Modern Burma Studies: A view from the edge

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Burma has never been a popular subject for academic research but, after a long period in the doldrums, it is now attracting greater interest. The higher international profile enjoyed by Burma since a nation-wide pro-democracy uprising was crushed in 1988 has led to a surge of scholarly works on many aspects of the country, including its complex political, economic and social problems. The field is also attracting more graduate students, including in Australia. The current military government is more repressive than its predecessor but, ironically, it has permitted foreign researchers greater freedom to live in Burma and conduct field work. Yet, the international Burma studies community still faces a number of serious problems, not least the continuing dearth of reliable data, and its polarisation over the different policy approaches being taken towards the regime.

- Thursday 2 August 2007
- Room N72_-1.18 (Business 2)
- Nathan campus
- 12.30-1.50pm

A light lunch will be served on arrival. To RSVP, please contact Jill Moriarty on (07) 3735 7624 or j.moriarty@griffith.edu.au no later than 5.00pm Monday 31 July.