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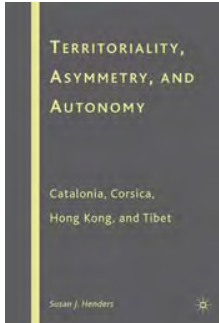
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Our Researchers | News and Awards

Susan Henders, Faculty Associate | Minority special status arrangements figure prominently in efforts to articulate universality with territorialized difference in many parts of the world. Yet much of what has been written about this important modality of the asymmetrical state has focused exclusively on the liberal



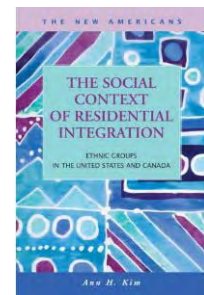
democratic states.

In *Territoriality, Asymmetry, and Autonomy: Catalonia, Corsica, Hong Kong, and Tibet* (Macmillan 2010), Susan Henders extends the analysis by offering a structured-focused comparison of the experience of the People's Republic of China, France, and Spain. Case studies on central Tibet, Hong Kong, Corsica, and Catalonia are used to identify the conditions that affect the degree to which special status arrangements enhance stability while improving the citizenship of both minority territorial communities and their more vulnerable residents.

For further information: <http://us.macmillan.com/territorialityasymmetryandautonomy>.

Ann Kim, Faculty Associate | Some immigrant ethnic groups spatially disperse over time while others maintain or increase spatial concentration. But to what extent are these patterns shaped by the cultural and structural organization of societies?

Dr. Kim's new book, *The Social Context of Residential Integration: Ethnic Groups in the United States and Canada* (LFB Scholarly Publishing LLC 2009), provides a comparative analysis of ethnic and panethnic residential integration in Canada and the United States. It reveals that there are important cross-national as well as ethnic and panethnic group differences. In the United States, the racial structure significantly affects integration, while Canada is distinctive for its integration ideology and policies. The motivation for migration, i.e. economic or humanitarian, is revealed as the key factor explaining integration patterns in both countries. The book examines Chinese, Vietnamese, Iranian and Jamaican groups in selected metropolitan areas.



This publication is a part of the 'New Americans: Recent Immigration and American Society' series.

For more information: www.lfbscholarly.com/product-detail/social-context-of-residential-integration-ethnic-groups-in-the-united-states-and-canada-the.



Thomas Klassen, Faculty Associate | Dr. Klassen is co-editor, with Jae-Jin Yang, of *Retirement Work and Pensions in Ageing Korea*, published in February by Routledge. The publication is a part of the Routledge Advances in Korean Studies series.

Even among the four Asian tigers, with their economic miracles during the past several decades that allowed them to join the ranks of the developed nations, South Korea is extraordinary. As significant as its economic progress, from a dirt poor and devastated nation in the 1960s, is South Korea's emerging welfare state. Although established in a short time, and still immature in some aspects, its unique East-Asian model now faces a population that is aging at an unprecedented rate.

This book introduces readers to the impact of demographic changes in Korea, particularly the impact of these on work, retirement and pensions; and as importantly, provides an explanation for the reforms of public policy in these domains. The chapters provide an up-to-date assessment of aging, retirement, and

pension policies in South Korea and give valuable insights into the diverse aspects of the unprecedented rapid aging. The theme of this volume, which brings together the foremost Korean scholars and experts, is how rapid demographic change in Korea has been a central factor in income security policy for the elderly, as well as workplace policies.

For further information: www.routledgepolitics.com/books/Retirement-Work-and-Pensions-in-Ageing-Korea-isbn9780415551724.

Janet Landa, Faculty Associate | "Ethnically Homogeneous middleman Groups as Adaptive Units: Theory and Empirical Evidence Viewed from a Group Selection Framework" (*Journal of Bioeconomics* 11(3)) is based in a study of various trade diaspora including Chinese trade networks and offers a bioeconomics theory of homogeneous middleman groups (HMGs) as adaptive units. It also offers empirical evidence in the form of a number of historical case studies of HMGs functioning as adaptive units in less-developed economies lacking infrastructure. The evidence presented is not new: most of the case studies have been published [Landa (in Jenkins (Ed.) *The informal sector: Including the excluded*, 1988)]. What is new, however, is analyzing the phenomena of HMGs in a new way—as adaptive units viewed from a group selection perspective. In doing so, the case studies in this paper present empirical evidence of the existence and importance of group selection in human society.

It can be downloaded free of cost through Open Access at: www.springerlink.com/content/1573-6989/.

YCAR News | Seeking your valuable input in a review of the Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies

In early 2007, YCAR launched the Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies. It is open to any student enrolled in a graduate programme at York University. The GDAS is centered on the core course, 'The Making of Asian Studies: Critical Perspectives', which was offered for the fifth time in Winter 2010.

Michael Nijhawan, the GDAS Coordinator, is seeking suggestions and feedback from faculty and students in a review of the programme taking place this term.

"In the short period since I have taken over the associate directorship from Wendy Wong, issues have been raised concerning, for instance, the language requirement, fieldwork components and supervision," said Dr. Nijhawan.

The diploma has four requirements: the core course, two Asia-focused research papers, Asian field work experience and competence in an Asian language relevant to the student's research.

Currently, 20 students are officially enrolled in the diploma and 12 students have completed the Diploma.

We welcome your comments and feedback. Please contact Dr Nijhawan by 20 March 2010 at nijhawan@yorku.ca or ycar@yorku.ca. For more information on the GDAS, please visit: www.yorku.ca/ycar/Graduate_Diploma.html.

YCAR News | YCAR Annual General Meeting

Thursday, 29 April 2010 | 12:30 to 3pm | 280N York Lanes | York University

Please mark your calendars for YCAR's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday, 29 April 2010. This meeting allows the Executive Committee, Director and Associate Director to report directly to the wider YCAR membership on activities at the Centre over the last year. The draft YCAR Annual Report, including the Statement of Operations for 2009-2010 and the proposed budget for 2010-2011, will be voted on at the meeting. The AGM also elects new members to the Executive Committee. We need a quorum of faculty members in order to be able to make these important decisions.

Please RSVP to ycar@yorku.ca if you are able to attend. A draft of the report and budget will be available for reading in the YCAR offices or online one week prior to the AGM.

Opportunity | Application deadline extended | Albert C.W. Chan Foundation Fellowship

The deadline for the Albert C.W. Chan Foundation Fellowship has been extended to **Wednesday, 31 March 2010** at 4pm.

This Fellowship was established by the Albert C.W. Chan Foundation in order to encourage and assist graduate students to carry out field research in East and/or Southeast Asia. Applicants must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents or protected persons, be Ontario residents and demonstrate financial need.

The value of the award is CAD 1,000.

Applicants will be required to submit a two-page letter outlining their personal and educational background as well as a two-page research proposal by the deadline. Selection will be made by the York Centre for Asian Research Awards Committee (YCAR) and will be announced within one month. The successful student will be required to provide YCAR with documentation that confirms their travel arrangements and will then receive their Fellowship within 30 days.

Further, within two weeks upon their return, the successful student will be required to provide a two-page report on how their research benefited from the Fellowship as well as describing how their newly acquired knowledge will aid future learning and research.

Graduate students can obtain the application form from the YCAR website (www.yorku.ca/ycar/Awards/Albert_CW_Chan.html) or from the Centre Coordinator (ycar@yorku.ca).

Applications should include: (1) Completed application form; (2) CV; (3) Two-page research proposal; (4) One page summary of the student's personal and educational background; (5) Any supporting documentation, including Human Participants Research Protocol (if applicable); (6) Each applicant should have one referee submit a Recommendation Form on the student's behalf.

Complete application forms and supporting material must be submitted at 834 York Research Tower by **4pm on Wednesday, 31 March 2010**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Opportunities | Fellowships for Environmental Security and Climate Change; Energy and Human Security

The Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, is the Secretariat for NTS-Asia and a core institution of the MacArthur Asia Security Initiative. The Centre currently has a call for applications for the positions of fellows and post-doctoral fellows.

Two Fellows/Post Doctoral Fellows are sought for the following programmes:

1) Environmental Security and Climate Change; 2) Energy and Human Security.

Applicants are expected to have a good understanding of the existing research and issues in the programme they are applying to. A relevant PhD and a good publication record are essential. Related experience and knowledge of regional cooperative frameworks in ASEAN and Asia would be an advantage.

In addition to having the skills to conduct independent research, successful applicants will also teach in the School's Master of Science programmes. Applicants are also expected to contribute to the School's research agenda and team research projects, and organize conferences and seminars. Experience in policy-relevant research and publication would be useful.

All applicants should submit a full CV, two published articles or writing samples, a cover letter specifying how their qualifications match the job description, two reference letters which should be sent directly to the head of administration. Screening of applicants will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Fellowships are for an initial period of one year with prospects for renewal. Appointees are expected to take up the Fellowships immediately.

Please submit detailed CV together with our Application of Employment form. Visit www.rsis.edu.sg/document/Application%20of%20Employment.doc to download the form and email to rsisrecruitment@ntu.edu.sg, indicating the position that you are applying for in the subject header. The Call remains open until a suitable appointment is made.

Opportunity | Third Annual Japanese Calligraphy Competition in Canada

The Third Annual Japanese Calligraphy Competition in Canada is now open, with a deadline of **30 April 2010**. The competition exhibition will be held from 14-17 November 2010.

The entry fee is CAD 80 and CAD 50 for students. Entry forms can be picked up at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre or The Japan Foundation, Toronto. All inquiries can be sent to ShodoCanada@gmail.com.

Previously listed opportunities

* **2010 Korean Studies grants** (16 April 2010)

For more information: global@aks.ac.kr.

Upcoming Event | Feedback Opportunity for Researchers for whom SSHRC is a principal source of research funding

Wednesday, 17 March 2010 | Noon to 1:30pm | Senate Chamber | York University

SSHRC has redesigned their program architecture and on 1 March 2010 SSHRC released a draft document for consultation. The draft document was circulated last week to all Associate Deans Research and to Faculty Research Officers for study and for distribution. It can be found at http://sshrc.ca/site/whatsnew-quoi_neuf/Program_Architecture_Consultation_e.pdf.

The SSHRC has requested feedback from any stakeholder by 31 March. While you certainly are free to submit comments and questions directly to the SSHRC office, we want to provide an opportunity to share views, to answer questions if possible, and to transmit a composite set of views to the SSHRC. To inform an institutional response to the SSHRC, the Office of the VPRI will be hosting an open forum on the new program architecture on **Wednesday, 17 March from noon to 1:30 pm in the Senate Chamber**. This brown bag session (bring your own lunch; VPRI will provide coffee) will allow us to hear your concerns, try to answer your questions, and to collect your feedback.

Please note: Despite our requests, SSHRC is not willing to provide a representative to field questions; therefore, while we will provide what information we know about the consultation document we do not presume to speak for SSHRC or provide input into the decisions or rationale that led to this design. The SSHRC is committed to ensuring that this proposed new program architecture will enhance the opportunities for Social Science and Humanities researchers. As a new approach to SS&H funding, VPRI wants to ensure that your interests are fully served. RSVPs are requested to vprievnt@yorku.ca.

Upcoming Event | York University China Day

Thursday, 18 March 2010 | Ross S562 | York University

The programme, presented by the Chinese programme, DLLL, will include a Chinese Language Speech Contest and a lecture by author Zhang Ling.

The Chinese Language Speech Contest will be held in Ross S562 from 1 to 2:30pm. The Zhang lecture will follow at 3pm.

Zhang Ling is the author of the award-winning novel, *Gold Mountain Blues*. Zhang traces in her epic novel the history of five generations of the Fang family, from the 1860s to the present, both in Canada and China, incorporating "stories of people who braved the ocean to come to a wild land to pursue dreams of wealth and prosperity that quickly eluded them and stories of a lengthy journey of two races finally becoming reconciled after a century of distrust and rejection."

Zhang is the winner of China's first Overseas Chinese Literary Award. She started writing in the mid 1990s and has published four novels and three collections of short stories. She has won numerous literary prizes, including the October Literary Award in 2000 and 2007, the International Chinese Literary Award for Best Essay in 2003, the first Yuan Huesong Literary Award in Canada in 2005 and the People's Literary Prize in 2006. She was born in Hangzhou and emigrated to Vancouver.

Military Revolution or Military Evolution in South Asia: a Postcolonial Riposte (Rant) to Technological Determinism

Tuesday, 23 March 2010 | 2:30 to 4pm | 214 Calumet College | York University

Conventional narratives of early modern European military superiority as both fundamental to and emblematic of the success of imperial expansion have sought refuge in the concept of a 'military revolution'. This narrative, inextricably bound up with discussions of the 'rise of the west' and more recently with efforts at distinguishing a so-called 'western way of warfare', has a long history for its roots lie in eighteenth and nineteenth century 'orientalist' writings on India and the east. Not only have the differences between 'east' and 'west' been systematically exaggerated, but the degree to which the different parties borrowed from each other has been largely and deliberately overlooked.

Douglas Peers is a Professor of History and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Associate Vice-President Graduate at York University since 2007. He is the author of *Between Mars and Mammon: Colonial Armies and the Garrison State in Early-Nineteenth Century India* (1995), *India Under Colonial Rule, 1700-1885* (2006). He has written a number of books, published more than 20 articles and chapters on the intellectual, political, medical and cultural dimensions of 19th century India.

Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP by 22 March to smiceli@yorku.ca.

Upcoming Event | Research Matters: LA&PS Researchers and Knowledge Mobilization

Wednesday, 24 March 2010 | 10am to noon | Harry Crowe Room | 109 Atkinson Building

Speakers at this event include: Michael Johnny (KM Unit) on "Knowledge Mobilization at York University" and Nick Mulé (Social Work) on "LGBT Knowledge Development through Research: Knowledge Mobilization as Strategy." For more information or to RSVP, please contact Lorraine Myrie at lmyrie@yorku.ca or 416.736.2100 X 22464.

Upcoming Event | The Environment in Southeast Asia

Thursday, 25 March 2010 | 2:30 to 4pm | 280N York Lanes | York University

In this last presentation in the Winter 2010 YCAR Graduate BrownBag Research Seminar Series, Sakkarin Na Nan and Vanessa Lamb will present their doctoral research.

Mr. Na Nan, a doctoral candidate in the Faculty of Social Science at Chiang Mai University, will speak on 'The Making of Plant Gene in the Struggles of the Small-Scaled Farmers under the Global Seed Market Integration in Northern Thailand.'

To challenge the understandings of agrarian transitions under the context of global seed market integration in the northern Thailand, he problematizes the taken-for-granted view of "gene" as a naturally bounded entity in the genetics debates and plant genetic manipulations. By exploring the discourses of plant genetic improvement and peasant neo-populism development among the dominant actors like state officials, NGOs and seed companies, he will show the various forms of bio-politics for plant genetic improvement upon the spatial arrangement and social practices of the local farmers in one village of Nan province.

'Knowledge and Environmental Governance on the Nu-Salween River' will be the focus of Ms. Lamb's talk. In the face of hydroelectric and other impending developments on the Nu-Salween River, local knowledge has been promoted as one way that local residents can create a counter-discourse to and even serve to 'democratize' the scientific ways of knowing that normally dominate the development process. In this paper, I think critically about how such knowledge is incorporated (and indeed, transformed) in decision-making processes and environmental governance.

Ms. Lamb is a Geography doctoral student at York and Mr. Na Nan is currently a visiting scholar at YCAR.

For more information, contact the York Centre for Asian Research (YCAR) at ycar@yorku.ca. A list of presentations in this series can be found at: www.yorku.ca/ycar.

Upcoming Event | Killam Research Fellowship

Friday, 26 March 2010 | 2 to 4pm | 280A York Lanes | York University

The Office of Research Services (ORS) is coordinating an information session for those faculty members who may be interested in preparing a submission to the upcoming Canada Council Killam Research Fellowship competition (Deadline: May 15) and for those who may be considering the nomination of candidates for the annual \$100,000 Killam Prizes in Engineering, Health Sciences, Humanities, Natural Sciences and Social Sciences (Deadline: June 15). This session will be led by Peter Morand, Special Advisor, to the Canada Council for Killam Awards and past President of NSERC.

Dr. Peter Morand will provide information and advice on the Killam Program, which includes both the Killam Research Fellowship and the Killam Prizes. This session will consist of a general presentation which will include historical and statistical information, explanations on eligibility and application requirements, tips on how to improve one's application and information on the electronic filing process. This will be an interactive presentation, which will be followed by a question and answer period. Dr. Morand will also be available to meet briefly with individual applicants at the end of the session.

Please confirm your attendance by contacting ORS at ext. 55055 or research@yorku.ca and to book your one-on-one meeting with Dr. Morand.

For complete information on the Killam Research Fellowship and Killam Prizes, please consult Canada Council's website at: www.canadacouncil.ca/prizes/killam/.

Upcoming Event | Developing a Successful Standard SSHRC application

Wednesday, 14 April 2010 | 9 to noon | 519 YRT | York University

The Office of Research Services (ORS) is coordinating a SSHRC Information Session for those faculty members who are in the process of preparing or are considering preparing an application to this fall's SSHRC Standard Research Grant competition (deadline October 15). All eligible faculty are encouraged to attend. Further details on the Information Session can be found below.

This session will be led by SSHRC representative Meaghan Harris and Professor Jennifer Connolly, a SSHRC Grant Selection Committee member from the Faculty of Health. Meaghan Harris and Prof. Connolly will lend

insights into the SSHRC review process and offer strategies and techniques to get your application funded. This information session will be of interest to both first-time applicants, as well as those of you who are resubmitting applications (as presenters will address what reviewers want to see in resubmissions).

Please consult the following url for further details:
www.sshrc.ca/site/apply-demanded/program_descriptions-descriptions_de_programmes/standard_grants_subventions_ordinaires-eng.aspx. To assist ORS in planning this session, please confirm your attendance by sending an email to research@yorku.ca or by calling ext. 55055.

Meaghan Harris will be available to meeting with individual applicants in the afternoon (from 1 to 4pm). Please RSVP to research@yorku.ca to book your one-on-one meeting with Ms Harris.

Upcoming Event | Surveying Korean Transnationalism: Pilot Test Findings from the Study on Toronto Korean Families

20 April 2010 | York University

Dr. Kim will discuss preliminary findings from her 'Development, Migration Strategies and Prospects for Social Integration: Understanding Contemporary Transnationalism among South Korean Families' research.

Call for Papers | Popular Culture and World Politics Conference

There is a growing movement in and around the study of international politics to think about the intersections of world politics and the production, circulation, content and consumption of various popular cultural forms. This burgeoning scholarship has reached a point in which it is possible to move well beyond the important initial forays that emphasized the content of cultural forms-as-text, seeking metaphorical connections between the cultural and the political, to explore the interwoven possibilities and limits of the cultural and political.

The York Centre for International and Security Studies (YCIS) is pleased to invite you to Popular Culture and World Politics III, to be held in Toronto 4-5 November 2010. Following two successful events, hosted by the University of Bristol in 2008 and the University of Newcastle in 2009, Popular Culture and World Politics III seeks to continue the growing conversation on the intersections of various forms of popular culture and the study of world politics, from a range of disciplines and practices in the social sciences, humanities and the arts.

We welcome proposals for performances, screenings, panels, or individual papers, on any aspect of world politics and popular culture. If you would like to register for this conference or want more information, please see www.yorku.ca/yciss/conferences/pcwplll.htm. Abstracts of no more than 250 words (via the website) are due before **2 April 2010**. If you would like further information please contact pcwp@yorku.ca.

Call for Papers | Fifth Singapore Graduate Forum on Southeast Asia Studies

The Asia Research Institute (ARI) of the National University of Singapore (NUS) invites applications from postgraduate students who are engaged in research on Southeast Asia to attend the Fifth Singapore

Graduate Forum on Southeast Asian Studies on 7-9 July 2010.

This 3-day forum will be part of ARI's five-day Graduate Development Institute and Forum, which in addition to the forum will include two full days of sessions aimed to develop graduate student understandings of academia and relevant skills, through roundtable discussions with faculty, focused practical seminars and breakout group discussions.

This event coincides with the Asia Research Institutes Asian Graduate Student Fellowship Programme 2010, which brings some 33 graduate students to ARI for a two and a half month period. These students will also participate in the Graduate Forum.

Postgraduate students working on Southeast Asia are invited to submit abstracts based either on work in progress that is at an advanced stage (i.e. already completed data collection and analysis), or on completed work. NUS students are encouraged to take advantage of this unprecedented opportunity to interact and exchange ideas with students from ASEAN as well as those from other regions whose interests focus on Southeast Asia.

This three-day forum, the fifth of an annual series of forums for graduate students who work on Southeast Asia, will be organized thematically. Themes broadly reflect (but are not limited to) the core research strengths of the Asia Research Institute, including the Asian dynamics of religion, politics, economy, gender, culture, language, migration, urbanism, science and technology, population and social change.

In addition to student presentations, experts from the region will also be invited to give keynote speeches, sharing their insights on challenges and issues facing contemporary social science scholarship.

Students whose proposals are selected for presentation at the forum will participate in the full 5 days of the Graduate Development Institute and Forum. Partial or full funding may be available for selected students. Funding will cover board and lodging for the duration of the forum, and in selected cases, air travel to Singapore by the most economical means.

Graduate students should submit a 300-400 word abstract of their proposed paper using the form which can be found at the official website. Please send to Ms Sharon Ong at arios@nus.edu.sg by **9 April 2010**. Please visit the website at www.ari.nus.edu.sg/events_categorydetails.asp?categoryid=6&eventid=1034 for the Application Form. One confidential letter of recommendation from a supervisor should also be forwarded along with your form by the same date.

Call for Contributions | Mama says Good Girls Marry Doctors | Retaining Control, Negotiating Roles: South and East Asian Diasporic Women and their Parents

Are you a good girl? You know what we mean: you listen to your parents, there's no gossip about you in the "community." Or are you a bad girl? Were you caught smoking in high school? Did you marry that white boy against your parents' wishes?

We ask you to contribute your story to a forthcoming volume: 'Mama Says Good Girls Marry Doctors'. This book focuses on the pressures on South and East Asian women who have grown up in North America to be "good girls." It seeks to collect the stories of such women, and their traumas, victories, and defeats as they face the control that their immigrant parents try to exercise over them in relation to the choice of a partner,

or a career, or their freedom. We want to know how negotiating these pressures affect young Asian diasporic women, their relationship to feminism, to their parents and to their partners or siblings.

We DO NOT seek academic essays, but creative non-fiction pieces, narratives, reflections and personal histories and memoirs. You can tell your own story or that of a friend or relative. As Asian women who have experienced such issues ourselves, we want this volume to bring a range of stories out in the open and available to other women who are facing the same issues.

We want to hear your voice and your story! Send all submissions (3,000 to 4,000 words) to: goodgirlsmarrydoctors@gmail.com by **1 July 2010**. For more information, contact the editors, Piyali Bhattacharya and Josephine Tsui, at the email above.

Call for Abstracts and Proposals | MediAsia 2010 - The Asian Conference on Media and Mass Communication 2010

The International Academic Forum, in conjunction with its global partners, is pleased to announce the inaugural Asian Conference on Media and Mass Communication 2010, to be held in Osaka, Japan, from 28-30 October 2010.

The conference theme, 'Brave New World', invites submissions that approach this wide topic from a variety of perspectives and approaches. However, the submission of other topics for consideration is welcome and we also encourage sessions within and across a variety of disciplines and fields related to Media and Mass Communication, including: Advertising; Communication Technology and Digital Media Communication Theory and Methodology; Critical and Cultural Studies, Gender and Communication; Film; History; International Communications; Journalism Research and Education; Law and Policy; Magazine Media Ethics; Mass Communication, Society and Globalization; Media and Sport Media Education Research; Media Management and Economics; Newspaper Political Communication and Satire; Public Relations; Radio-TV journalism; Scholastic journalism; Visual Communication.

The deadline for abstracts/proposals is 1 July 2010. Enquiries can be sent to: mediasia@iafor.org or visit <http://mediasia.iafor.org>.

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