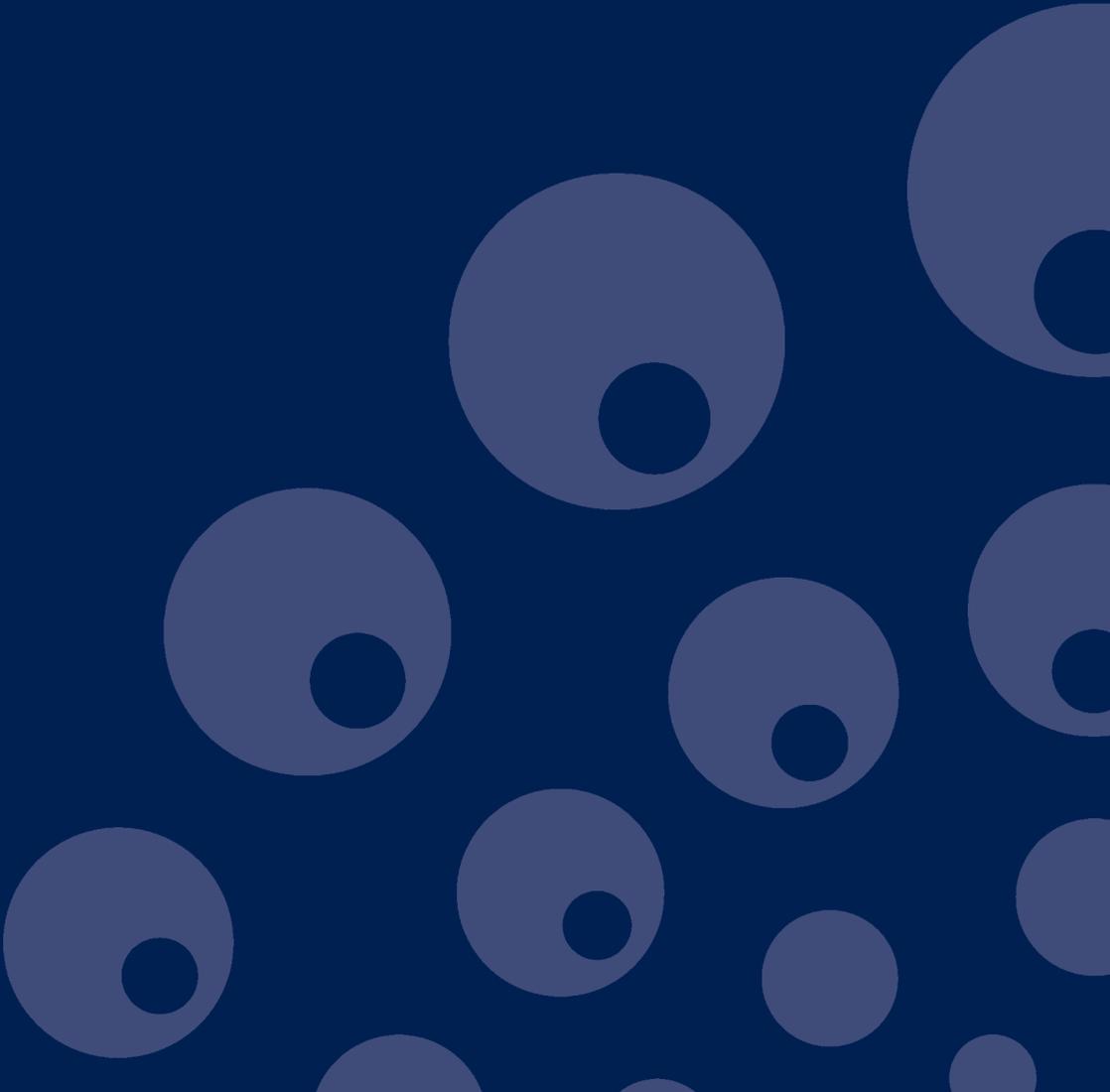




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The NIAS mission

NIAS – Nordic Institute of Asian Studies is a Nordic research and service institute with an international mandate and a focus on political, economic, business, social and cultural transformations in modern Asia in their historical contexts.

NIAS works closely with partner universities in the Øresund region to develop critical mass in and add value to research initiatives on modern Asia and to promote synergy and growth in Asian studies.

The anchorage in the Øresund region is the basis for partnerships in the development of Asian studies in the Nordic region, where NIAS contributes to their coordination, consolidation and expansion.

NIAS is a window to the Nordic countries for high-class, research-based knowledge and information on Asia and the institute contributes to the international recognition of and respect for Nordic Asia research.

NIAS's activities and services comprise:

- o Basic and applied research
- o Research support, incl. NIAS LINC – library and information centre
- o Support for education
- o Dissemination, incl. NIAS Press
- o Partnerships and networks.

NIAS aims to achieve and communicate **Asia Insights!**

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Focusing on stakeholder interests

In 2005, we at the *NIAS – Nordic Institute of Asian Studies* have concentrated our efforts on working together with our new owners and partners in the Øresund region and in the Nordic NIAS Council (NNC) to fine tune our activities and services to the expectations and plans discussed amongst us in 2004. To guide our work, we have signed a contract with the Nordic Council of Ministers which specifies different types of outputs.

It has been a busy year as usual, and as you will see overleaf, we have been more than fulfilling our output targets in the midst of readjusting ourselves to our new legal and operational environment. We have had a strong focus on stakeholder interests in the process. For this we dare to be proud, but we also venture to state that the concept underlying the new partnership has worked.

The innovative ownership construction reflects a special Nordic networking approach to deal with the challenge of being small in a global context. NIAS has played its own unique role in Asian studies networks in the Nordic countries for almost four decades. But we also realize that the dynamics and challenges of developments in Asia and at Nordic universities these years prompt us to discuss how we can continue to play a meaningful role. We have already initiated new activities to meet these challenges, as can be seen from this report.

In 2006, NIAS will be evaluated and the result of the process will be important in determining our future beyond 31 December 2007, when the current partner agreement expires.

This report focuses in general on some highlights of the year as well as on our current and future services. We have also asked some of our researchers to focus their reports specifically on how basic research is applied in practice. Please visit our website – www.nias.ku.dk – for details.

I hope you will enjoy the report and join us in our future activities.



Jørgen Delman,
Director

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NIAS's results 2005

Actual results compared to the goals specified in NIAS's contract with the Nordic Council of Ministers

Activity	Results 2005	Results 2004	Goals 2005
Research			
Research activity, months (researchers >3 months)	132.80	145.88	84.00
of these: guest researchers	20.40	2.00	-
Scientific publications			
Research productivity (all researchers)			
Monographs and edited volumes	3	3	3
Articles in peer-reviewed journals	5	6	7
Chapters in edited scientific volumes	15	15	5
Other publications	20	38	10
Book reviews	6	5	3
Non-academic publications	15	2	10
NIAS Press publishing			
Published titles	13	20	15
of these Nordic authors	7	14	8
Proposals for publications	65	92	50
Nordic research support			
Number of stipends to visit NIAS	47	47	27
of these research/PhD stipends	13	14	8
PhD courses	-	1	1
Seminars	45	41	35
of these presented by foreign guests	19		15
NIAS conferences/workshops	11	6	4
Conference papers by NIAS researchers	18	28	12
External seminars and lectures by NIAS researchers	47	52	12
Public information			
Asia Updates/workshops	6	1	1
Media interventions (radio and TV)	52	57	21
Consulting assignments	12	11	3



NIAS's financial result 2004-2005

	2005	2004	2005		
	Result ('000 DKK)	Result ('000 DKK)	Allocation from Nordic Council of Ministers	Allocation from Nordic partners	Other income
Revenue	12,939	12,163	59%	11%	30%
Expenditure	12,106	12,300			
Net result	833	-137			
Reserve	1,384	1,178			

The financial result in 2005 has been satisfactory. With a net result of DKK 833,000, we are able to carry over a reserve of DKK 1.384 mill. into 2006. A major part of this will be used in 2007 as NIAS' core financing will be reduced. Out of the total revenues, the core allocation from the joint Nordic Council of Ministers and the Nordic partners accounted for 70% in 2005 and 30% came from external sources.

NIAS activities have received sponsorships from many different organizations in 2005 and we are grateful for them all. For a complete list of sponsors: www.nias.ku.dk/sponsors.

A retreat at NIAS? Grants for Nordic guest researchers

NIAS offers special scholarships for senior researchers and post-docs from member institutions of the Nordic NIAS Council (www.nias.ku.dk/nnc) to work in a stimulating research environment and use the research facilities at NIAS for periods of two or four weeks. Longer stays are possible, but need to be negotiated. The scholarship provides researchers with an opportunity to stay at NIAS, and covers inexpensive travel to and from Copenhagen, with accommodation at "Nordisk Kollegium" (www.noko.dk).

The visiting scholar enjoys full access to the library and information services of NIAS LINC (www.niaslinc.dk), office facilities, contact networks and participation in the scholarly environment while being at NIAS.

For more information and the application form: www.nias.ku.dk/supra



www.sxc.hu; user: bendo



Unfolding Cambodia's religion, power and moral order in Varberg, Sweden

By Alexandra Kent, Researcher, NIAS

Cambodia, one of the poorest countries in the world, stands in the midst of a period of major post-conflict cultural and social transformation. The current scarcity of research on Cambodian culture and the fact that international actors are playing a crucial role in shaping her future mean that the need for enhanced understanding of her culture can hardly be overstated.

For this reason, a workshop on *Religion, Power and Moral Order in Cambodia* took place in Varberg, Sweden, in October 2005. The programme began on the evening of Wednesday 26 October with welcome drinks and speeches. Thursday morning was opened with a historical review delivered by the keynote speaker, Professor David Chandler, who had been an enthusiastic supporter of the workshop idea ever since it was first presented to him. The rest of the workshop was devoted to presentations and discussion.

Discussion was consistently lively and every so often had to be broken off because of time limitations, only to be picked up again in the free time sessions. Friday evening we enjoyed dinner at a restaurant in the bowels of Varberg Castle and were treated to live entertainment by a local key-harp musician, who played a selection of traditional Swedish songs.

The panels fell naturally into clear categories covering such issues as the historical background of Khmer Buddhism, the practicalities of changing culture, the process of reconstructing temples, memory

and morality and religious healing. The contributions were outstanding and many of the papers were virtually ready for publication.

Activities closed at midday on Saturday 29, with a wrap-up session delivered by Professor Chandler, in which he asked the audience to summarize some of the high points of the conference. One Cambodian commented that he found it useful to see how his culture is viewed through the eyes of foreigners, 'close-up'. He suggested that the conference volume should be translated into Khmer and distributed to Cambodians.

The conference volume, edited jointly by Professor David Chandler and myself, is now under preparation for publication in 2007 with NIAS Press. It considers religious revival as it relates to power and morality. The volume is well needed, highly topical and will contribute to the rapidly developing field of post-conflict Cambodia research.

Finally, gratitude is expressed towards our sponsors whose generosity made possible a truly important and memorable workshop.

Forging peace in Aceh, Indonesia

Edited by Martin Bech, Project Coordinator, NIAS

In 2005 the NIAS-managed *Indonesian Conflict Studies Network* enjoyed its last full year of EU-funding. In Indonesia NIAS focused on university cooperation and ways of linking Nordic universities with universities and institutes in the Indonesian conflict areas such as Papua, West Kalimantan and Aceh. The programme included extensive teaching by NIAS researchers in these areas as well as joint research projects that link the Nordic tradition in peace research with the Indonesian understanding of their special conditions.

Very often the understanding that is produced enriches the theoretical literature on conflicts, while at the same time offering inspiration and research-based prescriptions to conflict prevention. It has been said that there is nothing as practical as a good theory, and thus it should not come as a surprise that, indeed, theorizing in this NIAS project had some practical consequences.

For example, in 2005 NIAS's expertise on Indonesian conflicts was required in the Aceh peace process. Timo Kivimäki acted as an adviser to the mediating panel lead by Finland's former President Martti Ahtisaari.

The Aceh conflict had continued – with pauses – for hundreds of years, first between Acehnese fighters and their Dutch colonial masters and later between Acehnese and the Indonesian central authorities. In 1976, some independence-minded forces established an armed movement that aimed at independence and separation of Aceh from Indonesia. Hereafter, the fighting intensified between the independence movement, Gerakan Aceh Merdeka, or GAM, and the government of Indonesia. International sources estimate that between 12,000 and 16,000 people died in these struggles.

Furthermore, Aceh was one of the areas most devastated by the tsunami in December 2004.

However, in winter 2005 GAM and the Indonesian government met in Helsinki during the mediating process lead by Ahtisaari. These talks resulted in the signing of a peace agreement.

The day after the peace agreement had been signed Ahtisaari described the role of NIAS:

"We had to hurry and jump onto a moving train. We had very limited time to acquire and analyze all the necessary information. In this process researcher Timo Kivimäki of the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies in Copenhagen played a crucial role." –Demari, 16 August, 2005

Later Kivimäki was invited to act as an adviser on conflict prevention in the Council for the Reconstruction and Reconciliation for Aceh and Nias Island (BRR), lead by Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. Also, in this collaborative venture between the BRR and NIAS, research-based information and analytical perspectives have been translated into practical prescriptions that influence the lives of many Acehnese.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our sponsors who have made the Indonesian conflict studies possible. They are: the Crisis Management Initiative, Office of President Ahtisaari, Finnish Foreign Ministry, Danish Foreign Ministry and International Media Support.

**Indonesian Conflict Studies Network:
www.conflicttransform.net/icsn.htm**



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Is dialogue with North Korea possible?

By Geir Helgesen, Senior researcher, NIAS

North Korea and the Nordic countries – are there any similarities? Is there anything we can learn from each other?

Such thoughts constantly came to mind as I was walked around in the now more busy streets of Pyongyang in 2005. Not that it is crowded like Seoul for instance, but compared to my earlier visits, it is clear that there are more cars, more *different* cars, even second-hand cars (obviously from Japan, as the wheel were in the right side), and more people, with more different clothes, and shops and small stands where one can buy soda and sweets.

It is obvious for anyone to see that something is happening in North Korea, but as very few people have had the opportunity to see for themselves, they have to rely on the media. And here a totally different picture tends to be painted: poverty, hunger, a militarized regime, aggressive as well, a danger for East Asia and probably the whole world – a member of the Axis of Evil and an Outpost of Tyranny.

Visiting a huge indoor market in the

suburbs, a greenery further out, seeing people working hard to boost next year's harvest, repairing dams and dikes, building new apartment houses, playing with their children on Sundays, thoughts of similarities and differences between North Korea and the Nordic countries kept pressing on.

And it became quite clear that North Koreans are human beings, have feelings and thoughts, skills and visions. During Kim Dae-jung's presidency South Korea realized this simple fact, and has acted accordingly since then. Our world keeps on the wrong track by accepting stupid labelling of the North Korean leadership and stereotypes far from the North Korean reality.

How can researchers cope with this situation of misinformation, lack of knowledge and growing tensions, and assist in overcoming them?

1 October 2005, Nordic scholars specialized in different aspects of the welfare regimes of our countries met with intellectuals and government officials from North Korea. They discussed the

role and importance of social welfare, its development and traits particular to each country – due to historic, cultural and economic circumstances – and achieved a deeper understanding of each other's concerns.

And the plain fact that we had this long and open discussion over several days, stayed in the same hotel, enjoyed the same meals, saw the same exiting sites of Shanghai, and had the opportunity to chat informally together in between sessions helped the two delegations become one group.

Did we achieve what we came for? The North Korean delegation left Shanghai with a more clear idea about our welfare systems, and most likely they also had some ideas about aspects they would like to look into for future developments in their country. The Nordic delegation came to see the North Koreans in a less uniform way and through prolonged discussions developed a more realistic understanding of the North Korean development process.

Most importantly, the whole group developed mutual sympathy and a strong hope for a peaceful solution to the Korean conflict, for a balanced and sustainable economic growth in North Korea. In this regard, the Nordic countries and the EU can make a huge difference, if only the old Cold War rhetoric is put aside and replaced with a humanistic approach emphasizing that trust begets trust.

The Shanghai Meeting was a great success. However the results would not have been possible without generous funding and support from the Swedish, Norwegian and Danish Foreign Ministries, as well as practical, logistic, and academic support from the Nordic Center, Fudan University. The meeting was another striking example that Nordic cooperation can play a vital role internationally and in regions far from our own borders.





Inclusive fieldwork

By Cecilia Milwertz, Senior researcher, NIAS, and Wang Fengxian, Research fellow, Beijing Academy of Social Sciences

Local contacts, indeed local participation in fieldwork – these can make a huge difference.

During the course of our research project on non-governmental organizing on gender equality issues in China we unsuccessfully approached an extremely busy Women's Federation cadre whom we very much wanted to interview. Later a local friend of ours assured us that if we really needed that particular interview then she would be only too happy to arrange it for us. She made it clear that there was no question of her request for an interview on our behalf being dismissed.

This is one of many examples of how friends and colleagues have gone out of their way and have played very important roles in making our fieldwork possible. They have helped us to arrange interviews and gain access to the organizations in our study, as well as to other institutions. We have interviewed, and taken the time of, very busy people who are involved – mostly on a voluntary basis and in their spare time – in a wide variety of civil society activism.

We have increasingly realized the importance of our work being of practical use for these organizations in their own work to create emancipatory social change. Moreover, we have been inspired by the participatory approaches applied by these organizations. Therefore, if we

were to start the project now, we would choose to include local activists in a collective research approach to involve the current *objects* of our study directly as *subjects* in the whole research process. Also, we would focus the research more specifically on their needs.

We cannot change the design of the research that we have already done. Instead, our plan is to conduct a semi-collaborative analysis process. We have now collected all our data and we are entering a stage of final analysis. We will construct an initial analysis of the many versions and interpretations of organizing that we have collected. This analysis will then be presented to activists to illicit their responses. We cannot know what the process result will be, nor do we aim to avoid authorial responsibility. However, we aim to facilitate a conversation that perhaps also will become visible in the final text with activists writing into our text – elaborating, contradicting and extending the analysis.

We have very briefly reflected on a few aspects of doing fieldwork in China. NIAS Press has recently published *Doing Fieldwork in China*. This book provides excellent and in-depth discussions of a wide range of issues relevant to China fieldworkers, as well as to anyone who does fieldwork anywhere in the world.

Responsibly made in China?

By Mads Holst Jensen, Researcher, NIAS



Illustration: Guo Peiyan

Staggering growth rates in low-tech, labour-intensive production for export have made China the "Workshop of the World". Meanwhile, appalling working conditions, excessive overtime, poor wages and dismal health and safety standards are rife in China's factories.

Consequently, attention on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in China has exploded in recent years. Primetime news media stories and international NGO campaigns highlight new cases frequently, and each year thousands of Chinese workers take part in desperate protest actions to express their grievances.

In response to rising local and international criticism Western companies operating in China have developed codes of conduct that specify sets of ethical and environmental standards. These standards are to permeate all their operations and, to ensure this, the companies conduct "social audits" to assess whether partners and suppliers comply with the codes.

However, the Western CSR ideals remain a far cry from Chinese realities. This inconsistency inspired the conference *Responsibly Made In China? Chinese Development & Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)*. Its key aim was to initiate the process of gaining a conception of CSR that genuinely interacts with Chinese realities.

The conference took place in Copenhagen in January 2006 and was co-organized by NIAS and the Copenhagen Business School. The speakers included leading experts on the current situation of

CSR in China as well as prominent scholars focusing on China's internal developments and integration with the global economy. In addition the 80 participants included CSR managers, CEOs, journalists, and representatives of NGOs and trade unions. They contributed to wide-ranging discussions on key CSR issues such as workers' rights, joint ventures, NGOs, trade unions, supply chains, sustainable development, corporate governance, the role of the state and that of multinationals.

The conference initiated the process of paving the long way from Chinese realities to CSR ideals in a sphere of continuous critical, qualified debate, independent of commercial and political interests.

The future steps will be to publish an edited volume based on the papers presented at the conference and develop a forum for debate, collaboration and projects related to CSR in China. The aim of these initiatives is to build a bridge between the different communities operating in relation to CSR in China and facilitate a fruitful cooperation between academia, international enterprises and Chinese factories that ultimately will benefit Chinese workers.

Conference website:
<http://csrchina.cbs.dk>

NIAS LINC – Library and Information Centre

NIAS LINC is unique in its combination of research and library resources – of knowledge and information. This is why NIAS LINC is one of the most important sources of information on Asia in the Nordic countries.

In 2005 NIAS LINC laid the foundation of the comprehensive *Access to Asia Knowledge Portal*. Through this Portal, NIAS LINC will make relevant information from a variety of different sources – fee-based as well as free – available to member institutions of the Nordic NIAS Council (NNC).

We also ensured that our users continue to have access to our rare combination of knowledge, information and documentation by cooperating with specialized libraries and documentation centers in the Nordic countries, the rest of Europe and Asia.

Part of our mission is to ensure that the Nordic Asia libraries, including those working with Asian language material, are at the cutting edge when it comes to providing useful and qualified services for students and researchers throughout the Nordic Countries. Through a close dialogue with our stakeholders we are set up to accommodate our position as a strong centre of excellence that enhances and utilizes Nordic cooperation to develop library and Internet tools to benefit our target groups.

New Initiatives

In 2005 NIAS LINC launched new marketing initiatives that created a better awareness of our services among members of the NNC and our partner universities:

- www.niaslinc.dk was redesigned to facilitate a more user friendly interface including a new "Ask the Librarian" service.
- NIAS LINC initiated the first meeting for NNC member libraries and launched a new cooperation. This will ensure closer cooperation, resource sharing and usability through the use of common systems.
- A series of courses and seminars for librarians, students and researchers studying contemporary Asian topics.

24-hour access at www.niaslinc.dk – where you can also find information about our services, opening hours, address etc.

The Collection

- Our acquisition policy is to collect all major works and periodicals on modern Asia studies within politics, economics, modern history, anthropology, sociology and development studies.
- We have 33,682 volumes – 1,386 new monographs were added in 2005
- We have 1,576 journals, newsletters and annuals – 484 of these are contemporary

NIAS LINC would like to thank all those sponsors who contributed to our collection and services in 2005. We look forward to continuing the cooperation in the future.

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NIAS SUPRA – the student gateway to Asia

NIAS's Support Programme for Asian Studies – SUPRA offers scholarships to MA and PhD students in the Nordic countries. The scholarships give students an opportunity to come to NIAS and be part of NIAS's academic environment for two weeks.

- *Fully-financed Nordic Scholarships* – Students affiliated to institutions that are members of the Nordic NIAS Council have priority.
- *Öresund Scholarships* – For students from Lund University.

While at NIAS the SUPRA-students are equipped with a workplace, they get access to NIAS research facilities (including the library, NIAS LINC) and can receive academic support from our research staff.

In 2005 NIAS SUPRA received **47 scholarship students**. For more information on deadlines and retrieval of application form: www.nias.ku.dk/SUPRA

Nordic students – join the NIAS SUPRA programme!

Register your research project (MA- or PhD thesis) in the SUPRA-database. By doing so, your knowledge and experiences regarding research on Asia will add value to the network and benefit your fellow SUPRA-students. More information and registration: www.nias.ku.dk/contactdb.

NIAS SUPRA services:

- Thesis advice
- Participation in courses and workshops
- Publishing your PhD thesis with NIAS Press
- Free subscription to *NIASnytt – Asia Insights* and NIAS update

Workplace

If you are a SUPRA student living in or near Copenhagen you can apply for a 'workplace' at NIAS that gives you the opportunity of becoming part of the Asia research environment at the institute. More information: www.nias.ku.dk/SUPRA.



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NIAS SUPRA was initiated in 1993. Its mission is to facilitate a productive network between students in the Nordic region who have an interest in Asia and do research concerning Asia.

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p-books, e-books, blog-what?

By **Gerald Jackson**, *Editor in Chief, NIAS Press*

A year ago, a NIAS Press book won the world's top award in Southeast Asian studies, the Harry J. Benda Prize. This was deserved; Andrew Hardy's *Red Hills* looks to become a classic in Vietnamese studies.

However, it is no longer axiomatic that quality leads to success (if indeed it ever were the case). At the 2005 annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, a panel discussed the dire situation of scholarly publishing. Whereas a decade ago, a university press could expect to sell 1,500 hardback copies of a good scholarly monograph (mainly to libraries), today it would be lucky to sell 150 copies.

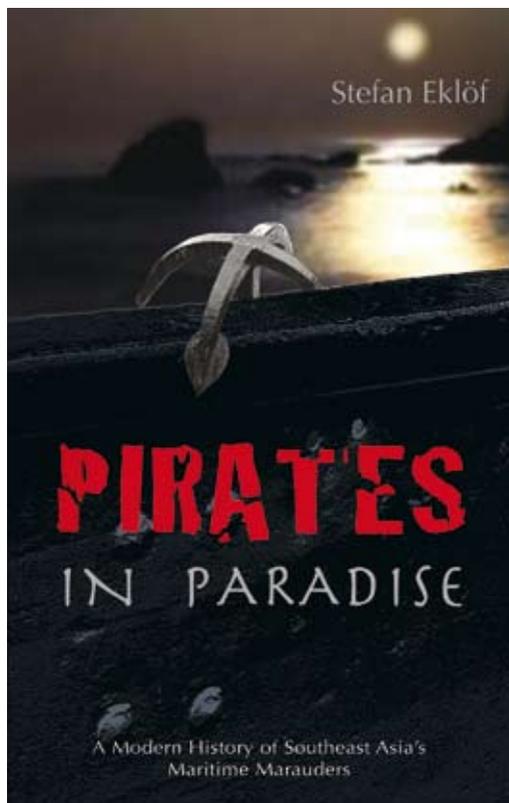
Publishers have responded in various ways – like 'headless chickens' was one observation – but the net effect is that scholars are finding it increasingly difficult to get published.

What *can* be done?

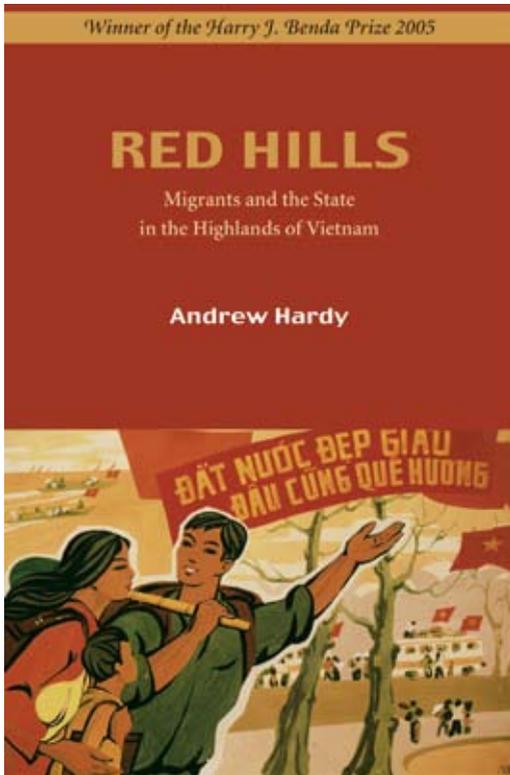
E-publishing has been championed by some as the saviour of the scholarly book. But to date earnings have not justified the considerable investment needed here. Nor is there academic recognition for e-books; they do not, as yet, count when universities decide on academic appointments, promotions or funding.

For the uncompromisingly specialist monograph, perhaps the only way forward is an e-book combined with on-demand printing of a few higher-priced 'p-books'. But most scholarly books have the potential to reach far wider readerships. Here, however, there are many hidden costs. This is illustrated by the case of a NIAS Press book due out in 2006: Stefan Eklöf's *Pirates in Paradise*, an in-depth look at 'Southeast Asia's maritime marauders' past and present.

The book is aimed at a wider readership than historians and economists. People working in the shipping industry and business people more generally should also read this book, likewise professionals



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In 2005 the world's top award in Southeast Asian studies, the Harry J. Benda Prize went to a NIAS Press publication, Andrew Hardy's *Red Hills*

dealing with crime, terrorism and security issues. Finally, history is one of the main non-fiction genres bought by the general public – and pirates still exercise the romantic imagination of many. Bringing the book to the attention of these target groups involves locating and engaging with their channels of communication (newsletters, official bulletins, etc.) and the places they buy books.

Ideally, the book will be reviewed in *The Economist*. What is essential, however, is that the book is visible in bookshops, especially airport bookshops. That requires a book at the right price and format, also with an attractive cover that encourages bookshops to display it face out. Sales representatives visiting the bookshops are needed, and they must be *enthused* by the book; typically they may be carrying a portfolio up to 500 titles but have time to present only 50 of these (with only a few seconds to 'sell' each book).

However, promoting books to these new markets requires a budget far beyond our resources. One new channel relevant to such a book as this, instead, is the web log; among the tens of thousands of bloggers active on the Internet, a few are passionate about pirates. A rave review in a popular blog can boost sales immensely. A website dedicated to the book and with lengthy excerpts from it is something we are also working on.

While the sales potential for such a book as *Pirates in Paradise* is huge, the effort and resources required to achieve these sales are also substantial. This said, one bestseller can be enough to ensure that we continue publishing other less commercially viable titles. This is an effective way of ensuring that, in today's environment, quality research can continue to be published and NIAS Press can continue to help academics build their careers.

This is where we are today, and where we are going. *Watch this space!*

The Nordic NIAS Council (NNC)

– a unique Nordic network

The Nordic NIAS Council (NNC) comprises of our three main partners, Copenhagen Business School, University of Copenhagen and University of Lund, and a range of Nordic universities, research institutes and networks (see list below).

The NNC has been set up to

- establish an association that will cooperate through NIAS to develop Asian studies, i.e. research and education at the highest levels, in the Nordic region;
- promote synergy between the activities of the members of the NNC and NIAS;
- support NIAS in being a window for Nordic activities on Asia within the field of Asian studies;
- ensure that NIAS maintains a Nordic mandate based on cross-disciplinary studies with a focus on the political, economic, business, cultural, and social transformations in modern Asia in their wider context and in a historical perspective.

During its first year, NIAS and the NNC have focused on

- developing initiatives within the framework of the Asian Century Research School Network, where courses will come on stream in 2006 (see www.nias.ku.dk/acrs);
- implementing the NIAS SUPRA programme for Nordic students for the benefit of the NNC members (see elsewhere in this report);
- bringing more NIAS LINC services to our partners and planning a new Asian studies portal (see elsewhere in this report).

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New NIAS

At the end of 2005, NIAS launched a new visual identity which marked our new partnership with Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen University and Lund University as well as the establishment of the Nordic NIAS Council (NNC).

New logo

We modernized the NIAS-logo to mark our new ownership and a new thrust in our work. The logo maintains the peacock tail, now with strong visual characteristics that reflect our field of study as well as our Nordic identity and responsibility.



New brochure

In conjunction with the launch of the new visual identity we also produced a new brochure about NIAS.

Copies can be obtained from Martin Bech, +45 3532 9504, martin.bech@nias.ku.dk



New website

At the same time as NIAS attained its new visual identity we also launched a new website on 3 November 2005.

The most vital aspect of a website, apart from ease of use in terms of finding information, is of course that the content is up-to-date. This has been made easier through our new content management system which facilitates simple and quick editing by all NIAS staff members.



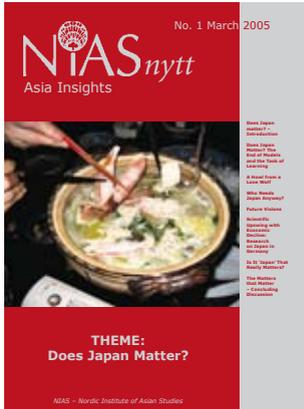
With the new www.NIAS.ku.dk, our target audience is provided with an easy-to-use and interesting access-point to information about and from NIAS.

Since the new website was launched it has been accessed by an average of 1,171 visitors/day.

Our monthly newsletter, NIASupdate, now has more than 494 subscribers.

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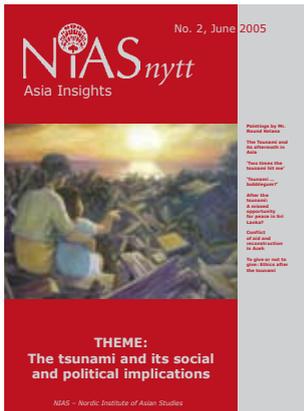
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