

“Reconsidering Gender in Asian Studies: A Pacific Perspective”

8-9 June

Asia-NZ Research Cluster Symposium

University of Otago

Conveners: Vanessa B. Ward (History and Art History)
Jacqueline Leckie (Anthropology & Archaeology)

PROGRAMME

Friday 8 June

8.45 – 9am—Welcome

Professor Michael Reilly

Dean of School of Māori, Pacific & Indigenous Studies

Associate Professor Wendy Parkins

Associate Dean Research, Division of Humanities

9 –10am—*Keynote Address*

Professor Haroon Akram-Lodhi (Chair of the Department of International Development Studies, Trent University), “Gender, the global economic crisis and Asia: thinking about the linkages”

10–10.30am—*Morning tea*

10.30–12.30—*Reconsidering Gender and the Nation in Contemporary Japan*

Laura Dales (University of Western Australia) “Gender and singlehood”

Emma Dalton (University of Auckland), “The Role of Political Parties in Women’s Political Representation in Japan”

Nancy Earth (University of Otago), “Contemporary Artist-potters in Kagoshima: Gender, Recession, and Survival”

Yvonne Pakenham (AUT University), “Gender Related Words in Friendship”

12.30–1.30pm—*Lunch*

1.30–3pm—*Reconsidering Gender and the Nation in Contemporary SE Asia*

Eileen Walsh (University of Sydney), “Developing Gender Peripheries and the Nation: Tourism as Development”

Neela Griffiths (University of Technology, Sydney) “‘Beer girls’, Cambodia and social inclusion”

Lynette Parker (University of Western Australia), “Multiculturalism and Women: How their gender affects young religious minority women in contemporary Indonesia”

3–3:30pm—*Afternoon tea*

4–5:30pm—*Diaspora/Migration*

Arezou Zalipour (University of Waikato), “Diasporic gender and ethnicity: Representation and reception of gendered identities among Asian diasporic communities in New Zealand”

Jane McCabe (University of Otago) “Stroppy Wives and Happy Spinsters: Anglo-Indian Women in 1920s New Zealand”

Stephanie Dobson (University of Otago), “Religious Interpretation and Praxis among Asian Muslim Women In New Zealand”

Friday evening: Optional dinner, Saigon Van Vietnamese Restaurant

Saturday 9 June

9.30–10.30 am—*Keynote Address*

Ikue Kina (University of the Ryukyus), “Rethinking ‘Empowerment’ of Indigenous Okinawan Women: Feminism, Indigeneity, and Gendered Experience in Okinawa”

10.30–11.00am—*Morning tea*

11.00–1.00—*New Takes on Masculinities*

Wai Ho, “Intersecting colonial, ethnic and gendered scalpels, on a trans masculine body”

Roslyn Appleby (University of Technology, Sydney), “White guys in Asia: Masculinity, Heterosexuality, and English in Japan”

Shen Jing (Independent Researcher), “Rites of Passage: Masculinity, Resistance, and the Questioning of Institutional Power”

Howard Gilbert (Independent Researcher), “*Nadeshiko* Japan in the age of Herbivorous Males: considering gender in contemporary Japanese sport”

1–2pm—*Lunch*

2–4pm—*People, gender and knowledge*

Robyn Hamilton (University of Auckland), “Gender in the production of knowledge of Qiu Jin 秋瑾 (1875–1907): Chinese literature and texts”

Will Sweetman (University of Otago), “The Image of the Devadasi in Colonial India”

Susan Heydon (University of Otago), “Sherpas and medicine taking: does gender matter?”

Catherine Burns (Griffith University), “Amnesty International in Asia: gender imaginings and influence”

4pm—*Afternoon tea and Closure*