In the media
Dr Christopher Scanlon, ‘9/11 theories as factless of those of Bush’, The Age, 10 September.

Local-Global
Dr Martin Mulligan, ‘Sustaining social diversity in local communities in the face of gentrification’, guest speaker, Carlton Residents Association, 28 August.

Dr Martin Mulligan, ‘Evaluating community art’, post-graduate seminar, Victorian College of the Arts, 28 August.


Manfred B. Steger, ‘Social Imaginaries and Political Ideologies in the Global Age’, invited Hibbert R. Roberts Lecture in Public Policy, Illinois State University, USA, 4 September.


Manfred B. Steger, ‘Ideology and Technology’, Patel Center of Global Leadership, University of South Florida, Tampa, USA, 10 September.

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

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Events

GLOBAL CITIES INSTITUTE

Learning Cities Program
Lunchtime Seminar
The seminar is open to all RMIT staff and Postgraduates interested in collaborating in the development of research projects that used learning-based approaches to achieving social, economic, environmental, cultural, political, spiritual dimensions of sustainability.

Dr Leone Wheeler will be leading a discussion of the scope of research on sustainable learning communities.

Tuesday 18 September
12.30–1.30 pm
Meeting Room, RMIT Building 37, Level 5
RSVP: michelle.farley@rmit.edu.au

Asian Cities Symposium 2007
The Asian Cities Symposium 2007 brings together researchers from across RMIT University whose research looks at the trajectories, intersections and flows of globalisation on various Asian cities.

The symposium will provide researchers with a platform to explore possible research collaborations and alliances. The symposium will also help to promote the profile of the researchers and their projects while developing a varied knowledge base and communication network.

The keynote address will be delivered by Professor Manfred Steger, Program Leader of Culture and Globalisation in the Global Cities Institute.

Hosted by RMIT’S School of Applied Communication and the Global Cities Institute.

Expressions of Interests
The Asian Cities Symposium is calling for expressions of interests for the presentation of research projects in development or those that you want to workshop. Please submit a 250-word summary as well as details on potential funding sources, potential collaborators and outcomes to Terry Johal at terry.johal@rmit.edu.au.

Thursday 27 September
9.30 am–1.00 pm
RMIT Storey Hall, Seminar Rooms, Level 7, 336-342 Swanston Street, Melbourne
For more information: terry.johal@rmit.edu.au
Website: www.rmit.edu.au/appliedcommunication/asiancities
Singapore Symposium 2007

The Singapore Symposium 2007 looks to showcase the work potential contributors of *Sex and the City: Remembering and Forgetting Representations of Singapore*, an edited book currently in development with Monash Asia Institute Press. The book will examine a range of spaces—the rapidly changing and often disappearing spaces of the built urban environment, media—and cyber-spaces, living spaces, political spaces and the space of the nation—and a range of sexual identities and practices, spanning gay, lesbian and other sexual minority communities, differing heterosexualities and the imbrications of gender and sexuality.

The keynote address will be delivered by Terrell Carver, Professor of Political Theory at the University of Bristol, UK. His major interest is philosophy and methodology of the social sciences. He has published extensively on these themes in connection with Marx, Engels and Marxism, and more recently sex, gender and sexualities.

Hosted by RMIT’s School of Applied Communication and the Global Cities Institute.

Expressions of Interests.
The Singapore Symposium is calling for papers and contributors to the symposium and book. Please submit to Terry Johal at terry.johal@rmit.edu.au.

Thursday 27 September
2.30 pm–5.00 pm
Venue: RMIT Storey Hall, seminar rooms, Level 7, 336-342 Swanston Street, Melbourne
For more information: terry.johal@rmit.edu.au
Website: www.rmit.edu.au/appliedcommunication/asiancities

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Housing Research and Policy Processes: Perceptions of Researchers and Housing Professionals

Peer reviewed publications and consultancy research on housing policy in South Africa appear promising. However, the relevance of these publications on the actual policy process tends to be unclear. This presentation reflects on the perceptions of twenty-five prominent housing researchers in South Africa on the impacts of their research on the policy process. Firstly, questions concerning the practical significance of housing research with regard to policy practice are considered. Thereafter, recommendations for research to be used more effectively in policy processes are discussed and some research gaps are identified.

Anita Venter is a PhD candidate and researcher at the Centre for Developments Support at the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Thursday 13 September
3.00–4.00 pm
RMIT Building 15, Level 3, Room 3
For more information: val.colic-peisker@rmit.edu.au

GSSSP Spring Research Carnival

Using Australian Bureau of Statistics Data in Social Research

The work of many researchers in the social sciences can be enhanced by using the datasets collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and other agencies. This session will provide a practical insight into the treasure trove of information available free to staff and students, and introduce some recent projects that made use of it.

Wednesday 19 September
3.00–4.30 pm
Research Lounge, RMIT Building 28, Level 5 (opposite Library)

Online Tools for Building Research Networks

Four presenters who use very different online networking tools will provide an interactive demonstration and discuss the pros and cons of these different ways of building and maintaining communication in research teams.

Friday 5 October
3.00–4.30 pm
Research Lounge, RMIT Building 28, Level 5 (opposite Library)

Professional development

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Website: www.rmit.edu.au/pc/openprogram

International Development Support Services (IDSS)

‘Introduction to Monitoring & Evaluation in International Aid and Development’
11-12 September, Melbourne

‘Facilitation Skills and Participatory Approaches for Working in Development Projects’
13-14 September, Sydney

‘Planning for Change: Education in the Asia-Pacific Region’
22-23 October, Melbourne

For more information: www.idss.com.au

Squeezed

Filmed in Thailand and The Philippines in July 2007, Squeezed tells the story of how free trade agreements and globalisation are changing the lives of millions of people living in the Asia-Pacific region.

Featuring interviews with farmers, workers and slum-dwellers, the film travels across the landscapes of Asia, from the lush rice paddies of Thailand to squatter settlements perched on a rubbish dump in urban Manila.

A short film of contrasts and contradictions, Squeezed is an emotional document of the impact of globalisation on people in the Asia-Pacific, and their responses to it.

Approx. 35 minutes
Copies are available for $10 including postage from www.squeezedthefilm.com.
The Centre for Dialogue is pleased to announce its 2007 annual lecture by Patrick Dodson.

Frequently heralded as the ‘Father of the Reconciliation Movement’, Patrick Dodson is widely recognised for his involvement in the preservation and advancement of indigenous rights and culture throughout Australia. He has served as the Chairman of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (1991-1997), and often works as a consultant for industry, government and community groups on Indigenous affairs.

He is also the founding Chairman for Lingiari Foundation, a leading research and development organisation that seeks for the advancement of indigenous affairs.

The lecture will address some of the key issues facing the reconciliation movement, such as its future, the form it will take and how needs to do what, when, and how.

Wednesday 10 October
7.30 pm
Brunswick Town Hall, 233 Sydney Rd, Brunswick
RSVP to dialogue@latrobe.edu.au

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**EcoEDGE 2 – 2008:**
**The Urgent Design Challenge in Building Sustainable Cities**

The EcoEDGE 2 conference will engage the world's leading sustainability experts in tackling the economic, aesthetic and ethical dimensions in making sustainable cities. Topics include green urban design; green urban energy systems; green housing; and green government.

Through specific local and international case studies, the CityEDGE series provide a forum for architects, landscape architects, urban designers and planners to review the rapid and radical development of contemporary metropolises.

14–16 February 2008
Federation Square, Melbourne
For more information: ecoedge2@melbourne.vic.gov.au
Website: www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/ecoedge2

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**Community Development and Ecology:**
**Engaging Ecological Sustainability through Community Development**

At a time when there is a growing concern about changing environmental conditions and the effect on communities, a conference of this nature is timely. Community Development can provide alternate pathways through new theoretical paradigms and creative responses about how we view our place on this fragile planet. By critiquing the government and mainstream inaction/denial we can lead the way towards solutions for preventing global warming.

There will be two streams to the conference—academic papers and community workshops & forums—which will run concurrently.

The academic section of the conference will explore the contemporary contexts of community development, including conceptual and theoretical advances and social, cultural, political and economic settings.

Workshops will provide an opportunity for exchange of theories, ideas and actions.

**Abstracts:**
200 - 300 words submitted by 31 October 2007

**Expressions of Interest (Workshops):** To present at and/or facilitate a workshop, state your interest/workshop topic and a brief description.

26–28 March 2008
Abstracts and expressions of interest: aok@deakin.edu.au
Website: www.deakin.edu.au/arts/cchr/eco-cd-conf08/

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**Oceanic Conference on International Studies 2008**

The School of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Queensland will host the Third Biennial Oceanic Conference on International Studies (OCIS) in July 2008.

**Call for Panels and Conference Papers**
The organisers of OCIS 2008 call for paper and panel proposals to be submitted by 3 December 2007. Proposals are invited in the area of international studies and associated disciplines.

2–4 July 2008
Submission details and forms: www.uq.edu.au/ocis/call-for-papers
Information and submissions: ocis@uq.edu.au