**Can the World Survive Climate Change? Opportunities and Challenges for Developing Countries. What Can We Do?**

This free public forum will explore the impacts of climate change on the global community, especially in developing countries. It will look at the science, the role of governments, gender impacts, community collaboration and how we might together address the interests and needs of those at greatest risk.

**Speakers**

Dr Graeme Pearman, award-winning scientist and science advisor to Al Gore, and consultant on Gore's documentary feature *An Inconvenient Truth*;

Professor Robyn Eckersley, University of Melbourne, a widely recognised expert in environmental philosophy, politics and policy including global environmental politics; and

Dr Brett Parris, Chief Economist & Team Leader, Economics, Climate & Natural Resources Team, World Vision Australia, whose current work focuses on the interactions between climate change, economic development, food security and energy futures.

The moderator for the forum is Peter Mares, a journalist with the ABC for more than twenty years and presenter of *The National Interest* on ABC Radio National.

The forum marks the launch of One Just World, a national series of after-work public forums on global poverty and development, with forums in capital cities throughout Australia over the next twelve months.

An initiative of International Women’s Development Agency, World Vision Australia and AusAID, the One Just World series aims to inform and provide ways to get more involved in making the changes needed to end global poverty and inequality, and together build a more just and sustainable future.

The Globalism Research Centre will join with the series’ partners for all Melbourne sessions and contribute to the development, background research and promotion of the series as a whole.

**Wednesday 30 July**
6.00–7.30 pm (entry from 5.30 pm)
BMW Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne
RSVP online at onejustworld.com.au or telephone 03 9287 2124.
For a full listing of seminars including locations and dates visit onejustworld.com.au

**GLOBAL CITIES INSTITUTE**

**Community Security and Sustainability in Timor-Leste**

Kampung Baru is a semi-urbanised community on the western outskirts of Dili. Originally built to house Indonesian civil servants, the suburb was occupied post-independence by people from across the new nation, and was the site of significant violence in 2006 and 2007.

This seminar will present research undertaken in Golgota, an aldeia within Kampung Baru, so as to both critically appraise ‘Human Security’ and begin to articulate an argument for ‘Community Security’. To do so, the presentation will also draw analysis from research in three non-urbanised sites in Timor-Leste, and by drawing comparatively from these, it will be argued in the seminar that community security allows for a consideration of security that extends in important ways beyond what either traditional or even human security doctrines have typically allowed for.

In terms of Timor-Leste, the idea of ‘community security’ will also be used to help understand some of the underpinning reasons for the kinds of violence that have been experienced in recent years.

This event will also see the launch of the English version of the ‘Community Security and Sustainability’ report, completed with local research partners Concern Worldwide and Oxfam Australia.

**Tuesday 5 August**
1.30–3.30 pm
Research Lounge, RMIT Building 28, level 5 (opposite RMIT library, entry via Building 8, Swanston Street), City Campus
For more information: email damian.grenfell@rmit.edu.au
Website: www.timor-leste.org
Navigating the Jungle of Concepts and Critiques

The phrase ‘human security’ has become increasingly prominent in both policy documents and scholarly literature since the early 1990s. It has emerged in a number of incarnations: as a concept, a framework, an area of study, and a policy agenda. Institutions such as the UN, and middle powers such as Canada and Japan, have produced an ever-growing list of declarations and reports elaborating and applying the concept. A large and growing body of academic literature has sought to define and delineate, or simply criticize and reject, the concept. What has evolved is not a consensual definition of human security, but rather ‘a jungle of ideas, declarations, reports, analyses, and critiques that is often difficult to transverse.’

In an attempt to navigate this jungle, this seminar presented by Dr Jason Flanagan will present a broad overview of existing definitions and critiques, and discuss some of the requirements of a working definition of human security.

Thursday 17 July
3.30-5.00 pm
Research Lounge, RMIT Building 28, level 5, City campus

SCHOOL OF GLOBAL STUDIES, SOCIAL SCIENCE AND PLANNING

Research Symposium

The School’s Research Symposium presents an opportunity for GSSSP research candidates and staff to come together and discuss their research in progress. This day-long event will include a number of candidature reviews and panels in the areas of Applied Social Science, Environment and Planning, and Global Studies as well as a keynote address.

100 word abstract are requested and you are encouraged to submit grouped panel with a theme. Presentations are generally 15-20 minutes with 10 minutes for questions.

Abstracts will be accepted until Friday 8 August, but please send earlier if possible as the program fills up quickly.

Wednesday 20 August
Storey Hall Seminar Rooms, Level 7

Abstracts: email gsssp.research@rmit.edu.au
Website: www.rmit.edu.au/gsssp/researchday

MELBOURNE

Subverting Law and Liberty? The House of Lords, Control Orders and the UK Human Rights Act

Castan Centre lecture presented by Dr Joo-Cheong Tham, University of Melbourne Law School

In October last year, the House of Lords handed down three decisions dealing with challenges to the UK control orders regime based on the Human Rights Act. In a setback for the UK government, the Lords found that control orders imposing 18-hour daily curfews were not compatible with the right to liberty. Yet these decisions are notable not only for what they prohibit but what they permit: while 18-hour daily curfews were found in breach of human rights standards, the court was prepared to sanction 16-hour daily curfews. Bound up with this loss of liberty was a weak commitment to the rule of law with the Lords’ reasoning breaching the principle of legality and their decisions licensing arbitrary exercises of executive power. These decisions provide a cautionary tale to Australian advocates of Charters of Rights who portray courts as protectors of human rights in the area of national security.

Dr Joo-Cheong Tham has written widely on Australian counter-terrorism laws and has given evidence to parliamentary inquiries into these laws. His current work in this area investigates the impact of bills of rights on counter-terrorism laws.

Tuesday 5 August
6.00-7.30 pm
Monash University Law Chambers, 472 Bourke Street, Melbourne
Free public event. Light refreshments provided
RSVP: email castan.centre@law.monash.edu.au
Website: www.law.monash.edu.au/castancentre/events/2008/tham1-lecture.html

Local-Global


Lisa Slater, fieldwork in Weipa, Aurukun, Darwin and Arnhem Land, Australia, 27 July to 16 August.

Professional Development

IDSS Training Courses

Engaging Communities in Decision Making: Tools and Techniques
22 and 23 July
The course will explore the meaning of community engagement and civil society strengthening in bilateral and multilateral programs and how policy change has increased the importance of developing a partnership between government and community in achieving national and international development goals. The course will provide participants with a better understanding of key concepts such as partnership, participation, civil society strengthening, community based contracting, co-management and empowerment and how they apply to donor country and NGO programs for development assistance.

Gender Strategies for Development Initiatives
21 and 22 August
What are gender equality strategies and how are they developed and implemented? How can we increase the likelihood of women and men benefiting equally from development activities? What lessons have been learned on gender strategies? This participatory course will enhance participants’ skills for developing key elements of a gender strategy for AusAID and multilateral development initiatives.

Development of Practical Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Systems
26 and 27 August
This course aims to explore the different types of monitoring and evaluation approaches currently being utilised by international development practitioners to guide their activities and to demonstrate the short and longer term effectiveness of their work. In addition to grappling with various M&E models this course also investigates the development of practical M&E systems and specific tools that can be utilised within this framework.

For further information and enrolment, please visit the IDSS website on www.idss.com.au
AUSTRALIA

Recovering Lives

This interdisciplinary conference engages with three HRC research concentrations: biography and society; creativity and human rights; and history and re-enactment.

The highly eclectic program places a strong emphasis on visual media and on issues of human rights. The conference considers the ways lives can be recovered through political activism, archival research, textual reconstruction, documentary film, digital media, performance, photography, painting and sculpture.

It will feature documentaries by three prize winning film makers. Confirmed keynote speakers include Professor Kevin Bales, internationally renowned founder of Free the Slaves and Professor Ross Gibson, ground breaking exponent and theorist of digital media.

The conference is convened by Professor Cassandra Pybus, Dr Caroline Turner and Dr Paul Arthur.

6 to 8 August 2008
Old Canberra House, Australian National University & Visions Theatre, National Museum of Australia

Enquiries and expressions of interest:
email Caroline.Turner@anu.edu.au

The 4Rs Conference—Rights, Reconciliation, Respect, Responsibility: Planning for a Socially Inclusive Future for Australia

The 4Rs frame Australia’s future as a cosmopolitan civil society. This conference comes at a critical time for Australia, when the opportunities and desire for change abound, yet older fears still persist.

The 4Rs explore the internal debates and the relationships between crucial social, political and cultural questions, with their relevance to public policy, community development and societal cohesion.

The conference is designed around the four themes and their interaction—human rights, Indigenous advancement, inter-communal relations, and active citizenship.

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30 September to 3 October
University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), City Campus

For more information:
email Convener@The4RsConference.org
Website: www.the4rsconference.org

INTERNATIONAL

21st EAROPH World Planning & Human Settlement Congress and Mayors’ Caucus

‘Succession’ and ‘Sustainability’ of Urban Culture and Human Settlement

Himeji and Awaji Cities in Hyogo Prefecture, Japan will be holding the 21st EAROPH World Congress and Mayors’ Caucus on 21-24 October 2008.

As home to the Himeji Castle—a World Heritage Site—Himeji is committed to development that preserves its invaluable historic and cultural assets. Awaji, on the other hand, is reviving its community and economy from the devastating Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake of 1995.

Hosted by these two cities, this EAROPH world event will feature discussions about city development that sustains tradition and culture, as well as building a safe and secure city incorporating ‘Disaster’ Culture.

The objective of this 21ST EAROPH World Congress and Mayors’ Caucus is to contribute to city development in respective member countries of EAROPH by holding lively discussions on these subjects.

21 to 24 October 2008
Egret Himeji and Awaji Yumebutai International Conference Centre, Japan

For more information:
email secretariat@earoph.info
Website (including registration) www.earoph.info

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