**Rethinking Insecurity, War and Violence book launch**

*Rethinking Insecurity, War and Violence: Beyond Savage Globalization?* is a collection of essays edited by Dr Damian Grenfell and Professor Paul James of the Globalism Research Centre, which seeks to rethink the mainstream security paradigms. The collection gives a broad and systematic analysis of the long-term sources of political, military and cultural insecurity from the local to the global, and provides a stronger basis for understanding the causes of conflict and violence in the world today; one that adds a different dimension to the dominant focus on finding proximate causes and making quick responses.

Rather than treating the sources of insecurity as a retreat from modernity, this book complicates the patterns of global insecurity to a degree that takes the debates simply beyond assumptions that we are witnessing a savage return to a bloody and tribalized world.

The book will launched by Dr Anthony Burke from the Australian Defence Force Academy-University of New South Wales.

**Monday 13 October**

5.00-7.00 pm

Order of Melbourne,

Level 2/401 Swanston St, Melbourne

Light food and drinks will be provided.

*Rethinking Insecurity, War and Violence* is published by Routledge.

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**2007-08 Annual Report**

The Globalism Research Centre’s 2007-08 Annual Report is now available. The report includes lead essays by Professor Manfred Steger and Dr Martin Mulligan, as well as an overview of our activities, collaborations and publications between January 2007 and January 2008. It also includes a number of fascinating images taken by staff on their travels in Australia and around the globe, and striking artworks by Sydney artist Guan Wei and the Centre’s Dr Les Morgan on the cover.

The 2007-08 Annual Report is the Centre’s sixth since its inception in 2002. All of the reports are available for download from the Centre’s website at [www.rmit.edu.au/globalism/about/annualreport](http://www.rmit.edu.au/globalism/about/annualreport). For a hard copy of the 2007-08 report please email globalism@rmit.edu.
GLOBALISM RESEARCH CENTRE/GLOBAL CITIES INSTITUTE

The World Bank: Owning the Global Safeguard Policy Norm?
Dr Susan Park, University of Sydney

This paper examines the World Bank’s implementation and modification of environmental and social safeguard policy norms. Initially implemented as a series of ad hoc guidelines, environmental and social policies would become entrenched as appropriate ‘safeguards’ for international development lending through the World Bank in the 1980s and 1990s. In the early 2000s, the Bank has responded to competitive international development lending from private and public sources by attempting to bifurcate generic norms of sustainable development from procedural norms of environmental and social safeguards through its Middle Income Strategy thus reorienting what appropriate development assistance is for different types of Bank borrowers (Kratochwil 1989; Wiener 2004). This bifurcation highlights a damaging trend: the World Bank relinquishing procedural policy norms for some World Bank borrowers thus problematising the Bank’s ownership of global safeguard policy norms.

Wednesday 5 November
4.30-5.30 pm
Seminar Room 1, Storey Hall, RMIT Building 16, 336 Swanston Street, Melbourne
For more information: Email todd.bennet@rmit.edu.au

RMIT

Live Projects Symposium:
Models of Community Based Design in University Education

CODE (Community Oriented Design Engagement) is a research unit within RMIT focussed on sustainable design and community engagement.

The unit provides an interdisciplinary teaching and research platform for RMIT design students and staff wishing to engage in sustainable, community based design projects, with “real world” outcomes.

CODE is founded upon a strong conviction that design innovation is inseparable from social engagement.

Speakers at the symposium include Professor Jeremy Till, University of Sheffield, UK; Dr Anna Rubbo University of Sydney; Dr Richard Burnham University of Tasmania; Dr Esther Charlesworth, RMIT University; Grant Revell, University of Western Australia; and Ruth Durack, Urban Design Centre of WA.

Wednesday 15 October
CAE, 253 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
For more information and registration (by Monday 13 October):
Email code@rmit.edu.au
Website: www.code.whitepetal.net

MELBOURNE

How Human are Indigenous People in Human Rights Discourse?

The Castan Centre and Mallesons Stephen Jaques are co-hosting this free public lecture by Professor Marcia Langton AM.

Professor Marcia Langton is currently Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies at the University of Melbourne. Her doctoral fieldwork was conducted in eastern Cape York Peninsula during the 1990s and her experience of the statutory land claim and native title system in this region was informed by a decade of administration and fieldwork pertaining to Aboriginal land rights in the Northern Territory. She was awarded a PhD from Macquarie University in 2005. She is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences of Australia and a member of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). She is also Chair of the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership.

Wednesday 22 October
6:00-7:00 pm
Level 50, Bourke Place, 600 Bourke Street, Melbourne
RSVP (by 15 October):
Email castancentre@law.monash.edu.au

In the media

Audio and transcript available at www.abc.net.au/rn/perspective/stories/2008/2372082.htm

Local-Global


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Professional Development

Introduction to Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) in International Aid and Development

28 and 29 October

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Gender Strategies for Development Initiatives

6 and 7 November

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Living Systems, Epistemology and Human Relations in Dynamic Equilibrium

Yoland Wadsworth, Adjunct Professor in the Centre for Applied Social Research, RMIT University, will outline a transdisciplinary theory of systemic inquiry developed over the course of four decades' work in large-scale complex human services studies.

The theory brings together insights from biology, the 'new physics', soft systems engineering, cybernetics, organisational studies, socio-analytic psychology, developmental evaluation, critical constructivist sociology, religion-spirituality debates, social ecology, poststructuralism and Jungian theory of dynamic systems.

The extended session will enable lively discussion about the implications of the ideas for social research in general and for health and human service practice 'applications' and uses in particular.

Tuesday 28 October
12.30-2.00 pm
Room 51, Level 5, 207-221 Bouverie Street, Carlton

For more information: telephone The McCaughey Centre on (03) 8344 9101

Global Terrorism Research Centre Conference 2008
Radicalisation Crossing Borders: New Directions in Islamist and Jihadist Political, Intellectual and Theological Thought and Practice

The Global Terrorism Research Centre (GTReC, Monash University) is hosting a conference that will address the political, theological and ideological developments of Islamism and other emerging radicalisms.

The conference seeks to generate new understandings of the complexities of jihadist and other extremisms, and the role of violence and terrorism by exploring the theological and ideological foundations of jihadist and other groups' political tactics, as well as the long-term objectives beyond terrorist activities. It is intended to investigate the geographic contours of these groups' political strategies. It is hoped that this conference will ultimately contribute to establishing a new and challenging framework for discussing jihadist and other extremist movements within contemporary political science and international relations, as well as other disciplines and sub-fields within Islamic studies, comparative religious studies, history, sociology and anthropology and related areas.

Therefore, participation from scholars from a broad range of disciplines who are actively researching these topics is welcome.

26 and 27 November 2008
Parliament House, Victoria

For more information: Email Ela.Ogru@arts.monash.edu.au

Human Rights Conference 09: Everyday People, Everyday Rights

The conference is for people working in public policy and service delivery, human rights advocacy and education, the legal profession and business with a commitment to corporate social responsibility.

The conference will provide a forum for discussion, debate and increased understanding of human rights, with a focus on youth and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities.

Hosted by the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission.

Call for abstracts open until 3 November, 2008.
16 and 17 March 2009
The Melbourne Park Function Centre, Batman Avenue, Melbourne

For more information and registration:

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