vancouver, Canada) and Asia Research Institute.

Initiated in 2008, Asia-Pacific Worlds in Motion is an annual interdisciplinary graduate conference on Asia-Pacific migrations, held alternately in Singapore and Vancouver, Canada. The two-day graduate student conference provided a platform for NUS graduate students who are conducting research on migration and mobilities to collaborate with other international graduate students. Three keynote speakers invited were Prof. Adrian Bailey (Hong Kong Baptist University), Prof. Daniel Hiebert (University of British Columbia), and Prof. Rachel Parrenas (University of Southern California).

Post-conference Roundtable on Fluidities and Fluidities: Citizenship Worlds in Motion - 21 February. Jointly organized by the FASS Migration Research Cluster and Department of Geography.

In conjunction with the Asia Pacific Worlds in Motion IV conference, a post-conference roundtable discussion was held to address the policy challenges surrounding the intersection of fixed and fluid notions of citizenship.

Speaker: Dr. Shirley Tan (Nanyang Technological University of Singapore); Ms. Kenny Zhang, Asia Pacific Foundation (Vancouver, Canada); Ms. Caroline Quinart, Canadian High Commission (Singapore); Dr. Leong Han Hoong, Institute of Policy Studies (Singapore); Dr. Elaine Ho (Department of Geography, NUS); and Chairperson Prof. Daniel Hiebert (UBC).

Upcoming Events

- 5 Sept 2012, TBC - Seminar on Spatializing i/yar: The Moral Geographies of Shame in Return from Failed Migration for Trafficked Filipino Fishermen – Dr. Saffie Yea, Monash University
- 15 Oct 2012, Seminar on Migration Habitus and Female Piety: Marriage Vietnamese Migrants in Hong Kong – Dr. Chan Yuk Wah, City University of Hong Kong
- 5-6 Nov 2012 - Workshop on the ‘Diaspora Strategies’ of Migrant-Sending Countries: Migration as Development Reinvented?

New Steering Committee members

We are pleased to report two new members to the Steering Committee of the Migration Research Cluster. We welcome AP Eric Charles Thompson (Sociology) and Dr Elaine Ho Lynn-Ee (Geography) to the cluster; they will join AP Shirena Huang (Geography; Chair of the cluster) and Dr. Pattana Kikgas (Southeast Asian Studies) to make up the current Steering Committee. We would also like to acknowledge, as committee member Dr Miho Toyota and thank her for her contributions to the Migration Research Cluster.
Collaborative Learning

FASS +

- Double Masters in Chinese Language (Peking University)
- Joint Masters in Clinical Psychology (University of Melbourne)
- Joint Masters in Southeast Asian Studies (Australian National University)
- Joint PhD (King’s College London)
- Joint PhD (University of Edinburgh)

Double/Joint Graduate Degrees with External Universities
4. Collaborative Learning

FASS +

- Double Degree Bachelor of Arts (Honours) with Waseda University (School of International Liberal Studies)
- Joint Bachelor of Arts Programme with University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
- Joint Honours Degree in Actuarial Studies and Economics with ANU
- Joint Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) (ANU) / Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Double/Joint Undergraduate Degrees with External Universities
The Joint Degree programme is offered by the School of Finance and Applied Statistics, Faculty of Economics and Commerce, ANU and the Department of Economics, FASS, NUS.

Students who do well enough will complete parts 1 and 2 of the qualification for the Fellowship of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia.

Half of the study takes place in Singapore and half in Australia.

Han Yi (Graduated 2009 with the Joint Honours Degree in Actuarial Studies and Economics 1st Class Honours)
Students at either university spend two to four semesters at the other.

Christopher Chok: “a life changing experience....”
5. Global Educational Exposure, Experience & Opportunities

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Peking University

ANU

The Australian National University

Waseda University

University of London

King’s College London

University of Toronto

University of Copenhagen

Hokkaido University

The University of Melbourne

Loughborough University

Manchester 1824

The University of Manchester
• Spend *one semester or two* at an overseas partner university while remaining a full-time student of NUS

• Pay *regular full time tuition fees* at NUS

• Experience a different culture, learning environment, interact with students of different nationalities, learn a new language and *read courses that may not be offered in NUS*

• Over *300 overseas partner universities* to choose from.
Overseas Summer Programmes

OdySEA 2012
The programme is designed to provide a group of students with an opportunity to experience a relatively low-cost study abroad summer programme with a 10-to-14 day field trip in one country in Southeast Asia – Philippines and Thailand in 2012!

NUS Research Institute (NUSRI)
Summer@Suzhou 2012
Spend 6 weeks in the new residential summer programme in Suzhou, China. Participants will study and live at the new NUS Suzhou Research Institute, while exploring architectural marvels, discovering Chinese art and culture all in the comfort of the internationally renowned Suzhou Industrial Park!
WHY COME TO NUS?

THREE REASONS......
1. English-speaking but diverse, cosmopolitan environment

• A broad-based quality education in English
• International faculty in well-regarded departments
• Diverse, cosmopolitan student body
• An easy introduction and springboard to Asia
• English base, plus opportunities to learn 12 languages
NUS University Town (UTown) offers state-of-the-art facilities and residential college living for a diverse student population.
3. FASSTRACK ASIA: THE SUMMER SCHOOL

Six-week Residential Summer School beginning June-July 2013

- Offers a suite of Asian Studies modules in line with FASS’ research and teaching strengths in Asian Studies
- Learn a new language (2013 offerings: Thai and Bahasa Indonesian)
- Offers an Asia fieldtrip component to meet the increase in KPIs related to students spending time abroad (revised from 50% to 70% of the NUS student cohort).
- Offers residential living in UTown for local and exchange students from our strategic partners