

PROGRAMME

(As of 18th January 2010)

“The Political and Social Impact of Rumours Workshop”

Workshop organized by
Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS)
Vanda Ballroom, Marina Mandarin Singapore
22nd February 2010, Monday

21 February 2010, Sunday

1900 Welcome Dinner for Speakers and Chairs

22 February 2010, Monday

0830 – 0850 Registration

0855 – 0900 Welcome remarks by ***Kumar Ramakrishna***, Head,
Centre of Excellence for National Security,
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

0900 – 1045 **Panel One: Examining the Philosophy and Theory of Rumours**

Chairperson:

Norman Vasu, Deputy Head,
Centre of Excellence for National Security,
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

Presenters:

"Is Rumour Media Blinded? For a Critical Theory of Rumor"

Pascal Froissart, Professor,
Department of Communications,
Université de Paris VIII

"Of Rumours and Conspiracy Theories: Philosophical Perspectives on
Pathological Communication in the Public Sphere"

Axel Gelfert, Assistant Professor,
Department of Philosophy,
National University of Singapore

"Have you Heard? The Rumour as Reliable"

Matthew Dentith, PhD Candidate
Department of Philosophy,
University of Auckland

1045 – 1100 **Tea break**

1100 – 1300 **Panel Two: Rumours in Politics and Society**

Chairperson:

Greg Dalziel, Associate Research Fellow,
Centre of Excellence for National Security,
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

Presenters:

“Iran: The Electoral Politics of Rumours”

Babak Rahimi, Assistant Professor,
Iranian and Islamic Studies Program for the Study of Religion,
Department of Literature, University of California, San Diego

“Rumours, Religion, and Political Mobilization: Indonesian Cases 1978 – 2009”

Mark Woodward, Associate Professor,
School of History, Philosophy, and Religion,
Arizona State University

“Understanding the Circulation and Power of Insurgent Rumors in Iraq”

Scott W. Ruston, Postdoctoral Research Fellow,
Consortium for Strategic Communication,
Arizona State University

“Rumour-Mongering in the South Korean Blogosphere”

Clare Seung-eun Lee, PhD Candidate,
Department of Sociology,
National University of Singapore

1300 – 1415 Lunch

1415 – 1640 Panel Three: The Impact of Rumours on Strategic Communication

Chairperson:

Kumar Ramakrishna, Head,
Centre of Excellence for National Security,
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

Presenters:

“Rumour and Strategic Communication Across Old and New Media in Southeast Asia: the Case of Terrorist Noordin Top”

Chris Lundry, Postdoctoral Research Fellow,
Hugh Downs School of Human Communication,
Arizona State University

“Analysis of Tweets and Rumours during the Mumbai Terrorist Attack of November 2008”

H.R. Rao, Professor,
School of Management,
SUNY-Buffalo

“Understanding the ‘Other’ Through the Study of Rumours”

Todd Leventhal, Senior Policy & Planning Officer,
Bureau of International Information Programs,
U.S. Department of State

“Rumour – the ‘Evil Twin’ of Official Communication”

Anthony Olcott, Associate,
Institute for the Study of Diplomacy,
Georgetown University