Timor-Leste Gender Report Launch

On 19 July, a report authored by the Globalism Institute’s Anna Trembath and Damian Grenfell will be launched in Dili, Timor-Leste. The report, ‘Mapping the Pursuit of Gender Equality: NGO and Agency Activity in Timor-Leste’, was made possible with a $40,000 grant from Irish Aid and the support of the Office for the Promotion of Equality (OPE), located in Timor-Leste’s Prime Minister’s Office.

The report profiles in detail the organisational activities of some thirty organizations, networks and community groups working on gender-related issues in Timor-Leste. Many groups had little or no information recorded about their respective operations, which meant working in close proximity with organizations over a period of time so as to develop a clear and accurate picture of their activities.

The report includes essays, contact details and an extensive bibliography. It will be released in both Tetun and English, and will be available as a PDF file on www.Timor-Leste.org from Thursday 19 July.

Launch of ‘Timor-Leste Research’ Website

The ‘Timor-Leste Research’ website will be launched in Dili on 19 July to coincide with the launch of the ‘Mapping the Pursuit of Gender Equality’ report. The website is in both Tetun and English and carries information drawn together into four themes—‘gender’, ‘nation-building’, ‘justice and security’ and ‘place’—which reflect the work of the Globalism Institute in Timor-Leste over the past five years. There is comprehensive information on each theme, including documents, current writing and a bibliography.

The website includes a database carrying several hundred documents, reports and photos of relevance to Timor-Leste. Those working in conjunction with the Globalism Institute, students and academics from other universities, organisations, activists and interested members of the public can register for free use of the database, both to upload and download fully searchable material. For further information, please email damian.grenfell@rmit.edu.au.

GLOBALISM INSTITUTE

Innovative Strategies for Health Funding in Cambodia and Laos

In many poor countries today up to three-quarters of the national cost of providing health services are paid for out-of-pocket by patients themselves. The widespread introduction of user charges for public health services – a result of structural adjustment and declining government budgets – has caused the exclusion of many poor people from the health care they need, often including a third of the population. Now, innovative and locally based strategies are emerging in Cambodia and Laos (and other poor countries) to break down these financial barriers.

Dr Peter Annear has spent the last two years researching these issues and advising the Cambodian and Lao governments on procedures to meet the health needs of the poor. He will discuss the conceptual, policy and pragmatic implications of these remarkable new initiatives that restore the health of communities.

Monday 16 July
4.30–6.00 pm
Research Lounge, RMIT Building 28, Level 5 (opposite RMIT Library)
For more information: todd.bennet@rmit.edu.au
GLOBAL CITIES INSTITUTE

Forums 2007

Urban Infrastructure Program: Projects in Shanghai
Malcolm Smith (ARUPS, London)
Thursday 2 August

Research Opportunities in Vietnam
Michael Mann (President, RMIT Vietnam)
Tuesday 21 August
For more information: frank.yardley@rmit.edu.au

RMIT

Urban 45: New Ideas for Australia’s Cities

Urban 45 is a unique and exciting opportunity for policy makers, planners, academics, researchers and all those interested in the future of our cities to participate in a forum focusing on fifteen key policy issues introduced by a panel of national experts. This event will provide practical solutions to our urban issues while generating significant public and political policy debated in the run up to the federal election.

Speakers include Professor Paul James (Director, Global Cities Institute) and Michael Lennon (Disability Housing Trust, Victoria).

Thursday 16 August
Registration 8.30am for 9.30am start to 5.30pm
Village Roadshow Theatrette, State Library of Victoria (Entry 3), La Trobe Street
For more information: urban45@rmit.edu.au

GSSSP Research Symposium

The School of Global Studies, Social Science and Planning Research Symposium is a day-long event for staff and research students to present and learn about current research being undertaken across the school.

All staff are encouraged to present, and particularly those working on externally-funded or school-funded projects. The program will also include confirmation of candidature and work-in-progress presentations from research students. The program will be streamed around the emerging research clusters in the school: Applied Social Science, Environment and Planning, and Global Studies.

Expressions of interest to present should be forwarded to Dean Coldicott by no later than Friday 10th August, 2007. Please include a paper title, short abstract (around 100 words), and indicate if you would like to be grouped into a session with related papers.

Tuesday 21 August
9.30 am–4.00 pm
Storey Hall Seminar Rooms, RMIT Building 16, Level 7
For more information: deancoldicott@rmit.edu.au

In the media

Dr Christopher Scanlon, ‘The PowerPoint of No Return’, The Age (A2 section), 2 June.
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2007 Alfred Deakin Innovation Lectures

Science, Business and the Law: Locking Up Innovation or Sharing and Harvesting It—Which Way to Go?
John Wilbanks (Executive Director of Science Commons, Harvard University), Dr Richard Jefferson (CEO, CAMBIA-BIOS, Canberra), Professor Brian Fitzgerald (Head, Queensland University of Law School), Robyn Williams (Broadcaster and Science Journalist).

Monday 16 July
6.30–8.00pm
Village Roadshow Theatrette, State Library of Victoria (Entry 3), La Trobe Street
Free entry

Big Machines for Big Questions: the Australian Synchrotron and Beyond
Cathy Foley (President Australian Institute of Physics), Rachel Webster (University of Melbourne astrophysicist and Chairman-elect of the National Committee for Astronomy), Rob Lamb (Science Director, Australian Synchrotron)

Friday 20 July
6.30–8.00pm
BMW Edge, Federation Square, Cnr Flinders and Swanston Streets
Free entry
For more information: www.diird.vic.gov.au/deakinlectures

Karasevdah: Srebrenica Blues

Karasevdah is the first film by the young Melbourne director Saidin Salkic. It is a lyrical record of his return to Srebrenica twelve years after the massacre in which his family was caught up and which ultimately led to his arrival in Australia.

The film will be launched by Professor Marcia Langton, Chair of Indigenous Studies, University of Melbourne and Professor Richard Larkins, Vice-Chancellor, Monash University.

Friday 27 July
6.00–8.00 pm
Village Roadshow Theatrette, State Library of Victoria (Entry 3), La Trobe Street
Free entry includes refreshments
RSVP (essential) by 20 July to Silvie (03) 99030679 or grn@med.monash.edu.au.

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Occupying ‘the Other’: Australia and Military Occupations from Japan to Iraq

This symposium aims to bring together journalists, public commentators and scholars from a variety of disciplines who are investigating Australian involvement in foreign military occupations.

Call for papers. 150-200 word abstracts and a 150 word bio by 31 July 2007. Possible topics include Australian political, military and diplomatic aims of occupation; performance/structures of power in occupied territories; daily life and relations between occupier and occupied; gender and occupation; the language of occupation; colonialist/neo-imperialist discourse; media reporting of occupation; literature and art of occupation; reactions to occupation by occupied/occupiers; reclaming of power/agency by occupied; comparative studies of occupation (eg. Japan-Iraq); and theoretical studies of occupation.

29-30 November 2007
The Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies, University of Wollongong
Abstracts: CAPSTRANS, University of Wollongong NSW 2522; email cdm@uow.edu.au
Website: www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=157210

Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia: November 2007 Competition

The Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia was established in May 1993 to support training and research in environmental and resource economics. Its goal is to strengthen local capacity for the economic analysis of environmental problems so that researchers can provide sound advice to policymakers. The program uses a networking approach to provide not only financial support but meetings, resource persons, access to literature, publication outlets, and opportunities for comparative research across its ten member countries. These are Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, China, Papua New Guinea and Sri Lanka.

EEPSEA is inviting researchers from Southeast Asia to submit proposals for the November Competition. Research topics on any environmental concerns are welcome. EEPSEA has recently launched a research program on Economics of Adaptation (visit our website) and is still accepting proposals on this important area of concern. Topics dealing with trans-boundary issues like the haze problem from Indonesia’s forest fires and water conflicts in the Mekong Region are also encouraged. Successful applicants will be invited to present their proposals in Vietnam during the November 12-16 Biannual Meeting.

Proposals should be submitted to hfrancisco@idrc.org.sg on or before 1 August, 2007. The guidelines for research proposal can be downloaded from www.eepsea.org
Pluralism, Inclusion & Citizenship: 3rd Global Conference

This inter- and multi-disciplinary project seeks to explore the new developments and changes of the idea of pluralism and the implications those have for social and political processes of inclusion and citizenship in contemporary societies. The project will also assess the larger context of major world transformations, for example, new forms of migration and the massive movements of people across the globe, as well as the impact and contribution of globalisation on tensions, conflicts and the sense of acceptance, rootedness and membership.

Call for papers. Papers are welcome from all disciplines, professions and vocations which struggle to understand what it means for people, the world over, to be a citizen in rapidly changing national, social and political contexts. 300 word abstracts should be submitted by Friday 10th August 2007.

Friday 16 to Sunday 18th November 2007
Salzburg, Austria
For more information: rf@inter-disciplinary.net
Website: www.inter-disciplinary.net/ati/diversity/pluralism/pl3/cfp.html

Globalising Urban Histories Conference

The aim of this conference is to look at the city as a site through which global networks of exchange and cultural transmission can be explored. Though the city has become a popular focus for research across academic disciplines and chronological periods, these studies often see urban space as an iteration of a larger system (be it nation, empire, or cosmopolitan network). Looking to develop new approaches and analytical tools for the study of world history, this conference seeks to situate the city within wider frameworks of material and cultural dissemination. In so doing we are interested in interrogating conventional views of ‘modern globalisation’ and in developing our understanding of longer-term processes of global transmission. The conference will explore the ways in which ideology and material culture intersect and interact to shape urban spaces and urban lives.

Call for papers. Applicants should submit a 500 word paper proposal and c.v. (in Word, RTF or PDF format) by Tuesday 10 July 2007. We welcome papers that cover a broad chronological and geographical spectrum, within the following broad themes:

Problematising Identity: notions of identity and community within the complex plurality of urban life, with particular attention to gender, race and class.

Rights, Social Obligation and Citizenship: the construction and operation of ideas of selfhood, belonging and municipal citizenship.

Interrogating the Discipline: new theoretical and analytical approaches to world history and urban studies.

Tuesday 4 to Wednesday 5 December 2007
Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities, University of Cambridge
Abstracts: ern20@cam.ac.uk
For more information: ltd22@cam.ac.uk

Political Economy of International Organizations

The conference aims at bringing together economists and political scientists working on the political economy of international organizations, in particular the UN, the IMF, the World Bank, the WTO and the EU. It will deal with questions of the institutional structure of these organizations, their impact on the incentives of the international bureaucracy, and the effects of these incentives on policy outcomes and administrative efficiency. Moreover, incentives of other political actors interacting with these institutions will be considered, in particular individual governments, commercial lobbies and NGOs. Related to this, there will be a discussion on the relationship between the policy of international organizations and the political economy within individual countries. Finally, it will also be considered to what extent the expansion of the field of activities of some organizations or the introduction of new international organizations challenges other already existing ones, which new incentives arise out of this situation and how individual organizations react to this challenge.

After an initial session on general political economy issues relevant for all international organizations alike, particular sessions will be held to discuss each of the organizations individually. In this context, one major aspect will be the assessment of the interaction of these organizations with developing countries, from the representation of their interest within these organizations to the impact of the organizations’ policies on their national political economies.


Sunday 3 to Friday 8 February 2008
Monte Verità, Switzerland
For more information: www.cis.ethz.ch/events/PEIO

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