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## News

### ASU welcomes Dr. Sai Bhatawadekar

The Center for Asian Research and the School of International Letters and Cultures welcome Professor Sai Bhatawadekar, Director of South Asian Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Dr. Bhatawadekar is meeting with faculty and administrators as well as members of the South Asian community in the Phoenix area this week to discuss Asian Studies and Hindi/Urdu language at ASU. There are also two public events this week in conjunction with her visit. On **Wednesday, October 5, at 5PM in room Coor 4403** CAR and SILC will present the film *Delhi 6* with Dr. Bhatawadekar moderating a Q&A following the film – pizza and soft drinks will be served. On **Thursday, October 6, at noon at the Memorial Union North Plaza Stage** she will be hosting a 30-minute **Bollywood dance performance and workshop**. These two events are free and open to the public, hope to see you there (and please feel free to spread the word).



**Lecture: “Tyranny of the Weak:  
How North Korea Shakes the World”**

**Thursday, October 20, 2016**

**4-6 PM, Coor Hall 4403**

Professor Charles K. Armstrong will present a lecture on North Korea’s ability not only to escape collapse but to defy UN sanctions despite its isolation and economic weakness. He will also reflect on current and future challenges that will shape the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia in the months and years ahead. Dr. Armstrong is the Korean Foundation Professor of Korean Studies in the Social Sciences in the Department of History, Columbia University.

**Dr. Aaron Moore Lectures at Harvard, UBC**

Associate Professor Aaron Moore of the School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies recently gave lectures at Harvard and the University of British Columbia. At Harvard’s Asia Center Dr. Moore’s lecture was entitled “From Colonial Development to Economic Cooperation: Japanese Engineers and the Post-colonial, Cold War System of Development in Asia. The Lecture at UBC, sponsored by the Centre for Korean Research, The Centre for Japanese Research, and the Science and Technology Studies Program, was entitled “From Imperial Engineers to Development Consultants: Japanese Engineers and the Post-Colonial, Cold War System of Development in South Korea.”

**PhD Student James Edmonds Receives IIIT Grant**

James Edmonds, PhD student in Religious Studies, has been awarded an International Institute of Islamic Thought Doctoral Grant. He has conducted eight months of field research in Indonesia, and plans on another year before finishing his dissertation. Congratulations James!

**Fulbright-Clinton Public Policy Fellowships**

Fulbright-Clinton Public Policy Fellowships are available for advanced graduate students interested in Burma (Myanmar), Nepal, and Timor-Leste (as well as some African, European and Latin American countries). The program places Fellows in professional environments in foreign ministries or institutions to serve as a “special assistant” for a senior-level official with additional time for research. For more information go to their website: <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/types-of-awards/fulbright-clinton-public-policy>. The deadline is October 11.

**Dr. Pauline Hope Cheong Leads Dissertation Workshop**

Associate Professor Pauline Hope Cheong served as Chair and organizer of the inaugural Doctoral Colloquium at the Conference of the International Society of Media, Religion & Culture at Hanyang University and Hotel Samjung in Seoul, Korea on August 1-4, 2016. She recruited doctoral students and senior professors to the colloquium, and they came from Australia, Germany, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Sweden, and the United States. Dr. Cheong also served as Chair of a panel on Religious Authority on the second day of the conference.