

## ***Research & Development Afternoon***

**1:00-5:30pm**

**AS4/03-28 (JS Meeting Room), Friday April 17, 2009**

On Friday April 17 the Department of Japanese Studies will have a student and faculty research and development afternoon. Honours, Masters, PhD, postdoctoral researchers, and faculty will all give brief presentations on research projects they are currently conducting or have recently completed. The afternoon is an occasion to familiarize ourselves with the kinds of research being conducted at both a staff and student level, give and receive constructive feedback on areas of recent research interest, and encourage the cross-fertilization of ideas and thereby inspire creativity within the Department. Our special guest for the afternoon will be Professor Vera Mackie from the University of Melbourne, currently a Visiting Professor at ARI.

The format will be a brief presentation (maximum 10 minutes) by each presenter followed by a feedback session at the end of each individual program.

### **Session I Honours/Graduating Students Program**

**1:00-2:00pm**

#### **Speakers**

1. Ku Ka Leung (Distortion and Half-Truths: The Takeshima/Dokdo Territorial Dispute)
2. Eddie Tay Cher Soon (Reinterpreting Citizenship and Activism: Zainichi Koreans in Postwar Japan)
3. Seng Weifen Adelia (The Japanese Cemetery in Singapore)
4. Nur Hafizah Ismail (The Certainty of Uncertainty: Motoori's Hermeneutics in the Kojikiden)

### **Session II Masters/PhD Program**

**2:15-3:15pm**

1. Ken Takiguchi (Imaging 'Asia': Theatre as the Arena where Artists, Civil Society, and Cultural Diplomacy Meet)
2. Daisuke Yuasa (Children in War: Narratives of Food in Nakane Mihoko's Diary)
3. Rowsalind Purnomo (For Love & Money: Institutional Mediation Reshaping Gendered Roles in Contemporary Japan)
4. Alex Wollenberg (Entry Mode Strategies for Japanese High-Tech Companies in China: An Optimization Approach)

**Session III Faculty Program**  
**3:30-5:30pm**

1. Professor Vera Mackie (The Cultural History of the Body in Modern Japan)
2. Mr Thiam Huat Kam (The Common Sense that Makes the 'Otaku')
3. Dr Liz McLachlan (TBA)
4. Ms Yuen Shu Min (Gender and Performance in Contemporary Japan)
5. Assoc Prof Beng Choo Lim (Kanze Nobumitsu and Noh: a summary)
6. Assoc Prof Leng Leng Thang (Gender, Ageing, and Migration)
7. Dr Timothy Amos (Narratives of Social Difference in Modern Japanese History)

Drinks and light refreshments will be provided. An informal dinner is also being planned for participants and interested persons at *Blooie's Roadhouse* (The Aquarius, Science Park II). Please RSVP to [jpsatd@nus.edu.sg](mailto:jpsatd@nus.edu.sg) by April 14 (Tuesday) if you can join.

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