transnational asia
graduate student conference

Friday, February 18 & Saturday, February 19, 2011
Kyle Morrow Room, Fondren Library (3rd Floor)
This event is open to all

Date: Friday, February 18
Location: Kyle Morrow Room, 3rd Floor, Fondren Library
8:30 Room opens to conference participants and audience
9:00 Welcome by Uzma Quraishi, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, Rice U.
9:15 Introductory Remarks by Professor Tani Barlow, Chao Center Director
9:30 Panel I: Spaces of Neoliberalism
   Chair: Suman Khatiwada
   9:30-9:45 Jessica Lockrem “Flaneuse or Streetwalker?: Sexuality and Urban
       Space in Contemporary Vietnamese Film
   9:45-10:00 Elizabeth Marks “Japanese Jouhou Bangumi and the Notion of Affect”
   10:00-10:15 Adam Bund “Zones of Innovation: Infrastructure, Labor, and Nation in
       Chinese Technology Parks”
   10:15-10:30 Discussion
   10:30-10:45 Break
10:45 Panel II: Migration
   Chair: Jessica Lockrem
   10:45-11:00 Igor Rubinov “Kyrgyz Feasts and Migrant Modernities: Embedding
       Remittances in a Contested Terrain”
   11:00-11:15 Linda Ho Peché “Constructing Self and Spirit: Ancestral Altars and the
       Articulation of a ‘Transnational Vietnam’”
   11:15-11:30 Muge Dane, “Negotiating Religion in Transnational Marriages: Turkish-
       Japanese Couples”
   11:30-11:45 Andrea Grace Wright “Destabilizing Boundaries and Unifying Localities:
       Transnational Histories and Indian Labor Migration to the Gulf”
   11:45-12:00 Discussion
12:00-1:30 Lunch
1:30 Keynote Address: Anne Allison, Ph.D., Robert O. Keohane Professor of Cultural
       Anthropology, Duke University
2:30-2:45 Break
2:45 Panel III: Cross-Cultural Practices
   Chair: Janice Orlando
   2:45-3:00 Justin Stein “‘Reiki Balances the Chakras’: A Japanese Healing Practice in
       New Age India”
   3:00-3:15 Fan Mai “Inventing Rituals: ‘Consuming’ Christmas in China”
   3:15-3:30 Manan Desai “Caste in B&W: The Translation of African American
       Literature in Marathi Dalit Criticism.”
   3:30-3:45 Discussion
3:45 End of day remarks and announcements, Elizabeth Marks
(Day 2 on reverse)
**Transnational Asia Graduate Student Conference (Day 2)**

**Date: Saturday, February 19**

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**Conference Organizers:**

Uzma Quraishi (History)
Elizabeth Marks (Anthropology)
Jessica Lockrem (Anthropology)
Janice Orlando (Anthropology)
Suman Khatiwada (Material Science)
Guanhui Gao (Mechanical Engineering & Material Science)

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