### Eighth Annual Symposium for the Consortium for Asian and African Studies (CAAS)

# "Beyond the Nation? The Transnational and its Limits"

## Leiden University, Netherlands 20-22 October 2017

With support from the International Institute for Asian Studies and the Leiden Asia Centre

### Friday 20 October Location: International Institute for Asian Studies, Rapenburg 59

16:30 Coordinators' Meeting (CAAS coordinators only), IIAS Conference Room

19:30 Welcome Reception for all participants, IIAS Conference Room

### Saturday 21 October Location: Lipsius Building Room 148 (1st floor), Humanities Campus

8:45 Room Open

9:15 - 9:45 Welcoming words:

Philippe Peycam – Director of IIAS

Frank Pieke – Director of the Leiden Asia Centre

Greetings from Dr. Hongling Zhang, Director of Office for International Cooperation and

Exchange, Shanghai International Studies University (SISU)

9:45 - 10:30 Keynote Address:

Pralay Kanungo – ICCR Chair of Contemporary India Studies at IIAS/ LIAS, Leiden

University

Re-imagining the Transnational Lifeworld: Reflections on the Changing Configuration of

the Individual, Community and the Nation

10:30 - 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 - 12:45

#### PANEL - Conceptualizing the (trans-)National

Chair: Ethan Mark (Leiden Institute for Area Studies/CAAS Coordinator, Leiden University)
Ulug Kuzuoglu (Columbia University)

China in a Network of Nations? Writing, and Information in Eurasia, 1860-1930

Matan Cohen (Columbia University)

Disposable Humanity: Disaggregated Sovereignty and the Prospects of Politics beyond the Nation-State in Palestine-Israel

Joo Kyung Lee (Columbia University)

Strange intimacies: Reading for Migration and Prostitution in Kang Young-sook's *Rina* and Oh Jung-hee's "Chinatown"

Alexander Svitych (NUS)

Neo-nationalism in Japan and South Korea: State Transformation, Perceptions and Rhetoric 12:45 -13:45 Lunch Location: Lipsius Building, ground floor

13:45 - 15:45

#### PANEL - The Local and the (trans-)National

Chair: Jan-Bart Gewald (Director, African Studies Centre, Leiden University)

Chie Arita (Leiden University)

From Domestic to International Marriage: Individual Lives under the Dissolution of the Japanese Empire, 1945-1952

Zhang Beiyu (NUS)

Encountering Chinese Performing Troupes in Nanying Diaspora, 1850s-1980s

Jihie Moon (HUFS)

Performance of Afrikaner Identity in the Post-Apartheid South Africa: Ethno-Cultural Identity Politics in the Multicultural Society.

Bayer Jack-Wah Lee (Columbia University) (Unable to attend)

Beyond a singular identity: What it means to be Hakka Chinese in the Caribbean and the Periphery.

15:45 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 17:30

#### **PANEL – Early Modern Identifications**

Chair: Kiri Paramore (Leiden Institute for Area Studies)

Samyak Ghosh (Columbia University)

Trajectories of Script Flow: Writing and Genre in Early Modern Northeast Asia.

Joshua Schlachet (Columbia University)

Social Ills and Poison Foods: The Culture of Productive Digestion in Late Tokugawa Japan.

Alain Désoulières (INALCO/Cerlom/ASIEs Research Centers)

16<sup>th</sup> Century Gujarati Navigation and Trade to Malacca: Ethnic and Cultural Diversity versus Portuguese Imperial Pretense

18:00 Conference Dinner

Scheltema
Marktsteeg 1
2312 CS Leiden

## Sunday 22 October Location: Lipsius Building Room 148 (1st floor), Humanities Campus

9:30 - 9:45 Review of Saturday's proceedings - Ethan Mark (CAAS Coordinator, Leiden University)

9:45 - 11:15

### **PANEL – National Identities and International Relations**

Chair: Willem Vogelsang (IIAS)

Álvaro Luís Lima (Columbia University)

National Abstractions: Mozambique at the End of Socialism

Chong-Jin Oh (HUFS)

Korea-Turkey Middle Power Cooperation in Central Asia and its Impact on the American Alliance System

Tong Cheng (SHISU-SAAS)

The Construction of Iranian Culture from a Historical Perspective: A Transformation from External to Internal

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00

#### PANEL - (Trans-)National Orientalisms: Making Easts and Wests

Chair: Limin Teh (Leiden Institute for Area Studies)

Banri Takemori (TUFS)

Inertia and the Other: Nagai Kafu's Furansumonogatari (French stories)

Victoria Ten (Leiden University - LIAS)

Two Korean DVDs Representing ki suryŏn to International Audiences

Masato Kato (University of London – SOAS)

Transcending the 'Nation' through 'Culture'? A Cultural Strategy of a Japanese Religion in Postwar France

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Location: Lipsius Building, ground floor

14:00 - 16:00

### PANEL - Borders and Policymaking

Chair: Nira Wickramashinghe (Leiden Institute for Area Studies)

Tania Chakravarty (University of London – SOAS)

Pushing the Boundaries of Urban: Revisiting the Operations of Calcutta Improvement Trust in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Calcutta

Joshua Hurwitz (Columbia University) (Unable to attend)

Medical Corruption in China: The Case of GSK

### Koon Murakami (TUFS)

Moderate Globalization and Its Limits: Japan's Immigration Policy

### Njoya Chapchet Karima (SHISU)

Sino-African Cooperation: The Relationship between Cameroon and China and the Limits of Transnationalism.

16:00 - 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 - 17:45

### **ROUNDTABLE – Writing Histories Beyond the Nation?**

Organizers: Limin Teh and Kiri Paramore (Leiden University)

Participants: Nira Wickramasinghe (LIAS), Hilde de Weerdt (LIAS), Jan-Bart Gewald (ASCL), Sanjukta

Sunderason (LIAS), Kiri Paramore (LIAS), Anne-Isabel Richard (Leiden Institute for History)

Moderator: Limin Teh (LIAS)

## Map of Leiden with locations CAAS conference



### HAS

Rapenburg 59

### Lipsius building

Cleveringaplaats 1 (end of Doelensteeg)

### Scheltema

Marktsteeg 1 (on the canal Oude Vest)

