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Globalism Events

1. Lunchtime Seminar: Revisiting September 1999: East Timor and Australian Foreign Policy

Clinton Fernandes

Date: Tuesday September 28

Time: 12.30 and 2 pm (You are encouraged to bring your lunch)

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

The INTERFET deployment in September 1999 marked a crucial moment in the long struggle for East Timorese self-determination. Given that successive Australian governments had supported the Indonesian occupation of East Timor for 24-years, the Australian-led intervention marked a significant shift in government policy. Commenting on the nature of this shift Clinton Fernandes will discuss the September intervention as part of an analysis that also addresses the role of the 'Jakarta Lobby', the construction of Australian national interest, and Australian relations with the Indonesian government. In doing so he will critically evaluate what has often been portrayed as a noble moment in Australia's history of intervention in international sites of conflict.

Clinton Fernandes is a Melbourne-based historian who specialises in Australian foreign policy. He is the author of *Reluctant Saviour* (Scribe, forthcoming), a study of the Australia-Indonesia relationship in the lead-up to the East Timor crisis.

For queries or to RSVP please email damian.grenfell@rmit.edu.au

2. The RMIT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit invite you and your students to attend a free morning lecture with Professor Ian Anderson.

Date: Wednesday 13th October

Time: 9:30 -10:00am Refreshments, 10:00- 11:30am Lecture

Venue: Basement Lecture Theatre, Storey Hall, Swanston St Melbourne.

Professor Ian Anderson will speak on Indigenous Health and strategies for change. It will be particularly interesting for students and staff in the health / social science / community related areas.

Professor Ian Anderson is a Koori and has a professional background in medicine and social sciences. He has written widely on issues related to Aboriginal health, identity and culture. He also has a broad interest in the sociology of health and illness, related policy analysis, and theory development in the social sciences.

Professor Ian Anderson has worked in Aboriginal health for about 17 years. He has held positions as an Aboriginal health worker, health educator, general practitioner and in

health administration. Previously Ian has worked as an administrator for the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service and Medical Adviser to the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health in the Commonwealth Department of Health.

It is with great pleasure the RMIT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit presents Professor Ian Anderson. RMIT Globalism Institute are a supporter of this event.

Please contact Carlie Groves or Stuart McFarlane on 99254885 or carlie.groves@rmit.edu.au stuart.mcfarlane@rmit.edu.au to register your and/ or students attendance.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to those who may be interested. Also print off flyer to promote this event in your area.

3. A Critique of Regional Development Strategies in Victoria Lunchtime forum with Ken Mansell

Date: Tuesday 26 October

Time: 12.30 to 2 pm

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

The Bracks government has followed — even accelerated — the regional development strategies of the Kennett government. These emphasise the development of 'regional growth centres' that can deal directly with overseas markets. Using Daylesford and its relationship with Ballarat as an example, Ken will argue that the strategy is bad news for local jobs, for the natural environment and for sustaining diverse local economies.

Ken Mansell is an historian and independent researcher based in Daylesford. He is currently doing his PhD at Melbourne University on the left in Victoria in the 1960s. He helped to organise a delegation of people from Daylesford to participate in the anti-globalization protest at Crown Casino in Melbourne in September 2000 and his talk will be based on research he has been conducting since then on economic development strategies for rural Victoria.

4. 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 non-

human 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

5. 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

Non-Globalism Events

1. *In The Shadow of the Palms*: Q&A with Filmmaker/War Correspondent Wayne Coles-Janess

Date: Thursday 30 September

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: ACMI Cinemas, Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Federation Square, Flinders St. Melbourne

Entry: \$15 Full or \$13 Concession. Tickets on sale now at ACMI Box Office (Phone: 8663-2583)

The most recent Iraqi war has been the most media-covered conflict in military history. Briefings in Washington, "embedded" reporters, views from Kuwait and Qatar - these all served to keep the public informed, but what really was happening in Baghdad? Four weeks before the war began, independent Australian documentary filmmaker, Wayne Coles-Janess, managed to gain unsupervised access to the city and people of Baghdad.

In the Shadow of the Palms offers a humanitarian observation of how everyday life is for the society and people living under twelve years of sanctions and the Saddam regime. Through the lives of a diverse range of Baghdad residents: a Professor of Arabic poetry, an Olympic Wrestling Coach, an Imam and a Cobbler, we gain an intimate insight into the Iraqi people and their society. In the lead up to the conflict, the bombings and their aftermath, we learn of the changes and tensions occurring in Iraq, through these characters.

Wayne Coles-Janess spent many weeks in Baghdad, filming during an exceptional period in world history. He managed to capture what has been labeled a "unique and exclusive insight" into the people and situation in Iraq, both before, during and after the

war. He overcame suspicious and ever increasing arrests to remain totally unfettered in their filming of life as it unfolded for the Iraqi people.

<http://www.popcorn-taxi.com.au/>

3. COMPASSION * SUSTAINABILITY * IMPACT

Oxfam Action in the 21st Century. The 2004 National Conference organised by Oxfam Community Aid Abroad

Date: 1st—3rd October 2004

Venue: St Scholasticas, 4 Avenue Road, Glebe, Sydney NSW 2037

This unique event brings together over 30 leading speakers, from Sydney to Cape York, from Sri Lanka to East Timor. Join us to discuss contemporary solutions to overcome poverty and injustice on human rights, trade, refugees & social justice issues.

Bookings: Space is limited to 200 delegates with weekend registrations from \$255 — so Register today at

<http://www.oxfam.org.au/news/conference/register.html>

Speakers include:

- * Tammy Williams—young barrister and an indigenous leader from Cape York
- * Andrew Hewett—Executive Director, Oxfam Community Aid Abroad
- * Isabel Guterres—Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner East Timor
- * Howard Glenn, National Director from A Just Australia with Eva Cox & Magsood Alshams
- * Lisa Garrett—International Indigenous Coordinator for Oxfam International Youth Parliament
- * B Gowthaman—Oxfam program co-ordinator from Sri Lanka
- * Pat Ranald—AFTINET Australian Fair Trade Network

as well as a choice of over 30 leading speakers and 20 Workshops

See — <http://www.oxfam.org.au/news/conference>

Register Today: Space is limited to 200 delegates - with registrations starting at \$255 for a weekend (Concessions available)

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4. The Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights at Deakin University and the Australian Iraq Forum with support from the Northern Migrant Resource Centre One Day Symposium: Iraq and the Challenges for Human Rights

Date: 1 October, 2004

Time: 8.30am - 5.00 pm

Venue: ANZ Pavilion, 8th floor, The Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

The Iraqi people have endured more than three decades of large scale violations of human rights that took the form of mass killings, torture, long-term imprisonment and ethnic cleansing. Following the collapse of the former regime, the scale of the atrocities

became more evident by the uncovering of hundreds of mass grave sites throughout Iraq.

The Symposium, organized by the Australian Iraqi Forum (AIF) and the Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights at Deakin University and cosponsored by Northern MRC, seeks to expose the atrocities committed against the Iraqi people by the former regime and human rights issues facing Iraq today. The Conference will explore the mechanisms needed to guarantee human rights in the building of the new Iraq. It also seeks, through a panel discussion, to explore the situation of Iraqi refugees in Australia, including the current legal issues facing many refugees. Prominent speakers from Iraq, UK and Australia will present detailed analyses of various human rights issues, including a historical perspective, constitutional human rights guarantees in the building of the new Iraq, women's empowerment and the treatment of refugees.

Keynote speakers:

Dr Hussain Al-Shahristani, President of the Iraqi Academy of Sciences

Dr Al-Shahristani was kept in solitary confinement for eleven years for refusing to join Saddam Hussein's nuclear weapons program, and currently runs the Iraqi Refugee Aid Council and the Iraqi Academy of Sciences.

Dr Sahib Alhakim, President of the London based Organisation of Human Rights in Iraq. Dr Al-Hakim is the recipient of the Ambassador of Peace award for his humanitarian activities to assist the recovery in Iraq after many years of exile.

Guest speakers:

A number of guest speakers will present papers on various aspects of human rights issues in Iraq.

Cost: \$60 (lunch provided)

ALL PARTICIPANTS NEED TO REGISTER by the 1st September

Enquiries: phone: 03 5227 2113, 03 9244 6274 or email aok@deakin.edu.au

5. 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.

6. transnational spaces | bauhaus kolleg VI
Date: October, 18 2004

We would like to call your attention to our new website <http://www.bauhaus-dessau.com/transnational-spaces> which is now launched. There you find additional information on our new Bauhaus Kolleg program "Transnational spaces".

Starting October, 18 2004 the Bauhaus Kolleg will focus on the development of transnational public realms in urban metropolitan areas. In times of economic globalization, multi-media based communication and transnational migration urbanity transcends national boundaries and global spaces that lack national characteristics materialize. Politics and society increasingly lose their grip on these spaces and we cannot understand them by resorting to existing planning and design strategies. What are the consequences for cities and architecture if a location is becoming ambiguous? By looking at select transnational locations, such as call centers in Calcutta/India, hostels for refugees in Berlin, transnational markets in Istanbul, a drilling rig in the North Sea and Frankfurt's airport the program investigates the new spatial orders that have emerged within these locations.

We look forward to your application. <http://www.bauhaus-dessau.de/kolleg-application/>