

## NEWS RELEASE

### 2010 FELLOWS SOCIAL INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTS INDIA CHINA INSTITUTE

#### Fellows from China



**Dong, Shikui** (PhD, Gansu Agricultural University) is currently a full Professor at School of Environment, Beijing Normal University. He subsequently spent one year (2006-2007) as a Visiting Scholar at Cornell University, and has most recently been appointed as an Adjunct Professor (2007-2012) at Cornell's Natural Resource Department. He also currently serves as an Invited Scientist for Environment Impact Assessment Center for China's Ministry of Environmental Protection, and has conducted research and coauthored a paper on Himalayan rangeland ecology titled "Strengthening pastoral organization and indigenous knowledge for sustainable rangeland management in Nepal". He has authored nearly a hundred publications, over twenty symposium proceedings and abstracts, and four book chapters in recent years on Dryland Ecosystem Restoration, Grassland Resource Management, as well as strategies for sustainable development. Through the ICI fellowships, he is interested in exploring ecological and social variables related to decision making in environmental management, and best practices for sustainably integrated ecosystems and environmental management.

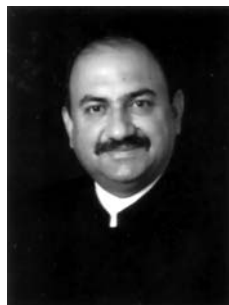


**Lo, Sze Ping** (M.Phil, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology) is currently Advisor to the Society of Entrepreneurs and Ecology (SEE, also known in Chinese as Alashan), which is a leading Chinese NGO for environment protection. He has been an influential figure over the past decade in the establishment of Greenpeace China, holding the position of Campaign and Communications Director. His work with Greenpeace International led to the inclusion of water pollution and sustainable agriculture as two of the five core issues for Greenpeace's global program. In 2009, Lo was selected as one of the "Young leaders of Our Times" by Southern People Weekly. He has made over a hundred media appearances, public speaking engagements and guest lectures, and published more than two dozen articles on environmental movements, green thinking, sustainability and globalization. Mr. Lo is currently coordinating a study group of China's leading environmentalists titled "Towards a Critical Environmental Movement in China." His research focuses on the history of China's green NGOs, the interplay between state, market and civil society, the debate of environmentalism of the poor and the environmental justice movement in North America. Through the ICI Fellowship he is interested in co-designing and teaching a course at the New School. He would like to use this opportunity to collaborate with ICI Fellows to explore the topics of non-western critical environmental perspectives, post-colonial discourses on development and environment, civil society and social movements in China, and green economic transformations.

**Fellows from India**



**Bandyopadhyay, Jayanta** (PhD, India Institute of Technology, Kanpur) is currently Professor and Head of the Centre for Development and Environment Policy, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta. His research in the past 25 years has been guided by the objective of generating trans-disciplinary public interest knowledge on critical issues related to environment and development. He was a Coordinating Lead Author in the global report of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and an expert reviewer for the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change in the area of climate change and water. He was a member of the Senior Professional Staff at the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (Kathmandu) where he was deeply involved in the study of Himalayan waters. In 1991 he was invited by the UNCED Secretariat to draft the chapter on the world's mountains for Agenda-21. He was the President of the Indian Society for Ecological Economics (2006-8) and is member of the Board of the International Society for Ecological Economics (2008-9). He has published more than 100 papers, books, articles, etc. His latest book published by the Oxford University Press is entitled *Water, Agriculture and Sustainable Well-being*. One of his current research interest is on knowledge gaps in Himalayan water systems in the context of climate change. Building on his research on institutional challenges in India, he is interested in looking at Indian and Chinese institutional strategies for addressing global warming and consequent climate change, specially their impacts on water systems, through the ICI Fellowship and the possibility of co-designing or co-teaching on these issues.



**Chaturvedi, Sanjay** (PhD, Punjab University) is currently Professor of Political Science at Punjab University, Chandigarh, India. He is a member of multiple editorial boards and committees including Core Group of Experts on Antarctic and Southern Ocean Affairs and has been a member of delegations representing the Indian Ministry of Earth Sciences. He has written dozens of books, articles and journal publications on the geopolitics of climate change, energy security in the Indian Ocean region and the political geography of the Polar Regions. His current research interests relate to a critical geopolitics of climate change encompassing issues such as climate justice and human security. Among the several benefits he envisions from the ICI Fellowship, he is particularly interested in making full use of the opportunity to act as facilitator to further expand the scope of both the Indian Ocean Research Group and the *Journal of Indian Ocean Region* by networking and collaboratively researching with ICI Fellows. He would also like to co-design and teach a course on climate change, ecological justice and human security with colleagues at the New School. He would also like to use this research opportunity to contribute a chapter in his forthcoming book dedicated to sustainability questions in China, further exploring the critical geopolitics of climate change, with special reference to environmental security and climate justice.

**Fellows from The New School**



**Marshall, Victoria** (MLA and Cert UD, University of Pennsylvania) is an Assistant Professor of Urban Design at Parsons The New School for Design. She is also a practicing landscape architect, and the founder of TILL, a landscape architecture and urban design office. In addition to teaching, she is engaged in collaborative research through the Baltimore Ecosystem Study Urban Design Working Group, a Long Term Ecological Research project sponsored by the National Science Foundation. She has taught and lectured at Pratt Institute, Columbia GSAPP, the University of Toronto ALD and Harvard GSD. The November 2009 issue of *Architectural Design* contains an article that she co-authored with Brian McGrath on “New Patterns in Urban Design,” which looks at discerning the newly resilient urban patterns that are emerging in the meta-city, as they shift and adjust to changing local and global conditions. Through the ICI Fellowship, she is interested in forming new research partnerships between the delta city of Kolkata, and the headwater city of Kunming, by building on her experience in using a patch dynamic framework to link research in design and science. Her project serves as a means to better understand how increasing cross-Himalaya exchange between India and China will impact existing and proposed social innovation. Drawing on her integrated modes of teaching and practice, she plans to co-teach or co-design a design studio collaborating with ICI fellows on these research themes.



**Srinivas, Nidhi** (PhD, McGill University) is an Associate Professor of Nonprofit Management at Milano The New School for Management and Urban Policy. He currently teaches courses in Nonprofit Management, International Development, and Strategic Decision-Making. Previously, he held the position of Lecturer in Strategic Management at the University of Essex, where he was the director of M.Sc. in Management Studies in 2000-2001 and taught courses in Strategic Management. He has also taught as a visiting professor at the Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore, India. He writes extensively on Management Knowledge Transfers, Critical Management and NGOs and Professional Identity of Managers. As an ICI fellow, he would like to address questions of social innovations and sustainable environments by studying the role of various actors in addressing questions related to scarce resources (e.g. water). An example of such a question would be: how do or should state-level and community-level actors in China and India collaborate in conserving natural resources? He plans to use his research toward further course development within The New School, for the enhancement of cross-school co-teaching on the interface of design and management, organization theory and environment.

**Student Fellows**



**Stephanie Drozer** is an MS in Urban Policy Analysis and Management at Milano, The New School for Management and Urban Policy. With the ICI fellowship, Stephanie will be researching the education system in New Delhi. She hopes to study the development of climate education in the curriculum of primary schools, particularly the student awareness of climate change and environmental sustainability.



**Jonathan Stiles** is working on his Masters in the Graduate Program for International Affairs at The New School for General Studies. He will be using the ICI fellowship to study sustainable transportation and urban housing development in a few select cities in China's growing Central and Western cities. Using geographic information systems technology, study of government policy, and interviews with residents and academics, Jonathan will be able to form an understanding what is involved in transportation planning and advocacy in major Chinese cities.



**Aysel Zeynep Madra** is a PhD candidate in Sociology at The New School for Social Research. Aysel is currently working on her dissertation which compares religious politics and secularism in Turkey and India. She plans to use the ICI fellowship to do study in New Delhi at the National Archives, where she will have access to public records and private letters of political actors to frame a relationship between the state, religion, and nationalism.



**Jennifer Thomas** is working on her Masters in Media Studies and Film at The New School for General Studies. Jennifer will be going to Hong Kong during the summer of 2010 for an internship as part of GPIA's International Field Program. With the ICI fellowship, she will be able to do further studies in Yunnan province in order to making a short film and photojournalistic essay addressing eco-agriculture in the Yunnan region and its impact on communities in Hong Kong.



**Mala Kumar** is working on her MA from the Graduate Program for International Affairs at The New School for General Studies with a concentration in Development. Mala plans to use the ICI Fellowship toward research on IT models in South India and their impact on marginalized communities in the state of Karnataka. Her research will inform her thesis, determining whether South Indian IT models can and should be replicated in Senegal, West Africa.