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GLOBALISM INSTITUTE

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In the media

Professor Mary Kalantzis on asylum seeker laws, 891 ABC Adelaide with David Bevan, 17 April


Local/Global

Professor Manfred B. Steger, ‘Ideology in the Global Age’, invited address at the Australian National University’s School of Pacific and Asian Studies, 10 April.

Professor Mary Kalantzis, Conference presentation on the Learning by Design framework, ATESOL (Assoc. for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) NSW Conference, 19 April.

Paul James spoke on ‘Globalisation’ in the University of the Third Age special lecture series, 21 April.

Paul James addressed the ‘Art and Craft of Community Research’ seminar on 28 April.

Dr Martin Mulligan addressed a public symposium on the Daylesford component of the Vichealth ARC community wellbeing research project at the Swiss Italian Festa in Daylesford, 24 April.

Dr Damian Grenfell and Peter Phipps gave a public lecture on ‘Ethnography and Fieldwork’ in the Advanced Research Methods public lecture series.

Peter Phipps gave a public lecture on ‘Race, Racism and Racialised States’ in the Advanced Social Theory public lecture series.
Nonviolent Struggles for Land & Resources in the Global South
Professor Kurt Schock, Associate Professor of Sociology, Rutgers University
This seminar explores social movements in the Global South that use methods of nonviolent action to challenge the dominant development paradigm and to reclaim the commons, including struggles for land reform and sustainable development. Social movements in Brazil and India will be discussed.

Professor Schock is currently a visiting scholar at the Australian Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland. He is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey, USA and a member of the graduate faculty in Global Affairs. His recently published book Unarmed Insurrections: People Power Movements in Nondemocracies examined the role of nonviolent action in pro-democracy movements in non-democratic regimes.

Venue: Research Lounge, RMIT Building 28, Level 5
Date/time: Wednesday 10 May, 5.00 - 6.00 pm
Entry: Free
Contact: Todd Bennet (03) 9925 1921, email todd.bennet@rit.edu.au

Unity for Peace: National Peace Activists’ Conference
Speakers include US anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan, Hassan Juma’a, Anas Altitkriti and Greens Senator Kerry Nettle.

Venue: Storey Hall Auditorium, Swanston St, Melbourne
Date/Time: Thursday 25 May 7.00 - 9.00 pm
Entry: Tickets $15 / $10 on the door
Contact: David Glantz, Phone 0418 316310, email dglantz@optusnet.com.au
Website: www.vicpeace.org/unityforpeace/

Research Seminar Series

Teachers as co-researchers
Dr Daria Loi and Dr Peter Burrows
Venue: Seminar Area, RMIT Building 37, Level 5
Date/time: Wednesday 10 May, 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Gender, Insecurity and the International Presence in East Timor
Anna Trembath
Venue: Seminar Area, RMIT Building 37, Level 5
Date/time: Wednesday 24 May, 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Worker remittances and Sri Lanka
Dr Judith Shaw
Venue: Seminar Area, RMIT Building 37, Level 5
Date/time: Wednesday 7 June, 3.30 - 4.30 pm

RMIT UNIVERSITY

Public Lectures on Research
Venue: MCCC Lecture Theatre, Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne
Date/time: Every Tuesday, 28 February - 16 May, 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Contemporary Social and Political Theory Public Lectures
Venue: MCCC Lecture Theatre, Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne
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Peace Benefit Fundraiser

A brilliant line-up of Melbourne’s best musicians and comedians will perform in a jam-packed night of entertainment, as a fundraiser for the Unity for Peace conference 25-27 May.

Venue: Trades Hall, Victoria Street, Carlton South
Date/time: Friday 12 May from 7.00 pm
Entry: Tickets $20 / $10 from New International Bookshop, Trades Hall
Contact: David Glantz 0418 316310, email dglantz@optusnet.com.au

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Venue: Maritime Union of Australia, 46 Ireland St, West Melbourne
Date/time: Saturday 27 May 10.00 am - 5.30 pm (registration from 9.00 am)
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Keeping alternatives to capitalism alive: rethinking the Hegel-Marx relationship after the Zapatista experience in Mexico

A discussion with Colm McNaughton
Colm has been inspired by the Zapatista experience in Mexico, seeing it as a turning point in understanding Hegel and Marx and, via this, the emancipation of humankind.

Venue: New International Bookshop, Trades Hall, Victoria Street, Carlton South
Date/time: Tuesday 9 May, 5.30 - 6.30 pm
Contact: NIBS (03) 9662 3744, email nibs@nibs.org.au
Website: www.nibs.org.au

True Cost Economics Forum

The first True Cost Economics Forum is a gathering of those hungry for policy options in this era of extreme weather and extreme society. Alanna Hartzok from the Earth Rights Institute (USA) will deliver the keynote address on the potential for the Next Economy. Panelists including Assoc Professor Frank Fisher, Francis Grey and Kenneth Davidson will debate the pros and cons of various environmental policies within the current political climate. Then a youth based panel will whip up a storm on the what future generations expect current governments to be doing.

Venue: Swinburne University
Date/time: Friday 12 May, 9.15 am - 1.00 pm
Entry: Free but bookings essential via events@earthsharing.org.au
Contact: Earthsharing Australia & the National Centre for Sustainability, email events@earthsharing.org.au
Website: www.earthsharing.org.au

New Voices Conference – Technology and International Relations

The Lowy Institute for International Policy will be holding its third annual New Voices conference in Sydney on Thursday 25 May. It is an invitation only conference designed to provide career professionals of 35 years and under a chance to interact and exchange views, and is free of charge.

This year’s conference will examine issues that arise from the interaction of technology and international relations. The conference will be divided into four sessions on information technology energy, technology, intellectual property protection, and the technology gap.

Contact: Ivan Cook (02) 8238 9120 or Georgia Woollett (02) 8238 9115

Re-materialising Colour Symposium

How can we expand what we know about ‘colour’. Is it socially constructed or all in the mind? What do colours make possible? What does colour do? Might we profitably consider colours as integral to cultural expression and social change?

Papers are invited that address the complexity of colour. Please submit an abstract of about 200 words (for a 20 minutes paper), outlining your proposed topic, your approach, and the forms/media in which you intend to present your work. Include a brief description of yourself, outlining your affiliations and your key publications, exhibits, and/or performances.

Send your abstract (preferably in WORD or PDF) to diana.young@anu.edu.au. Abstract submission deadline: 19 May.
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Professor Jamal Nassar, the Palestinian-born chair of the Department of Politics and Government at Illinois State University, delivered an invited public lecture, ‘Palestine and Israel: is peace possible?’, on May 3 at RMIT’s Storey Hall. Over 250 people attended the event that was sponsored by the Globalism Institute, the Victorian Peace Network, the Australian Arabic Council, the Australian Jewish Democratic Society, and the Palestine Charity Association. Professor Nassar provided a short history of the peace process and then addressed recent political events in the region such as the elections in Palestine and Israel. Acknowledging remaining obstacles, Professor Nassar ended his presentation, nonetheless, on a cautiously optimistic note.

Professor Nassar’s expertise, passion and generosity were evident and the many audience questions posed to him following his talk showed how much interest and passion he had been able to generate. In addition to writing an op-ed piece for The Age, Professor Nassar also gave several radio interviews for local Arab stations as well as for ABC and SBS.

Audio of the lecture is now available online at:

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On April 7 2006, at the Bosniak Institute in Sarajevo, the journal editors Hariz Halilovich and Ron Adams launched the Local Global journal Vol. 2 ‘Sarajevo: Pathways to Reconciliation’, dedicated to Bosnia-Herzegovina and its peaceful, democratic, socially harmonious and prosperous future. The Honorable MP Mr Beriz Belkic (former Chairman of the BiH Presidency) and Mr Gordon Bacon (UNDP BiH) took part at the launch and reflected on last year’s conference ‘Pathways to Reconciliation and Global Human Rights’, held in Sarajevo from 16-19 August, organized by Globalism Institute in partnership with UNDP BiH.

Some 100 invited guests attended the launch, including the prominent members of the Bosnian academia, arts, politics and public life as well as representatives from international organizations present in Bosnia. The launch was extensively covered by the Bosnian media (NTV Hayat, FENA, Youth Radio, San, Oslobodjenje and Avaz). After the initial presentations followed a discussion in which many guests including Mr Adil-bey Zulfikarpasic, the founder of the Bosniak Institute, took part. Each guest received a free copy of the publication.

The event was organized by the Globalism Institute in collaboration with the international and local partners: Bosniak Institute (Sarajevo), UNDP BiH, ‘Think BiH’ project (Sarajevo), European Diaspora Research Network (Canberra) and Victoria University (Melbourne).

Local-Global: Studies in Community Sustainability

Hard copies of Volumes One and Two can be ordered from the Globalism Institute for $12.

To order contact Todd Bennet at todd.bennet@rmit.edu.au.

Alternatively the full contents of both are available free electronically at:
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Both books are published by Sage Publications.

Common Ground Conferences

Common Ground host a number of conferences each year in the Humanities, Education, Sustainability, Cultural Diversity, Publishing, Technology, and Management.


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To submit details of your event or to update your details please email globalism@rmit.edu.au.

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Public Lectures on Research

HUSO 2079/2112 Research Strategies
HUSO 1222 Research Methods (Honours)

Every Tuesday from 28th February to 16th May 2006, there will be a public lecture on a key topic dealing with research and researchers in the Portfolio of Design and Social Context at RMIT University.

Designed to inform and inspire, the lectures will deal with issues of particular usefulness to postgraduate and honours students planning to write a thesis. While the lectures are designed specifically as part of a research course, they will be open to all RMIT staff and students, and the public. Bring friends and colleagues if you think they will be interested!

The public lectures are held

4.30 to 5.30 pm
MCCC Lecture Theatre

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For further information contact: Course Coordinator, Dr. Pavla Miller pavla.miller@rmit.edu.au or (03) 9925 2668

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