**New ARC for GRC**

Professor Manfred Steger and Professor Heikki Patomaki of the Globalism Research Centre have been recently been awarded an ARC Discovery Grant for their project ‘Mapping Justice Globalism: Reassessing the Ideological Landscape of the Twenty-First Century’.

‘Mapping Justice Globalism’ investigates and assesses the ideological status of ‘justice globalism’—the political ideas and public policy vision associated with the global justice movement. Scrutinizing key documents of justice globalism generated by 150 civil society organizations associated with the World Social Forum, the project assesses problem-solving approaches and policy platforms of these groups through qualitative textual analysis and in-depth interviews.

The project offers alternative strategies to anticipate and address problems of globalization, such as climate change, financial volatility, migratory pressures and cultural conflict.

Key findings will be made available to Australia’s policy-making sector in targeted and accessible formats. The outcome of this research will be a detailed conceptual mapping and policy analysis of justice globalism that furthers our understanding of the ideas, values, and policy proposals behind one of the major global political forces shaping the twenty-first century.

The project will enhance Australia’s capacity to interpret and engage with the forces of globalization shaping our region and the world.

**Events**

**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. In the early 2000s, the Bank has responded to competitive international development lending by attempting to bifurcate generic norms of sustainable development from procedural norms of environmental and social safeguards through its Middle Income Strategy in which middle-income borrowers are able to use their own national policies when implementing Bank-funded projects. This bifurcation highlights a damaging trend: the World Bank relinquishing procedural policy norms for some World Bank borrowers thus problematising the Banks ownership of global safeguard policy norms.

Susan Park is a Lecturer in International Relations in the School of Political and Social Sciences at the University of Sydney. She is currently completing a book exploring the diffusion of environmental norms within the World Bank Group, and an edited book with Dr. Antje Vetterlein on how the World Bank and the IMF take up economic ideas.

Wednesday 26 November

4.30–6.00 pm

Research Lounge, RMIT Building 28 (opposite RMIT Library, entry via Building 8, Swanston Street)

For more information: Email todd.bennet@rmit.edu.au
RMIT

Rudd Revolution? Policy Conference on the Labor Government after One Year

The Rudd Labor Government has promised major changes in public policy which some believe heralds a ‘Rudd Revolution’. This one day conference hosted by RMIT University will bring public figures, leading scholars, policymakers and community representatives together to critically assess the Government after one year.

Keynote speakers:
Sharan Burrow, President ACTU
Professor Mark Considine, Dean of Arts, University of Melbourne
Kenneth Davidson, senior business columnist with The Age
Hon Andrew Robb, Federal Member for Goldstein
Professor Rob Watts, Professor of Social Policy

Friday 28 November
9.00 am to 5.00 pm
Storey Hall, RMIT University Building 16, 336-342 Swanston St, Melbourne

For more information and registration: www.rmit.edu.au/cas/ruddrevolution

Urban-wide Open Space Network Phenomenon within Melbourne’s Planning Framework

The seminar aims at exploring Melbourne’s open space network at metropolitan, urban and district scales through some planning documents. It also provides a comparative analysis between Melbourne and Izmir (Turkey) coastal metropolitan cities in terms of establishing and/or enhancing a cohesive and sound network that could support the sustainable urban development.

Dr. Adnan Kaplan is a visiting academic in Environment and Planning Program, School of Global Studies, Social Science and Planning at RMIT, and he is currently a faculty member with the Department of Landscape Architecture at Ege (Aegean) University, Izmir, Turkey. His research interests involve planning and design issues on urban open space network, coastal landscapes - including wetlands and historic settlements within coastal environments - and visual impact assessment.

Tuesday 18 November
2.00 pm 3.00 pm
RMIT Building 8, Level 7, Room 6

MELBOURNE

Getting Around Melbourne: Transport Visions for a Sustainable Future

How will we manage new technology, transport infrastructure, planning, congestion, location disadvantage, development of transport corridors, and the social & environmental impact of future transport decisions?

Presented by Future Leaders in partnership with Melbourne Conversations.

Wednesday 19 November
6.00 pm to 7.30 pm: entry from 5.30pm
BMW Edge, Federation Square, Cnr. Flinders & Swanston Streets, Melbourne

The Australian World Music Expo

Bringing together musicians, industry representatives and festival audiences from across Australia and around the globe for three days of the finest Indigenous, roots and world music from the Australasian region.

Concerts are scheduled for the evenings of 20, 21 and 22 November at The Spiegeltent and Transit Bar. Sunday 23 November will see the magnificent South Seas Concert at the Arts Centre, Hamer Hall.

The Arts Centre and APRA will host a series of daytime forums on Friday 21st and Saturday 22 November, with topics that range from Festival and Touring Guides for Europe to Indigenous Australian Music Today, Copyright and Culture, Songwriters Speak, and Marketing and Touring Your Product in North America.

For full line-up of artist visit www.awme.com.au
Building a Common Future: Africa and Australasia

Since 1978, the annual African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) conference has been bringing together Africa-focused scholars, students, government and diplomatic staff, business, industry and individuals to discuss Africa and the issues, challenges and opportunities which the continent faces.

The aim of AFSAAP conference is to identify and discuss ways in which Africa and Australasia can work together towards shared solutions and a shared future. In addition to the main conference proceedings, the three-day program also includes a Postgraduate Workshop, Business Forum and Community Forum. Mr Mac Maharaj, South African politician, member of the African National Congress and anti-apartheid activist, will be guest speaker at the conference dinner.

26-28 November 2008
State Library of Victoria, Melbourne

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

Global Food Crisis: How are International Agencies Responding?

The food riots earlier in the year brought international attention to the pressures faced in many developing countries to secure affordable food. According to the UN this global food crisis endangers millions of the world’s most vulnerable, and threatens to reverse critical gains made towards reducing poverty and hunger. The global food crisis is creating a host of humanitarian, human rights, socio-economic, environmental, developmental, political and security-related challenges.

The global food crisis is complex with numerous contributing factors. The response must therefore reflect this confluence of factors.

This conference is an opportunity for both government agencies, non-governmental organisations and researchers to reflect on their response to the food crisis and highlight their best practice.

Wednesday 10 December
9.00am to 6.00pm
Angliss Conference Centre, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne
$100 full registration $50 concession.

Information & Registration:
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Human Security in an Era of Global Change

The GECHS Synthesis Conference represents an opportunity to synthesize the results of ten years of research on the theme of human security and to gather researchers, policy makers and stakeholders from different fields to discuss the interactions between multiple processes of change and what they mean for human security.

In terms of global environmental change, perspectives from the social sciences and the humanities are increasingly seen as critical to understanding the causes and consequences of biophysical changes. One important component of the conference would be to reflect on how understandings of human security are being transformed in the face of global environmental change. The findings from these developments in research will be linked to policies and practitioner activities.

Call for papers by 15 January 2009

Diversity and Inequality in World Politics

The joint ISA/ABRI conference is the first of its kind in South America and its main objective is to stimulate academic exchange between Latin-American scholars and the international studies community worldwide. Besides encouraging a strong regional presence, the meeting is also an opportunity for the participation of scholars from the Caribbean and Africa.

A growing number of scholars, academic institutions and associations have emerged in the last two decades, initiating a process of progressive, albeit uneven, inclusion of contributions from all parts of the world to the ongoing debates in the discipline. This process is reflected in the impressive internationalization of ISA’s annual conventions, in the creation of the World International Studies Committee (WISC) and in the organization of a great number of international and regional conferences – all of which have contributed to a lively exchange between international scholars worldwide.

Another central theme of this meeting is to elaborate how developments in world politics after 2001 have fostered processes that have fragmented the international system into competing world views and produced destabilizing severe power asymmetries. For instance, a growing number of scholars and practitioners have approached the challenges of world order and justice by restating the necessity of addressing inequalities in North-South relations and defending alternative South-South alliances that seek to balance a single superpower.

Organized by the International Studies Association and the Brazilian International Relations Association.

Call for papers by 30 November 2008

June 22-24, 2009
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20 - 24 July 2009
Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro’s campus (PUC-Rio), Brazil
For more information: e-mail: Rio2009@abri.org.br

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