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1. Sources of Insecurity :: The First International Conference on Sources of Insecurity Hosted by the Globalism Institute

In late 2003 member of the Globalism Institute formed a research network around the Sources of Insecurity. As a part of the ongoing collaborative work of that Network, which had its genesis in the broader research theme of the Globalism Institute of the same name, a national conference is being organized around international keynote speakers, invited papers and intensive seminar discussion. The focus of the conference is closely allied with the concerns of the research network and should prove to be an exciting and fruitful way of bringing together members of the network on a specific theme. The conference runs from 17-19 November 2004 and is being held at Storey Hall, RMIT University, Melbourne.

The main conference is 'by invitation' but it will be launched with an open public forum, [The Empire of Violence](#). All are cordially invited to this forum which will be held at 6.30pm in Storey Hall, RMIT University, 342 Swanston St, Melbourne. Please feel free to download or print out and pass on the poster linked above.

The keynote speakers at this public forum are Mr Hugh White, who will speak on 'Primal Fears and Public Policy: National Security After 9/11', and Professor Ghassan Hage, who will speak on 'The Globalization of Paranoid Belonging: From Citizenship to Conscription'.

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2. Forgetting the Third World: Cultural Memory and the Production of the 'Global South'

A lunchtime forum with Dr Julie Stephen

Date: Tuesday 30 November

Time: 12.30 to 2 pm

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

3. Call for Papers—Two Fires Conference on Arts and Activism—At the Two Fires Festival

Date: March 18-21, 2005

Venue: Braidwood, NSW

The Two Fires Conference will run within the Two Fires Festival, a four-day gathering that celebrates and nurtures the relationship between creativity and activism. It is a new kind of festival that aims to extend the legacy of the great Australian poet, conservationist and reconciliation activist Judith Wright. Judith Wright is probably best remembered as one of the finest poets Australia has produced. She was also a great pioneer and leader in the fields of nature conservation work and in seeking a meaningful 'reconciliation' between non-indigenous and indigenous Australians. In her own writing about places, relationships and the nonhuman world, and through her collaboration with Aboriginal poet/activist Kath Walker (Oodgeroo Noonuccal), Judith demonstrated a deep humanism and a capacity to think empathetically beyond conventional limits. She brought the eye of a poet to an appreciation of the world around her and the commitment of an activist to work for more ethical forms of engagement with people, places and non-human life. She was deeply concerned with questions of belonging and not belonging and was constantly seeking a deeper understanding of the places in which she lived and worked. She challenged Australians to think deeply about all the issues related to land and identity. After Judith died in June 2000, the historian/environmental writer Tim Bonyhady wrote a moving tribute under the title of "The Fine Art of Activism", in which he pointed out that she had struggled personally to reconcile her work as artist and activist. Judith concluded late in life that good activists may have even more to offer the nation than talented artists. Her work, however, demonstrates that this difficult tension can also be a creative one and this festival is aimed at exploring and celebrating the power of that tension.

Keynote speakers: Tim Bonyhady, Veronica Brady, Arnold Zable, Val Plumwood, Tom Griffiths, Peter Hay, Paul James, Anita Heiss, Rodney Hall, Julie Foster-Smith, Stuart Hill,

Refereed Paper Proposals: Conference papers will be delivered in 30-minute sessions including question time. Submit an abstract of no more than 500 words. If your proposal is accepted you will be required to submit a complete paper of no more than 3,500 words by January 15th 2005.

Workshop Proposals: Conference workshops will be 90 minutes. They should involve more than just presentation and discussion. They should involve active teaching, problem posing and setting tasks for participants.

Submit an abstract of 500-1000 words including short narrative resumes of the presenters. The resume of each presenter is not to exceed 250 words.

Proposals are to be received by 5pm Monday, November 15th 2004.

Send proposals to: Peter Phipps peter.phipps@rmit.edu.au or post to: Two Fires Conference, C/ RMIT Globalism Institute, GPO Box 2476V, Melbourne Vic. 3001

4. Fourth Pillar Conference — Councils, Communities, Cultures

Date: Australia, 29 – 30 November 2004

Venue: Melbourne Town Hall, Victoria

Hosted by the Cultural Development Network, the Fourth Pillar Conference is an event for anyone concerned with cultural development at a local level. Responding to the growing recognition of culture as a necessary addition to the triple bottom line planning model the conference will gather national and international perspectives on culture's place in the sustainability of communities.

The program includes presentations from cultural commentator and author, Donald Horne, Jon Hawkes, author of 'The Fourth Pillar of Sustainability: Culture's Essential Role in Public Planning', Jennifer Bott, CEO of the Australia Council and Mandawuy and Yalmay Yunupingu of the Garma Festival, Yirrkala, Northern Territory.

There will also be a diverse range of workshops and panel presentations from academic, government and creative voices. These sessions will provide a forum to share ideas that contribute to community cultural sustainability.

This conference provides an opportunity for community and cultural development workers, artists and cultural policy makers to be inspired, enriched, engaged and energised.

Full details about the event including the latest program, themes and the online registration process are now available on the conference website at:

<http://cdn.cgpublisher.com>.

For further information please contact Becc Galdies at the Globalism Institute on 9925 3732 or rebecca.galdies@rmit.edu.au or Selena Papps at Common Ground Conferences on selena@commongroundconferences.com

Other Events

1. Seminar with John Rumbiak

Leading human rights and peace advocate from West Papua and former Coordinator of ELSHAM, an NGO based in Jayapura.

Come and hear John's proposals for dialogue on West Papua. John has been involved in defending the human rights of West Papuan people and achieving peace there over many years.

Date: Thursday 4 November 2004

Time: 4.30-6.00pm

Venue: Room 11, Level 4, Building 22 RMIT

(The building above the RMIT bookshop on the corner of Swanston and Latrobe Streets)

All welcome.

Enquiries about this seminar, please contact Janet Hunt at RMIT 9225 3799.

Enquiries about John Rumbiak's visit to Melbourne please contact Annie Feith
s3068898@student.rmit.edu.au.

2. Human Rights and the Law in Aceh: A Community Law Discussion Forum

Peace Brigades International (PBI) and the Human Rights Working Group of the Federation of Community Legal Centres welcome **Ms Ratna Hotahai**, a human rights lawyer from the Indonesian Legal Aid Institute (LBH) Banda Aceh, to Melbourne.

LBH Banda Aceh was established on October 28 1995, when Aceh was still designated as an area of military operations (Daerah Operasi Militer, known as DOM). Widespread, grave human rights violations took place in Aceh as a result of these operations. LBH Banda Aceh is a leading human rights organisation in Aceh and provides legal aid and advocacy concerning issues of civil rights.

The organisation aims to eliminate social, political and cultural inequality as key obstacles to political transition; and to empower civil society in struggling for their rights. LBH Banda Aceh works to promote the rule of law, respect for human rights and efforts towards conflict resolution. LBH lawyers carry out legal advocacy throughout Aceh. LBH Banda Aceh have been a client of PBI since October 2001.

Ms Ratna Hotahai will talk about the vital work of LBH Aceh defending human rights in Aceh.

Date: 5th November 2004

Time: 4pm

Venue: Evatt Room, Victoria Trades Hall Council

All welcome

This national speaking tour has been organised by Indonesia Solidarity with the support of PBI Australia, and assistance from the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union (AMWU), Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) and Construction Forest Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU).

3. The 7th Biannual Australia New Zealand Third Sector Research Conference

Date: 24 - 26 November 2004.

Venue: Queensland University of Technology, Gardens Point Campus in Brisbane

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.

4. Dialogues Across Cultures Conference

Date: 11-14 November 2004

Venue: Sheraton Towers, Southgate, Melbourne

On November 11-14 2004 the Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies at Monash University will host a major international symposium "Dialogues Across Cultures" focusing on cultural diversity and difference within a community and their relationship to Indigenous culture and identity. The main objective is to foster and encourage discussion about the relationship between various cultural identities and groups, and their place with the community and nation, with special emphasis on the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous persons, groups and cultures. The symposium will draw together a broad range of prominent local, national and international scholars, cultural practitioners and community figures interested in cultural diversity, Indigenous and human rights, politics, education and development, history and literature, music, art and film.

Speakers include: Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak; Ghassan Hage; Paul Patton; Sneja Gunew; Patrick Wolfe; Dipesh Chakrabarty; Lynette Russell; Jonathan Friedman; Marcia Langton; Sir Tipene O'Regan; Rob Jahnke; Mick Dodson; Arohia Durie; Nikos Papastergiadis; Zane Ma Rhea\

5. Call for Papers — The Politics of Recognition: Identity, Respect and Justice

The Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation calls for papers addressing the conference theme, The Politics of Recognition: Identity, Respect and Justice.

Conference sub-themes will include the following.

- ✚ Theorising recognition in politics
- ✚ Recognition / redistribution debates in critical theory
- ✚ Social justice in the age of 'identity' politics
- ✚ Case studies in the politics of recognition and respect

The conference will have a mix of plenary sessions with invited papers, and open discussions. The conference organisers welcome papers from academics, researchers, activists, community groups and policy makers. A refereed conference proceedings will be published.

Please send proposals for 20 minutes papers, with a 200-word abstract by 31 March 2005 to: r. Michael Leach: citglob@deakin.edu.au

6. Call for papers and proposals - “Gender, Displacement, Memory and Agency”, to be held in Ramallah, West Bank, March 4-6, 2005 (deadline for proposals, December 15, 2004)

This conference will bring together academics, practitioners, community activists, policy makers, and other interested individuals with a wide array of disciplinary and geographic backgrounds.

The conference is sponsored by INSAN Centre of Gender Studies, Al-Quds University, East Jerusalem; Ministry of Women’s Affairs, the Palestinian National Authority; and MCRI “Diaspora, Islam and Gender” international project, York University, Toronto, Canada. Leading academic and non-academic figures will be plenary speakers. Panels will explore the sub-themes and issues related to displacement, memory, silence and agency. The special focus areas will include:

- Diaspora in Theoretical and comparative perspective
- Memory in Diaspora, Remembering, disremembering and healing
- Displacement and human rights
- Social- economic causes of displacement, violence, political unrest and instability, etc.
- Multiculturalism and integration policies in host countries
- The transformative power of memory and silence, agency and survival

We especially invite papers that explore related topics, from areas such as health, law, social work, education, community development, and other professional and paraprofessional fields in keeping with the theme of the conference. Proposals and enquiries are to be sent to:

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