

CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
Progress Report for Research Institutes/Centres (January 2011 to March 2012)

Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC)
[Executive Summary](#)

Given its geography, economic interests, social composition, political autonomy and academic freedom, Hong Kong is an ideal place to study Southeast Asia. The Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC) of CityU is the *only* research centre focused on this region in Hong Kong. The last fifteen months have seen SEARC revitalized and, once it receives essential funding from the university, well positioned to become a leader in the study of Southeast Asia worldwide. It has expanded within CityU to incorporate more than two dozen scholars from several departments and faculties (AIS, SA, EN, MGMT, LAW, etc.). With strong research output, seminars given by some of the world's top Southeast Asianists, and top international conferences, SEARC is fulfilling its mission to provide a forum for cutting edge research on this important region. Among the highlights of its activities since January 2011 are:

Myanmar/Burma conference: SEARC hosted the largest and most significant conference on the dramatic changes there analyzed and debated by leading scholars, government officials, NGO activists, and journalists;

Davos summit: Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, the conference organizer and associate director of SEARC, was invited to attend the prestigious World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2012 in Davos, Switzerland to discuss the current political situation in Myanmar/Burma;

Publications: SEARC members published six books, 18 journal articles (including 12 in SSCI journals), and 18 chapters in edited volumes making SEARC one of the most productive centres for the study of Southeast Asia anywhere in the world;

SEARC workshops, seminars and working papers: Workshops on Chinese investment in Southeast Asia and on food politics and security, 17 seminars given by leading experts from Southeast Asia, Hong Kong, China, Europe, and the U.S., and 21 working papers increased understanding of the region within CityU and Hong Kong;

Southeast Asia Studies Network: In a major new initiative, SEARC has begun a project to link institutions around the world studying Southeast Asia with the goal of raising the profile of CityU in the study of the region, creating synergy effects on research and teaching, and increasing awareness of the importance of the study of this region.

To operate effectively and competitively to achieve its ambitious goals for 2012-13 – hosting further world class conferences/seminars, networking with Southeast Asia research institutions around the globe, cooperating with other CityU research centres, promoting top grade research, and providing valuable insights to the Hong Kong community - SEARC requires essential funding from the university. Matching funds have been found for past projects and will continue to be actively sought, but cannot cover basic operations: based on present commitments, SEARC's current budget will be exhausted by the end of 2012.

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1. Name of the Research Institute/Centre

Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC)

2. Membership and Management Structure

2.1 Institute/Centre Director (Name & Department)

Professor Mark R. Thompson, Department of Asian and International Studies

2.2 Core Team Members (4-6, with name, affiliation, expertise/role)

1. Professor William Case, Department of Asian and International Studies (*comparative democratization, elite studies, comparative politics, political economy of East and Southeast Asia*)
2. Dr Chan Yuk Wah, Department of Asian and International Studies (*gender and identity, culture and tourism, migration and diaspora, development politics, Vietnam politics and society*)
3. Dr Chiara Formichi, Department of Asian and International Studies (*Islamic nationalism and trans-nationalism, political Islam, trans-national flows between the middle East and Muslim Southeast Asia*)
4. Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, Department of Asian and International Studies (*state-society relations, social movements, comparative democratization, political economy, nation building*)
5. Dr Nicholas Thomas, Department of Asian and International Studies (*Asian regional governance, non-traditional security, Chinese foreign policy*)
6. Dr Brad Williams, Department of Asian and International Studies (*international relations of the Asia-Pacific, comparative Asian politics, Japanese politics*)

Since September 2011, the new centre director, Professor Mark R. Thompson, has attempted to revitalize the SEARC by expanding its core membership, inviting colleagues from outside the affiliated Department of Asian and International Studies (AIS) to join the centre.

- Total number of core members: 26 including, the director and associate director [16 new members appointed after the new centre directorship]
- 11 members from outside affiliated department AIS

1. Professor Kingsley Bolton, Acting Dean, CLASS and Chair Professor, EN
2. Dr Mark Hayllar, Associate Professor, SA
3. Dr Adrienne La Grange, Associate Professor, SA
4. Dr Jane Lockwood, Associate Professor, EN
5. Dr Reuben Mondejar, Associate Professor, MGNT
6. Dr Rebecca Ong, Assistant Professor, School of Law
7. Dr Poomintr Sooksripaisarnkit, Assistant Professor, School of Law
8. Professor Joseph Cheng, Chair Professor, SA
9. Dr Bill Taylor, Associate Professor, SA
10. Dr Yip Ngai-ming, Associate Professor, SA
11. Dr Yue Wei-Thoo, Assistant Professor, IS

2.3 Associate or other Members/Advisors/Consultants

Affiliated Members

In an effort to solidify working relationships between SEARC and researchers with expertise on the Southeast Asia studies outside of CityU, SEARC has continued to invite researchers outside the University who can make a significant contribution to the Centre's work. Of the nine affiliated members, four have joined within the past 15 months.

- Dr Andrew Brown (Faculty of Arts and Sciences, School of Humanities, University of New England)
- Professor Mark Beeson (Winthrop Professor, School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland, Australia)
- Professor Catherine Chiu (Head of Department of General Education, Technological and Higher Education Institute of Hong Kong) [*new member invited in October 2011*]
- Dr Delang Claudio O (Research Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University) [*new member invited in December 2011*]
- Ms Vaudine England (Author, former BBC correspondent and now freelance journalist based in Hong Kong) [*new member invited in January 2012*]
- Dr Vedi Hadiz (Professor of Asian Societies and Politics at Murdoch University and an Australian Research Council Future Fellow)
- Dr Kanishka Jayasuriya (Director of Indo-Pacific Governance Research Centre, University of Adelaide)
- Dr Michael Jacobsen (Director of Asia Studies Programme, Copenhagen Business School)
- Dr Yu Xiaojiang (Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Hong Kong Baptist University) [*new member invited in December 2011*]

Centre Support Staff:

- Ms Josephine Yim, Executive Officer

Ms Yim has been the Executive Officer of SEARC since 2006. Aside from her administrative duties in keeping the centre running on a daily basis, handling budgetary matters, and other matters she is also in charge of conference organization (three held in the past 15 months) and

seminar preparation (13 in this period with four more talks in April 2012). She publicizes conferences and talks to SEARC members, the press, relevant consulate officials, and others who may be interested in particular topics. She provides support for visiting scholars and supervises student helpers. She maintains and regularly updates the SEARC website – which went through an initial revamping under her supervision since 2008. She is also involved in preparing the working papers (21 of which were published in the fifteen month period) both in ‘hardcopy’ and ‘softcopy’ (downloadable from the SEARC website) versions. She also has helped SEARC network with other Southeast Asian centres around the world, while using her contacts in Hong Kong to the advantage of the centre.

2.4 Steering/Management/Advisory Committee, if established

Steering Committee

- Chair: Professor Kingsley Bolton (Acting Dean, CLASS)
- Convenor: Professor Mark R. Thompson (Director, SEARC)
- Member: Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing (Associate Director, SEARC)
- Member: Professor Joseph Cheng (Chair Professor, SA)

Management Committee

- Chair: Professor Mark R. Thompson (Director, SEARC)
- Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing (Associate Director, SEARC)
- Dr Chiara Formichi (Assistant Professor, AIS)
- Dr Bill Taylor (Associate Professor, AIS)
- Dr Nicholas Thomas (Associate Professor, AIS)

International Advisory Committee

SEARC has some of the world’s leading scholars of Southeast Asian politics, society, and economics on its international advisory committee.

- Professor Mark Beeson (Winthrop Professor, The University of Western Australia, Australia)
- Professor Donald K Emmerson (Director, Southeast Asia Forum, Stanford University, USA)
- Professor Kevin Hewison (Director, Carolina Asia Centre, University of North Carolina of Chapel Hill, USA)
- Professor Paul D Hutchcroft (Director, School of International, Political & Strategic Studies, The Australian National University, Australia)
- Professor Pasuk Phongpaichit (Professor of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand)
- Professor Garry Rodan (Director, Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, Australia)
- Professor Robert Taylor (Senior Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, ISEAS, Singapore, Professorial Research Associate, School of Oriental and African Studies, SOAS, University of London and former Visiting Professor, Department of Asian and International Studies)

3. Mission statement and objectives

(Please highlight changes, if any, since establishment of the Institute/Centre)

The mission of the Southeast Asia Research Centre is to further enhance its international reputation as one of the leading centres of academic and applied studies of contemporary Southeast Asia. Great attention is given to theoretical and cross-disciplinary analysis, through which the intention of addressing real-world challenges in national political systems, the environment, workplace inequalities, gender relations, and disaster management. SEARC thus seeks to attract competitive external grant funding, to collaborate internationally with other institutions through creating a network of Southeast Asian centres, to conduct disciplinary-based and cross-disciplinary research in compelling academic debates in the social sciences, to generate high-quality research publications, and to reach the public through open events and media engagement.

SEARC's objectives may be summarized as follows:

- to advance the Centre's international reputation and City University's profile by enhancing its standing as a world class forum for cutting edge research on political, economic, and social developments in contemporary Southeast Asia;
- to become a network hub for the world's top Southeast Asian centres, in the region itself, but also in Australia, China, Europe, the US, and elsewhere;
- to produce high quality research publications on contemporary Southeast Asia;
- to obtain competitive external grant funding;
- to encourage cross-disciplinary research across the fields comparative politics, political economy, sociology, history and anthropology by scholars of Southeast Asia both in the Centre and those working closely with it from other leading institutions;
- to engage Hong Kong citizens, especially civil society organizations, through open forums and media engagement; and
- to enhance the study of Southeast Asia in Hong Kong and to increase understanding of the region within the CityU and Hong Kong communities.

4. Research grants and other awards obtained during the reporting period

4.1 External research grants and other awards (*please mark * to indicate projects that involve collaboration among members*)

PI (Dept) and Co-Is (Dept)	Approval Date	Grant Type (GRF, CRF, etc)	Project Title	Funding amount (\$)
Dr Chan Yuk Wah	2010	Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation	Chinese or Vietnamese? The Chinese Vietnamese diaspora in Vietnam'	12,900 USD
Dr Chiara Formichi	25 May 2010	BIAA-Aseas UK Collaborative Research grant	Turkey's Kemalist reforms on the Indonesian nationalist movement, 1920s-1940s	1,330 GBP
Dr Chiara Formichi	25 August 2010	Academic Event Funding, ARI, National University of Singapore	Workshop on "Placing Religious Pluralism in Asia's Global Cities"	22,000 SGD
Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing	June 2010	GRF	The Political Economy of Rice: A Comparative Analysis of the Success and Failure of the Green Revolution in Southeast Asian Countries	461,756 HKD
Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing	Grant proposal pending approval in June 2012	GRF	Success and Failure of the Green Revolution in Cambodia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam	
Dr Jonathan London (PI), Dr Nankyung Choi, Prof Patricio N. Abinales, University of Hawaii, and Dr Alfred Wu	Grant proposal pending approval in June 2012	GRF	The Politics of Decentralization in East Asia: A Comparative Study of Local Elites	800,000 HKD
Dr Nicholas Thomas (PI) and Dr Bradley Williams	Grant proposal pending approval	Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation (Taiwan)	Japan-Taiwan subnational government relations	59,381 USD
Dr Nicholas Thomas (PI) and Nanyang Technological University	Grant proposal pending approval in June 2012	GRF	New forms of governance after the global financial crisis	1,312,000 HKD

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Dr Nicholas Thomas (PI) and University of Manchester	Grant proposal pending approval in July 2012	British Academy	New forms of governance after the global financial crisis	30,000 £
Prof Mark Thompson (PI) and Prof William Case	Grant proposal pending approval in June 2012	GRF	Social Divisions and Elite Defections: Variations in Democratic Experience in Four Southeast Asian Countries	838,600 HKD

As part of the effort to meet the SEARC's development strategic plan of December 2010, the centre's new director, Prof. Mark R. Thompson (since September 2011) and its immediate past director Prof. William Case jointly applied for a large GRF grant in October 2011 with the proposal "Social Divisions and Elite Defections: Variations in Democratic Experience in Four Southeast Asian Countries" which uses a cross-disciplinary approach (drawing on methods of political science, political economy, sociology and political anthropology) to undertake a major comparative study of Southeast Asia concerning the crucial issue of democratic stability. They also applied for a Strategic Grant on this topic. Other core members are also very active in applying for research grants outside the university as stated in the table above.

4.2 Internal research grants and other awards

PI (Dept) and Co-Is (Dept)	Approval Date	Grant Type (SRG, Start-up Grant for New Staff, ARG, etc)	Project Title	Funding amount (\$)
Prof Paul Cammack	June 2011	Start-up Grant	South-South Cooperation in an Asian-centred Global Economy	200,000 HKD
Dr Federico Ferrara	March 2011	Start-up Grant	Paths of Party System Development	76,007 HKD
Dr Chiara Formichi	February 2012	Start-up Grant	The Modernity-Secularism Nexus: Turkey and Indonesia's Secular Nationalism and Its Connections to the Contemporary Re-emergence of Islam in the Public Sphere	199,644 HKD
Dr Jonathan London	March 2011	Start-up Grant	The Welfare Regime in Vietnam	99,202 HKD
Prof Mark Thompson	March 2011	Start-up Grant	Party Cleavages in Southeast Asian Democracies	99,447 HKD
Dr Nicholas Thomas and Dr Bradley Williams	Grant proposal pending approval	SRG	Sino-Japanese Relations: The Subnational Dimension	179,921 HKD

SEARC provides a critical forum in which members of the Department of Asian and International Studies and other departments within the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences are able to meet, collaborate, and energize their respective research agendas. Through its meetings, seminars, workshops and conferences, SEARC gives coherence to, and greatly raises the visibility of, the CityU community of scholars who are interested in political, economic, and social issues in Southeast Asia today. Until 2008, SEARC also received regular funding from the university and college that enabled it to support the research projects of SEARC core members and other CLASS faculty by regularly awarding small research grants (see table below). These grants, fully vetted by SEARC's Management Committee, were designed to aid recipient in quickly starting research projects or convening workshops that address contemporary Southeast Asian issues.

Investigator	Project title	Amount (HKD)	Commencement	Status
Dr Zang Xiaowei	Earnings Determination and Ethnicity in Malaysia	249,942.40	March 2001	Completed
Professor Kevin Hewison & Dr Raymond Chan	Labour Regulatory Regimes and Labour Standards: A Comparative Perspective	249,893.75	March 2001	Completed
Dr Joseph Kwok	NGOs Working with Women with Disabilities: An Exploratory and Comparative Case Study in Hong Kong and the Philippines	60,000	March 2001	Completed
Professor Kevin Hewison	Reconstructing Institutions and Power in Southeast Asia: Malaysia and Thailand	58,600	March 2001	Completed
Dr Vivienne Wee	Political fault-lines in Southeast Asia: Pre-modernist Atavisms in Post-colonial Nation-states	60,000	June 2001	Completed
Dr Vivienne Wee	Political fault-lines in Southeast Asia: Movements for Ethnic Autonomy in Nation-state Structures	59,940	June 2001	Completed
Dr Graeme Lang	Syncretistic Religions in East and Southeast Asia: A Comparative Analysis of Yi Guan Dao (China) and Cao Dai (Viet Nam)	10,450	June 2001	Completed
Dr Kanishka Jayasuriya	The Politics of Social Capital in Southeast Asia	59,920	July 2001	Completed
Prof Joseph Cheng	China's ASEAN Policy in the 21 st Century	75,000	August 2001	Completed
Dr Vivienne Wee	Southeast Asian Migrant Workers in Hong Kong: Transnational Labour Networks in an Inter-ethnic Gendered Economy	60,000	February 2002	Completed

Dr Michael Jacobsen	Ethnification of Provincial Politics in Indonesia. Assessing Economic Decentralisation from a Provincial Perspective	54,500	February 2002	Completed
Dr Vivienne Wee	Movements for Local Autonomy in Riau Province, Indonesia	77,000	February 2002	Completed
Professor Ian Holliday	Just Cause and Contingent Factors: Burma 1990 and Beyond	6,002	February 2002	Completed
Dr Michael Jacobsen	Assessing Ethnic Chinese Entrepreneurs and Official Economic Policy Planning in North Sulawesi Province, Indonesia	58,500	February 2003	Completed
Professor Joseph Cheng	The ASEAN-China Free Trade Area: Genesis and Implications	49,865	February 2004	Completed
Dr Graeme Lang	China's Impact on Forests and the Forest-Products Industry in Southeast Asia	36,000	May 2004	Completed
Dr Angel Lin	Globalisation and Language-in-Education Policy and Planning (LPP) in Postcolonial Southeast Asian Societies	38,950	June 2004	Completed
Professor Ian Holliday	Confronting Authoritarianism in the Information Age: Virtual Political Mobilisation against Myanmar's Military Junta	16,006	June 2004	Completed
Professor Joseph Cheng	Broadening the Concept of Security in East and Southeast Asia: the Impact of the Asian Financial Crisis and the September 11 Incident	45,000	June 2004	Completed
Dr Vivienne Wee	New Immigrants from China to Laos	40,200	June 2004	Completed
Dr Vivienne Wee	National and International Responses to the tsunami in Aceh: Policy Monitoring, Evaluation and Recommendation, with Special Reference to Women and Children (Post-tsunami Aceh, Indonesia)	155,938	June 2005	Completed
Dr Jan Stark	Inter-Linkages between Malaysia and Pakistan	20,005.67	April 2007	Completed
Dr Jan Stark	"Snow Leopard" re-visited: Kazakhstan's Ties with East Asia	46,852	March 2008	Completed
Dr Chan Yuk-wah	Migration Recycled: Viet Kieu and the Construction of the Vietnamese Modernity	22,185	June 2008	Completed
Professor Martin Painter	Exploring the Regulatory State in Socialist market Economies: The Case of the Telecommunications Sector in	24,808	November 2008	Completed

	China and Viet Nam			
Dr Justin Robertson	Where Exactly is US Capital in Asia	49,961.5	July 2009	Completed
Dr Chan Yuk-wah	Bat dau tu nay? – Vietnamese Boatpeople and Diaspora in Hong Kong	53,109	July 2009	Completed
Dr Chiara Formich	Alid piety and Shi'ism among Indonesian Muslims	24,630	October 2011	Completed
Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing	Southeast Asia: Food Security at Home and Abroad	30,000	March 2011	
Dr Nicholas Thomas	Eating Out: China's food security in Southeast Asia	30,000	March 2011	
Dr Peng Hui	Being Minority of Minority: the case of Chinese Protestants in Davao Philippine	30,000	March 2011	

5. Research output

(Please list output items of core members which are **relevant to and supported by the Institute/Centre**, and state the impact of these output. Other output items generated by Institute/Centre members in their capacity as Departmental staff could be provided in a separate list)

[Outputs relevant to SEARC]

Books and monographs

Case, William, *Executive Accountability in Southeast Asia: Legislatures in New Democracies and Under Electoral Authoritarianism*, Policy Studies 57 (Honolulu: East-West Center), 2011, xiv + 74 pp.

_____, *Mahathir's Successors: Sharpening Dilemmas in Malaysian Politics* (Baltimore: Maryland Series in Contemporary Asian Studies, University of Maryland School of Law), no. 2, 2011, 72 pp.

Choi, Nankyung, *Local Politics in Indonesia: Pathways to Power* (Routledge, 2011)

Ferrara, Federico, *Thailand Unhinged: The Death of Thai-Style Democracy* (Singapore: Equinox, 2011)

_____, *Tewasayan: Moranakamm khong prachathippatai baeb thai*. (Thai-language translation of the book *Thailand Unhinged*, self-published online at Khikwai.com, 2011.

Edited books/journals

Chan, Yuk Wah, ed., *The Chinese / Vietnamese Diaspora - Revisiting the Boat People* (New York: Routledge), 2011

Kyaw, Yin Hlaing, ed., *Prisms on the golden pagoda: perspectives and politics of national reconciliation process in Myanmar* (Singapore: Singapore University Press), 2012.

London, Jonathan D., *Education in Viet Nam* (Singapore: ISEAS Press), ed. 2011.

Williams, Brad, co-ed., *Japan in Decline: Fact or Fiction?* (Brill/Global Oriental, 2011).

Chapters in edited books

- Cammack, Paul, 'Knowledge versus Power in the field of IPE', in Stuart Shields, Ian Bruff and Huw Macartney, eds., *Critical International Political Economy: Dialogue, Debate and Dissensus*, (London: Palgrave Macmillan), 2011.
- Case, William, 'Legitimacy Deficits and Recovery in Malaysia', in Haig Patapan ed., *Political Legitimacy in Asia: New Leadership Challenges* (London: Palgrave Macmillan), 2011, pp. 105-126.
- Chan, Yuk Wah, 'Revisiting the Vietnamese refugee era: an Asian perspective from Hong Kong', in Chan Yuk Wah, ed., *The Chinese / Vietnamese Diaspora - Revisiting the Boat People* (New York: Routledge), 2011, pp. 3-19.
- _____ and Terence Shum, 'Refugee migration and settlement: Vietnamese boat people migrants in Hong Kong', in Chan Yuk Wah, ed., *The Chinese / Vietnamese Diaspora - Revisiting the Boat People* (New York: Routledge), 2011, pp. 65-75
- _____, 'The Repatriated – From Refugee Migration to Marriage Migration', in Chan Yuk Wah, ed., *The Chinese / Vietnamese Diaspora - Revisiting the Boat People*, (New York: Routledge), 2011, pp. 161-71.
- _____, 'Conclusion', in Chan Yuk Wah, ed., *The Chinese / Vietnamese Diaspora - Revisiting the Boat People* (New York: Routledge), 2011, pp. 172-75.
- _____, 'Banh cuon and cheung fan: searching for the identity of the "steamed rice-flour roll"', in Tan, Chee-Beng ed., *Chinese Food and Foodways in Southeast Asia and Beyond*, [Singapore: National University of Singapore Press (New York: Routledge)], 2011, pp.156-71.
- Ferrara, Federico, 'The Grand Bargain: Making 'Reconciliation' Mean Something', in Aekapol Chongvilaivan, Pavin Chachavalpongpun, and Michael Montesano eds., *Bangkok, May 2010: Perspectives on a Divided Thailand* (Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies), 2011.
- Kyaw, Yin Hlaing, 'Political Impasse in Myanmar', in Kyaw Yin Hlaing ed., *Prisms on the golden pagoda: perspectives and politics of national reconciliation process in Myanmar* (Singapore: Singapore University Press), 2012.
- _____, 'Reconsidering Western sanctions on Myanmar', in Kyaw Yin Hlaing ed., *Prisms on the golden pagoda: perspectives and politics of national reconciliation process in Myanmar* (Singapore: Singapore University Press), 2012.
- _____, 'The Arrival of a New Political Era in Myanmar', in Kyaw Yin Hlaing ed., *Prisms on the golden pagoda: perspectives and politics of national reconciliation process in Myanmar* (Singapore: Singapore University Press), 2012.
- London. Jonathan D., '1989: A Year with Johan Galtung', in *Experiments with Peace: a Book Celebrating Peace at Johan Galtung's 80th Anniversary* ed., (Oxford/Nairobi,

- Pambazuka.Press), February 2011.
- _____, 'Education in Viet Nam: Historical Roots, Recent Trends', in Jonathan London ed., *Education in Viet Nam* (Singapore. ISEAS Press), 2011, pp. 56.
- _____, 'Historical Welfare Regimes and Education in Viet Nam', in Jonathan London ed., *Education in Viet Nam* (Singapore. ISEAS Press), 2011, pp. 53.
- Thomas, Nicholas, 'China-ASEAN Relations: The Core of Asian Regionalism', in Mark Beeson and Richard Stubbs eds., *Handbook of Asian Regionalism* (London: Routledge), 2011, pp. 138-151.
- Thompson, Mark R., 'Nationalist Movements', in Bertrand Dadie, Dirk Berg-Schlosser, and Leonardo Morlino, eds., *International Encyclopedia of Political Science* (London: Sage, 2011).
- _____, 'Moore meets Gramsci and Burke in Southeast Asia: New Democracies and "Civil" Societies', in Marco Bünte and Aurel Croissant, eds., *The Crisis of Democratic Governance in Southeast Asia* (Houndsmills, Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2011), pp. 21-46
- Williams, Brad and Yoneyama, S., 'Japan's Education System: Problems and Prospects in the Post-Industrial Age, Japan in Decline: Fact or Fiction?', in Purnendra Jain and Brad Williams, eds., *Global Oriental/Brill* (United Kingdom), April 2011, p 147-165.

Refereed journal articles (and commissioned articles in refereed journals)

- Cammack, Paul, 'The G20, the Crisis, and the Rise of Global Developmental Liberalism', *Third World Quarterly* (Routledge), vol. 33, no. 1, 2012, pp. 1-16. **(SSCI; impact factor 0.834)**
- Case, William, 'Laos in 2010: Political Stasis, Rabid Development, and Regional Counter-weighting', *Asian Survey* (University of California), vol. 51, no. 1 (January-February), 2011, pp. 202-207. **(SSCI; impact factor 0.299)**
- _____, 'What Ails Democracy in East Asia?', *Australian Journal of International Affairs* (Routledge), vol. 65, no. 3 (June), 2011, pp. 360-70. **(SSCI; impact factor 0.482)**
- _____, 'Electoral Authoritarianism and Backlash: Hardening Malaysia and Oscillating Thailand', *International Political Science Review* (Sage/International Political Science Association), vol. 32, no. 4 (September), 2011, pp. 438-57. **(SSCI; impact factor 0.592)**
- _____, 'Brunei in 2011: Early Electoralism and Social Progress', *Asian Survey* (University of California), vol. 52, no. 1 (January/February), 2012, pp. 233-237 **(SSCI; impact factor 0.299)**
- Chan, Yuk Wah and Tran Thi Le Thu, 'Recycling migration and changing nationalisms: Vietnamese return diaspora and reconstruction of the Vietnamese nationhood', *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 37(7), 2011, pp. 1101-1117. **(SSCI; impact factor 1.04)**
- Ferrara, Federico, 'Cleavages, Institutions, and the Number of Parties: A Study of Third Wave Democracies', *Journal of Elections, Parties, and Public Opinion* 21, 2011, pp. 1-27.
- _____, 'Thailand: Minimally Stable, Minimally Democratic', *International Political Science Review* 32, 2011, pp. 512-528. **(SSCI; impact factor 0.581)**

- _____, 'The Legend of King Prajadhipok: Tall Tales and Stubborn Facts on the Seventh Reign in Siam', *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 43, 2012, pp. 4-31.
- Chiara, Formichi, 'Lovers of the Ahl al-Bayt: Indonesia's Shi'a are moving ahead between local traditions and foreign orthodoxy', *Inside Indonesia* 105, 2011 (Jul-Sept).
- _____, (with R. Elson) 'When did Kartosuwiryo start shooting?: an account of Dutch-Republican-Islamic forces interaction in West Java, 1945-49', *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies* 43 (3), 2011, pp. 458-486.
- _____, 'The Shadow of the Ayatollah', *Inside Indonesia* 108, 2012 (Apr-June).
- Kyaw Yin Hlaing, 'Understanding Political Changes in Myanmar', *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, forthcoming August 2012.
- London, Jonathan D., 'Welfare Regimes in China and Viet Nam', *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, Forthcoming in 2012. **(SSCI)**
- Justin Robertson, 'New Capitalist Processes, Interdependence and the Asia-US Private Equity Relationship', *The Pacific Review*, Forthcoming in 2012. **(SSCI; impact factor 0.683)**
- Thompson, Mark R., 'Das Ueberleben des Totalitarismus und Developmentalism in Ostasien' (The Survival of Totalitarianism and Developmentalism in East Asia), *WeltTrends: Zeitschrift fuer Internationale Politik*, Nr 81 (1/2012).
- _____, 'Asia's Hybrid Dynasties', *Asian Affairs*, Forthcoming 2012.
- _____, "'Civic" Civil Society and its Critics', *Hiroshima Peace Journal*. Forthcoming 2012.

Papers and presentations at conferences/workshops/symposia/seminars

- Case, William, 'Variations in Democratic Durability in Three Southeast Asian Countries', presented at *European Consortium of Political Research Conference*, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, 24-27 August 2011.
- Chan, Yuk Wah, 'The Chinese Vietnamese in Vietnam in the late 1970s to late 1980s', presented at *ISSCO Hong Kong Conference - Chinese Overseas: Culture, Religions and Worldview*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 21-22 June, 2011
- _____, 'A Conceptual and Technical Model for General Education and Experiences from Hong Kong', presented at *The 36th Annual International Improving University Teaching (IUT) Conference*, University of Bielefeld, Germany, 19-22 July 2011.
- _____, 'Food politics - tapping the changing relationships of Hong Kong and China through food', presented at *SEARC workshop 'Food Politics in Asia – Food Production, Food Safety and Food Relations'*, City University of Hong Kong, 19 November 2011.
- _____, 'Differentiation and integration – Hong Kong-China relationships and a review of the postcolonial discourses in Hong Kong', presented at *Hong Kong Sociological Association Annual Conference*, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 3 December 2011.
- Choi, Nankyung, 'Local Elite Development in Post-Soeharto Indonesia', presented at *Global Sociology for a Global World, Hong Kong Sociological Association Annual Conference*,

- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 3 December 2011
- _____, ‘Local Elections and Elite Politics in Indonesia’, presented at *SEARC Research Seminar Series*, 18 November 2011.
- Ferrara, Federico, ‘Unfinished Business’, presented at *Five Years After the Coup: Political Developments in Thailand since Thaksin’s Downfall Conference*, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore, 19 September 2011.
- _____, ‘L’état, ce n’est plus moi: Popular Sovereignty and Citizenship over a Century of Thai Political Development’, presented at *SEARC Research Seminar Series*, 12 October 2011.
- Chiara, Formichi, ‘The Taboo of Political Islam in 20th Century Indonesia: From Terrorism to Martyrdom’, presented at *History as Controversy workshop*, National University of Singapore, Singapore, 14-15 December 2011.
- _____, ‘50 Years of Turkey in Indonesia War, Religion, Reforms, and Economics’, presented at *From Anatolia to Aceh: Ottomans, Turks and Southeast Asia workshop*, BIAA, Banda Aceh, 11-13 January 2012.
- _____, ‘The Shadow of the Ayatullah: Reshaping Shi’i identities in contemporary Indonesia’, presented at *SEARC Research Seminar Series*, 2 February 2012.
- _____, ‘From the Adriatic to the Sulu Sea: Islam and Identity in Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia’, presented at *The University of Chicago and Northern Illinois University*, Chicago, 9-10 February 2012.
- _____, ‘Reshaping Shi’i identities in Southeast Asia: Between local tradition and foreign orthodoxy’, presented at *SEA Studies Symposium 2012: Contemporary Issues in Southeast Asia*, St. Antony’s College, University of Oxford, 10-11 March 2012.
- Kyaw, Yin Hlaing, ‘The Politics of Peace Making in Myanmar’, presented at *Myanmar after the 2010 Elections conference*, SEARC, City University of Hong Kong, 2012.
- _____, ‘Democratic Transition in Myanmar’, presented at *Myanmar in Transition conference*, Yangon, Myanmar, 2012.
- London, Jonathan D., ‘Citizenship and Welfare under Market-Leninism’, presented at conference *Governance and Citizenship in Asia: Paradigms and Practices*, Hong Kong Institute of Education, 18-19 March 2011.
- _____, ‘Historical Welfare Regimes’, presented at the *Annual Conference of the International Sociological Association’s Research Cluster 19*, Seoul Korea, 25-27 August 2011.
- _____, ‘Historical Welfare Regimes’, presented at *8th EASP International Conference “Social Policy in East Asia and Beyond: Rethinking Social Policy Strategies in Times of Uncertainty*, The Hong Kong Institute of Education, 30-31 August 2011.
- _____, ‘Organizational Interests and Public Needs: Decentralization and Service Delivery in Viet Nam’, presented at international conference *Decentralization and its Discontents: Recalibrating Public Service Delivery in Asia*, Centre for Governance and Citizenship, Hong Kong Institute of Education, 17-18 November, 2011
- _____, ‘Decentralization and decision space in Viet Nam’s public hospitals: An empirical study

- of hospital autonomization’, presented at international conference *Health System Reform in Asia*, University of Hong Kong, 9-11 December, 2011.
- _____, ‘The “Asian Century”?’ Reflections on Asia and the World’, presented at *Pacific Economic Cooperation Youth Conference*, Hong Kong, 15 February 2012.
- _____, ‘Livelihoods and Wellbeing in Viet Nam: Implications for Industrial Relations and ‘Corporate Social Responsibility’, presented at *Conference on “Corporate Social Responsibility in the Context of International Integration”*, MISEREOR – Viet Nam Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi, Vietnam, 8-9 March 2012.
- _____, ‘Welfare amid Insecurity: Welfare in Viet Nam’s Informal Economy’, presented at an *International Conference on Social Security in the Informal Sector*, MISEREOR – Viet Nam Academy for Social Sciences, Hanoi, Vietnam, 28-29 March 2012.
- Thomas, Nicholas, ‘The Core of Asian Regionalism’, presented at *International Studies Association Annual Conference 2011*, International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, 16-19 March 2011.
- _____, ‘Does the US matter’, presented at *Bridging Spokes and Spines: US Alliance Strategy and the Geopolitics of Southeast Asia*, Singapore, 11-13 September 2011. **[invited]**
- _____, ‘Sino-ASEAN Economic Ties: Challenges for China’, presented at *Cooperation and Development: the 20 Years’ Relation between China and ASEAN*, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, 14 December 2011. **[invited]**

Invited conferences/lectures/seminars

- Chan, Yuk Wah, *lecture on ‘Vietnamese research in Hong Kong’*, an academic exchange activity for students and scholars from Global Business Institutes, University of Houston, held at City University of Hong Kong, 31 May 2011.
- _____, *chairperson*, ‘ISSCO Hong Kong Conference - Chinese Overseas: Culture, Religions and Worldview’, Chinese University of Hong Kong, 21 June 2011
- Chan, Yuk Wah, *invited discussant*, panel of ‘Ecology and Environmentalism in China’, Postgraduate Student Forum, Department of Anthropology, Chinese University of Hong, 9 December 2011.
- Chiara, Formichi, *invited speaker*, workshop on “From Anatolia to Aceh: Ottomans, Turks and Southeast Asia”, BIAA, Banda Aceh, 11-13 January 2012.
- _____, *invited speaker*, conference on “From the Adriatic to the Sulu Sea: Islam and Identity in Southeast Europe and Southeast Asia”, The University of Chicago and Northern Illinois University, Chicago, 9-10 February 2012.
- Thomas, Nicholas, *invited speaker*, conference on “Bridging Spokes and Spines: US Alliance Strategy and the Geopolitics of Southeast Asia”, Singapore, 11-13 September 2011.
- _____, *invited speaker*, conference on “Cooperation and Development: the 20 Years’ Relation between China and ASEAN, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences”, Beijing, 14 December 2011.

Thompson, Mark R., “Two Democracies” in Thailand: The Good versus the Many’, paper prepared for the panel Aberration or Adaptation? Illiberal Democracy in Southeast Asia, Joint Conference of the Association for Asian Studies and the International Convention of Asia Scholars,” Honolulu, March 31-April 3, 2011.

_____, ‘New (and Improved) Developing Country Democracies: Can the Philippines Rebrand?’ paper presented to the Philippine Political Science Association Meeting, Bacolod, Philippines, April 29-20, 2011.

_____, ‘From Obama to Aquino: Presidential “Time” in the US and the Philippines’, paper presented to the 5th APISA (Asian Political and International Studies Association) Congress, “Regional Integration in Europe and Asia in the 21st Century,” 24-25 November 2011, Chinese Overseas University, Taichung, Taiwan.

_____, ‘Political Narratives and Clientelism in Philippine Presidential Politics’, paper prepared for the Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA), 2012 PPSA International Conference, 12-14 April 2012, Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines

Media commentary/publicity

Chan, Yuk Wah, *Global Viet Diaspora*, University of Huston, ‘*Refugee Buddhism – The Religious Practice of the Vietnamese Buddhists in Hong Kong*’, 8 September 2011.

(<http://blogs.bauer.uh.edu/vietDiaspora/contributors/refugee-buddhism-%e2%80%93-the-religious-practice-of-the-vietnamese-buddhists-in-hong-kong/>)

Kyaw, Yin Hlaing, *Facilitator*, the Government's peace negotiation with ethnic armed groups in Myanmar.

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_____, *South China Morning Post*, ‘Rehabilitation can work with the right approach’, (on allegations of forced labor in Viet Nam’s drugs rehabilitation centers.), P.A15, 12 September 2011.

Thompson, Mark R., Interview with Aljazeera television about the Philippines, ‘Inside Story’, 9 October 2011 (<http://www.aljazeera.com/category/person/mark-thompson>).

Williams, Brad, ‘Japan should Concede Diayus to China’, *South China Morning Post*, 25 January, 2011.

Professional service

Chan, Yuk Wah, Co-editor, *Global Viet Diaspora* (<http://blogs.bauer.uh.edu/vietDiaspora/>).

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Book

Bolton, K., *中國式英語：一部社會語言學史 (Chinese Englishes: A Sociolinguistic History)*, 上海文藝出版社 [Shanghai Literature and Art Publishing Group], ISBN: 978-7-5321-3977-4, Shanghai, PRC, 1 June 2011, 399 p, (Translation of "Chinese Englishes: A Sociolinguistic History", originally published in English by Cambridge University Press.), 2011.

Edited books/journals

Cheng, J.Y.S., guest ed., *Hong Kong Journal of Social Sciences (香港社會科學學報)*, vol. 41 (Autumn/Winter 2011).

_____, ed., *The Journal of Comparative Asian Development*, vol. 10, no.1, June 2011.

_____, ed., *The Journal of Comparative Asian Development*, vol. 10, no.2, December 2011.

Chapters in edited books

Bolton, K., 'Language policy and planning in Hong Kong: The historical context and current realities', in Ee-Ling Low and Azirah Hashim eds., *English in Southeast Asia: Features, Policy and Language in Use* (Amsterdam and Philadelphia: John Benjamins), pp. 221-238, 2012.

Bolton, K., 'World Englishes and Asian Englishes: A survey of the field', in Andy Kirkpatrick. Dordrecht, Heidelberg eds., *English as an International Language in Asia: Implications for Language Education* (London and New York: Springer), forthcoming 2012.

Cheng, Joseph Y.S., 'The meaning of the 21st century', in Martin, James ed., *The Journal of Comparative Asian Development*, vol. 10, no.1, June 2011, pp. 191-193.

_____, 'Making globalization work' in Stiglitz, Joseph E. ed., *The Journal of Comparative Asian Development*, vol. 10, no.1, June 2011, pp. 193-196.

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‘threat’ of English’, *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*, 2012. [SSCI-Indexed]

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Bolton, K., ‘The East India Company and language: The scope of inquiry’, presented at *The Second Symposium on ‘The East India Company and Language’*, City University of Hong Kong, 7-8 April 2011.

_____, ‘The sociolinguistics of Cantonese and the issue of Hong Kong identity’, presented at *The Fourth International Roundtable on Discourse Analysis*, City University of Hong Kong, 19 May 2011.

_____, ‘World Englishes, Asian Englishes, and English as a Lingua Franca’, presented as an invited opening keynote speaker to *The Fourth International Conference of English as a Lingua Franca*, Hong Kong Institute of Education, 26 May 2011.

_____, ‘World Englishes, Asian Englishes, and English as a Lingua Franca’, presented at an invited lecture to the University of Sheffield Department of English, 5 October 2011.

_____, ‘International learning mobility: The case of Hong Kong’, presented at an invited conference *7th QS-APPLE*, Santa Tomas University, Manila, Philippines, 17 November 2011.

_____, ‘Asian Englishes and Chinese Englishes’, presented at an invited lecture *Shanghai Literary Festival*, 10 March 2012.

Cheng, Joseph Y.S., ‘China: little to no political reform’, presented at *East Asia Forum*, Australia, 11 October 2011.

Professional service

Bolton, K., Co-editor, *World Englishes* (Wiley-Blackwell), Editorial Board member of *English World-Wide* (John Benjamins), *English Today* (Cambridge University Press), and *Educational Studies* (Taylor Francis).

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2. _____, ‘World Englishes and linguistic landscapes’, *World Englishes*, 31(1), pp. 30-33, 2012. [**SSCI; impact factor 0.934**]
3. _____, ‘English as an academic language at a Swedish university: parallel language use and the ‘threat’ of English’, *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*, 2012. [**SSCI; impact factor 0.404**]
4. Cammack, Paul, ‘The G20, the Crisis, and the Rise of Global Developmental Liberalism’, *Third World Quarterly* (Routledge), vol. 33, no. 1, 2012, pp. 1-16. (**SSCI; impact factor 0.834**)

5. Case, William, 'Laos in 2010: Political Stasis, Rabid Development, and Regional Counter-weighting', *Asian Survey* (University of California), vol. 51, no. 1 (January-February), 2011, pp. 202-207. **(SSCI; impact factor 0.299)**
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7. _____, 'Electoral Authoritarianism and Backlash: Hardening Malaysia and Oscillating Thailand', *International Political Science Review* (Sage/International Political Science Association), vol. 32, no. 4 (September), 2011, pp. 438-57. **(SSCI; impact factor 0.592)**
8. _____, 'Brunei in 2011: Early Electoralism and Social Progress', *Asian Survey* (University of California), vol. 52, no. 1 (January/February), 2012, pp. 233-237 **(SSCI; impact factor 0.299)**
9. Chan, Yuk Wah and Tran Thi Le Thu, 'Recycling migration and changing nationalisms: Vietnamese return diaspora and reconstruction of the Vietnamese nationhood', *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 37(7), 2011, pp. 1101-1117. **(SSCI; impact factor 1.04)**
10. Ferrara, Federico, 'Thailand: Minimally Stable, Minimally Democratic', *International Political Science Review* 32, 2011, pp. 512-528. **(SSCI; impact factor 0.581)**
11. London, Jonathan D., 'Welfare Regimes in China and Viet Nam', *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, Forthcoming in 2012. **(SSCI)**
12. Justin Robertson, 'New Capitalist Processes, Interdependence and the Asia-US Private Equity Relationship', *The Pacific Review*, Forthcoming in 2012. **(SSCI; impact factor 0.683)**

5.2 Other outputs

Submissions to the Working Papers Series jumped significantly from October 2011 to March 2012, with 21 new papers posted on the SEARC website in this period. Intended as a way to quickly disseminate cutting edge research about Southeast Asia in papers written by SEARC core members, seminar speakers, conference participants, and other experts on Southeast Asia, these papers are not a substitute for high quality publications, but rather a way to contribute to current debates and raise the profile of the Centre. This series provides a useful platform on the way to high quality research publications that also leads to attract a large number of hits and highly favourable feedback for SEARC. For example, SEARC had put up nine new working papers on Vietnam that have attracted positive comment by several Southeast Asia related web sites. SEARC core member Dr Jonathan London has gathered and submit seven papers on politics in Vietnam of which are now under review by the Journal of East Asian Studies (<https://www.riener.com/title/JEAS>)

SEARC Working Papers Series January 2011 - March 2012

No. 109, October 2011, Paul Cammack, 'Southeast Asia in the New Global Economy: Emerging Challenges from Africa and Latin America'.

- No. 110, October 2011, Federico Ferrara, 'L'état, ce n'est plus moi: Popular Sovereignty and Citizenship over a Century of Thai Political Development'.
- No. 111, November 2011, Kyaw yin Hlaing, 'Political Impasse in Myanmar'.
- No. 112, November 2011, Catherine Chiu, 'China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Southeast Asia: Sources of Inflows and Destinations of Outflows'.
- No. 113, November 2011, Stephan Ortmann, 'The 2011 Elections in Singapore: The Emergence of a Competitive Authoritarian Regime'.
- No. 114, November 2011, Dorothy Solinger, 'Social Assistance under Capitalist, Authoritarian Rule: Two Management Models in Chinese Municipalities'.
- No. 115, November 2011, Reuben Mondejar, Ming Yang and Lei Xu, 'Business & Geopolitics: International Business Threatened by South China Sea Tensions'.
- No. 116, December 2011, Denise L. Spitzer, 'Transnational Transitions: Filipino Migrant Workers and Canada's Live-In Caregiver Program'.
- No. 117, January 2012, Thomas Jandl, 'Economic Decentralization and Central Political Control in Vietnam'.
- No. 118, January 2012, Carlyle A. Thayer, 'The Apparatus of Authoritarian Rule in Viet Nam'.
- No. 119, January 2012, Benedict J. Tria Kerkvliet, 'Government Repression and Toleration in Contemporary Vietnam'.
- No. 120, January 2012, Malesky Edmund and Dr Paul Schuler, 'Do Elections Help Non-Democratic Regimes Identify New Leaders?'.
- No. 121, January 2012, Tuong Vu, 'The Persistence of Single-Party Dictatorships: The Case of Vietnam'.
- No. 122, January 2012, Adam Fforde, 'Post Cold War Vietnam: Stay Low, Learn, Adapt And Try To Have Fun – But What About The Party?'.
- No. 123, February 2012, Mark R. Thompson, 'Civil Society and Democracy: Towards a Taxonomy in Asia and Beyond'.
- No. 124, February 2012, Jonathan D. London, 'Market-Leninism'.
- No. 125, February 2012, Michael H. Nelson, 'Some Observations on Democracy in Thailand'.
- No. 126, February 2012, Chiara Formichi, 'Tradition' and 'authenticity': Husayni compassion in Indonesia (Jakarta, Bandung, and Bengkulu)'.
- No. 127, March 2012, Jonathan D. London, 'Welfare Regimes in China and Viet Nam'.
- No. 128, March 2012, Hartmut Behr, 'Perspectives on EU-rope: China, Japan, ASEAN'.

No. 129, March 2012, Andreas Ufen, 'Party Systems, Critical Junctures and Cleavages in Southeast Asia'

Papers from 2001 to 2012 can be accessed at:

<http://www6.cityu.edu.hk/searc/doc.aspx?year=2010>.

6. Research activities carried out during the reporting period

6.1 Collaboration among CityU members in terms of joint projects and publications

Cooperation with Governance in Asia Research Centre (GARC) on a conference-research project related to 'borderlands'. The idea behind this collaboration is to bring together experts on China from GARC and on Southeast Asia from SEARC to explore a number of key 'border' issues from open trade to smuggling, from regulated migration to the plight of refugees, and from political cooperation to flashpoints that could lead to conflict.

6.2 Conferences/seminars organized

- *please list conferences organized, the impact of these conferences and how these contributed to networking at local, regional or international levels*
- *please also include, as appropriate, professional courses or training organized for the industry/business/community which help strengthen the links with these sectors*

Conferences

SEARC co-hosted one major international conference with a non-profit German Foundation, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in January 2012 and hosted two smaller international workshops in June 2011 and November 2011, respectively. These events served one of SEARC's central objectives of raising its international profile and advancing CityU's reputation by showcasing state-of-the-art research on political, economic, and social developments in these issues. They also, in the spirit of the University's Strategic Plan, won recognition for SEARC and CityU among international institutions as a place focused on knowledge creation and transfer. In particular, the conference on Myanmar attracted considerable media, activist, and academic interest in Hong Kong, Myanmar, and beyond, as it was the largest conference to date on the process of liberalization that has gripped the world's attention recently. The importance of this conference was underlined by the fact that Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, associate director of SEARC and a director of Myanmar Egress, an NGO concerned with political reform in the country, was invited to attend the prestigious World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2012 in Davos, Switzerland held on January 25-29, 2012 where he discussed the current political situation in Myanmar.

- **International Conference on "Myanmar after the 2010 Elections"**, co-hosted by SEARC and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Germany, 26-27 January 2012, City University, Hong

Kong

This conference, the largest of its kind held since Myanmar's new civilian government began potentially far reaching reforms early last year, was organized by SEARC Associate Director, Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing. The conference was the result of a fruitful collaboration between SEARC and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), a non-profit German Foundation noted for its sponsorship of innovative projects. A distinguished group of scholars, political consultants, human rights activists, journalists as well as government and opposition representatives and other experts were invited to the conference to discuss and share valuable insights on Myanmar politics, economy, civil society space and foreign relations and how the recent political changes, especially the relations between the government and the opposition should be understood. The conference organizer, Dr Kyaw has already edited the conference papers and they are to be published as a sequel to the previous volume on national reconciliation in Myanmar by Singapore University Press.

- **International Workshop on “Food Politics in Asia – Food Production, Food Safety and Food Relations”**, hosted by SEARC, 19 November 2011, City University, Hong Kong

Though smaller in scale, this one-day event also helped to advance important components in CityU’s Strategic Plan. This workshop brought together researchers, NGO workers and anthropologists to address pressing issues of food production, environmental sustainability, community connection to food production, agrarian citizenship and a simpler and more natural way of food consumption in Asia. The conference organizer Dr Chan Yuk-wah, a SEARC core member is working with NGOs involved in the conference to co-publish a handbook on food production, food safety issues and healthy food consumption regarding China and Hong Kong. In addition, she is revising the research papers in order to compile a special journal issue on politics of food production and safety in Asia. Papers from an earlier SEARC conference which she had organised, “Refugee Politics and the Chinese/Vietnamese Diaspora” in October 2009, were published this year: Chan, Yuk Wah, ed., *The Chinese / Vietnamese Diaspora - Revisiting the Boat People*. (New York: Routledge), 2011.

- **International Workshop on “Chinese Investments in Southeast Asia”**, hosted by SEARC, 17 June 2011, City University, Hong Kong

This important workshop explored trends and patterns of investment links between China and Southeast Asia and the diverse impact of Chinese investments on the host countries in Southeast Asia. This workshop is another example of SEARC’s commitment to addressing key issues of political economy relevant to the Hong Kong business, NGO, and academic community. The impact of Chinese investments in Southeast Asia is growing quickly. This workshop provided valuable insights into the changes taking place. Several papers from the workshop have been posted on SEARC’s website, while preparations for an edited volume based on them are in progress.

Seminars

One of the most popular services that SEARC has provided over the years has been its seminars, public forums, debates, and talks. Through these events, academics, professionals, social activists, students, and other interested members of the public have engaged one another in gatherings on the CityU campus, helping raise the university's local profile and its contributions to public life. By attracting new and established scholars from CityU, across Hong Kong, and from some of the world's leading universities and organizations studying Southeast Asia, they have catalyzed interest in and research on Southeast Asia. By attracting members of the local business community, NGOs, academics, and large numbers of CityU students, these events have helped to meet a number of objectives specified in the university's Strategic Plan. In particular, finance professionals were drawn to SEARC's Financial Tsunami seminar series which was completed in 2011-2012 thereby forging closer ties between the university and the Hong Kong business community. And by attracting students, SEARC has helped to strengthen the links between research and classroom teaching. Indeed, it bears underscoring that all of these events, whether large forums or seminars, CityU students have attended and participated enthusiastically in question and answer sessions.

Over the past 15-month (Jan 2011 – Mar 2012), SEARC continued its tradition of hosting a number of research seminars. There were a number of highlights that should be briefly mentioned. Dr. Justin Robertson, a SEARC core member, organized a session with an audience of more more than one hundred people on “Constraining Consumption” by the well-known author Chandran Nair. Dr. Hartmut Behr from Newcastle, posed challenging questions about the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) from the perspective of the European Union (EU) in a session that produced heated discussion. There were also several talks on contemporary issues of politics, society, and history, of Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. In a region in which politics have changed directly abruptly in several countries recently, these talks have helped the CityU community keep abreast of these events through talks by some of the top scholars in the field.

1. **‘From Aquino to Aquino: Transitional Challenges and Presidential Leadership in Democratizing Philippines’**, Professor Julio Teehankee (Chair, International Studies Department, de La Salle University, Philippines), 24 February 2011
2. **‘The Military in Myanmar politics: Past, Present and Future’**, Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing (Associated director of SEARC and Assistant Professor of AIS) and Robert Taylor (visiting professor of AIS) 13 April 2011
3. **‘Modalities of Unfree Labour and the Making of Modern Malaysia’**, Dr Eva-Lotta Hedman, (Research Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science), 19 September 2011
4. **‘L’état, ce n’est plus moi: Popular Sovereignty and Citizenship over a Century of**

- Thai Political Development**', Dr Federico Ferrara (SEARC core member and Assistant Professor of AIS), 12 October 2011
5. **'The 2011 Elections in Singapore: The Emergence of a Competitive Authoritarian Regime'**, Dr Stephan Ortmann (Research Fellow of AIS), 9 November 2011
 6. **'Local Elections and Elite Politics in Indonesia'**, Dr Nankyung Choi (SEARC core member and Visiting Assistant Professor, AIS), 18 November 2011
 7. **'Transnational Transitions: Filipino Migrant Workers and Canada's Live-In Caregiver Program'**, Dr Denise L Spitzer (Canada Research Chair in Gender, Migration and Health, University of Ottawa), 8 December 2011
 8. **'The Shadow of the Ayatullah: Reshaping Shi'i identities in Contemporary Indonesia'**, Dr Chiara Formichi (Assistant Professor of AIS), 2 February 2012
 9. **'Challenges of the Next Stage of Vietnam's Development'**, Professor Brian Van Arkadie (Independent Researcher), 9 February 2012
 10. **'The EU viewed from Outside: Perceptions of European Integration from Japan, China and ASEAN'**, Professor Hartmut Behr (School of Geography, Politics, Sociology, Newcastle University), 14 February 2012
 11. **'Market-Leninism'**, Dr Jonathan London (SEARC core member and Assistant Professor of AIS) 22 March 2012
 12. **'Constraining Consumption: A New Paradigm for Asia as Economic Power Shifts from West to East'**, Chandran Nair [Founder and CEO, Global Institute For Tomorrow (GIFT)], 23 March 2012
 13. **'The Moro people and the Philippine Government: Past and the Present'**, Dr. Peng Hui (SEARC Visiting Fellow), 27 March 2012
 14. **'Political Parties in Southeast Asia: Clientelist or Programmatic Linkages?'**
Dr Andreas Ufen (Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Asian Studies, the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) in Hamburg, Germany), 3 April 2012
 15. **'Decentralization and Environmental Governance in the Philippines'**, Dr Francisco Magno, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the La Salle Institute of Governance at De La Salle University, 10 April 2012
 16. **'Researching Public Political Criticism in Vietnam: A Progress Report'**, Professor Benedict Kerkvliet (Emeritus Professor, Department of Political & Social Change, School of International, Political & Strategic Studies, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific), 17 April 2012
 17. **'Is the Social Compact in Malaysia beyond Redemption?'**, Dr Ooi Kee Beng (Deputy Director of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies [ISEAS], Singapore), seminar co-organised with the Department of Public and Social Administration, 18 April 2012

6.3 Collaboration (local, regional and international) and publicity (e.g. Institute/Centre prospectus, newsletter and updated web page)

In a major new initiative, the SEARC director and associate director have been working on a project, ‘Southeast Asia Studies Network’, aiming to link research centres around the world studying Southeast Asia. Since September 2011, SEARC members have used their existing contacts as well as developing new ones with leading research centres on Southeast Asia (listed below) to explore the possibilities of establishing such links. As a first step, duty visits by the SEARC director, associate director and/or by relevant core members are planned to institutions interested in such cooperation. MoUs will be sought with several of these institutions with the goal of combining these contacts into the envisioned network of academic centres focused on the study of Southeast Asia. Possibilities of joint research and other projects explored with centres focusing on Southeast Asia are spread around the region and in such countries as Australia, Britain, Canada, mainland China, Europe, and the US. While there has been little effort in the past to enhance cooperation between these centres, such a network would create synergy effects on research and teaching about Southeast Asia as well as increasing awareness of the importance of the study of this region. It will help put Southeast Asian research ‘on the map’ by highlighting centres where a significant number of researchers pursue work on Southeast Asia, where major journals are published, and where key policy makers meet. City University not only has the only Centre for Southeast Asian research in Hong Kong, it is also one of the more significant institutions for the study of this region in the world. Given its location in Hong Kong, near but not in Southeast Asia and enjoying complete academic freedom, it is ideally suited to be a ‘neutral’ place where such a network can be initiated and based. Such an institutional grouping, tentatively entitled the ‘Southeast Asia Studies Network’, would help put SEARC and CityU at the forefront of Southeast Asian studies, making it potentially one of the most high profile areas at the university has been working on exploring possibilities of creating network and collaboration with well-known Southeast Asian studies institutions and publishers around the world.

SEARC has already established contacts with some of the leading centres for the study of Southeast Asia, China, the U.S., the UK, Germany, and South Korea which, assuming requested funding becomes available, will be followed up by an exchange of visits and negotiations of MoUs during 2012-13:

- Arizona State University, Program for Southeast Asian Studies. Contact: Professor James Rush, Acting Director.
- Australian National University, College of Asia and the Pacific Australia, research centres for Island and Mainland Southeast Asia. Contact: Professor Paul Hutchcroft, Director, School of International, Political, and Strategic Studies and Member of SEARC’s International Advisory Committee
- De La Salle University, the Philippines, La Salle Institute of Governance and

- International Studies Department. Contacts: Professor Francisco Magno, Institute Director, and Professor Julio Teehankee, Chair, International Studies Department.
- Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Center for Southeast Asia Social Studies (Pusat Studi Sosial Asia Tenggara). Contact: Muhadi Sugiono, Director.
 - Global Institute of Global and Areas Studies (GIGA). Contacts: Dr. Patrick Koellner, Director, GIGA Institute for Asian Studies and Prof. Andreas Ufen, Research Fellow, GIGA Institute for Asian Studies
 - Harvard Kennedy School, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Vietnam Programme. Contact: Jonathan Pincus, Resident Academic Advisor.
 - Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore. Contact: Ooi Kee Beng, Deputy Director.
 - Institute of Sociology, Viet Nam Academy of Social Science. Contact:: Bui Quang Dung, Director
 - Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Viet Nam Academy of Social Sciences. Contact: Dr Nguyễn Duy Dũng, Director and Dr Nguyễn Huy Hoàng, Vice Director
 - Korea Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Seoul. Contact: Dr. Hong-gu Kim, Director.
 - Monash University in Malaysia, School of Arts and Social Sciences, Project Southeast Asia. Contact: Professor Joern Dosch, Deputy Head of School (Research)
 - Payap University, Chiang Mai, Southeast Asian Institute of Global Studies. Contact: Dr. Adam Dedman, Director.
 - Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Indonesia Programme. Contact: Associate Professor Leonard Sebastian, Programme Coordinator.
 - Stanford University, Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Centre, Southeast Asia Forum. Contact: Donald K. Emmerson, Director and Program Coordinator
 - Thammasat University, Thailand, Department of Political Science, International Relations (Southeast Asia). Contact: Dr. Chanintira Na Thalang
 - University of Brunei Darussalam, Southeast Asian Studies Programme. Contact: Dr. Rommel A. Curaming, Coordinator.
 - University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, U.S., the Centre for Southeast Asian Studies and the Asian Studies Program in the School of Pacific and Asian Studies. Contact: Professor Patricio Abinales.
 - University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, Centre of South East Asian Studies. Contact: Carol G.S. Chan, Centre Chair.
 - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Carolina Asia Center, United States. Contact: Professor Kelvin Hewison, Centre Director.
 - Xiamen University, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies. Contact: Professor Guotu Zhuang, Centre Director

6.4 Applied work undertaken
(patents, consultancy work and professional collaboration, etc.)

Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, associate director of SEARC, shared his professional knowledge at the *Social Science Training for Junior Faculty Members and Civil Society Activists* and at the *Training on Bureaucratic Reforms for Government Officials in Myanmar* in Myanmar in collaboration with Myanmar Egress, a local NGO in Myanmar in March 2012.

Professor Case continues his NED consultancy work for the Freedom House/State Department which was undertaken starting in December last year with a publication based on this research scheduled for late 2012.

Dr Chan Yuk-wah has been working close with the editor, Dr Long Le of the University of Houston to provide advice to the development of the website for the Journal of the Global Viet Diaspora <http://blogs.bauer.uh.edu/vietDiaspora/ejournal/>. An e-journal on this web will be launched in coming summer.

7. Critical self-evaluation of the work of the Institute/Centre during the reporting period

7.1 Summary of achievements

(Please give an account of the achievements of the Centre during the reporting period, including evidence of the added value of the Centre and highlight the three top achievements with emphasis on their impact)

- Hosted the largest and most significant international conference since political reforms began in Myanmar entitled “Myanmar after the 2010 Elections” held on 26 and 27 January 2012 as well as two international workshops, one on a key economic issue, “Chinese Investments in Southeast Asia” 17 June 2011, and the other on a major issue of food security/environmental concern, “Food Politics in Asia – Food Production, Food Safety and Food Relations”, 19 November 2011.
- Hosted 13 research seminars over the 15 months by prominent speakers from major universities, think tanks, and policy organizations in the U.S., Canada, Britain, Germany, Singapore the Philippines, and Hong Kong as well as publishing 21 working papers making SEARC one of the most active Southeast Asia centres in the world for discussing and disseminating cutting edge research in the field of Southeast Asian studies.
- Core members published 6 books, 18 articles in journals, including 12 in SSCI journals, and 18 chapters in edited volumes making it one of the most research-active centres on Southeast Asian studies anywhere in the world.
- Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, associate director of SEARC, assistant professor at the City University of Hong Kong and a director of Myanmar Egress, an NGO concerned with political reform in the country, was invited to attend the prestigious World Economic Forum

Annual Meeting 2012 in Davos, Switzerland held on January 25-29, 2012 where he was invited to discuss the current political situation in Myanmar. This prestigious invitation is both a testimony to Dr Kyaw's standing as a leading expert in the study of Myanmar politics and underlines SEARC's contribution to cutting edge research on one of the most exciting political and economic country transformations in the world today.

- In a major new initiative, the SEARC director and associate director have begun the 'Southeast Asia Studies Network' project attempting to link research centres around the world studying Southeast Asia. Since September 2011, the SEARC members have used their existing contacts as well as developing new ones with leading research centres in Southeast Asia, China, Europe, the U.S., and Australia. It will help put Southeast Asian research 'on the map' of academic study by creating synergy effects on research and teaching of Southeast Asia while increasing awareness of the importance of the study of this region.
- 2010 was also a year in which earlier efforts led to significant payoffs. Further, as noted above, fieldwork undertaken by Professor Case during 2009-2010 led to the publication by the prestigious East-West Center of his monograph, *Are Executives Less Accountable in New Democracies Than Under Electoral Authoritarianism?* In addition, a SEARC-sponsored workshop entitled *Refugee Politics and the Chinese/Vietnamese Diaspora—30 Years After the "Vietnamese Boatpeople"*, organized in October 2009 by Dr Chan Yuk Wah, a core member of SEARC, resulted in the publication in 2011 of *The Chinese/Vietnamese Diaspora - Revisiting the Boat People* (New York: Routledge), edited by Dr Chan. Dr Nankyung Choi, a former SEARC research fellow, published a sole authored book with Routledge in 2011 entitled, *Local Politics in Indonesia: Pathways to Power*. This is regarded as a major achievement for Dr Choi and for the Centre. SEARC core member Federico Ferrara published a much awaited book on current Thai politics *Thailand Unhinged: The Death of Thai-Style Democracy* (Singapore: Equinox, 2011) which he also translated into Thai.
- SEARC has also held a number of other events, including public forums, debates, and discussions with business leaders, NGO activists, policy makers and journalists. Through these events, SEARC has been able to advance some of the aims specified by CityU in its Strategic Plan: stimulating academic exchanges; developing links between research and the classroom setting; fostering ties to the business community; and reaching out to the Hong Kong's social activists and interested community members. Among the research centres at CityU, SEARC is uniquely positioned to perform this role. It is the only unit in the university which, in focusing on political, economic, and social issues in contemporary Southeast Asia, as well the region's ties to China, is able to engage international academics and the Hong Kong community through its regular schedule of conferences and public events.
- The Centre also continued to provide regular commentary to the Hong Kong and foreign

media. During dramatic events in Myanmar in 2011, SEARC was contacted every few days by Radio Television Hong Kong, the South China Morning Post, Voice of America, Agence France, The Washington Post, and other media organizations. One SEARC members also appeared on Al Jazeera television programme (Prof. Thompson, to discuss events in the Philippines). SEARC core members Dr. Jonathan London and Dr. Brad Williams contributed op-ed pieces to the *South China Morning Post* in 2011. Indeed, SEARC is the only research centre in Hong Kong that is able to comment authoritatively upon developments in Southeast Asia for the benefit of the Hong Kong community.

7.2 Self-evaluation

(Please provide an evaluation of the Institute/Centre's work with respect to e.g. meeting Institute/Centre objectives, collaboration among members/research teams, added value of Institute/Centre support, impact of Institute/Centre's work, uniqueness, competitive edge, visibility and reputation, ability to attract people and resource etc)

Evaluation of the Centre / SKL's work in meeting its objectives and international excellence

Given its geography, economic interests, social composition, political autonomy and academic freedom, Hong Kong is perhaps the ideal place to study Southeast Asia. The Southeast Asia Research Centre (SEARC) of the City University of Hong Kong is the only research centre focused on Southeast Asia in Hong Kong. In a little more than a decade, SEARC has established a strong international reputation as an important setting for the study of political, economic, and social issues in contemporary Southeast Asia.

The last fifteen months have seen SEARC revitalized and once it receives essential funding from the university is well positioned to become a leader in the study of Southeast Asia worldwide. City University has large number of scholars with a research focus on Southeast Asia, almost all of whom have now have joined SEARC. The centre has also developed excellent contacts with other scholars and authors in Hong Kong and beyond working in this field as affiliated member and has a very distinguished international membership. With strong research output of its members discussed above, regular seminars given by some of the world's top Southeast Asianists, and regular international conferences, its mission is to provide a forum where cutting edge research on this important region can be conducted.

As discussed above, SEARC hosted one major international conference and two workshops during 2011-March 2012. All three events served SEARC's core objective, that is, to advance its international standing and CityU's reputation by researching political, economic, and social developments in contemporary Southeast Asia. Further, in compliance with CityU's Strategic Plan, these undertakings were deeply cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary in their character.

SEARC also maintained its schedule of academic seminars and public events. The costs associated with hosting these events is low, as SEARC is able to use university facilities. But these events make strong contributions toward CityU's goals of knowledge creation and transfer to the university's students and the broader Hong Kong community. SEARC members also published an impressive amount during this period, with 6 books, 18 articles in journals, including 12 in SSCI journals, and 18 chapters in edited volumes. A number of these publications were the direct result of previous SEARC conferences and seminars. A stream of further publications can be expected based in large part on the papers that came out of SEARC conferences/workshops and seminars. Other core members of SEARC won grants during the year while several new grant applications have been made which promise more research output. SEARC has undoubtedly become one of the most research active centres for the study of contemporary Southeast Asian politics and society in the world. Given very limited resources, SEARC performance in this time period must be evaluated as excellent.

Evaluation on the participation / support of members in Centre / SKL's activities / group projects.

SEARC is a Centre designed for collaboration among those researching on Southeast Asia in CityU and beyond in order to bring their research to a larger audience. SEARC is planning a conference on China-Southeast Asian 'borderlands' in association with GARC. As mentioned above, SEARC wishes to move such synergies in research and teaching beyond CityU and Hong Kong to the international level. Prime examples of these collaborative efforts are:

- Conferences and Workshops: The Myanmar conference (discussed in more detail above) was the largest and most significant on the key changes taking place in that country recently. It brought together SEARC members who are experts on Myanmar with those interested in democratization, political economy, and social welfare in the context of a group of scholars worldwide who brought their expertise to CityU for the two day conference. Similar synergy effects were evident in the workshops on Chinese Investment in Southeast Asia (here with a strong emphasis on economics and social welfare) and on Food Politics (in this workshop emphasis was on food security and environmental impact).
- SEARC-GARC joint project: collaboration has begun on a project related to 'borderlands' synergizing SEARC's Southeast Asia expertise with GARC's China policy focus that will lead to a major international conference and an important publication.
- Regular SEARC seminars. Well attended by a broad range of SEARC member, students and interested people from Hong Kong, these seminars address a wide range of issues – political, economic, social, cultural – focused on different Southeast Asian countries with the papers presented quickly available online as Working Papers. These seminars have become a well known outlet for cutting edge on research, energizing members of SEARC and other faculty at CityU.

- SEARC's Working Group on Indonesia: formed in late 2011, this group, focused on the most populous country in Southeast Asia which also has the largest Muslim population in the world, brings together scholars working primarily on Indonesia (Drs Chiara Formichi and Nankyung Choi) with those with a strong interest in the country from a comparative perspective (Professors Paul Cammack, William Case and Mark Thompson, among others). In meetings held at regular intervals, the group discusses key articles or issues relating to Indonesia. Two recent SEARC seminars (one by Dr Formichi, "The Shadow of the Ayatullah: Reshaping Shi'i identities in contemporary Indonesia" on 2 February 2012 and the other by Dr Choi, "Local Elections and Elite Politics in Indonesia" on 18 November 2011) have been the result of this group's initiative.
- Publications: As the number of books, articles (including a number in SSCI journals), book chapters and other outlets indicates, SEARC members have been very productive in terms of research. Several of these publications were the result of collaborative efforts at SEARC (Chan, Yuk Wah, ed., *The Chinese/Vietnamese Diaspora - Revisiting the Boat People*, New York: Routledge, 2011, and London, Jonathan D., *Education in Viet Nam*, Singapore: ISEAS Press, ed. 2011). More generally though, SEARC has promoted a conducive environment on Southeast Asian studies with its conferences, seminars, working groups, and Working Papers series as well as informal discussions and collaboration among members. Many scholars who work on Southeast Asia are relatively 'isolated'. Thanks to SEARC, there is a strong collaborative research environment for this field at CityU.
- 'Southeast Asia Studies Network': This initiative began in an informal way with SEARC members reaching out to their colleagues in Southeast Asia, Australia, Britain, Canada, China, Germany, South Korea, the U.S. and elsewhere. It speaks to the international orientation of SEARC that by merely pooling the already existing contacts and working relationships individual members have with other major Southeast Asia study centres around the world the nucleus of such a collaborative project could be established in the short period of time since the initiative was started.
- Reaching out to the Hong Kong Community: SEARC has sought to engage Hong Kong citizens, especially civil society organizations, through open forums and media engagement, enhancing the study of Southeast Asia in Hong Kong and to increase understanding of the region within the CityU and Hong Kong communities. The SEARC workshop on Food Politics, which attracted representatives from leading NGOs in Hong Kong engaged in activism in this field is one example of such engagement. SEARC seminars drawing a large number of participants outside of the university on issues relevant to current debates in Hong Kong, such as migration, is another. Indeed, SEARC is the only source of serious academic information on Southeast Asia in Hong Kong and its members' and invited speakers/conference participants'/research fellows' ability to comment authoritatively upon developments in Southeast Asia for the benefit of the Hong Kong community.

Evaluation of the Centre / SKL's visibility and reputation

SEARC was last reviewed externally in March 2011 conducted by CLASS Audit Review 2011 Exercise and very positively assessed, confirming its standing as a world-class research centre able to advance the international standing of CityU. The research productivity of SEARC members has been discussed in detail above. This strong reputation for scholarly output has also been enhanced by its regular production of special issues and articles in international journals, as well its publication through the RoutledgeCurzon/City University of Hong Kong Southeast Asia Studies book series. These books have sold well, been favourably reviewed, and have attracted expressions of continuing support from the publisher. It bears underscoring too that in 2011, a SEARC core member Yuk-wah Chan published an edited volume based on papers from a workshop that had earlier been hosted by SEARC. A former SEARC research fellow, Dr Nankyung Choi, also published a single-authored book on local politics in Indonesia which was published by Routledge in 2011 based on her research while working for SEARC. A book edited by another SEARC core member, Dr Jonathan London, entitled *Education in Vietnam*, was published by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore.

SEARC researchers have continued to receive invitations to present their research internationally at workshops and on conference panels, observe elections overseas, and provide media commentary to local and international outlets as detailed in part 5 above.

SEARC Researchers have also been active in applying for external funds. Dr Kyaw Yin Hliang, associate director of SEARC continues his GRF-funded project \$461,756.00 titled "The Political Economy of Rice: A comparative Analysis of the Success and Failure of the Green Revolution in Southeast Asian Countries" won the grant in 2010. Dr Nicholas Thomas, former associate director of SEARC and an associate professor in AIS collaborated as a co-investigator with scholars from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the University of Alberta, and NUDST in China to win a GRF award of \$542,080 titled "Resource Diplomacy Under Hegemony". Meanwhile, Dr Thomas also actively applied for several external grants with internal and external scholars in 2011 and 2012 to continue to study his research interests (details are stated in Part 4 above). Dr Chan Yuk-wah continues her Vietnam research project "Chinese or Vietnamese? The Chinese Vietnamese Diaspora in Vietnam" based won a grant from the Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation for US\$12,900.

SEARC is regularly approached by new and established scholars who, attracted by the center's reputation, seek an institutional base during sabbatical and other periods of research leave. During 2011-12, SEARC hosted two international scholars as visiting fellows:

- Professor Robert Taylor, a renowned scholar of Myanmar and former head of the Centre of Southeast Asian Studies at the prestigious School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, as well as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buckingham as well as visiting

professor at AIS took an active role in SEARC activities in 2011, becoming a member of its international advisory board, giving a seminar on Myanmar, and contributing a paper to and chaired a panel at SEARC's Myanmar conference in January 2012. (Given SEARC's lack of funding Prof. Taylor's visit was largely funded by the AIS department.)

- Dr Peng Hui (February - August 2012) from Central China Normal University. Her academic interests include ethnic groups and their relationships between government and society in Southeast Asian, especially in the Philippines. She has been helpful in helping SEARC establish closer contacts with mainland scholars of Southeast Asia, particularly at Xiamen University, perhaps the leading Mainland University for Southeast Asian studies, where she completed her PhD. Dr Peng presented a seminar at CityU on "The Moro People and the Philippine Government: Past and the Present" on 27 March 2012. Meanwhile, Dr Peng was invited by the AIS department to give a sharing session on Southern Philippines Politics on 18 April.

Two other research fellows are scheduled to reside in SEARC next year:

- Ms Luna Iacopini (March – May 2013 tentative), a PhD student from University of Geneva. She will stay at SEARC to continue her PhD dissertation paper 'The choice of university and its implications on the attainment of employment in Hanoi'.
- Dr Charles Howie (April – July 2013), a recent PhD graduate from University of London. He will stay at SEARC to continue his research and to write papers arising from his thesis in related to Vietnam.

At present, SEARC does not have any funds for supporting research fellows. In the past, with greater funding, SEARC was able to host a much larger number of scholars who stayed for longer periods. It speaks to SEARC's reputation and standing in the field, that despite the lack of funding in the past, the centre has drawn scholars wishing to be affiliated with it. With funding however, SEARC would also be able to attract senior scholars who would add to SEARC's research profile and bring more international attention to Southeast Asian research at CityU.

Finally, SEARC researchers are regularly sought out by the local and international media to comment on political and social events in Southeast Asia. Their interviews and op-ed pieces have generated an impressive amount of local, regional, and international publicity. The range of print media outlets includes: *Asian Wall Street Journal*, *Bangkok Post*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Financial Times*, *South China Morning Post*, *Apple Daily*, Associated Press, and Reuters. SEARC's core members are also interviewed regularly by radio and television outlets, including CNN, BBC, Aljazeera, Star TV, Voice of America, RTHK, and Channel NewsAsia.

Evaluation of the Centre / SKL's achievements, uniqueness, and competitive edge in the local/regional/international context

As noted above in the section above on benchmarking, SEARC is unique within the Hong Kong community today as the sole academic research unit that addresses the politics, economies, societies and international relations of contemporary Southeast Asia. With strong indications that world attention is shifting to Southeast Asia, SEARC is ideally positioned to meet this growing interest in a region that is of vital importance to Hong Kong. SEARC achieves this through its academic scholarship, its applied research, and its community events and media commentary. Its researchers are regularly invited to international conferences and workshops; they regularly publish their research in high-quality outlets; and they are growing increasingly adept at securing competitive external funding. Thus, especially in view of its small organizational size and modest levels of funding, SEARC retains a competitive edge, enabling it to enhance CityU's growing reputation as a major center for social science inquiry.

Evaluation of the Centre / SKL's ability to attract people and resources

SEARC has recruited a strong cohort of core members, including Professor Robert Taylor, a renowned scholar of Myanmar politics, who was a visiting professor from 2010-2011. For the first time, SEARC had a visiting fellow from a mainland university, Dr. Peng Hui from Central China Normal University who did her Ph.D. on Southeast Asian politics at the most important center for Southeast Asian studies at Xiamen University. It has recently restructured its Advisory Committee, recruiting noted Southeast Asianists like Professor Donald K. Emmerson, Professor Paul Hutchcroft, and Professor Andrew MacIntyre. SEARC is regularly approached too by overseas scholars seeking a base for sabbaticals and other forms of research leave, evincing SEARC's standing as a respected center for research on contemporary Southeast Asia.

8. Planned activities for 2012-13

- Conference on Myanmar, tentative title: 'From Liberalization to Market Reforms and Democracy'. SEARC has established itself as perhaps the major forum for the ongoing discussions and debates about the sudden and still surprising changes Myanmar has undergone in a little over a year. A major follow up conference is planned in early 2013 to evaluate these developments after two years. Will the present liberalization result in major market reforms and political democracy or will military hardliners try to scale back if not reverse reforms? As in the last two conferences at SEARC, leading academics, NGOs, government officials, journalists, and other experts will be invited to attend.
- Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA) Conference, co-organized with AIS at CityU and with HKIEd, to be held Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2012 on 'Democracy and Political Participation in Asia,' involving political science, policy and educational aspects of the topic. As APISA is the chief association of political science and policy oriented researchers in Asia, its conferences are high profile events that will further contribute to

SEARC's visibility as a leading Centre for the Study of Southeast Asia and international politics generally.

- As mentioned above, a joint conference is planned with Governance in Asia Research Centre (GARC) on a project related to 'borderlands'. The idea behind this project is to bring together experts on China from GARC and on Southeast Asia from SEARC to explore a number of key 'border' issues from open trade to smuggling, from regulated migration to the plight of refugees, and from political cooperation to flashpoints that could lead to conflict.
- SEARC hopes to attract two internationally prominent research fellows to reside at SEARC in 2012-13 (assuming requested funding is granted) in addition to the two younger scholars already scheduled to come to SEARC then. If it is to maintain its standard as a world-class centre for the study of Southeast Asia, it needs to attract top scholars as well as post-doctoral fellows in order to keep up with cutting edge research and make SEARC a well-known place in which to research and debate key issues related to Southeast Asia.
- It is planned that work will begin in earnest on SEARC's 'Southeast Asia Studies Network' that aims to link up with Southeast Asia centres around the world. While initial contacts have been made, more discussions and negotiations are needed. Through visits to these envisioned partner centres as well as invitations to representatives of these organizations to visit CityU (which has the added advantage of adding talk to SEARC's seminar series).

9. Future plans and long-term strategic development strategy

(Please include plans to generate income for sustaining Institute/Centre activities; bringing in new members; and where appropriate succession strategies with impending retirement/departure of the Director or its member)

- To operate effectively, and competitively, SEARC requires funding from the university for its basic operations, key research, seminars, duty visits and some of its conference activities. Based on its present commitments, SEARC's current budget will be largely exhausted by the end of 2012. Further substantial activities by the centre will require university funding.
- However, SEARC already has a strong record of acquiring project-related grants and fruitful collaborations with major funding organizations, particularly for conferences/workshops. As mentioned above, SEARC will continue to work closely with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung which has co-financed its past Myanmar conferences and has indicated its willingness to collaborate in a further one early next year. SEARC core members have also applied for several external grants and more core members will be encouraged to apply next fall. In addition, efforts are being made to seek funding through new sources, such as the small grants APISA makes. Given that SEARC will be co-hosting an APISA conference, it will become closer to funding agencies linked to that organization. In addition, Dr Nicholas Thomas and Dr Stuart Shields of Manchester University have applied for a major grant from the prestigious British Academy which if successful could open up another new avenue of external funding. SEARC will also

explore possibilities of European Union and Fulbright funding through its efforts to network with European and U.S. Southeast Asian Centres. A similar effort will be made for Australia.

- In addition, SEARC will continue to expand its membership, particularly its affiliated members in Hong Kong (with great potential among interested business people, policy makers, NGOs, and journalist) as well as enhancing its international links primarily through a planned network of Southeast Asia research centres around the world, discussed in detail above. By co-hosting a major APSIA conference, it will become one of handful of institutes and centres closely affiliated with this leading (and rapidly growing) organization of political scientists and policy experts in Asia.
- To continue to organize conferences and workshops that attract top local and international scholars and that lead to high-quality publications.
- To contribute to an intellectual climate in the department that encourages SEARC core members to apply for competitive external grants and to present their research at conferences, workshops, and seminars. The new Senior Research Fellow/Research Fellow will play a key role in this area.
- To increase collaboration between core members of SEARC and between them and scholars in other CLASS-based research centres and overseas institutions in the modes of faculty exchange, joint research funding applications, and organizing conferences together.
- To maintain SEARC's working paper series as an outlet for established, but especially new researchers to enter their findings quickly into the public domain.
- To continue engaging CityU students in seminars, thereby strengthening linkages between scholarly research and classroom teaching.
- To continue to invite eminent researchers and professionals to deliver seminars and talks that enhance the cross-disciplinary study of Southeast Asia and that strengthen ties to the Hong Kong community.

10. Report on Use of Funds during the reporting period

A. Funding	Amount	Remarks
A1. Unspent funding as at 31 December 2010	1,828,637	
A2. Funding received from the University during the reporting period	0	
A3. From external sources during the reporting period (please specify)	0	
A4. From other sources e.g. seminar fees, consultancy during the reporting period	0	
B. Expenditure (Expenditures during the reporting period in the following budget categories)	Amount (including commitments)	Remarks
B1. Staffing (clerical/administrative/research staff support)	657,294	
B2. Staffing expenditures (MPF, gratuity)	52,372	
B3. Equipment	0	
B4. General Expenses (1) Conference, seminar organization (2) Funding allocated to members (please give names of members and project titles) (3) Visitors (4) Publications and publicity (5) Miscellaneous	391,492 278,346 516 3,796 108,834	T/T admin charges and Peng Hui's visa and mailing fees Distilled water, website annual maintenance fee, stationery cost, consultancy fees for a Vietnam service provider, Bui Thai Quyen
B5. Overseas travel (for research exchange)	20,854	Dr Formichi's Indonesia research trip expenditure
B6. Conference attendance/presentation	18,795	Dr Choi's Kyoto conference attendance in Feb 11 and Dr Formichi's Oxford conference attendance in Mar 12
B7. Entertainment	1,952	