Mining and Sustainability in the Philippines
RMIT Storey Hall, 27 July

The evening opened with a presentation by Shanta Martin, Mining Ombudsman for Oxfam Australia. Shanta spoke about the impact of mining in the Philippines, especially on Marinduque Island and the Mogpog River. Following this JP Alipio, an indigenous Filipino, spoke of his experiences working with different campaigns opposing mining in the Philippines. Stressing the mega-diversity of the Philippines, he spoke not only of the environmental impact of different mine operations but also the social divisions that such activity can cause. The event was well attended and was followed by an engaging question session.

GLOBALISM INSTITUTE Handbury Fellowship Community Presentation

This community presentation will showcase two successful Fellowship projects: the Southern Aurora Solar Car Group Project and the Hamilton Rare Plant Seed Production Project.

The Southern Aurora Solar Car Group Project enabled young people to participate in the 2005 World Solar Challenge. It has also assisted in engaging more young people in the practical application of solar power and related sustainable energy technology.

The Hamilton Rare Plant Seed Production Project established a dedicated seed production area, located on a 0.5 hectare piece at RMIT Hamilton, which has provided a reliable source of understorey and ground flora species to increase the availability of high quality indigenous seed in the Southern Grampians area.

Monday 14 August, 7.00 pm
RMIT Hamilton, 200 Ballarat Road, Hamilton
For more information: email victoria.finch@rmit.edu.au
Website: globalism.rmit.edu.au/news/local_global_forums

World Conference on Vietnamese Culture and Thinking

This inaugural world conference is open to everyone interested in Vietnamese culture and thinking. It brings together prominent scholars, researchers and writers from across the globe, as well as students, LOTE teachers and the media, who will present and share their knowledge and research in conference papers, workshops and panel discussions.

Friday 6 to Sunday 8 October
6.00 - 10.00 pm (6 October) and 9.00 am - 4.00 pm (7 and 8 October)
VNCH Centre Sunshine North (6 October) and RMIT Storey Hall (7 and 8 October)
For more information, including registration and fees: www.vnvic.org

Calendar of events 2006
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In the media
Damian Grenfell on East Timor, for various national and international media agencies, including Voice of America, Interpress and The Bulletin.

Kim Humphery quoted in ‘Event-full Melbourne goes shopping for more shoppers,’ The Age, 20 July.

Yaso Nadarajah, Handbury Fellowships and community engaged research, on radio 3HA and 3WB, 29 June.

Yaso Nadarajah and Martin Mulligan, Dryland farming techniques developed in India, in The Weekly Times, 2 August.


Local/Global

Damian Grenfell, ‘The Crisis in Timor’, APHEDA-Union Aid Abroad, 10 July.


Professor Manfred B. Steger: Visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Globalization Research Center, Honolulu, June-July.
GLOBAL STUDIES

Human Security Conference

RMIT’s Global Studies will host this one day conference on 1 September, bringing together academics, researchers and development professionals to explore the scope of human security and its utility in approaching new and emerging challenges to governance.

Keynote speakers include Professor Ralph Levering, Davidson University, North Carolina, Associate Professor David G. Coleman, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, and Dr. Teresa Chataway, University of Queensland.

Friday 1 September
8.30 am - 4.30 pm
RMIT Storey Hall Auditorium, 336 Swanston Street, Melbourne

Click here for registration form

For more information:
Dr Paul Battersby +(61 3) 9925 2308 or email paul.battersby@rmit.edu.au

International Development Forum and Movie Night

A number of RMIT’s International Development students have formed a small non-government organisation to establish and support a special education needs teacher training institute (SENTTI) in Cameroon. They are fund raising for the project with a special preview screening of Scared Sacred by award winning director Velcrow Ripper. All proceeds will go to a SENTTI.

Thursday 10 August, 6:00 pm
Cinema Nova, 308 Lygon Street, Carlton
Tickets $20
To register and book: email register@newhopeint.org or visit www.newhopeint.org
SENTTI website: www.sentti.org

RMIT

The Retreat from the Critical: Research in the Corporatised University

This presentation by Professor Margaret Thornton will consider knowledge creation in the present climate, in which there is little space for feminist, critical race, and social justice scholarship which necessarily challenges orthodoxy.

Friday 11 August, 1.00 - 3.00 pm
Casey Plaza, RMIT University
Free entry
For more information: email lauren.hall@rmit.edu.au

Making Aid Work for Education: NGO and University Collaborations for Aid Effectiveness – A Progress Report from Japan

Since the mid-1990s, under pressure from the global Education for All campaign, the Japanese Government has decided to promote official educational co-operation, and universities have been asked to play a new role as service providers for this co-operation. One consequent development is the joint exploration by some enterprising universities and experienced NGOs to seek collaboration possibilities in this growing field.

Professor Masafumi Nagao, from Hiroshima University’s Centre for the Study of International Co-operation in Education, will present a report on this development.

Presented by World Vision Australia in conjunction with the Australian Evaluation Society and RMIT University.

Monday 11 September, 5.30 - 7.00 pm
RMIT Research Lounge, Building 8, Level 5
Free entry
For more information: Andrew Newmarch (World Vision) +(61 3) 9287 2392, Dr John Owen (Australasian Evaluation Society) +(61 3) 8344 8371 or Dr Matthew Clarke (RMIT) +(61 3) 9925 2960

Professional development

RMIT’s Open Program

A series of free workshops are now available to all teaching (including sessional) staff at RMIT through the Open Program. This year, a stream specifically designed for teachers and academics has been organised by the Learning and Teaching Development (LTD) Group.

As well as the workshop series, LTD is offering a Professional Certificate in tertiary teaching and learning. The certificate will articulate into and is equivalent to half the Graduate Certificate (TTL) Program offered by the RMIT School of Education.

For further details on all the programs on offer go to www.rmit.edu.au/higheredpd

IDSS Professional Development Program

‘Facilitation Skills and Participatory Approaches for Working in Development Projects”
Facilitators: Chris and Barbara Chevalier
Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 September
Time: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (both days)

‘Education and Development in the Asia-Pacific Region”
Facilitator: Dr Christine Fox
Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 September
Time: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (both days)

IDSS, 60 Albert Road, South Melbourne

Full fee - $600; 2nd and subsequent course in 2006 - $540 (Early Bird $405); Staff from ACFID member organisation - $510 (Early Bird - $380); Student - $450 (Early Bird - $335); Student with assignment - $550 (Early Bird - $410).

For more information: Atiq Rahman
(03) 9697 8184 or email atiqr@idss.com.au
Website: www.idss.com.au

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Main speakers and parallel sessions are regularly updated, which you can mine for news.

Common Ground now have Newsletter co-ordinators blogging on each of its journal sites (and each conference has a journal attached). Take the journal->weblog links at commongroundgroup.com/publishing.html
Vietnam: We Now Know – How Australia Went to War in Vietnam

Garry Woodard's 2004 book *Asian Alternatives: Australia's Vietnam Decision and Lessons on Going to War* has recently been reissued by Melbourne University Press. In a recent appendix, Woodard looks at lessons we can learn from Vietnam, setting out fifty features of decision-making in going to war in Vietnam which seem consistent with recent history in regard to Iraq.

Woodard, Senior Fellow in Political Science at the University of Melbourne, will discuss his findings with Associate Professor Joseph Siracusa, who teaches International Relations and Security and Diplomacy at RMIT University.

Asialink is pleased to present this unique opportunity to hear two foremost experts in international politics discuss the decision to go to war in Vietnam and draw comparisons with Iraq, and consider lessons for the future.

Thursday 10 August, 6.00 - 7.00 pm
Yasuko Hiraoka Myer Room, Sidney Myer Asia Centre, University of Melbourne
Free entry
RSVP: email events@asialink.unimelb.edu.au

Community in the Middle? The Challenges and Opportunities of Working with Joined-Up Government

The aims of this seminar are to: explore what ‘joined-up’ means and the benefits and challenges in this approach; identify the mechanisms in the western region for joined-up approaches; showcase practical examples of joined-up government; and identify strategies that will enable the Partnership of Networks to work with joined-up government.

Friday 11 August, 2.00 - 4.00 pm
Director's Room, level 2, Whitten Oval, 417 Barkly Street, West Footscray
RSVP: email icepa@vu.edu.au or telephone +(61 3) 9919 4455
Website: www.vu.edu.au/research/icepa/events

Aid, Trade and Debt: Who's Really Calling the Shots?

The forum will provide an update of recent developments in the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the World Bank and the G20.

Speakers Karen Iles and Damien Lawson (AID/WATCH), Ted Murphy (NTEU) and Gareth Commins (Stop G20).

Monday 14 August
Evatt Room, Trades Hall, 54 Victoria Street, Carlton South
For more information: email debt@aidwatch.org.au
Website: www.aidwatch.org.au

The Future of China: Economic Growth and Political Constraints

This seminar is an opportunity to hear from one of the world's foremost economists and thought leaders, Professor Victor Bulmer-Thomas OBE, on the future of China. Professor Bulmer-Thomas has been Director of Chatham House, home of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, since 2001 and Emeritus Professor of Economics at the University of London since 1998.

Presented by Asialink in conjunction with the Monash Asia Institute and the Royal Australian Institute of International Affairs.

Thursday 17 August, 6.30 - 7.30 pm
Carillo Gantner Theatre, Sidney Myer Asia Centre, University of Melbourne
For more information: email sahar.sana@education.monash.edu.au

New Directions in Australian Public Policy

This symposium will review, assess and discuss potential implementation of policies proposed in Hugh Stretton's book *Australia Fair*, as well as provide an opportunity for discussion about Hugh Stretton and his ideas more broadly.

Speakers include Hugh Stretton, Professors Belinda Probert, Tony Dalton and Mark Considine, as well as Dr Jenny Lewis and the Honourable Ralph Willis.

Presented by the Centre for Public Policy.

Monday 21 August, 8.30 am - 5.00 pm
St Hilda's College, College Crescent, Parkville
Registration $88 (including GST, morning tea and afternoon tea)
For more information/registration: www.public-policy.unimelb.edu.au/events/australia_fair
Place, Power and Privilege: The Challenge for Local Government; Lessons from Cronulla

This one day seminar aims at exploring the politics of public space especially in the way inter-ethnic and inter-racial relations are expressed and managed. The Cronulla incident is an example of the challenges that local government can be faced with. The seminar will examine this topical issue with the aim of seeking practical, equitable and innovative approaches to challenging power relations, negotiating competing needs and reaching authentic, empowering outcomes for our communities. This seminar is relevant not only to workers in the local government sector but also to workers in NGOs, State and Federal governments who intersect with local government and impact on the work done at the grassroots level.

Speakers include Ghassan Hage, Lynette Burns, Clr Kevin Schreiber, Dr Alperhan Babacan and Joumana Elmatrah.

Wednesday 23 August, 8.00am - 5pm
Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, Cnr St Georges Rd and Bell St, Preston
Registration $110 (including GST). Note: Places are limited to 120
Registration forms: www.darebin.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=3294&h=0
For more information: email dsmiley@darebin.vic.gov.au

‘Retreat to Dili’ Marathon Fundraising Event for Timor-Leste

Retreat to Dili came about when a group of young Melbournians combined forces in an attempt to make a personal contribution to the aid effort in Timor-Leste. This fundraiser will feature some of Melbourne’s best local acts, spanning acoustic folk-rock, blues & roots and country. Performers include The Detonators, Carus, Sime Nugent, Andrew McCubbin & the Hope Addicts, Yanto Shortis, Simon Phillips Duo and Sasha Earle. The line-up promises eight hours of music and hopes to raise thousands of dollars for the victims of recent outbreaks of violence in Timor-Leste. All proceeds from the event will go towards Oxfam Australia’s relief programme, which currently supports 17 camps of approximately 55,000 people.

Sunday 27 August, 4.00 pm - midnight
The Retreat Hotel, 280 Sydney Road, Brunswick
$15 entry
For more information or interviews: Sasha 0407 783217 or Ben 0438 539521

The organisers encourage those not able to attend the event to donate to Oxfam’s Timor Leste Emergency Appeal online at www.oxfam.org.au/donate

Terrorism and Religion

How are we to understand religiously-motivated acts of violence? This lecture by Professor Susan Mendes, Professor of Philosophy at the University of York, questions the tendency by political philosophers to interpret such acts as the 9/11 attacks as either politically motivated or as evidence of ‘mindless’ irrationality.

Presented by the Australian Catholic University, as part of the 2006 Simon Weil lectures on Human Value

Tuesday 29 August, 6.30 pm
The Christ Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, St Patrick’s Campus, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy
Free entry
For more information: email jasmine.chen@acu.edu.au

Union Aid Abroad - APHEDA East Timor Movie Fundraiser

Support Union Aid Abroad - APHEDA East Timor to continue its programs to assist in strengthening vocational skills for the unemployed in Dili, developing the union movement and promoting community radio as a tool that can be a catalyst in peace-building and reconciliation, by attending this fundraiser screening of Scared Sacred by award winning director Velcrow Ripper. Ripper takes a unique pilgrimage visiting the Ground Zeros of the planet, asking if it’s possible to find hope in the darkest moments of human history. In the shattered land of Afghanistan, he searches for a Sufi musician – banned from performing or even listening to music but who discovered a way out: he filled his house with songbirds. In each Ground Zero, Ripper unearths unforgettable stories of survival, of ritual, resilience and recovery.

Thursday 7 September, 6.30 pm
Cinema Nova, 308 Lygon Street, Carlton
Tickets $20/15 (concession)
Bookings (essential): email cchew@vthc.org.au or telephone +(61 3) 9659 3592
INTERNATIONAL

International Conference on the Arts in Society

The theme of this year’s conference is ‘Arts of Engagement’ and its purpose is to create an intellectual frame of reference for the arts and arts practices, and to create an interdisciplinary conversation on the role of the arts in society. It is intended as a place for critical engagement, examination, and experimentation of ideas that connect the arts to their contexts in the world, on stage, in museums and galleries, on the streets, and in communities.

This is a conference for any person with an interest in, and a concern for, arts practice, arts theory and research, curatorial and museum studies, and arts education in any of its forms and sites. Speakers and performers will include leading contributors in all areas of the arts - artists, curators, writers, theorists and policymakers.

The conference will run in conjunction with the various arts festivals held in Edinburgh, including the Edinburgh International Festival, the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the Edinburgh Art Festival, and the Edinburgh International Film Festival.

Tuesday 15 to Friday 18 August
University of Edinburgh, Scotland
Registration, program & general enquiries: email info-A06@commongroundconferences.com
Website: http://a06.cgpublisher.com

Peace in Our Time? Peace and Conflict Resolution in a Globalised World


First call for papers. The Global Studies Association welcomes abstracts related to the conference theme or on other themes within the field of global studies as appropriate.

4 - 6 September
Roehampton University, London, UK
Abstracts to gsa@bham.ac.uk
For more information: email D.O’Byrne@roehampton.ac.uk

The Fourth International Conference on the Book

This conference will address the provocative suggestion that, rather than being eclipsed by the new media, the book will thrive as a cultural and commercial artefact and, in fact, may well prove critical to the success of the new media.

This is a conference for any participant in the world of books – authors, publishers, printers, librarians, IT specialists, book retailers, editors, literacy educators and academic researchers. It will address a range of critically important themes relating to the book and its surrounds, including the past, present and future of publishing, libraries, information, literacy and learning in the information society. Main speakers will include some of the world’s leading thinkers and innovators in the areas of publishing, editing, librarianship, printing, authoring and information technologies, as well as numerous paper, colloquium and workshop presentations by researchers and practitioners.

Friday 20 to Sunday 22 October
Emerson College, Boston, USA
For more information: email info-B06@commongroundconferences.com
Website: http://b06.cgpublisher.com

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