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## ***Globalism Events***

### **1. Encounters with Free Trade: A forum with Thai trade activist, Jacques-Chai Chomthongdi from Focus on the Global South, Thailand**

Date: Thursday 16 September

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Seminar Room 1 & 2 Level 7, Storey Hall Swanston St, RMIT University

While the US — Australia Free Trade Agreement has made the headlines across Australia, negotiations for other Free Trade Agreements like the Australia–Thailand deal have received little or no public scrutiny in Australia. Yet the agreement will have a devastating impact on Thai farmers and peasants and place further pressure on the Australian textile and clothing industry.

Jacques-Chai, will provide a Thai perspective on the impacts of the Thai–Australia Free Trade Agreement. He will also outline Thai civil society responses to Free Trade Agreements and the World Trade Organisation and opportunities for north-south campaign collaborations.

Given the rapid growth of bilateral free trade agreements across Asia and the globe, the evening provides an excellent opportunity for people to grapple with this latest trend of locking in damaging free market policies.

Focus on the Global South is an activist research and advocacy Non-Governmental Organisation based in Bangkok, Thailand. It is a key player in the global campaign to derail the World Trade Organisation and promote an alternative trade regime.  
<http://www.focusweb.org>

Jacques-Chai Chomthongdi has worked extensively on national Thai trade issues including organizing, writing and lobbying around various FTAs and the WTO. His presentation will be followed by discussion.

Presented by: Friends of the Earth, Justice and International Mission Unit Uniting Church Victoria and Tasmania, and the Globalism Institute

For further information contact Friends of the Earth on 9419 8700

### **2. Arts Industry Council (Victoria) presents: Arguing Art!! :: Creative Societies**

Creativity: what is it? Are we all creative? What's the connection between art & creativity? What value does creativity have to the health & sustainability of a society?

Date: Friday 17th September

Time: 12noon to 2pm

Venue: North Melbourne Town Hall Arts House Cnr Queensberry & Errol Streets, North Melbourne

Panelists: Jon Hawkes  
Estelle Barrett, School of Communication and Creative Arts, Deakin University  
Christopher Scanlon, Globalism Institute, RMIT University  
Helen Simondson, ACMI

Bring your lunch and feed your brain!

Presented by the Arts Industry Council (Victoria) - the independent voice for the arts with the generous support of the City of Melbourne

For more information: Email: [kevbre@netspace.net.au](mailto:kevbre@netspace.net.au) Phone: (03) 9421 2798 14 Berry Street, Richmond 3121

### **3. The RMIT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit invite you and your students to attend a free morning lecture with Professor Ian Anderson.**

Date: Wednesday 13th October

Time: 9:30 -10:00am Refreshments 10:00- 11:30am Lecture

Venue: Basement Lecture Theatre, Storey Hall, Swanston St Melbourne.

Professor Ian Anderson will speak on Indigenous Health and strategies for change. It will be particularly interesting for students and staff in the health / social science / community related areas.

Professor Ian Anderson is a Koori and has a professional background in medicine and social sciences. He has written widely on issues related to Aboriginal health, identity and culture. He also has a broad interest in the sociology of health and illness, related policy analysis, and theory development in the social sciences.

Professor Ian Anderson has worked in Aboriginal health for about 17 years. He has held positions as an Aboriginal health worker, health educator, general practitioner and in health administration. Previously Ian has worked as an administrator for the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service and Medical Adviser to the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health in the Commonwealth Department of Health.

It is with great pleasure the RMIT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit presents Professor Ian Anderson. RMIT Globalism Institute are a supporter of this event.

Please contact Carlie Groves or Stuart McFarlane on 99254885 or [carlie.groves@rmit.edu.au](mailto:carlie.groves@rmit.edu.au) [stuart.mcfarlane@rmit.edu.au](mailto:stuart.mcfarlane@rmit.edu.au) to register your and/ or students attendance.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to those who may be interested. Also print off flyer to promote this event in your area.

#### **4. Lunchtime Seminar: Revisiting September 1999: East Timor and Australian Foreign Policy :: Clinton Fernandes**

Date: Tuesday September 28

Time: 12.30 and 2 pm (You are encouraged to bring your lunch)

Venue: Globalism Institute, Building 37, Floor 5, Room 32.

The INTERFET deployment in September 1999 marked a crucial moment in the long struggle for East Timorese self-determination. Given that successive Australian governments had supported the Indonesian occupation of East Timor for 24-years, the Australian-led intervention marked a significant shift in government policy. Commenting on the nature of this shift Clinton Fernandes will discuss the September intervention as part of an analysis that also addresses the role of the 'Jakarta Lobby', the construction of Australian national interest, and Australian relations with the Indonesian government. In doing so he will critically evaluate what has often been portrayed as a noble moment in Australia's history of intervention in international sites of conflict.

Clinton Fernandes is a Melbourne-based historian who specialises in Australian foreign policy. He is the author of *Reluctant Saviour* (Scribe, forthcoming), a study of the Australia-Indonesia relationship in the lead-up to the East Timor crisis.

For queries or to RSVP please email [damian.grenfell@rmit.edu.au](mailto:damian.grenfell@rmit.edu.au)

### **Non-Globalism Events**

#### **1. Naga Indigenous Education House**

Invitation to a fundraising dinner for the Naga Indigenous Education House.

Please R.S.V.P. with a cheque for \$30/\$25 per meal made out to Naga Indigenous Education House by Monday 13/9/04 send to 42 Fraser St. Brunswick 3056

Date: Sunday 19th September

Time: 5:30 pm for 6 pm dinner

Venue The Comic's lounge,  
26 Errol St. Nth Melbourne (next to  
IGA in main shopping strip

Cost: \$30/\$25 conc. for delicious Naga-inspired meal  
(Drinks available at bar prices)

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Brunswick, 3056

### **Who are the Nagas?**

The Naga people live in the North East of India and North West of Burma. Consisting of more than 50 distinct tribes, they are proud care-takers of a wealth of cultural heritage and knowledge.

Since the 19th century, Naga areas have been colonised, first by the British, and then by the Indians and Burmese. In the face of oppression, Naga people have struggled fiercely for independence, and to protect their lands, tradition and heritage.

### **What is the Naga Indigenous Education House?**

The Indigenous Education House is a Naga community initiative which aims to protect and sustain the oral culture and traditions of the Nagas. It has developed out of conversations between human rights activists, students, and community leaders in Nagaland.

## **3. COMPASSION \* SUSTAINABILITY \* IMPACT**

### **Oxfam Action in the 21st Century**

The 2004 National Conference organised by Oxfam Community Aid Abroad

This unique event brings together over 30 leading speakers, from Sydney to Cape York, from Sri Lanka to East Timor. Join us to discuss contemporary solutions to overcome poverty and injustice on human rights, trade, refugees & social justice issues.

Date: 1st -3rd October 2004

Venue: St Scholasticas, 4 Avenue Road, Glebe, Sydney NSW 2037

**Bookings:** Space is limited to 200 delegates with weekend registrations from \$255 — so Register today at

<http://www.oxfam.org.au/news/conference/register.html>

### **Speakers include:**

- \* Tammy Williams - young barrister and an indigenous leader from Cape York
- \* Andrew Hewett - Executive Director, Oxfam Community Aid Abroad
- \* Isabel Guterres - Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner East Timor
- \* Howard Glenn, National Director from A Just Australia with Eva Cox & Magsood Alshams
- \* Lisa Garrett - International Indigenous Coordinator for Oxfam International Youth Parliament
- \* B Gowthaman – Oxfam program co-ordinator from Sri Lanka
- \* Pat Ranald - AFTINET Australian Fair Trade Network

as well as a choice of over 30 leading speakers and 20 Workshops

See — <http://www.oxfam.org.au/news/conference>

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#### **4. The Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights at Deakin University and the Australian Iraq Forum with support from the Northern Migrant Resource Centre**

##### **One Day Symposium: Iraq and the Challenges for Human Rights**

Date: Friday 1 October, 2004

Time: 8.30am - 5.00 pm

Venue: ANZ Pavilion, 8th floor, The Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

The Iraqi people have endured more than three decades of large scale violations of human rights that took the form of mass killings, torture, long-term imprisonment and ethnic cleansing. Following the collapse of the former regime, the scale of the atrocities became more evident by the uncovering of hundreds of mass grave sites throughout Iraq.

The Symposium, organized by the Australian Iraqi Forum (AIF) and the Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights at Deakin University and cosponsored by Northern MRC, seeks to expose the atrocities committed against the Iraqi people by the former regime and human rights issues facing Iraq today. The Conference will explore the mechanisms needed to guarantee human rights in the building of the new Iraq. It also seeks, through a panel discussion, to explore the situation of Iraqi refugees in Australia, including the current legal issues facing many refugees. Prominent speakers from Iraq, UK and Australia will present detailed analyses of various human rights issues, including a historical perspective, constitutional human rights guarantees in the building of the new Iraq, women's empowerment and the treatment of refugees.

##### **Keynote speakers:**

Dr Hussain Al-Shahristani, President of the Iraqi Academy of Sciences

Dr Al-Shahristani was kept in solitary confinement for eleven years for refusing to join Saddam Hussein's nuclear weapons program, and currently runs the Iraqi Refugee Aid Council and the Iraqi Academy of Sciences.

Dr Sahib Alhakim, President of the London based Organisation of Human Rights in Iraq.

Dr Al-Hakim is the recipient of the Ambassador of Peace award for his humanitarian activities to assist the recovery in Iraq after many years of exile.

##### **Guest speakers:**

A number of guest speakers will present papers on various aspects of human rights issues in Iraq.

**Cost:** \$60 (lunch provided)

**ALL PARTICIPANTS NEED TO REGISTER by the 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**Enquiries:** phone: 03 5227 2113, 03 9244 6274 or email [aok@deakin.edu.au](mailto:aok@deakin.edu.au)

#### **5. The 7th Biannual Australia New Zealand Third Sector Research Conference**

Queensland University of Technology, Gardens Point Campus in Brisbane

24–26 November 2004.

The emphasis of the conference is developing a broader understanding of the nature of diversity with the Third Sector and the nature of the regions (places and spaces) in which Third Sector organisations operate.

It is an opportunity for researchers, entrepreneurs and practitioners to engage in dialogue to further our understanding of region and diversity in relation to the Third Sector.

The conference website <http://www.anztsr2004.qut.edu.au/> contains a comprehensive overview of the key note speakers, conference program, social functions, accommodation options and sponsorship.

## **6. transnational spaces | bauhaus kolleg VI**

We would like to call your attention to our new website <http://www.bauhaus-dessau.com/transnational-spaces> which is now launched. There you find additional information on our new Bauhaus Kolleg program "Transnational spaces".

Starting October, 18 2004 the Bauhaus Kolleg will focus on the development of transnational public realms in urban metropolitan areas. In times of economic globalization, multi-media based communication and transnational migration urbanity transcends national boundaries and global spaces that lack national characteristics materialize. Politics and society increasingly lose their grip on these spaces and we cannot understand them by resorting to existing planning and design strategies. What are the consequences for cities and architecture if a location is becoming ambiguous? By looking at select transnational locations, such as call centers in Calcutta/India, hostels for refugees in Berlin, transnational markets in Istanbul, a drilling rig in the North Sea and Frankfurt's airport the program investigates the new spatial orders that have emerged within these locations.

We look forward to your application. <http://www.bauhaus-dessau.de/kolleg-application/>

## **7. 2004 Australian Anthropological Society's conference Moving Anthropology – Motion, Emotion and Knowledge**

University of Melbourne, September 28th –October 1st 2004.

In addition to an exciting range of sessions, this year's program includes a Postgraduate Workshop designed to address issues of specific relevance to postgraduate anthropologists, and a Work-in-Progress session that encourages research students to present their current interests.

The Workshop is run by postgraduate students from Melbourne University and is open to all postgraduates and graduates of Anthropology and related disciplines. The Workshop will endeavour to generate positive and constructive discussion about future possibilities for emerging anthropologists.

The Postgraduate Workshop will be held on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning before the official conference opening. It will be structured around four segments:

- Publishing and developing a career in academia.

- Writing grant applications, sourcing funds and applying for post-doctoral positions.
- Future directions of Australian Anthropology, and the role of current postgraduates.
- Moving beyond the academy, gaining employment outside academia.

Four speakers will present briefly and informally, offering their expertise and advice, followed by an open discussion among all present. The purpose of the workshop is two-fold: to provide a forum for accessing practical advice on career development in anthropology; to provide a space where we can discuss the role of postgraduates in Australian anthropology.

We are also inviting postgraduate students to present their current work-in-progress to facilitate and encourage information sharing amongst our colleagues. Papers should be brief, around 10 minutes in length, and we encourage postgraduate students at any stage of their research to present their ideas as a means of exploring emerging research fields and theoretical directions.

The Postgraduate Workshop is included in the conference registration fee, and participants will be provided with nibbles over the two days. As you may be aware, conference registration for postgraduates is considerably cheaper, and day rates are also available. There are a number of budget accommodation options available for interstate students and these will be posted shortly on the conference website.

If you are interested in submitting a paper for the Work-in-Progress session, or have any comments or suggestions on the Postgraduate Workshop please contact:

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## **8. 'Imagining the Asia-Pacific' — Call for Papers**

The Graduate Journal of Asia-Pacific Studies invites submissions from all humanities and visual arts disciplines which offer a creative articulation of how some or other part of Asia-Pacific existence is imagined. Contributors are actively encouraged to be innovative in their use of theory, methodology and/or the visual and multimedia possibilities of electronic publishing.

<http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/sites/index.cfm?P=5699>

The deadline for submissions is 31 October 2004.