

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Early Modern Migrations: Exiles, Expulsion, & Religious Refugees 1400-1700 19-21 April 2012

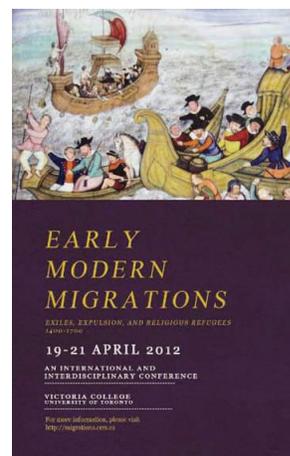
The Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies (CDTS) is co-sponsoring an international and interdisciplinary conference with over 100 presenters from around the globe. They will present papers in sessions that aim deliberately to foster cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary dialogue. A late 16th century play, "The Christian Turn'd Turk" will be staged by Pocoli Ludique Societas and the Graduate Centre for Drama, and there will be concert of period music and displays of early published books dealing with or written by exiles. For more information visit:

http://crrs.ca/news/cfp_migrations/

The conference is organized by Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, Victoria University (U of T) and Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies (U of T)

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Drama, Theatre and Performance Studies (U of T).



FOODWAYS: DIASPORIC DINERS, TRANSNATIONAL TABLES AND CULINARY CONNECTIONS October 4-7, 2012

The theme for the CDTS annual conference 2012 is **Foodways: Diasporic Diners, Transnational Tables and Culinary Connections**. This conference will bring together international scholars, professionals, activists and government representatives to address questions surrounding the dynamics of the food 'we' eat, the ways in which 'we' eat, the meaning 'we' give to eating in a transnational world. Recognizing that culinary culture is central to diasporic identifications, the focus is on the place of food in the enduring habits, rituals,

and everyday practices that are collectively used to produce and sustain a shared sense of diasporic cultural identity. The conference seeks to contribute to knowledge of the interplay of food, practice, identity and subject formation and to contribute to a better understanding of ourselves, our pasts, and the complexities of the spaces and lives we inhabit and enact in a transnational world.

Expressions of Interest due:
February 10

Abstracts due: **March 16** to
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Chinese vs. Italian, Oil on Panel, 2011
by Bryce Vinokurov

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Featured Faculty: Dr Hui Kian Kwee

Hui Kian Kwee has been a postdoctoral fellow at Asia Research Institute, visiting fellow at National University of Singapore, and research fellow at the Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies. Prof. Kwee's research focuses on Southeast Asia and South China from the seventeenth century to the present. She has examined various themes relating



to the history of political economy, colonialism, capitalism; and Chinese trade and labour diasporas, social-religious organizations and economic networks. Her teaching interests extend beyond these to compare similar trajectories and themes in other trading diasporas and colonial settings. Her most recent projects explore the cultural-religious strategies of Chinese diasporic entrepreneurship and integrate studies of South China and Southeast Asia.

Prof. Kwee is cross-appointed between the CDTs and the Department of Historical Studies at UTM and she is currently teaching:
 DTS2000H1: *Trade Diasporas and Capitalism*
 HIS493H5: *Advanced Topics in Global History: Trade Diasporas*
 HIS383H5: *Chinese Diaspora*
 DTS201H5: *Introduction to Diaspora and Transnational Studies*

The Green Economy Project

Producing The Green Economy: Studying Transnational Environmental Governance through Collaborative Ethnographic Practice is an international collaborative research project proposed by prof. Ken MacDonald to SSHRCC, in partnership with institutions in Asia, Africa and the Americas. In a transnational world that has given rise to the expansion of finance capital and forms of 'global'

governance, efforts are underway to merge economic and ecological rationales for environmental protection and to define and transform nature through market logics and market devices. This effort is becoming known as "The Green Economy". The primary goals of this project are: i) to collaboratively investigate the production of "The Green Economy"; ii) to develop a collaborative ethnographic approach to studying a

set of dispersed, but connected policy-making sites, involved in that production; and iii) to establish a network of researchers and partners in different regions of the world who study of emergent forms of transnational environmental governance.



Transnational Cities Workshop

"*Transnational Cities*" is a multi-university research initiative which will bring an international team of researchers from Toronto, Singapore, Buenos Aires, Istanbul, and Guangzhou to a meeting in Toronto in April 16-18, 2012. They will consider how the city has become a predominant social phenomenon not only for

urbanization but for the development of transnational circuits, networks and processes. Together, the team will seek to bring this insight to the fore of our collective analysis, and to connect scholars and institutions from central examples of such transnational cities.

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DTS Student Union (DTSSU) News



**Meet & Greet
October 31, 2011**



The DTS Student Union (DTSSU) hosted its first Meet & Greet event of the year on October 31, 2011. The students had an opportunity to meet their fellow DTS students and discuss the program and various activities that would promote the DTSSU.

The DTSSU is currently planning a *Career Café* that would provide an opportunity for the students to meet some of the DTS alumni and discuss various career paths.

NEXT EVENT

*Pub Night at Gabby's
194 Bloor Street W
Friday, February 10th
6pm - 8:30pm
Free Food

If you are interested in becoming a member of the DTSSU email Ashanti Cooray at ashanti.cooray@utoronto.ca

Congratulations to DTS students going to Hebrew University!

This semester four DTS students will be heading to Hebrew University on an exchange sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University (CFHU) and the Faculty of Arts and Science. The four proposed research projects will be supervised by DTS professor Anna Shternshis and colleagues at Hebrew University. Part of their research will take place in Canada, and part in Jerusalem. In the coming year they will be presenting their findings and talking about this experience with DTS classes and students.

The four students and their projects are:

Amanda Capone "Modernity: The Layering of Traditional Jewish Stories into Present Day Children's Literature"

Nadia Haider "Young Jews in the Diaspora: Flight and Birthright"

Efeoghene Igor "Difference and Identity in Anti-Apartheid Discourse in the Jewish Community in South Africa"

Hyona Park "The Role of Religion in Jewish Ethnic Solidarity and Jewish Ethnic Attachment"

We hope to be able to have more exchanges to international universities in the years ahead.

Diaspora and Transnational Studies Students' Union (DTSSU) Journal

The DTSSU Journal will be publishing its inaugural issue in March. A Course Union publication in liaison with ASSU, DTSSU Journal will provide a platform for students across campus to engage with issues related to diaspora and transnational studies. The journal will garner an interdisciplinary focus and is currently accepting a diverse range of submissions that range from articles, essays, précis, poems, short stories

and artwork. Inspired by a chapter in Edward Said's 1999 publication titled; *After the Last Sky: Palestinian Lives*, the inaugural issue will focus on 'interiors' (i.e. the self, the mind, 'domestic' spaces) and the political relationship to movement, displacement and exile.

Submissions should be emailed to editor.dtssujournal@gmail.com by **February 27**.



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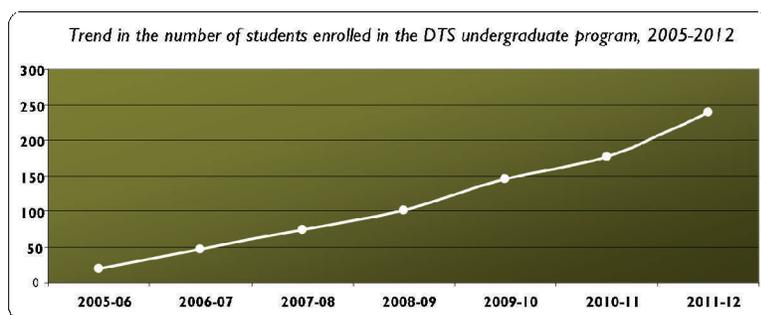
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The Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies was established in 2005 as a hub of excellence that enhances undergraduate and graduate life at the University of Toronto by speaking directly to students' experiences of migration and diaspora through an interdisciplinary lens drawn from both the social sciences and humanities. The work of the CDTS is comparative, qualitative and historically driven, and provides policy insights on pertinent issues in the world today.

The CDTS offers Major and Minor programs on all three campuses of the University of Toronto. Current undergraduate enrolment totals 239 students (177 at St. George, 38 at UTM and 24 at UTSC). The CDTS also offers a Collaborative Graduate Program that currently has 12 MA and PhD students, and 5 alumni who have graduated from the program.



For more information visit
www.utoronto.ca/cdts

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2012

February 8 (JHB318, 2-5pm)

Methods Café: Pamela Klassen and Kevin O'Neill, U of T
"Recognizing Christianity"

MARCH 2012

March 7 (JHB235, 2-3:30pm)

Methods Café: Deborah Cowen, Dept of Geography, U of T
"Circulating Stuff: From Military Art to Business Science"

March 15 (JHB100A, 4-6pm)

Guest Lecture: Deborah Thomas
University of Pennsylvania
"Jamaican Violence in Diaspora"

March 29 (JHB235, 2-4pm)

Methods Café: Amira Mittermeier, Dept of Religion & Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, U of T
Discussant: Prof. Michael Lambek
"Dreams that Matter: Egyptian Landscapes of the Imagination"

APRIL 2012

April 5 (JHB100A, 4-6PM)

Guest Lecture: Priti Ramamurthy
University of Washington
"Towards a Feminist Politics of Transgenic Crops"

April 16-18

Transnational Cities Workshop

April 19-21

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At the Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies, scholars and students explore the profound implications of vast global movements of people, ideas and things. The Centre brings U of T's strengths in the humanities and social sciences to bear on questions of migration, diaspora, homelands and belonging across different ethnicities and cultures. Comparative, qualitative and historically-driven in their approaches, our experts provide critical insights on policy issues affecting multicultural societies.

Your gift will help the Centre to play an influential role on the transnational stage in advancing multicultural literacy through education, research and outreach.

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