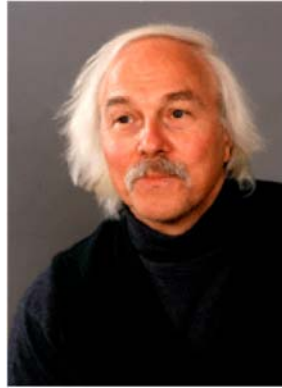


Indian Ocean World Centre (IOWC) VISITING SPEAKER:

James Francis Warren

Prostitution, Slavery and the Sex Trade in early 20th Century Singapore: Film screening and Discussion



Professor in Southeast Asian Modern History at Murdoch University in Perth, Australia, James Warren is an internationally renowned scholar of Southeast Asian studies and a fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

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Among the groups of workers whose labour built Singapore in the 20th century were women who traveled from China and Japan to work in Singapore as prostitutes. Japanese women were often tricked or forced into prostitution (karayuki-san) in Singapore and other parts of Southeast Asia at the end of the 19th century. This 45 minute dramatic performance explores the trade in women and children in Asia, and follows the daily lives of prostitutes in Singapore. "Broken Birds" was inspired by James Warren's 1993 book, *Ah Ku and Karayuki-san: Prostitution in Singapore (1870-1940)* (Singapore: Oxford University Press)

September 26th 2007: 6:00 pm. Rutherford Physics Building Room 118; Film screening and presentation of 'Broken Birds' *Ah Ku and Karayuki-san: Prostitution in Singapore (1870-1940)*

September 28th 2007: 6:30pm Leacock 232; Film screening and presentation of 'Broken Birds' to be followed by a reception at 8:00pm, wine and cheese

For a full profile of Professor Warren, please visit www.indianoceanworldcentre.com.