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In the aftermath of disasters, we frequently aim for a built-back-better recovery; be it after a hurricane, a flood, or any other disaster. Yet, the record of achieving this goal is quite mixed. This talk aims to identify the ways we can think about an economic recovery that is indeed better, and what may be some of the policies that can lead us in that direction, and not away from it.

Dr. Ilan Noy

*Chair in the Economics of Disasters and Climate Change - Te Āwhionukurangi, Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington*

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Entitled “Tānu” (‘Water’ in English), the poem and song is written in the Rotuman dialect and engages the importance of water - from the mountains, into the valleys from rain and into the seas. These creative works acknowledge the relationship with ‘tānu’ and reflect on humans’ continuous exploitation towards this precious resource. How have we taken ‘tānu’ for granted and fail to see its importance? And what of the future generations? How will they navigate their relationship with ‘tānu’? What will be our legacies? These works help us appreciate ‘tānu’ today as it did for our ancestors, nourishing souls and guiding voyages.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE
THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 16

REGISTRATION
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

OPENING CEREMONY
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Imin International Conference Center
Keoni Auditorium

WELCOMING
HULA & CHANT
Kumu Hula: Victoria Holt Takamine
Pua Ali‘i ‘Ilima

INTRODUCTIONS
Ann Hartman
Dean, Education Program
East-West Center

OPENING REMARKS
Suzanne Vares-Lum
President, East-West Center

WELCOME NOTE
Imaculata Kurniasanti
Sadichchha Shrestha
22nd IGSC Co-Chairs

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Dr. Ilan Noy
"Building Back Better: A goal, an aspiration, or just a slogan?"

ARTS PRESENTATION
John Taukave
“Tānu”: Recovery and Resilience in the Pacific

CLOSING REMARKS
Imaculata Kurniasanti
Sadichchha Shrestha
22nd IGSC Co-Chairs

RECEPTION*
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Imin International Conference Center
Garden Level

*open to in-person registrants only
FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 17

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**
7:30 am - 8:15 am
Mandarin Room

**PARALLEL SESSION 1**
8:30 am - 10:00 am
1.1. Religion: Theory & Representation
1.2. Indigenous Theory
1.3. Resilience in Literature
1.4. Language and Literature (Virtual)

*(due to the larger number of panelists in session 1.4, it will go from 8:30-10:15 am)*

**BREAK**
10:00 am - 10:30 am

**PARALLEL SESSION 2**
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
2.1. Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation of Spaces
2.2. Education, Curriculum, and Community Engagement
2.3. Politics in Asia
2.4. Non-State Actors and Global Movements (Virtual)

**POSTER SESSION**
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Wailana Room, Garden Level

**LUNCH**
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm
Wailana Room, Garden Level

**PARALLEL SESSION 3**
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
3.1. Cultural Studies & the Arts of Identities
3.2. Health: Disease, Mortality, and Policy
3.3. Reconfiguring Diplomacy and Borders (Virtual)
3.4. Ecological Resilience: from the Land to the Sea (Virtual)

*(due to the larger number of panelists in session 3.3 & 3.4, they will go from 2:00-3:45 pm)*

**CONFERENCE MIXER**
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Hale Hālāwai

*open to in-person registrants only*
SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 18

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS*  
7:30 am - 8:15 am  
Mandarin Room

PARALLEL SESSION 4  
8:30 am - 10:00 am  
4.1. Gender and Resilience  
4.2. Economy: Scales and Solutions  
4.3. Language: Structures and Functions  
4.4. Religion: Theory and Representation (Virtual)

BREAK  
10:00 am - 10:30 am

PARALLEL SESSION 5  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
5.1. Conflict, Peace and Resilience  
5.2. Environment: Stories of Management and Settlement  
5.3. Migration in the Changing World  
5.4. Aesthetics in Asian Art (Virtual)

POSTER SESSION  
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm  
Wailana Room, Garden Level

LUNCH*  
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm  
Wailana Room, Garden Level

PARALLEL SESSION 6  
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
6.1. Community Care and Resilience  
6.2. Geopolitics in Asia and Beyond  
6.3. Economy and Risk Management (Virtual)

PAU HANA*  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Hale Hālāwai

*open to in-person registrants only
1.1. Religion: Theory and Representation

8:30 am – 10:00 am, Washington Room

Blessed are the Meek: Interrogating Narratives of Resilience amidst Government Inaction and Persecution in the Philippines
Reyes, Ken (Philippines), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Reconceptualising Islam and Ho’omana: A Decolonial Framework for Understanding Religion
Lim Bin Adam Lim, Herman (Singapore), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa & East-West Center

Unbridgeable Difference: The Politics of Translation in Encounters between American Protestantism with 宗教 (Shūkyō) and Ho’omana
Prosi, Alex (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Queer Evolutions of Avalokiteśvara and Transhistorical Misconception, or, How I Came to Have Eleven Heads, Ten Thousand Hands, a Million eyes, and Breasts
Madrone, Corwynn Wolf (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa & East-West Center

Moderator: Michael Schainfeld

1.2. Indigenous Theory

8:30 am – 10:00 am, Kaniela Room

Kapwa, Wā, and Vā: Moana Nui Spatial-Relational Concepts as Revolutionary Frameworks
Brandenstein, Sarah Julia Escobido (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa & East-West Center

Sellittiä Verkoloi: Tending to Nets of Entanglement
Saastamoinen, Sara Maaria (Finland and USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Moderator: Hosub Wang
SESSION 1, DAY 1

February 17 (Friday)

1.3. Resilience in Literature
8:30 am – 10:00 am, Pago Pago Room
Moderator: Bonnie Fox

Embodiments of Resilience: Reevaluating Takeuchi Yoshimi’s Idea of Recovery and Resilience through Novels of Takeda Taijun
Kang, Minjoo (South Korea), Seoul National University

Kim Ho-yŏn’s novel Inconvenient Convenience Store and the Trope of Convenience Store in Korean Literature
Han, Dasom (South Korea), University of Hawai’i at Mānoa & East-West Center

Politics of Resilience in Ishimure Michiko’s Kugai Jōdo
Kang, Wonjun (South Korea), Seoul National University

1.4. Language and Literature (Virtual)
8:30 am – 10:15 am, Sarimanok Room
Moderator: Maria Karaan
zoom link: https://eastwestcenter.zoom.us/j/91361190509

Transplanting Modernity in Bienvenido Lumbera’s Ang Pagas na Lupain: Localizing T.S. Eliot in a Combined and Uneven World
Alvarez-Tosalem, Susan Mila P. (Philippines), Ateneo de Manila University

Realis and Irrealis Paradigm in Ilocano
Nolasco, Benito V., Jr. (Philippines), University of the Philippines Diliman

Globalization and Postcolonialism: A Contradicting Aesthetic Perspective of Love | Object | Treason through the Eyes of Diasporic Writers
Monserate, Elaine L. (Philippines), Ateneo de Manila University

Aboriginal Hawaiian Agency and the Rise of English Medium Language Schooling in the Hawaiian Kingdoms
Ng, Larson Siu Wah Moke (USA), University of Hawai’i at Mānoa

Lei Niho Palāoa, Rei Niho Parāoa – Indigenous metaphors for decolonisation, revitalisation and transformation
Bigham, Bonita (Aotearoa - NZ), Massey University
SESSION 2, DAY 1
February 17 (Friday)

2.1. Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation of Spaces
10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Washington Room

Moderator: Charles Ham

Sectoral Employment Spillover in Colorado
Poerbonegoro, Anna F. (USA), Colorado State University

Passenger Satisfaction Towards Fare-Free Transport: The Case of Quezon City Bus Service
Dela Cruz, April (Philippines), University of the Philippines Diliman

2.2. Education, Curriculum, and Community Engagement
10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Kaniela Room

Moderator: Robert Moore

Engaging Youths in the Agricultural Sector through Integrated Farming in Papua New Guinea
Allen, Kim (Papua New Guinea), Nagoya University

Documenting Teachers’ Stories in Papua New Guinea
Ginau, Martha (Papua New Guinea), Queensland University of Technology
Co-authors: Jackie Kauli, Verena Thomas

Ohana Garden & Grindz: Addressing Community Resilience through Virtual Family-Based Agriculture Education Aimed at Reducing Food Insecurity in Rural Hawaii
Kouao, Lorraine (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa & East-West Center
Co-authors: Sothy Eng, Heather Greenwood, Nancy Ooki, Jennifer Hawkins

Reconciling with the Past: Timor-Leste’s History Curriculum Reform
Harris, Sheena (USA), University of Minnesota
SESSION 2, DAY 1  
February 17 (Friday)

2.3. Politics in Asia
10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Pago Pago Room  
Moderator: Benjamin Moseley

Caring and Sustainable Government: An Examination of Political Vision of Jeong Do-jeon  
Baek, Hyeon Sop (South Korea), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa & East-West Center

Climate Precarity: Human (In)securities and the Politics of Climate Change in Timor-Leste  
Alves, Ariel Mota (Timor-Leste), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa & East-West Center

Choosing a Minister of Health for Recovery: A case study of Vietnam  
Lam, Quang Loc (Vietnam), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa & East-West Center

Conventional and Contemporary Responses to Tragedy in South Korea: An Analysis of Sewol Ferry Incident Memorialization  
Han, Seungjin (South Korea), Georgetown University

2.4. Non-State Actors and Global Movements (Virtual)
10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Sarimanok Room  
Moderator: Amali Wedagedara
zoom link: https://eastwestcenter.zoom.us/j/91361190509

Beyond Clientelism: State-Civil Society Relations in Disaster Risk Management Policymaking in the Philippines  
Espia, Juhn Chris P. (Philippines), University of Canterbury

From Postcolonial expertise to state lobbying power: The origins and shifting geopolitics of World Heritage Sites  
Dharmiasih, Wiwik (Indonesia), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa & East-West Center

Political Hegemony and The Strategy of People Resistance in Spring Revolution of Myanmar (Burma)  
Bawi, Salai Vanni (Myanmar), Chiang Mai University

Listening through the chaos of conflict: Re-orienting methodologies for contemporary community action  
Hyma, Raymond (Canada), University of Otago
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm, Wailana Room

**Indigenous Data Sovereignty through the Implementation of the American Sāmoa Climate Data Portal**
Chien, Annie (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

**Integrated Analysis of Bulk RNA-seq and Single-Cell RNA-seq Unravels the Influences of SARS-CoV-2 Infections to Cancer Patients**
Chen, Yu (China), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Co-authors: Yujia Qin, Yuanyuan Fu, Zitong Gao, Youping Deng
SESSION 3, DAY 1  
February 17 (Friday)

3.1. Cultural Studies and the Arts of Identities
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm, Washington Room  
Moderator: Eric Chang

Susan Chen and the Conditional Acceptance of Asian Americans  
Bond, Natalie (USA), The University of Utah

Image, Object, Space: Curating Indigenous Identity at the Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park  
Kivel, Mia Caroline (USA), The Ohio State University

Looking at Anthropology in Hong Kong through the Ethnographic Collection: a Bridgehead for the West to Study China  
Ao, Chon Hei (Macau), The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Exploring the Depths: Yapese Musicalities in Contemporary Spaces  
Shansey, Sydney (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa & East-West Center

3.2. Health: Disease, Mortality, and Policy
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm, Kaniela Room  
Moderator: Smrity Ramavarapu

Mortality by Different Causes: Actuality, Forecast and Solutions  
lam, Quang Loc (Vietnam), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa & East-West Center

Implementation and Impact of Health Communication through Design-Thinking Method and One Health Approach: A Case of Underprivileged Students in 3 Southern Thai Provinces  
Peungcharoenkun, Tipaya (Thailand), Walailak University  
Co-author: Thanis Damrongwatanapokin

Strengthening Communities to Promote Resilience and Mental Wellness: The Hawai‘i’s Caring Systems Initiative for Youth Suicide Prevention  
Rehuher, Davis (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa  
Co-author: Genesia Paolo
3.3. Reconfiguring Diplomacy and Borders (Virtual)
2:00 pm – 3:45 pm, Pago Pago Room
Moderator : Varun Sanadya
zoom link: https://eastwestcenter.zoom.us/j/96118732911

Submarine Cables and Diplomatic Strategy in the Asia-Pacific region
Oriishi, Anna (Japan), Keio University

Homeland in Recovery: Revisiting ROC on Taiwan Through the Lens of Empire Studies
Ruan, Ganchang (China), University of Virginia

Contemporary authoritarian populism and the geography of borders
Bhagat, Akash (India), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Community Peacebuilding in Pakistan
Alther, Gretchen (USA), East-West Center
Co-authors: Najia Ashar, Husnain Raza, Hira Siddiqui

Four Corners: Are Resilient Democratic Institutions Necessary for the Continuation of the Quad Alliance?
Pepi, Paul (USA), Old Dominion University
SESSION 3, DAY 1
February 17 (Friday)

3.4. Ecological resilience: from the Land to the Sea (Virtual)
2:00 pm – 3:45 pm, Sarimanok Room
Moderator: Abdul Haque Chang
Zoom link: https://eastwestcenter.zoom.us/j/91361190509

Linking Sustainable Period Products to Climate Resilience for Women and Girls in the Pacific Islands
Martin, Kate H. (UK), University of Central Lancashire

Bridging the border: A Qualitative Analysis on the Implementation of Recovery and Rehabilitation Program of Pasig City Disaster and Risk Reduction Management in Pasig City
Ocampo, Leenil A. (Philippines), The University of Manila

Our Sea of Caesium: Seascapes of Radioactive Colonialism and Quantum Cosmologies in the Poetry of Kathy Jetñil-Kijiner and Craig Santos Perez
Moore, Kaitlin (USA), University of Wisconsin-Madison

Understanding the Transition of Community Land Use from Shifting Cultivation to Cash Cropping in Southern Tanintharyi, Myanmar
Pyone, Khin Htet Htet (Myanmar), Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute
Co-authors: Ramiro Crego, Saw San Ngwe, Saw Di Win, Katherine LaJeunesse Connette, Melissa Songer, Grant Connette

An Assessment on Mangrove Conservation in Papua New Guinea: A Case Study on Mangrove Sustainability Policy from 2012-2016
Wamas, Melin (Papua New Guinea), University of Papua New Guinea
4.1. Gender and Resilience

8:30 am – 10:00 am, Washington Room

Navigating Conflict Transitions: ‘Resilience’ and ‘Recovery’ politics of Queer Communities in Sri Lanka
Waradas, Thiyagaraja (Sri Lanka), University of Bath

Samoa Women Navigating Land Tenure: Past, Present and Future
Schwalger, Tess (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

US Media Coverage of Afghan and Uyghur Women Post-9/11: A Comparative Case Study
Moreno, Madeline (USA), American University

Prices Rise and Prices Fall: Evaluating Pricing Trends in Trans-Related Medical Tourism in Thailand
Nimmagadda, Abhi (USA), Northwestern University

4.2. Economy: Scales and Solutions

8:30 am – 10:00 am, Kaniela Room

Almeda, Pramesh Aminda (Sri Lanka), Sheffield Hallam University
Co-authors: Thushmantha Isuru Sampath Kumara, Hashan Hirantha Bandara

The Innovative Financing Models on Indonesia’s Micro, Small, Medium Enterprise (MSME) – Evidence From Pre- and Post-COVID 19
Hutabarat, Simon Poltak Hamonangan (Indonesia), Colorado State University

Digital Resilience: Examining Approaches and Impacts to Building a Cybersecurity Solution For Small-to-Medium Enterprises in an Island Nation Using a Gap Analysis Framework
Paranal, Constancio Carvajal, III (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Effect of Investment Promotion Through Special Economic Zone Mechanism on Distribution of FDI in Cambodia
Chuop, Theot Therit (Cambodia), Waseda University
SESSION 4, DAY 2  February 18 (Saturday)

4.3. Language: Structures and Functions
8:30 am – 10:00 am, Pago Pago Room  Moderator: Louward Zubiri

The Role of Complementizer in Korean Subject and Object Control Constructions
Lee, Youngin (South Korea), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa & East-West Center

A Sketch of Modality in Chuukic Languages
Griffin, Laura (Canada), University of Toronto
Co-author: Blaine Billings

Reviewing the English Section of a Japanese University Entrance Exam: The Common Test
Kanehira, Homare (Japan), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa & East-West Center

4.4. Religion: Theory and Representation (Virtual)
8:30 am – 10:00 am, Sarimanok Room  Moderator: Abdul Haque Chang
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The Power of Media: a Comparative Case Analysis on the Uyghur and Rohingya Muslims
Khan, Newzaira (USA), Old Dominion University

Escaping Chrononormativity: Hauntology and the No-Self
Allison, Rhys (USA), American University

Poetry as Protest: Dissent through the Marsiya
Ali, Amara (India), University of Texas at Austin

The Goddess Haumea and Queen Lili‘uokalani: Shared Embodiments of Intellectual, Protective, and Regenerative Mana
Purcell, Alyssa (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
5.1. Conflict, Peace, and Resilience

10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Washington Room

Moderator: Yi-Yu Lai

Opportunities and Threats in Myanmar Spring Revolution
Hlaing, Su Myat Wai (Myanmar), Central European University

Public Sector Resilience in a Post-Conflict State: Lessons from History
Loga, Patricia (Fiji), Massey University

Reflecting on History, Building a Resilient Society through Maintaining Peace in the Mekong Region
Lee, Dana (Cambodia), Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan/Asian Vision Institute, Cambodia

“This is ours”: (Re)Defining Original Pinoy Music as a Tool for Nation Building
Cosme, Paul Gabriel Lingal (Philippines), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa & East-West Center

5.2. Environment: Stories of Management and Settlement

10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Kaniela Room

Moderator: Ming Li Yong

Building Resilient, More-than-Human Settlements in Late Colonial Hong Kong: Negotiating Water, Electricity and Their Infrastructures in Kowloon Walled City
Huang, Quinton (Canada), University of British Columbia

Viable Cropping Systems in Salinity Affected Coastal Bangladesh
Jamal, Md Roushon (Australia), University of New England

Indigenous Melanesian Values and Safety: Stories from Market Vendors in Urban Settlement Communities in Lae Papua New Guinea
Langa, Wilma (Papua New Guinea), Queensland University of Technology
Co-authors: Verena Thomas, Jackie Kauli, & Laurie Buys
5.3. Migration in the Changing world

10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Pago Pago Room

Moderator: Jason Alexander

- An unintended consequence of China’s Zero-Covid Policy and friendly inter-state relations: Human Trafficking and Online Scamming against Chinese citizens in Cambodia
  Du, Yufei (USA), City University of Hong Kong

- Algorithms at Work: A Case Study of Immigrant Platform Workers in Canada
  Razavi Yekta, Atieh (Canada), University of British Columbia

- A Study on the Portrayal of Mental Health Coping Strategies Among First- and Second-Generation Korean Immigrants in Kim’s Convenience
  Yu, Anwei (USA), National Taiwan Normal University

- Development, Depletion and Disguise: Aid and Harm in Japan’s Technical Intern Training Program
  Ford, Serena Eleonora (Australia), Australian National University

5.4. Aesthetics in Asian Art (Virtual)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Sarimanok Room

Moderator: Maggie Ivanova

zoom link: https://eastwestcenter.zoom.us/j/91361190509

- Swinging, Switching, and Queering: Leading and/or Following Sexualized and Gendered Norms in Taiwan’s Lindy Hop Communities
  McClure, Matthew (USA), University of Hawai’i at Mānoa & East-West Center

- Theatrical Presence and Indonesian Contemporary Theatre Artists’ Resilience
  Syahutari, Gladhys Elliona (Indonesia), University Gadjah Mada
  Co-authors: Gabriel Roosmargo Lono Lastoro Simatupang, and RA Yayi Suryo Prabandari

- Achieving Resilience through Community Theatre: Chinese Migrant Workers and The Story of Giving Birth
  Du, Yunfei (China), Cornell University

- Navigating Cyberspace Through the Orient: the Affordance of Japaneseness in Vaporwave
  Qu, Yingchuan (China), Cornell University
POSTER SESSION

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SESSION 6, DAY 2  
February 18 (Saturday)

6.1. Community Care and Resilience
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm, Washington Room  
Moderator: Dalilah Laidin

Climate Change and the Role of Civil Society Organizations in Mitigating Natural Disasters  
Haider, Sajjad (Pakistan), Karakoram International University  
Co-author: Irfan Ali

Patchwork and Possibilities of Care-Based Efforts: A Case of the Community Pantries in the Philippines  
Lopez, Samantha (USA), University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Community Resilience in Times of Crisis: Inducing Local Economic Development through Community Initiatives  
Agapinan, Jade S. (Philippines), University of the Philippines Diliman

Interrogating Concepts of Resilience and Vulnerability as Applied to Pacific Diasporic Communities in Relation to Disaster Response and Recovery.  
Satele, Petra (Aotearoa - NZ), Massey University  
Co-author: Malcolm Andrews

6.2. Geopolitics in Asia and Beyond
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm, Kaniela Room  
Moderator: Tokikake Ii

Masculinities and Sovereignty in the South China Sea  
Panganiban, Jeremi B. (Philippines), University of Notre Dame

Redefining the Role of East-West Partners in Africa’s Trade  
Masibili, F. N. (Kenya), Old Dominion University

Supporting Inclusive Leadership Through Developing Salient Leader Identities  
Hedden, Wesley (USA), University of Notre Dame  
Co-author: Gretchen Alther
6.3. Economy and Risk Management (Virtual)

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm, Sarimanok Room    Moderator : Sandeep Kandikuppa

Diversification of Risks Borne by Lenders in Peer-to-Peer Online Lending Scheme in Vietnam: a Comparative Study
Nguyen, Hai-Yen (Vietnam), Kyushu University

Impact of Brand Addiction, Green Supply Chain Management and Background Music on Consumer Buying Behavior. A mediating role of Green Marketing
Ahmad, Waqar (Pakistan), Kunming University of Science and Technology
Co-authors: Hafiz Ameerza Fakhar, Imran, Arshad Khan

Innovative Resilience : A Build to Last Capability to Survive and Thrive during COVID-19 Pandemic
Lenuwat, Pattama (Thailand), Thammasat University
Co-authors: Kedwadee Sombultawee, Chanchai Tangpong, and Sakun Boon-itt

Assessing the Financial Implications of COVID-19 Within the SVAR Framework For Some Asian Countries
Khawari, Baqir (Afghanistan), Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Academy
ABSTRACTS
Abstracts

Agapinan, Jade S.  
Session 6.1.  
Community Resilience in Times of Crisis: Inducing Local Economic Development through Community Initiatives

In times of crisis, communities may be left alone for quite some time due to various constraints. This study examined various initiatives and best practices of local communities in the Philippines. It sought answers on how the local economy was sustained by communities amidst the challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. It also examined which among the best practices and initiatives can be institutionalized to promote community resiliency. Community pantries and remittances from Overseas Filipino Workers are among those found to have supplemented the resources necessary to sustain the needs of communities and eventually boosted the local economy.

Ahmad, Waqar  
Co-authors: Hafiz Ameerza Fakhar, Imran, Arshad Khan  
Session 6.3.  
Impact of Brand Addiction, Green Supply Chain Management and Background Music on Consumer Buying Behavior. A mediating role of Green Marketing

Most people in Pakistan are unfamiliar with green marketing. This concept has piqued the interest of many climate change researchers. This research will be conducted with consumers in four provinces in Pakistan. This study will be accomplished through the use of a mixed-method approach. Background music, green supply chain management, and brand addiction positively correlated with consumer buying behavior. Background music, green supply chain management, brand addiction, and consumer buying behavior are also influenced by green marketing. According to the study, focusing on these issues can improve consumer buying behavior. The government should encourage the use of environmentally friendly products.

Ali, Amara  
Session 4.4.  
Poetry as Protest: Dissent through Marsiya

I seek to explore a South Asian configuration of a poetic genre that is centered on a set of paradigmatic events in Karbala. Hussain, the grandson of the Islamic Prophet and his small army were martyred in Karbala in 680 CE. This Islamic motif was embodied in a highly effective style of elegiac poetry, known as marsiya. I want to examine the Kashmiri genre of marsiya and will study how this elegiac form has been skilfully recalibrated to relate it to Kashmir’s contemporary socio-political landscapes, especially to the discourses mourning the emergence of disturbances in the Kashmir Valley after 1989.

Allen, Kim  
Session 2.2.  
Engaging Youths in the Agricultural Sector through Integrated Farming in Papua New Guinea

The research titled 'Engaging youths in the agricultural sector through integrated farming in Papua New Guinea' provides insights into what young people think and the factors that affect their decision and engagement in the agriculture sector. With rising unemployment rates in the country, the agricultural industry provides a solution to build sustainable livelihood and resilient communities. To retain youth in agriculture, it is necessary to identify the factors that attract young people and their participation in agriculture. This research identifies the factors that motivate young people's participation and engagement in agriculture, a needed approach to advance agriculture development in PNG.
Allison, Rhys

Escaping Chrononormativity: Hauntology and the No-Self

What is time? How do we relate to it? Western philosophy would have us believe that time is a strict linear cause to effect. However, I will use Derrida’s idea of hauntology and the Buddhist no-self as concepts to help us escape this normative view. We will examine how different marginalized communities experience time. This will both demonstrate these concepts and help us to develop a more pluralistic view of time. In the end, time and how we relate to it is always going to be fluid, and any attempt at asking ‘how should we relate to time’ is problematic.

Almeda, Pramesh Aminda


Supply chain in the health care sector faced unexpected high demand due to covid-19. It has been discussed as a department how the supply chain faced these challenges, and the loopholes need to be filled. Research study found and recommended how supply chain to adjust with the new normal and parameters can be taken to mitigate impact from future emergencies, pandemic, natural disasters, and global crisis and to recover from previous issues.

Alther, Gretchen

Community Peacebuilding in Pakistan

Community peacebuilding efforts in Pakistan has been obscured by rhetoric around violence and extremism. The EWC together with Global Neighbourhood for Media Innovation (GNMI) is working to recognize and support women-led community peacebuilding in Pakistan. Baseline research has revealed how local peacebuilders see their work within the larger context of sociopolitical change and challenges in Pakistan. Through surveys, focus groups, interviews, and a literature review of related studies, this paper adds to the global conversation around how everyday peacebuilding contributes to community cohesion, the dismantling of structural violence, and the development of just societies.

Alvarez-Tosalem, Susan Mila P.

Transplanting Modernity in Bienvenido Lumbera’s Ang Pagas na Lupain: Localizing T.S. Eliot in a Combined and Uneven World

In this paper, I examined Lumbera’s translation of T.S. Eliot’s “The Waste Land” using three frameworks: Venuti’s concept of localization, Bassnett’s reconceptualization of translation as a movement, and, Warwick Research Collective’s perspective of combined and uneven development. The choice of analytical frameworks stem from: (1) the scarcity of translation studies involving majority literatures being translated into minority languages in peripheral countries; (2) the absence of studies that delve into the translation process’ moving between and across time and space; (3) the diminutive role given to translators; and, (4) the general lack of attention to translation issues in peripheral contexts.
Abstracts

Alves, Ariel Mota

Climate Precarity: Human (In)securities and the Politics of Climate Change in Timor-Leste

This paper seeks to understand why climate adaptations fail to materialize in Timor-Leste despite concerted efforts to ‘adapt’ to climate change in recent years. It finds that most climate adaptations implemented by international development agencies in Timor-Leste do not pay attention to vulnerabilities caused by climate, such as climate-induced urban migration and food insecurity, particularly in a highly agrarian society such as Timor-Leste. It suggests rethinking how we understand climate change's relationship to human security to better address climate change.

Ao, Chon Hei

Looking Anthropology in Hong Kong through the Ethnographic Collection: a Bridgehead for the West to Study China

The study indicates that during the 1980s and the early 2000s, the CUHK anthropology department was dedicated to Chinese ethnicities and cultures studies, corresponding to the composition of ethnographic collections. Teachers and students acquired ethnographic objects during fieldwork in Mainland China. Fieldwork was supported by different aspects such as funding from the university or abroad, research interest in Chinese culture and ethnicity, and the social network between teachers and the Chinese authorities. The factors mentioned above allowed them to collect ethnographic collections in China and let the department and its university become a China study center in East Asia.

Baek, Hyeon Sop

Caring and Sustainable Government: An Examination of Political Vision of Jeong Do-jeon

This paper investigates the political philosophy of Jeong Do-jeon, a 14th Century Korean philosopher and statesman. Jeong’s political philosophy centers on a virtuous government with the people as its ultimate foundation. Jeong built his philosophy from the Confucian view of the intrinsic moral capacity of all humans and sought to create a world where human potential can be carefully tended to and nurtured. As he presented his vision during a time of turbulence, his philosophy focusing on sustainable world-building and a caring government would still have relevant implications for us today.

Bawi, Salai Vanni

Political Hegemony and The Strategy of People Resistance in Spring Revolution of Myanmar (Burma)

Myanmar was a democratic country before the Myanmar military seized the state's power from the civilian government on the first February of 2021. It brings a huge depression for the people of Myanmar including Southeast Asia countries as well. Under the complex political situations, it is very hard to understand how to re-establish a democratization in the country. In this circumstance, this article will articulate the political diversity and the motivation of the young generation to shape a new dynamic of democratization in Myanmar.

Bhagat, Akash

Contemporary Authoritarian Populism and the Geography of Borders

Of late, our world seems to be on the paths of political polarization and democratic decline. There has been increasing hostility, especially towards minorities and other disadvantaged groups in the society. In fact, various political leaders have been encouraging such activities for their own political benefits. Such events are very unhealthy for our societies, as history has shown us time and again.
**Abstracts**

**Bigham, Bonita**

*Lei Niho Palāoa, Rei Niho Parāoa - Indigenous metaphors for Decolonisation, Revitalisation and Transformation*

Rei Niho Parāoa / Lei Niho Palāoa - metaphors for indigenous survival and transformation, connecting and maintaining threads of whakapapa between Tangata Māori in Aotearoa and Kanaka Māoli in Hawai‘i. The revival and transmission of traditional practices, utilizing parāoa/palāoa (sperm whale) resources as artistic tools of decolonisation are impeded by impacts of western ideologies, philosophies and legislation on Māori and Māoli. What are the core issues and how can they be properly addressed to reinforce our indigenous relationships with these children of Tangaroa/Kanaloa, reinvigorate our ancient practices, reflect them in the modern context and secure them for future generations?

**Bond, Natalie**

*Susan Chen and the Conditional Acceptance of Asian Americans*

Recent events in the United States have drawn attention to challenges that exist for Asian American people surrounding identity and acceptance. Contemporary artist, Susan Chen, responds to the topic of Asian American lived experience through painted portraiture. This paper argues that through artwork created during the pandemic, Susan Chen addresses the conditional acceptance of Asian Americans in mainstream American culture. A close visual analysis of Chen’s works explores her personal interest in Asian American issues, the Asian American experience of racialized blame during the pandemic, and expectations that exist at the intersection of Asian American and female identities.

**Brandenstein, Sarah Julia Escobido**

*Kapwa, Wā, and Vā: Moana Nui Spatial-Relational Concepts as Revolutionary Frameworks*

Moana Nui spatial-relational concepts point to traditional ways of knowing, relational ethics, and politics that oppose the oppressive systems at the root of environmental and social crises. Kapwa, Wā, and Vā share genealogies of knowledge that articulate indigenous relationality, spatiality, and ethics that inform egalitarian political, social, and ecological relationships. I aim to trace these connections across Moana Nui by demonstrating how these concepts address contemporary crises and contests coloniality. By bringing these diverse communities, our shared struggles are amplified, and together we can dream of decolonial futures centering Moana Nui relational ethics and politics of care.

**Chen, Yu**

*Integrated Analysis of Bulk RNA-seq and Single-Cell RNA-seq Unravels the Influences of SARS-CoV-2 Infections to Cancer Patients*

Cancer patients are more susceptible to infection due to a range of factors, which makes the treatment of cancer patients infected with SARS-CoV-2 more complicated and the patients are at risk of poor prognosis compared to other populations. The biological relationships and potential therapeutic targets among COVID-19 patients with and without cancer, acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) and pulmonary fibrosis (PF) were identified for the first time in our study. Our findings provide new insights into the molecular mechanisms of cancer patients infected with SARS-CoV-2.
Abstracts

Chien, Annie

Indigenous Data Sovereignty through the Implementation of the American Sāmoa Climate Data Portal

Agencies in American Samoa (AS) are working towards strengthening the region against climate change, but one of the biggest issues is lack of data cohesion. We want to bridge this gap by developing an open-source data portal, where data from agencies like the AS National Parks Service (AS-NPS) and the AS Power Authority (ASPA) are used to support adaptation activities. During field research, we worked with agencies to understand how to best assist data needs. We recruited student interns to work with ASPA and AS-NPS to build skills to become stewards of their island resources.

Chuop, Theot Therith

Effect of Investment Promotion Through Special Economic Zone Mechanism on distribution of FDI in Cambodia

This study examines how the SEZ mechanism as a component of investment promotion policy affects FDI distribution in Cambodia. The findings show that investment promotion by establishing/increasing SEZs has a positively significant effect on both FDI and diversified FDI. Combined, more investment in developing SEZ may increase diversified FDI within the SEZ. Shortly, establishing/expanding SEZs attracted FDI, in particular the diversified activities, and it influences FDI distribution within the country. The SEZ mechanism is an essential factor attracting FDI and ensuring a resilient growth by creating job near labor resources, and better improving household’s livelihood and local economic development.

Cosme, Paul Gabriel Lingal

“This is ours”: (Re)Defining Original Pinoy Music as a Tool for Nation Building

Filipino popular music is on the rise and has developed into various styles that now defies categorization. Known as Original Pinoy Music (OPM), this genre evolved to be an all-encompassing term for music written by Filipinos. While it was mostly associated with ballads, OPM developed into a genre-defying category, by way of mimetic adaptation, to foster a potentially inclusive Filipino national imaginary. From American (neo)imperialism to the Marcos dictatorship, OPM was forced to mimic so it can survive; and these consistent adaptations, though may be copying initially, matured into a syncretic genre that operates on nostalgia, community building, and pride.

Dela Cruz, April N.

Passenger Satisfaction Towards Fare-Free Transport: The Case of Quezon City Bus Service

The Quezon City government’s resilience and recovery initiative through the Q City Bus has benefited working people, varying from poor to upper middle-income class, ages 20 to 34. While there is a high level of satisfaction in terms of Comfort, Security, and Information (Availability of bus routes maps and timetables), some were dissatisfied with Waiting (Waiting time, safety, and facility), Travel time, Availability (Frequency and reliability of the service, operation hours), and Customer care. Despite that, people still avail of the service because of: 1) Fare-free, 2) Comfort, 3) COVID Safe, 4) Availability, and 5) Security.
Abstracts

Dharmiasih, Wiwik

From Postcolonial Expertise to State Lobbying Power: The Origins and Shifting Geopolitics of World Heritage Sites

The UNESCO World Heritage Site is an institution that plays an increasingly important role in protecting the environment and cultural institutions. The way that World Heritage Sites are designated and managed have significant implications for environmental governance and local livelihoods. This presentation examines how World Heritage was first established and how civil society groups are currently trying to reshape the institution. By drawing comparisons between original policy approaches and contemporary practices, findings show fundamental changes underway, namely that state interests have come to overshadow the overarching goals of protecting the environment and empowering local community resilience.

Session 2.4.

Du, YunFei

Achieving Resilience through Community Theatre: Chinese migrant workers and The Story of Giving Birth

In response to traumatic and downtrodden situations, many Chinese migrant workers resort to writing poetry and all sorts of creative arts within and beyond their communities. The Story of Giving Birth (2019), a working-class theater, focuses on twofold labor: the physical and the reproductive. The drama reflects a transgenerational and anachronistic cultural trauma caused by traumatogenic social changes since the post-socialist era in China, while the production of this community-based theater displays an aesthetic and political way to achieve a critical approach to resilience.

Session 5.4.

Espia, Juhn Chris P.

Beyond Clientelism: State-Civil Society Relations in Disaster Risk Management Policymaking in the Philippines

The paper examines the extent by which civil society actors, in particular civil society organizations (CSOs), are able to shape disaster risk management policy making outcomes in the Philippines. As one of the most disaster-prone studies countries in the world and one with a fairly large and active civil society movement, the Philippines provides an interesting case of how political institutions interact with actor agencies in an ever-changing post-1986 policy environment.

Session 2.4.

Ford, Serena Eleonora

Development, Depletion and Disguise: Aid and Harm in Japan’s Technical Intern Training Program

Over 300,000 foreign trainees, almost all from Southeast Asia, labor behind restaurant counters, on farms, and in factories through Japan’s Technical Intern Training Program (TITP). The TITP hosts young people from neighboring countries in Asia with a promise of upskilling them and is framed as a regional economic development initiative. But despite professed positive outcomes for trainees, forms of harm and death continue to occur on the program. These harms persist despite government attempts to legislate protections for trainees. This thesis interrogates these contradictions and asks: how can this scale of harm occur on a program ostensibly designed for good?
Abstracts

Ginau, Martha  
*Documenting Teachers’ stories in Papua New Guinea*

Storytelling has been a way of life for indigenous communities for centuries and Papua New Guinea is no exception. This study attempts to follow indigenous Papua New Guinean ways of storytelling to bring about reflection and action but also to promote the preservation of cultural knowledge that is rapidly disappearing. The use of storytelling techniques and technology will encourage reflection on positive cultural practices and possibly lead to action amongst early childhood education teachers and in the long run, lead to their students receiving quality education.

Griffin, Laura  
Co-author: Billings, Blaine  
*A Sketch of Modality in Chuukic Languages*

This research investigates how Chuukic languages communicate modals, which are verbs or particles that communicate necessity or obligation. We present the synthesized findings of eight Chuukic languages, providing the first easy-to-access comparison of modals, and then use this data to examine these words' historical origins. Lastly, we present novel data from a younger speaker of a Chuukic language, highlighting how new documentation is needed as there have been many changes in meaning for modal markers over time.

Haider, Sajjad  
*Climate Change and the Role of Civil Society Organizations in Mitigating Natural Disasters*

Effects of climate change are being felt in a variety of ways; however, not in distant future implications of climate change would be more rampant. From the rising temperatures, unpredictable climate, melting of glaciers and flooding and disruption of the ecosystem – the effects are manifesting itself in more vivid ways with each passing day. International efforts and commitments like COP26 (The UN Climate Change Conference 2021) has contributed tremendously in urging countries around the world to reduce their environmental footprints.

Han, Dasom  
*Kim Ho-yŏn’s novel Inconvenient Convenience Store and the Trope of Convenience Store in Korean Literature*

This presentation examines a convenience store as a trope in Kim Ho-yŏn’s novel Inconvenient Convenience Store (2021). The novel describes the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in Korea and suggests the recovery of neighborhoods as a solution to social isolation. Through comparing the novel with other literary works on the same subject matter, this presentation manifests that the variations reflect the recent proliferation of convenience stores. The novel positively describes the location as a center of interconnected community and reinforces the theme of positive human interaction through the omnibus structure of narrative, dynamic characters, and particular locality.
Abstracts

Han, Seungjin

Conventional and Contemporary Responses to Tragedy in South Korea: An Analysis of Sewol Ferry Incident Memorialization

To recover from a nationally (or internationally) traumatic event is not simply to move past it; it is to grapple with the tragedy post facto, commemorating victims and identifying infrastructural shortcomings to prevent future tragedy. This paper examines the 2014 Sewol Ferry incident in South Korea, which caused 304 deaths and a series of commemorative efforts that met increased resistance from citizen organizations and the Korean state itself. It examines the growing phenomenon of memorialization fatigue and how new technologies can create avenues for memorialization and memorialization opposition alike.

Harris, Sheena M.

Reconciling with the Past: Timor-Leste’s History Curriculum Reform

This presentation focuses on a content analysis of three sets of educational materials from Timor-Leste related to the Indonesian occupation period. The presentation aims to understand how the violence of this period is represented in the texts and reflects certain images of the nation’s history. The results of the analysis have implications for history education in Timor-Leste.

Hedden, Wesley

Co-author: Gretchen Alther

Supporting Inclusive Leadership Through Developing Salient Leaders Identities

Developing leaders is the goal of the EWC’s Asia Pacific Leadership Program. Using surveys, focus groups and more, researchers examine how the program helps participants see themselves as leaders. Researchers connect the development of leader identities to a focus on individual and collective values; interconnections to self, others, and context; and the importance of discerning purpose. The findings suggest that broader definitions of leadership—inclusive of leadership located within individuals, communities, and the natural and built environments and rooted in other ways of knowing and being—invite more diversity to both formal and informal leadership roles and positions.

Hlaing, Su Myat Wai

Opportunities and Threats in Myanmar Spring Revolution

The key factors of the Myanmar Spring Revolution are the Civil Disobedience Movement, the nonviolent protests, the military boycott campaign, the government in exile, and the armed revolution. The political opportunities of the revolution are the mobilization strategies on social media, increasing access of the people’s participation, the formation of new alliances and cutting resources of the military junta. The military imposes both repressive and suppressive threats on the revolution. The revolutionary forces need to build their capacity, reduce potential threats by the junta, and extend resources and opportunities to be able to succeed in the revolution.
Abstracts

Huang, Quinton

Building Resilient, More-than-Human Settlements in Late Colonial Hong Kong: Negotiating Water, Electricity and Their Infrastructures in Kowloon Walled City

This paper examines how residents of Kowloon Walled City, a squatter settlement in colonial Hong Kong, were able to obtain water and electricity for their homes between 1961 to 1988. In the face of a government reluctant to provide services to illegal settlements, they organized themselves by creating their own water and power infrastructure and lobbying the government to extend services. Eventually, environmental challenges posed by water and electricity forced the colonial government to work with the residents. This episode sheds light on the role that grassroots society and the natural world played in the building of Asian megacities.

Hutabarat, Simon Poltak Hamonangan

The Innovative Financing Models on Indonesia’s Micro, Small, Medium Enterprise (MSME) - Evidence From Pre- and Post-COVID 19

The paper will analyze the options for an innovative financing model for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) or small businesses in Indonesia when looking for a feasible credit market resilient to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, the primary question will be, “What is the optimal Bank lending policy that will increase the wealth of the MSMEs while keeping the Bank’s “bad credit” on the right track? The econometric model in this paper will attempt to solve the financial gap between the lending institution and MSME so they can thrive post the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hyma, Raymond

Listening through the Chaos of Conflict: Re-orienting Methodologies for Contemporary Community Action

Real listening has become more sidelined over time as the polarization of opposing groups deepen through rival politics, international shocks, and the continued acknowledgement of longstanding marginalization and ‘othering’ of groups historically with less power than mainstream populations. As academics and practitioners attempt to make sense of persisting conflict at multiple levels and explore ways to foster change that may positively impact relations among conflict parties, some in Southeast Asia are partnering on participatory action research methods to focus on deep listening to mobilize communities to conduct their own research and drive local responses for positive transformation and change.

Jamal, Md Roushon

Viable Cropping Systems in Salinity Affected Coastal Bangladesh

The viability of cropping systems is influenced by environmental, agronomic, and market factors. Vegetable-based cropping systems generated the best net income, though the systems’ area coverage still low. The widely cultivated T Aman-Boro system resulted in the lowest net income. The traditional T Aman-jute and T Aman-mustard-Boro system generated a good profit compared to the T Aman-Boro system. With higher income risks, the widespread expansion of the Boro system is not viable for the area. The rain-fed jute-based system and partially irrigated T Aman-mustard-Boro system can be a viable option for large-scale intensification with varietal improvement and agronomic adjustments.
Kanehira, Homare

Reviewing the English Section of a Japanese University Entrance Exam: The Common Test

Language tests heavily impact language learners, especially high-stakes examinations. The Common Test for University Admissions is a Japanese nationwide exam implemented in 2021 as part of a national curriculum revision. This curriculum focuses on communicative skills of students in their interactions with other first language speakers in the globalized world. This paper examines the validity of the Common Test in terms of how well the test reflects the curriculum, with two key focuses in mind: the inclusion of different deliverable formats (e.g., email, presentation) in reading, as well as the use of multiple accents in the listening section.

Kang, Wonjun

Politics of Resilience in Ishimure Michiko’s Kugai Jōdo

This article examines how Ishimure Michiko tries to restore the resilience of community in her novel Kugai Jōdo, a literary record of the aftermaths of Minamata disease. Ishimure speaks for the victims by narrating their sufferings, but simultaneously she emphasizes various borders between the doctors and the patients, the citizens and the victims, and the nation and Minamata. We can find certain borders and to contemplate the alternative form of community by rendering them in a different way. This process adds new implications as to how we define politics: making a resilient community by rethinking various kinds of borders.

Khan, Newzaira

The Power of Media: a Comparative Case Analysis on the Uyghur and Rohingya Muslims

The media has played a vital role on how nations interpret the public’s demands. This demand is also what drives political decisions. Therefore, careful consideration should be placed on the angle of the media. One phenomenon within the study of media is identifying the next big story. This mechanism usually channels emotional response within the public to then build on the next big problem. Within this study, I consider two different news media outlets that highlight Muslim involuntary displacement. The news media outlets that are assessed are: United Nations News and New York Times. The two populations that are assessed are the Rohingya of Myanmar and the Uyghurs of China. This study intends to display the differences within the portrayal of Muslims to serve state politics.

Khawari, Baqir

Organization For Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Academy

Assessing the Financial Implications of COVID-19 Within the SVAR Framework for Some Asian Countries. Since most of the countries around the world have suffered from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to analyze the effect of the pandemic on the financial market of some Asian countries. So, this study found some interesting results that are essential to be presented in the conference.
Abstracts

Kivel, Mia Caroline

**Image, Object, Space: Curating Indigenous Identity at the Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park**

This paper presents an analysis of the newly-opened Upopoy National Ainu Museum and Park, located in Shiraoi, Hokkaido. It explores the neo-colonial politics of the site by examining its organization of images, objects, and spaces, as well as the ways they work in tandem to present a narrative of Ainu culture that appears unbiased, but nonetheless serves to reinforce historical narratives of Ainu subordination to the Japanese state. This exploration of Upopoy is carried out through a decolonial and Critical Indigenous methodology, building on the work of Ainu scholars and activists, as well as other indigenous theorists.

Kouao, Lorraine

**Ohana Garden & Grindz: Addressing Community Resilience through Virtual Family-Based Agriculture Education Aimed at Reducing Food Insecurity in Rural Hawaii**

We analyze the Ohana Garden & Grindz curriculum that focuses on food security and life skills development among families in Hawai‘i. Drawing from our program evaluation data collected from OGG participants and John Dewey’s experiential learning theory, this study examines the extent to which OGG produces place-based experiential learning in the community and discusses the student engagement in practical activities OGG curriculum intends to achieve.

Lam, Quang Loc

**Choosing a Minister of Health For Recovery: A Case Study of Vietnam**

After the Covid-19 pandemic, the healthcare system of Vietnam faces many challenges. Many doctors left the public hospitals, many healthcare managers left their positions, and many hospitals lacked equipment and medicine. Moreover, the Minister of Health was removed from his position. Without appropriate leadership, the Ministry of Health struggles to overcome the challenges and lead the recovery of the healthcare system after the pandemic. Using the talent acquisition framework, we analyze the organizational needs, determine the vacancy intake, propose suitable selection criteria and methods, and suggest some acquisition strategies to help the Vietnam government recruit an ideal Minister of Health for recovery.

Lam, Quang Loc

**Mortality by Different Causes: Actuality, Forecast and Solutions**

This research aims to study about the mortality by different causes in the United States. Using the weekly data from 2020 to 2022 provided by the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, we analyze the actual data of mortality by different causes (influenza, diabetes and cancer) to understand their trends, seasonality and fluctuation. We forecast the mortality by different causes in the next 10 weeks and predict how mortality by different causes will change in the near future. Combining the our data analysis with the findings in medical science about the mechanism of mortality by each cause, we recommend what the health care system managers should do to reduce mortality by each cause.
Abstracts

Lee, Dana
Reflecting on History, Building a Resilient Society through Maintaining Peace in the Mekong Region

The Mekong region has emerged as a site of power competition among the major powers due to its strategic location connecting the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Therefore, it is challenging to maintain peace inside the region. Throughout its history, the Mekong region has experienced wars and conflicts that involved the support of major powers, gone through peacebuilding, and become resilient. Learning from the past by analyzing the cause of war using theoretical approaches would help the states in the Mekong region to maintain peace, making themselves stronger.

Lee, Youngin
The Role of Complementizer in Korean Subject and Object Control Constructions

This study shows Korean readers use a different strategy when reading control sentences (e.g., John promised Mary to study. John ordered Mary to study.) unlike English readers who use the verb information. As the verb appears at the end of the sentence in Korean, readers tend to use additional linguistic input to identify the antecedent of the invisible subject of the embedded clause (e.g., to study) among two potential candidates (John and Mary). I argue that Korean readers comprehend control sentences by looking at the verb suffix complementizer as the cue.

Lenuwat, Pattama
Innovative Resilience: A Build to Last Capability to Survive and Thrive during COVID-19 Pandemic

“Adaptation” and “Innovation” imply reconfiguration, which is part of the firm’s dynamic capabilities, but from a different action viewpoint. When reconfiguration is performed in a reactive fashion, it is referred to as “adaptation,” whereas proactive reconfiguration is referred to as “innovation.” Both indicate “resilience,” which is conceived of in a reactive sense as “adaptation”. From a proactive approach, innovation plays a vital role in resilience. The outcomes of both forms of action resilience are also distinct. Adaptation enables organizations to survive, whereas innovation enables them to flourish or achieve a competitive edge over the long run.

Langa, Wilma
Indigenous Melanesian Values and Safety: Stories from Market Vendors in Urban Settlement Communities in Lae Papua New Guinea

Urban settlement communities are common in Papua New Guinea (PNG). They play significant role in urban market space in PNG. Due to dearth of formal employment opportunities in urban centers in PNG, migrants who are residents of urban settlements engage in economic activities to support livelihoods. Informal urban settlements and economic spaces are often perceive from deficit model. Therefore, it limits understanding on resilience and history of informal spaces to achieve safety goals. This research argues that to investigate unheard market vendors voices, is key to challenging dominant narrative of urban settlement and economic as spaces of resilience and innovation.
Abstracts

**Lim Bin Adam Lim, Herman**  
Reconceptualising Islam and Ho’omana: A Decolonial Framework For Understanding Religion

The frameworks we use to talk about religion continue to affect the way we understand religious traditions more generally. This paper compares how Islam and Ho’omana have been understood under the broad umbrella terms of ‘world religion’ and ‘indigenous religion’ respectively, and explains why such distinctions have colonial roots and are problematic, particularly in reference to Muslim Southeast Asia and Hawai’i. I argue that moving away from such generic terms and focusing instead on understanding the specific power dynamics within each local context is necessary for decolonising the field of religious studies.

**Loga, Patricia**  
Public Sector Resilience in a Post-Conflict State: Lessons from history

History matters in understanding organizations but there is a need to be explicit when describing how exactly history manifests itself in the present (Greener, 2002). Using Fiji as a case study example, this research examines historical developments through time to uncover systems and processes that have acted as levers or impediments for stability in light of national crises in this developing country context.

**Lopez, Samantha**  
Patchwork and Possibilities of Care-based Efforts: A Case of the Community Pantries in the Philippines

The COVID-19 response of the Philippines revealed deeply-rooted economic and social inequalities. Absent adequate and timely relief from the government, a patchwork of efforts emerged to respond to the needs of marginalized groups. This paper will focus primarily on the emergence of community pantries operating under the logic of “take what you need, give what you can.” It frames the movement as having emerged out of necessity and resistance against a pandemic response that has largely neglected those situated at the margins and attempts to articulate possibilities and alternative modes of recovery.

**Madrone, Corwynn Wolf**  
Queer Evolutions of Avalokiteśvara and Transhistorical Misconception, or, How I Came to Have Eleven Heads, Ten Thousand Hands, a Million Eyes, and Breasts

This project examines queer interpretations of Buddhism in the United States, and the questions of religious transformation and cultural appropriation. Central to these considerations is the Buddhist saint/deity Avalokiteśvara, the Bodhisattva of Compassion, also known as Kuan Yin/Kannon, “the Goddess of Mercy.”
Abstracts

**Martin, Kate H.**

Linking Sustainable Period Products to Climate Resilience for Women and Girls in the Pacific Islands

Sexual and reproductive health, in particular menstruation, remains a taboo subject across much of the Pacific Islands. Sanitary products are still out of reach for many, especially rural Pacific Island women and girls, hindering them from taking part in public life. This can diminish their resilience to climate change and reduce their access to sustainable development projects. The distribution of sustainable period products could not only reduce the worry of how to cope with periods in difficult circumstances but will also leave women free to make public contributions to methods of recovery from and resilience to climate change.

**Masibili, F. N.**

Redefining the Role of East-West Partners in Africa’s Trade

In the race to sustain global hegemonic stability, the quest for dominance matters. This article assesses the potential futures of great power relations based on trade partnerships with African states. Objectively, the likely deterrents or drivers of major conflict between China and U.S based on trade interests pursued with an economically integrated Africa were established. Results reveal that free markets do not diminish a state’s propensity to create wealth and neither do they jeopardize a hegemon’s ability to prioritize its national interests. Conclusively, the strength of the current liberal world order lies in the promise of sustainable global collaborations.

**McClure, Matthew**

Swinging, Switching, and Queering: Leading and/or Following Sexualized and Gendered Norms in Taiwan’s Lindy Hop Communities

Through the lens of queer theory, this study examines the extent to which queer and non-queer Lindy hop practices meet or challenge sexualized and gendered norms/expectations in Taiwan. Taiwan is home to Switch Taipei, East Asia’s first community with queer inclusion at its center. Using ethnographic interviews and archival analysis, this study illuminates how Lindy hop communities create a space to explore gender and sexuality in Taiwan. Though the theoretical discourse of Switch Taipei points toward sexual and gender liberation, the dance and community practice largely aligns with the limitations of homonormativity in current LGBTQ+ movements in Taiwan.

**Minjoo, Kang**

Embodiments of Resilience: Reevaluating Takeuchi Yoshim’s Idea of Recovery and Resilience through Novels of Takeda Taijun

As literary intellectuals who had experienced total war before 1945, Takeuchi Yoshimi and Takeda Taijun both understood the necessity of resilience to deal with the postwar crisis. Takeuchi argues Japanese intellectuals failed to resist militarization in 1930s and 1940s because their ideal pacifism was not resilient enough to be allied with common people’s humble nationalism. However, Takeuchi wasn’t good at actually communicating with ‘common people’ without intelligentsia’s prejudices. He couldn’t present the specific methodology of practicing resilience which Takeda’s novels embody. Complementing Takeuchi’s idea of resilience with Takeda’s novel allows us to reevaluate their discourses in the 1950s and learn lessons from them.
Abstracts

**Monserate, Elaine L.**
**Globalization and Postcolonialism: A Contradicting Aesthetic Perspective of Love | Object | Treason through the Eyes of Diasporic Writers**

I examined the collaborative poem Love | Object | Treason to determine whether it illustrates the different perspectives of globalization as discussed by Brennan. Anchoring on Brennan’s proposed definitions of globalization, the poem was used to determine how it exhibits an apt aesthetic analogue of globalization which shows the promise and perils of globalization and postcolonialism. This paper problematizes the rampant after effects of globalization which people in the diaspora live through on a daily basis, through Brennan’s framework. As shown in the poem, as well as reiterated by Brennan in his theory, globalization is indeed pervasive and is inevitable.

**Moore, Kaitlin**
**Our Sea of Caesium: Seascapes of radioactive colonialism and quantum cosmologies in the poetry of Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner and Craig Santos Perez**

This paper considers the ways in which two poet-performers, Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner of the Marshall Islands and Craig Santos Perez of Guam, offer radical means of redress to the slow violence of the Larson Siu Wah Moke fallout (radiological, epidemiological, and socio-political) left in the wake of nuclear weapons testing in Pacific Oceania.

**Moreno, Madeline**
**US Media Coverage of Afghan and Uyghur Women Post-9/11: A Comparative Case Study**

In the two decades since 9/11, much scholarship has focused on the narratives of victimization of Muslim women in Afghanistan, particularly under the Taliban’s rule. Significantly less attention has been devoted to the Muslim women who are being imprisoned, tortured, and raped in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region in China. This article will examine how United States’ news media coverage of Muslim women in Afghanistan and China differs in the post-9/11 period, and the implication of these trends for Muslim women in China and Afghanistan.

**Ng, Larson Siu Wah Moke**
**Aboriginal Hawaiian Agency and the Rise of English Medium Language Schooling in the Hawaiian Kingdom**

The following presentation will present an alternative historical based perspective regarding the rise of English language medium schools during the Hawaiian Kingdom. It has often been inferred by Indigenous Hawaiian researchers that there was a conspiracy to replace Hawaiian with the English language. Analyzing government legislative acts, population figures, and school attendance records, this presentation will highlight those factors that contributed to the rise of English language medium schooling and reveal that this education language medium direction was a conscious decision by the aboriginal Hawaiian government and its people.
Nguyen, Hai-Yen

**Diversification of Risks Borne by Lenders in Peer-to-Peer Online Lending Scheme in Vietnam: a Comparative Study**

The research examines the risks borne by lenders in peer-to-peer lending schemes in Vietnam. Though diverse approaches to diversification of risk borne by lenders have been explored by legal scholars, such as collateral, due diligence, sharing/limiting the risk, provisional fund, secondary market, and credit insurance, the lenders still face substantial risks. The research seeks the answer for the research question: how to diversify the risks borne by lenders in P2P lending schemes in Vietnam? It suggests a solution for the diversification of risks borne by the lenders, based on the idea of “mutual funding” and the experience of the US.

Nimmagadda, Abhi

**Prices Rise and Prices Fall: Evaluating Pricing Trends in Trans-Related Medical Tourism in Thailand**

As Genital Reconstructive Surgeries (GRS) in Thailand become increasingly popular for medical tourism by non-Thai populations, Thai hospitals like Yanhee Hospital display greater accommodation to those incoming non-Thai populations and their differing socio-cultural beliefs around gender and transitioning. Thus far, Enteen and others qualitatively found that Thai populations transition differently to non-Thai populations. I evaluate pricing trends in Yanhee Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand, to quantify these differences in transitioning. I demonstrate that the price changes for GRS, which has historically been sought out more by non-Thai populations than by Thai populations, follow a different trend to chest masculinization surgery, which has historically been sought out more by Thai populations. I use the pricing trends of Rice, a staple food in Thailand, as an indicator, a “control,” of broader Thai economic trends from which to compare the pricing trends of the surgeries.

Nolasco, Benito V., Jr.

**Realis and Irrealis Paradigm in Ilocano**

Due to the lack of syntactic and semantic studies on the realis and irrealis distinction in Ilocano, the study examines and illustrates the use of the Ilocano inflectional affixes to convey either the realis or the irrealis meaning. The notion of the realis-irrealis dichotomy is based on conversation data and is rooted in typological perspectives and descriptions. The realis context refers to the state of affair that is non-hypothetical, ongoing, or actualized. On the other hand, the irrealis context deals with the state of affairs that is hypothetical, potential, or unrealized.

Ocampo, Leenil A.

**Bridging the border: A Qualitative Analysis on the Implementation of Recovery and Rehabilitation Program of Pasig City Disaster and Risk Reduction Management in Pasig City**

The 2017-2022 National Security Policy of the Philippines states that one of the 12 Point National Security Agenda is the Environment and Disaster Security. Disaster risk reduction and resilience is the newly emerging non traditional security threat that affects not just the Philippines but the Southeast Asian and Asia-Pacific Region. The improvement of the recovery and rehabilitation program plays a bigger role in the lives of stakeholders and properly addresses the effects of climate change and environmental security. It focused on the grassroot feedback of citizens from one of the most populated and highly urbanized city in Metro Manila, Philippines.
Abstracts

Oriishi, Anna

Submarine Cables and Diplomatic Strategy in the Asia-Pacific region

Submarine cables have a history of being left to private governance from state control. Against the backdrop of the recent U.S.-China confrontation, there has been a noticeable trend for states to use submarine cables in their diplomatic strategies. This paper identifies the State Department’s five approaches to submarine cables: (1) treaty negotiations; (2) policy dialogue; (3) development finance; (4) information dissemination and collection; and (5) Landing Licensing and authorization. We argue that the state is strengthening the governance of submarine cables more than ever before, and point out the impact on the industry as a concern.

Panganiban, Jeremi B.

Masculinities and Sovereignty in the South China Sea

This paper offers a feminist anthropological reading of the South China Sea maritime disputes. In particular, I explore the South China Sea issue through the circulation of gendered representations in the Philippines. I investigate the communicative practices surrounding SCS disputes, particularly looking at the ways that postcolonial maritime states construct and negotiate sovereignty along gendered lines. I highlight three discursive moments in recent years that, I argue, has shaped Philippine public articulations of the South China Sea ‘crisis’: scientistic discourse, articulations of democratic desires, and romanticizing patriotic victimhood. Further, I offer preliminary insights from initial fieldwork conducted in fish ports in Luzon, Philippines from May to June 2022. Key discursive moments, I argue, are potent political resource for critical actors and institutions involved in the disputes. Focusing on these discursive moments, makes it possible to trace the affective and ethical consequences of maritime nation-building, disambiguating dominant political truths about the world’s oceans and of human’s relationship to them, and, more potently, providing insights for ways that we can be otherwise.

Paranal, Constancio Carvajal, III

Digital Resilience: Examining Approaches and Impacts to Building a Cybersecurity Solution for Small-to-Medium Enterprises in an Island Nation using a Gap Analysis framework

The study will focus on examining approaches and impacts to the design, delivery, and development of cybersecurity solutions for SMEs. It will determine a proper classification framework for SMEs in Hawaii specific to cybersecurity needs and requirements. Understanding approaches utilized by cybersecurity solution providers would help identify any specific framework or gaps in frameworks for SMEs in Hawaii. Lastly, it would look at Hawaii’s inherent island characteristics and examine whether they link to specific cybersecurity challenges and opportunities.

Pepi, Paul

Four Corners: Are Resilient Democratic Institutions Necessary for the Continuation of the Quad Alliance?

It is abundantly clear that the strength of democratic institutions is essential for the Quad alliance to remain intact. In all nations of the Quad, except for Japan, decreased institutional trust and civic participation, increased political polarization, and distrust towards traditional facets of media have created a unique security environment - one in which external nations like China have covertly capitalized upon to further erode trust for democratic institutions within the member-states of the Quad. For the alliance to stay together and foster goals such as free maritime trade and collaborative security, member-nations must retain strong democratic governmental structures.
Peungcharoenkun, Tipaya  
Co-author: Thanis Damrongwatanapokin  
Implementation and Impact of Health Communication through Design-Thinking Method and One Health Approach: A Case of Underprivileged Students in 3 Southern Thai Provinces

Health promotion has always been important and has become more crucial since the COVID-19 outbreak. The Sustainable Development Goals promote healthy lives and well-being for all ages, regardless of socioeconomic background. This research focuses on the implementation of an outside classroom health project combining ‘Design-Thinking’ with the ‘One-Health’ method to educate underprivileged students in three Thai provinces on health and well-being and build public health awareness. It evaluates the pre-and post-project impacts of the innovative health project on students’ and parents’ attitudes toward public health, the ability to become agents of change in their communities, and risk communication skills.

Poerbonegoro, Anna F.  
Sectoral Employment Spillover in Colorado

In Colorado, there is a growing emphasis on the Creative Sector to support the economy through employment creation. We investigate that notion using Colorado’s Creative Sector and the Arts, Recreation and Entertainment sector (NAICS 71). Our preliminary estimation results indicate that the effect is actually not as significant as expected. We are also developing a model extension to see if different county characteristics are of any influence to that outcome.

Prosi, Alex  
Unbridgeable Difference: The Politics of Translation in Encounters between American Protestantism with 宗教 (Shūkyō) and Ho’omana

This paper considers collisions between different definitions of ‘religion’ to complicate understandings of ‘religion’ within the US empire. I start from a position that 1) doesn’t assume there is one correct definition of ‘religion’ and 2) assumes that the contents of each term recover valuable information about different perspectives. My analysis compares two disparate dialogues—between Protestantism and 宗教 (Shūkyō) and between Protestantism and Ho’omana. Shūkyō emerges from the imperial encounter between Euro-America and the Japanese archipelago while Ho’omana is a traditional term pre-dating colonial encounter. Both histories differently open up definitions of ‘religion’ and avenues towards plurality.

Purcell, Alyssa  
The Goddess Haumea and Queen Lili‘uokalani: Shared Embodiments of Intellectual, Protective, and Regenerative Mana

Affirmed by Queen Lili‘uokalani’s translations of the Kumulipo (a Hawaiian creation chant), the goddess Haumea and Lili‘uokalani share a relationship grounded in mo‘okū‘auhau (genealogy). This relationship manifests as their shared embodiment of intellectual, protective, and regenerative mana (divine ancestral power). Both of these women emphasize knowledge production in multiple forms and from multiple sites, empower people over governments, ground their relationship in land, generate multiple identities over time, and inspire collective change. This research draws theories and connections across ʻōiwi histories, relationships, land, and genealogies in order to demonstrate the interconnectivity of the ʻōiwi universe.
Pyone, Khin Htet Htet
Understanding the Transition of Community Land Use from Shifting Cultivation to Cash Cropping in Southern Tanintharyi, Myanmar

In many tropical landscapes, the practice of traditional subsistence-based land use has changed or is in the process of changing into commercially oriented systems. Our study explores this transition process in the southern part of Myanmar from a social and land system perspective. We investigated the drivers of change by collecting information from local cultivators. Our results show that the traditional agricultural system is dominated by permanent betel nut cultivation. The reported drives of transition include greater income potential and livelihood security, risk of losing fallow land to the needs of new cultivation due to in-migration, and new centralized land-use policies and administration.

Qu, Yingchuan
Navigating Cyberspace Through the Orient: the Affordance of Japaneseess in Vaporwave

Initially created by musicians as an antithesis of late capitalism, vaporwave in scholarly discussions has been commonly positioned either as a critique of late capitalism or as an irony mirroring the development of capitalism. Moving beyond reading vaporwave as epiphenomenal, this paper asks “what vaporwave does” and “how has it done it” in an attempt to see the genre as a movement, a community, and a process rather than merely a cultural text. Perceiving vaporwave both as a literary art form and a sociocultural phenomenon, I investigate the affective energies carried in vaporwave and how the textual aesthetics of these works—an aspect consistently overlooked by both critics and scholars—enable this affective experience. Further, unsatisfied with the oversimplified narrative of Techno-Orientalism often contended in the analyses of cyberpunk aesthetics, I argue that rather than being the dystopian cyberspace itself, instead Japan and Japaneseess affords a specific way of navigating the virtual.

Razavi Yekta, Atieh
Algorithms at Work: A case study of Immigrant Platform Workers in Canada

Using Actor-Network Theory, this presentation will explore ways that immigrant platform workers perceive the influence of algorithmic technologies on their everyday experiences. Methods include in-depth interviews with platform workers and content analysis of technical and non-technical documents relevant to the platform economy (e.g., Uber Newsroom, Instagram blog posts). Preliminary findings reveal how algorithmic systems pose barriers to the independence of workers and to the regulatory framework by which their everyday occupations usually take place.

Rehuher, Davis
Co-author: Genesia Paulo
Strengthening Communities to Promote Resilience and Mental Wellness: The Hawai‘i’s Caring Systems Initiative for Youth Suicide Prevention

Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) youth die from suicide and think about suicide more than other youth in Hawai‘i. The Hawai‘i’s Caring Systems Initiative (HCSI) for Youth Suicide Prevention is a five-year program that aims to reduce the number of suicide deaths among NHPI youth. HCSI will work with five communities with larger NHPI populations statewide to build community preparedness to prevent suicide. Activities include awareness, training, building skills to promote suicide prevention, and increasing community collaborations with healthcare organizations and the education system. The goal is reduce suicide deaths among NHPI youth by strengthening and increasing community resilience.
Reyes, Ken  
**Blessed are the Meek: Interrogating Narratives of Resilience amidst Government Inaction and Persecution in the Philippines**

Narratives of resilience found in Philippine popular media distract the people from government deficiencies by appealing to Catholic values such as meekness and humility. Aside from poor planning and inaction, the government's anti-drug and -terrorism war disproportionately targets the poor. How does the concept of resilience shape life under a multitude of ever-present crises in the Philippines? This paper interrogates resilience by thinking through Duterte-era social justice movements of Philippine religious groups in conversation with critical theories and theologies that offer new ways for thinking about both resilience and empowerment amidst government’s failure to provide for its people.

Ruan, Ganchang  
**Homeland in Recovery: Revisiting ROC on Taiwan Through the Lens of Empire Studies**

Republic of China Taiwan as a coined term is now becoming increasingly acceptable to integrate the communal division on Taiwan. Why did people of the same ethnicity in the same country have debates on their national name? The leaders who made disastrous policies should be blamed, while local people’s feeling of underrepresentation was an overlooked factor. Yet, dramatically, Taiwanese people re-accept the Republic of China after the decades-long struggle of overthrowing it. This paper applies Empire Studies, an emerging approach, to revisit what has happened in Taiwan since 1945 to explain the cause of this “drama”.

Saastamoinen, Sara Maaria  
**Sellittiä Verkoloi: Tending to Nets of Entanglement**

The oldest recovered and recorded fishing net, found in the Karelian village of Antrea, provides a spatiotemporal place marker to analyze how the practice of net-making, -casting, and -tending has negotiated more-than-human relations for millennia. In Karjala (Karelia) the only freshwater n’orpat (ringed seals) on our blue planet die deaths of entanglement, caught in the webs left behind by fishers’ unweighted nets. In this work, I articulate how n’orpat help us understand the impact of anthropocentric responses to climate change that lay waste to nonhumans, the ethics of extinction, and how we patch tears in our nets of more-than-human kinship.

Satele, Petra  
**Interrogating Concepts of Resilience and Vulnerability as Applied to Pacific Diasporic Communities in Relation to Disaster Response and Recovery**

Pacific Islands, communities and people are often labeled and viewed as vulnerable before, during, and after disasters. This research examines the concepts of ‘vulnerability’ and ‘resilience’ by defining resilience through a Pacific lens using data collected from Pacific communities living in Auckland, New Zealand. The results showed that Pacific communities are resilient, and do not view themselves as vulnerable. Pacific indigenous resilience can be defined as: 1) Learning from past generations to adapt and build forward better, 2) Supporting and serving communities for quick and immediate response and 3) Leading and partnering to activate solutions.
Schwalger, Tess
Samoan Women Navigating Land Tenure: Past, Present and Future

European contact dramatically changed Oceania and heavily impacted indigenous women, particularly in Samoa. Women in Samoa were important spiritual leaders within their communities but upon the arrival of colonization and Christianity, some of their power from these traditional roles was lost. Despite oppression from colonial practices and censorship, Samoan women discovered ways to reestablish and maintain their power. In a modern context, Samoan women continue negotiating these relationships and practices as they fight to reclaim economic and social equality in an increasingly globalized economy by claiming matai titles and running for political offices.

Shansey, Sydney
Exploring the Depths: Yapese Musicalities in Contemporary Spaces

This research looks at how Yapese musicians use digital production and distribution technology for creating, sharing, and consuming music, due to its important role in contemporary music creation. Included is a brief history of Yapese music, a typology of online Yapese songs, interviews exploring reflections of Yapese musicians, and musical and lyrical analysis that considers how Yapese musicians use digital technologies to interact with music. The resulting work builds on academic conversations about Yapese music while introducing new topics about how Yapese musicians use digital production and distribution technology to create and circulate music online.

Syahutari, Gladys Elliona
Co-authors: Gabriel Roosmargo Lono Lastoro Simatupang, and RA Yayi Suryo Prabandari
Theatrical Presence and Indonesian Contemporary Theater Artists' Resilience

The COVID-19 pandemic situation made theater artists in Indonesia strategize to remain present in the art ecosystem. One of the methods to stay present in the scene is changing how they perform into video or virtual theater. This research looks for the aspects of how Indonesian theater artists attempt to stay present in the pandemic and how they adjust their creative work. Selected five theater actors across Indonesia who produce performances in the pandemic were interviewed. From the observations and interviews, theater actors are resilient by building awareness, performance, and interaction through seeking various strategies, getting feedback, and self-reflection.

Wamas, Melin
An Assessment on Mangrove Conservation in Papua New Guinea: a Case Study on Mangrove sustainability policy from 2012-2016

The main findings in this research paper were firstly, the government of Papua New Guinea effectively looking at delivering basic goods and services. However, some environmental issues like mangrove deforestation were not of national importance so it was not a priority.
Abstracts

**Waradas, Thiyagaraja**

Navigating Conflict Transitions: ‘Resilience’ and ‘Recovery’ politics of Queer Communities in Sri Lanka

This research deals with explaining how queer communities respond to crisis and uncertainties in conflict affected settings. Focusing on Sri Lanka’s conflict and post-war uncertainties and the role of queer organizations during 1995-2018, this research argues that queer communities should not be always treated as victims of crisis. In fact, LGBT NGOs can navigate crises during conflict effectively to advance their rights. The leadership of LGBT NGOs plays a vital role in shaping their ability to change queer communities during conflict induced crisis times.

**Yu, Anwei**

A Study on the Portrayal of Mental Health Coping Strategies Among First- and Second-Generation Korean Immigrants in Kim’s Convenience

In recent years, there has been increased focus on the mental health and wellbeing of immigrant populations in North America as these populations struggle with acculturation and generational gaps in lifestyle and culture. This study focuses on reviewing literature related to Korean-American mental health issues combined with a survey of the popular TV series, Kim’s Convenience, in the hope of shedding some light on the types of mental health issues first- and second-generation Korean immigrants in North America currently face and what coping strategies they use to deal with these issues.
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