Greg Sheridan’s public lecture: “Australia, Asia and America in the ‘Age of Terror’”

Greg Sheridan opened the Griffith Asia Pacific Research Institute (GAPRI) 2004 public lecture series on 11 March 2004. Mr Sheridan claimed that the war on terror represents a completely new strategic environment for Australia. There are three interrelated aspects to this new environment. First, terrorism is now organised globally as never before. Second, the emergence of rogue states such as Iraq and Afghanistan before the war, or North Korea today, and semi-rogue states, such as Pakistan, offer state apparatus to terrorists. Third, there is growing ease of access to technology of weapons of mass destruction.

Mr Sheridan argued that this environment represented an existential threat to Australia, and the only possible response is for Australia to join with the United States, other democracies, and civilised governments to fight the war on terror. Mr Sheridan said that this close association with the United States actually helps Australia in its other key national objective – close interaction with Asia. This, he said, is an unpopular view in foreign policy circles – but true. Because Australia has an intimate relationship with Washington, our clout is increased in Asia, both in North East Asia and South East Asia. Australia would also more likely to be open to Asia if it emulated the civic democratic and republican virtues of the United States – large immigration, egalitarian social structure, and growing population. Thus our Asian and American dynamics dovetail perfectly rather than offering opposing choices.

The public lecture followed a visit by Mr Sheridan in November 2003. Mr Sheridan met with Professor Glyn Davis, Vice Chancellor of Griffith University, who presented him with a copy of the first issue of the Griffith Review, its theme being “Insecurity and the new world order”. At the same time Mr Sheridan gave Professor Davis a copy of his latest book Cities of the Hot Zone: a Southeast Asian Adventure.
Editorial:

In 2004, the Griffith Asia Pacific Research Institute continues its focus on security issues in both its research programs and its inaugural public lecture on terrorism by Mr Greg Sheridan, Foreign Editor of the *Australian*.

If terrorism is international, so too is health. HIV and, more recently, SARS and avian flu highlight a global concern around health issues. The nursing profession is at the front line in confronting such issues, whether pandemics or care for ageing populations in developed countries.

In background research for an address to Japanese graduates from the Bachelor of Nursing at Griffith University’s Gold Coast campus, I discovered that nursing was international from its modern beginnings. The mother, pioneer and founder was Florence Nightingale (1820–1910). She worked in the Crimea, England and France and consulted on nursing reform and health for Germany, India and the USA during the Civil War. She is also the inspiration for the modernisation of Japanese nursing. A recent book by Aya Takahashi, *The Development of the Japanese Nursing Profession, Adopting and Adapting Western Influences* (Routledge 2004), tells the story of “Florence Nightingale-ism in Japan”, showing how Japanese nursing developed from 1868 to the present. Before her time, as Florence said,

> No man, not even a doctor, ever gives any other definition of what a nurse should be than this: devoted and obedient. This definition would do just as well for a porter. It might even do for a horse.

These days, nursing is highly regarded, professionally and internationally. The joint founders of the Japanese Nissoken program, Professor Kazuo Noda, Chancellor of Miyagi University, and staff in Griffith’s School of Nursing are to be congratulated on upgrading the qualifications of hundreds of Japanese nurses and administrators to full degree status. This initiative between Australians and Japanese instils pride and professionalism.

Associate Professor Mary Farquhar, Director, Griffith Asia Pacific Research Institute

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**Workshop on “Unions in Korea”**

A half-day workshop entitled “Unions in Korea” was held on 3 February 2004 at Griffith University’s College of Art Southbank campus. Funding from the Australia-Korea Foundation, GAPRI and the Department of Industrial Relations allowed us to invite Ms Kim Hye-Seon, President of the Seoul Women’s Trade Union. Other guest speakers included Professor Russell Lansbury, from the University of Sydney, presenting joint research conducted with Dr Kwon Seung-ho from the University of NSW; Professor David Peetz, from the Department of Industrial Relations, Griffith Business School, presenting joint research conducted with Mr Neal Ollett, a PhD student at Griffith University; Dr Kaye Broadbent, Griffith Asia Pacific Research Institute; and Ms Moon Kyoung-hee, a PhD student at the ANU.

Professor Peetz and Mr Ollett’s research opened the workshop by outlining the decline in union density in Korea and the implications for the union movement of the rise in temporary and casual workers. Dr Broadbent discussed the formation of women-only unions in Japan and Korea as a strategy to improve the employment conditions of women workers. Ms Kim outlined the conditions of work for women in Korea and provided an overview of the development of the Seoul Women’s Trade Union. Ms Moon elaborated on this theme as her discussion focused on the gendered impact of employment adjustment in Korea since the 1997 reforms. Wrapping up the session, Professor Lansbury and Dr Kwon’s research discussed the strategies of the Hyundai Motor Company union in light of the economic restructuring reforms imposed by the International Monetary Fund. Papers from the Unions in Korea workshop are available on the Griffith Asia Pacific Research Institute website [http://www.griffith.edu.au/centre/gapc](http://www.griffith.edu.au/centre/gapc).

**GAPRI research seminar & postgrad “Masterclasses”**

Griffith Asia Pacific Research Institute has started “Masterclasses” for its postgraduate students. In November 2003 and February 2004, Professor Ortrun Zuber-Skerritt, Director, Ortrun Zuber International (OZI Pty Ltd, presented classes on thesis writing for completing PhD students. In November 2003, Professor Peter Drysdale, Australian National University, presented research seminars on “Japanese Studies in Australia” and “Japan and East Asia: Economic Prospects and Challenges”. In March 2004, Professor Peter Drysdale gave individual sessions to postgraduates to help them to focus on the direction of their research and their careers.
Visit from the Vietnam Ministry of Science and Technology

A delegation from the Vietnam Ministry of Science and Technology visited Griffith University on 18 December as part of their schedule to see advanced Australian research institutions, universities and farmers, to acquire knowledge about enhanced and novel technologies and methodologies on the production of crop varieties (food crop, fruits and vegetables), farming techniques, agricultural produce processing and post-harvest handling, marketing, trading, and extension. Most of the delegates are working in the agricultural sector so they visited places where agricultural research and/or farming activities are conducted.

Employment relations in Australia, Japan, Korea

A new book highlights the startling ways that work and employment relations in Australia differ in comparison to those of Japan, South Korea and other countries. The book, *International and Comparative Employment Relations*, is edited by Professors Greg J. Bamber, Russell D. Lansbury and Nick Wailes and published by Allen and Unwin. It shows how such issues – issues that affect every area of life and business – differ between countries.
When Michael Heazle graduated from Griffith with his PhD in 2003, it was, in his words, “the end of one very long road but also the beginning of another even longer one”. Michael's successful completion of his PhD in the Department of International Business and Asian Studies after returning to Australia last year followed earlier degrees at Griffith (BA in the School of Modern Asian Studies in 1987 and Honours in 1992) and more than a decade working in Japan as a teacher and a journalist. “I really enjoyed my time travelling and working overseas and I was able to get involved in a lot of different kinds of work and projects in Japan. But getting a PhD was something I'd been planning for a long time career-wise, particularly in terms of making the transition back to a life in Australia,” he says.

Michael is now working as a sessional lecturer at Griffith, convening and teaching courses in International Business and Asian Studies and the Graduate School of Management. He is also a Visiting Fellow with the Griffith Asia Pacific Research Institute, and hopes to continue his career in Brisbane and “put down some roots for a change”. Prior to returning to Australia with his family last March, he had spent four years teaching a variety of courses in politics, business, and academic writing and research at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto while working on his PhD. “My first trip to Japan definitely was a major turning point in my life as it really started my interest in the Asia region and also in university study and research. There are a lot of opportunities to gain valuable experience in a variety of jobs and careers living in Japan, not to mention the broader ‘life experience’ you get simply by living in a vastly different society and culture”.

His first full-time jobs in Japan were teaching English in schools and companies in the late 1980s after receiving his BA. By the early 1990s, however, Michael had made his way into freelance journalism, writing for a number of well known international, Japanese, and Australian publications including the Far Eastern Economic Review, the Asian Wall Street Journal, the Japan Times, and the Australian Magazine. He then continued working as a journalist and public relations consultant in Cairns for several years, which led him to writing his first television documentary in 1996. This first foray into broadcast media, which examined Hong Kong’s 1997 return to the PRC, helped set the scene for Michael’s endeavours in Kyoto a short time later.

But Michael believes his time spent at Griffith in Asian Studies provided the background and skills he needed to pursue his various careers. He points in particular to the staff and atmosphere at Griffith as key elements in helping him finally make it through the many challenges of completing a PhD. “Doing my PhD in another country while teaching full-time and trying to spend quality time with my wife and two sons was definitely tough at times…. And I doubt I would have been able to do it without the great support I received from IBAS and in particular my supervisors Dr John Butcher and Professor Nick Knight. They really provided me with excellent guidance during the whole process and certainly deserve a lot of credit for me managing to pull it off in just over four years. The challenge now is to keep the research going and carve a niche for myself in academia. In some ways it feels like starting at the beginning again but it’s a career path I’ve wanted to go down for a long time now and I’m really happy to be finally doing it”.

“Ms Wang Yuping

“I have four supervisors!” This is the first thing Wang Yuping mentioned when talking about her PhD experience at Griffith University. Yuping’s research focuses on the use of Internet-based videoconferencing tools in learning languages at a distance. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the research, “I’ve been very fortunate to have this combined supervision. Each of my supervisors has helped me in different ways. Without any one of them, my research wouldn’t have gone so well”, continued Yuping.

Yuping’s relationship with Griffith University goes back to her undergraduate years in the 1980s when Professor Colin Mackerras was lecturing at Beijing Foreign Studies University. Yuping attended his lectures and “started to get used to the Australian accent”, says Yuping. In 1988, Yuping came to Griffith University as a visiting scholar, again under the mentoring of Professor Mackerras. With her employment as a teacher of Chinese language at Griffith University in 1995, Yuping started her part-time Masters research and graduated in 1998. She is now into the fifth year of her part time PhD research and has published three articles based on her PhD research. (continued on page 6)
Summer Workshop: Lombok, Indonesia

Staff and postgraduate students from the School of Public Health, Griffith University participated in a summer semester workshop in Lombok from 2–6 February 2004. The workshop was jointly conducted by the School of Public Health Griffith University, the University of Indonesia and the Indonesian Ministry of Health. The emphasis of the workshop was on providing a structured approach to the development of the public health research dissertations that are currently being undertaken by thirty Masters of Science in Public Health (MScPH) students at Griffith University. The research topics are in the fields of Environmental Health Epidemiology and Health Promotion and cover a range of diseases such as leprosy, measles, tuberculosis, malaria and diarrhoea, as well as Acute Respiratory Infection and HIV/AIDS. All students undertaking the 18 months MScPH program at Griffith University are senior officers of the Indonesian Ministry of Health.

Professor Umar Fahmi Acmadi, Director General of Indonesia Communicable Disease Control, led the Indonesian team. His address to students and other participants highlighted the importance of globalisation in the control of diseases. Several recent graduates from the Griffith School of Public Health were also involved. The alumni shared their own experiences of the dissertation process by contributing their skills and knowledge to approaches to disease control that are appropriate to the Indonesian situation. One of the graduates, Ratna Tunjung Luih, is a Senior Public Health Officer in Lombok, and she played a key role in the logistics and organisation for what was a highly successful workshop.

Some of the participants from Griffith University, Ministry of Health, and University of Indonesia

The visits were very rewarding and contributed to strengthening Australia-Indonesia links. Hopefully, the links made will lead to further collaborations and partnership between the officers of the Provincial Government based in Lombok and staff and researchers from Griffith University.

Taiwan Education Market Development Fund Scholarships

Two Taiwanese students were awarded scholarships to undertake PhD studies at Griffith University in a formal ceremony on 19 February 2004. These scholarships are being funded by the Taiwan Education Market Development Fund with the aim of enhancing Griffith University's presence in Taiwan and fostering closer ties between Taiwan and Australia.

The scholarship recipients are Ms Lo Yuan-Ting, a PhD candidature who will research health promotion with the School of Public Health, and Ms Wei Shiow-Jing, a PhD Candidature with the School of Nursing.

Both recipients demonstrated exceptional academic merit and will act as goodwill ambassadors in promoting Griffith University in Taiwan once they complete their studies.

Representatives of the Australian Commerce & Industry Office in Taipei handed over the scholarships to the successful candidates. Also present at the ceremony were Dr Chang Yu-Huei, Past President of Yhu Education Foundation; Mr Ronald Huang, Commissioner, Qld Trade & Investment Office, Taiwan; Ms Peta Arbuckle, Director, AEI Tourism; and Ms Jo Lian, Australian Education Centre Taipei & Deputy Director, AEI Taiwan.

Wang Yuping

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According to Yuping, Associate Professor Mary Farquhar, her principal supervisor, has become a mentor, confidant and personal friend during her candidature. “I’ve never given my other three supervisors a break either”, said Yuping. Professor Nick Knight, she says, always has a clearer picture of her PhD research than she does, is always the first one to read her draft and patiently correct her English. With a profound knowledge of computer-assisted language learning, Associate Professor Mike Levy has been able to provide expert advice. When commenting on Yuping’s drafts, he often says, “Yuping, this is good stuff, but ... read these articles and books on ...”. In her research of the Internet technology, Yuping has greatly drawn from the technical expertise of Professor Chengzheng Sun from the school of Computing and Information Technology. “You can imagine how rich I feel whenever Professor Sun says ‘let me know if you need financial help with your project’”. Yuping is planning to submit her PhD in a few months’ time. “If anyone needs a good supervisor, I’ll recommend my supervisors, but only after I finish my PhD”, says Yuping.
GAPRI member appointed Director, GSM

Professor Ross Guest was appointed Director of the Graduate School of Management from March 1, 2004 for a term of 2 years, following the appointment of Professor Greg Bamber to Associate Dean (Postgraduate) in the Griffith Business School. In recent years Ross has been working on the macroeconomic implications of demographic change in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region and is presenting a GAPRI seminar on May 27 titled “Population Ageing in the Asia-Pacific: How Will it Affect Living Standards?”

GAPRI members activities

How can we prepare negotiation when there are many parties, sides, issues and stakeholders? Although there are substantial differences in content, the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations, environmental negotiations that produced the Kyoto Protocol, and human security negotiations that created the International Criminal Court, have many common structural characteristics and processes. How can we gain understanding from these negotiations today so that we can secure guidance for the future? These negotiations, and many other multilateral and multiparty negotiations, are considered in the journal, *International Negotiation* (2003, 8: 1/2), edited by Dr Larry Crump and I. William Zartman in a thematic set that considers negotiation complexity and its management.

In November 2003 Dr Julia Howell attended the Academy of Social Sciences of Australia symposium entitled *Perspectives on Islam* in Adelaide. She responded to an invitation to be a discussant for two papers, one a socio-historical analysis of the present strained relations amongst heirs of the Abrahamic traditions and one on the prospects for radicalisation of Islamic politics in Indonesia.


Professor Yan Islam, the new leader of GAPRI’s Political and Economic Change Research Program, Griffith Business School, has been invited to be a contributor to the well-known *Foreign Policy* magazine, whose readership spans more than 100 countries.

The Hon. Grant Tambling, the Administrator of Norfolk Island and former Federal Senator, came to Griffith on March 15 to visit Dr Tony van Fossen, and for two hours discussed with him issues raised in Tony’s article on “Norfolk Island and Its Tax Haven”, published in *The Australian Journal of Politics and History* in 2002.

Professor John Gammack, Head of the Department of Management in the Griffith Business School, recently completed a major study commissioned through the APEC International Centre for Sustainable Tourism on “Development needs of Small top Medium Size Tourism Businesses” and involved researchers from Thailand, Taiwan, Mexico and Australia. For more information see the APEC website: www.apsec.org.sg/apec/news_media/media_releases/210104_acst.html.
Two new professors for GAPRI Regional Security Program

Professor John Dewar, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Business and Law) at Griffith University, said in January 2004 that he was delighted to announce that Dr Michael Wesley has been appointed Director of Griffith Asia Pacific Research Institute (GAPRI), in succession to Associate Professor Mary Farquhar and Professor Bob Elson.

Michael is a graduate of the University of Queensland, and has a doctorate from the University of St Andrews. He is the author of *Casualties of the new world order: The causes of failure of UN missions to civil wars* and co-author (with Allan Gyngell) of *Making Australian Foreign Policy*. He is currently Assistant Director-General, Transnational Issues Branch, Office of National Assessment, on secondment from the University of New South Wales.

Michael is widely regarded as one of Australia's dynamic international relations scholars, with strong connections to the government and policy community. He has a particular interest in the Asian region, having written about Cambodia and China. His appointment further enhances Griffith’s stature in the International Relations arena, following the appointment of Professor William Tow (who began life at Griffith in January 2004). Michael will take up his new position in July 2004.

Professor Bill Tow joined the Department of International Business and Asian Studies (IBAS) at the beginning of the year. Since then, he has directed the organisation of a major workshop to be convened by GARPI at the end of July 2004 dealing with emerging Australian-Japan-US security relations in the Asia-Pacific region. As a preliminary step to realising this project, Bill delivered a paper on this topic to a symposium on *Regional Security and Australia-Japan Cooperation in an Age of Global Terror*, organised by the Japanese Studies Centre, Monash University, 26–27 February 2004. He also testified before Parliament’s Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade on the Australian–American security relationship in early April, and delivered a presentation on the same topic to the Australian Members Committee for the Council on Security and Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) in early February. An article he has authored on ANZUS will appear in the July 2004 issue of *Pacific Review*.

Bill also recently edited a special issue of the *Asian Journal of Political Science* (December 2003) on the utility of IR theory in a post 9/11 context. In 2004 he will be travelling to Singapore, New York and Hong Kong to present papers at the Singapore Institute of International Affairs, New York University’s Center on International Cooperation and at a conference hosted by the City University of Hong Kong Conference on Asia Pacific Economies: Multilateral vs Bilateral Relationships. He will also participate in the Australian–American Dialogue (in Washington, DC), give a paper at the Menzies Centre in London on Australian–American relations and will engage with American and Japanese scholars at a special workshop on Asia-Pacific alliance relations sponsored by the Research Institute for Peace and Security (RIPS) in Tokyo. He continues to edit Australia’s premier international relations journal, the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*.

Bill notes that he is looking forward to interacting with colleagues and postgraduates to ensure that GAPRI’s research profile grows steadily over the next few years, and to working closely with Professor Michael Wesley to explore new venues for GAPRI collaboration with government and private sectors in the regional and international security areas.

Seminar on Australian Foreign Policy

As part of the Griffith Asia Pacific Research Institute Seminar Series in Semester 1, 2004, Allan Gyngell, Executive Director of the Lowy Institute in Sydney, spoke about “The Challenge for Australian Foreign Policy”. As noted above, Allan co-authored a book, *Making Australian Foreign Policy* with Professor Michael Wesley, the incoming Director of Griffith Asia Pacific Research Institute. While at Griffith University, Allan met Professor Glyn Davis, Vice Chancellor.

At right: Allan Gyngell (left) with Professor Glyn Davis, Vice Chancellor, Griffith University