Staff and Students

Welcome back to the New Year 2013

1. Get in early this year and book your presentation spot at the June 21st and November 22nd Research Student Conference. Louise has the schedule open already.

2. Supervisor Induction will be on the 22nd of February 2013 in 205.02.11 please put this in your diary.

3. New HDR candidate Induction will be on Wednesday the 13th of March please put this in your diary as well.

4. Please submit any eligible publications for the 2012 Higher Education Research Data Collection (if you have not already done so). The final date for submission is Tuesday, 30 April 2013.

Researchers can crosscheck what has already been entered at the following link: https://research.rmit.edu.au/myro/ - Login required

All publication submissions can be sent to pubs@rmit.edu.au for processing. The Research Office has a copy of all the applicable coversheets relating to this collection and list of Field of Research Codes: Book, Book Chapters, Journal, Conference publication (peer reviewed full paper (not abstract) which appears in the conference proceedings and is publicly available) – Please note the additional requirements regarding the submission of a conference publication – namely, copy of full paper from the proceeding; evidence of peer review on the full paper; copy of the table of contents from the proceedings or a copy of the conference program highlighting the submitted publication and authors.

5. HDR Students and SoE staff, please remember that if you are using RMIT funds to travel you need to get a quote from the RMIT preferred suppliers – Navigator and/or Corporate Travel Connections then once approved by the appropriate authority you need to book your tickets through the Trobexis online system. Louise Prentice does not do travel booking so you may all like to attend the following session so you know what to do yourself in 2013.

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i) It is a new year and the travel team have now put training session dates and times onto the RMIT Intranet for people to book themselves into.

ii) If you will be arranging travel and need training on Trobexis; use the following link: http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=z1ffwkgv843bz to register for a session.

iii) Should you require further information please do not hesitate to email the travel team at travel@rmit.edu.au.
6. **Endeavour Awards** information from the Australian Government, and designed to support international education, is available from:


**Supervisors**

You may be aware of a workshop titled *For supervisors: Creating the Seven Secrets of Highly Successful Research Students* by Hugh Kearns from Thinkwell and Flinders University, Adelaide. The workshop explored practical strategies to help maximize HDR student effectiveness and provided practical advice was found useful by the attendees in terms of practical advice.

The presentation is now available online as a PPT video with all breaks removed to make the viewing experience better for the viewer. However, there were some technical issues with the microphone for the first 20 minutes making the audio very low. The audio for the remainder of the recording was fixed with over 90mins clearly audible.

**Directions how to download a Lectopia video recording**

Login to page www.rmit.edu.au/staff/research/supervisorsolutions

1. Click the link provided Hugh Kearns – Creating the Seven Secrets of Highly Successful Research Students
2. In the download section, select download media (Please ensure that your computer supports the selected media). For this video you can either use Quicktime or Windows Media depending what your system supports. You can also download it as a .mp3 file without the video.
3. Click Open button next
4. Click the Continue button
5. The recording will start automatically. You may need to adjust your sound level to hear the recording.

Kind Regards Kati

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**For You Interest**

1. **The People and the Planet conference** is taking place from the 2-4th July 2013. We are encouraging RMIT staff and all post-graduate students to present an abstract, volunteer or attend the three-day conference. There will be **no registration cost** for RMIT staff or students, however you will need to register online via the website and then present you staff or student ID on the day.

**About this Conference**

We are living through a period in human history when life on this planet is in danger of becoming unsustainable for many of its species—including us. More than a century ago, when Charles Dickens wrote the Tale of Two Cities, his words told of a deep ambivalence: ‘it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us’. The passage spoke of a new world in which the people of Paris and London had choices to make about their future. Now, variations on those words have become the backdrop to a growing global sense that it is has become all too complicated. This conference responds to that challenge in a number of ways.

· Firstly, instead of treating sustainability as a narrow ecological question framed by business as usual, it addresses the human condition across the integrated domains of economics, ecology, politics and culture.

· Secondly, the conference brings together the very different constituencies of academia, civil society, urban governance and business. It asks: What does it mean to be responsible for the future of our planet? How can we best work collaboratively across those different constituencies to address basic issues of sustainability?

· Thirdly, the conference asks: ‘What is to be done?’ This is not to reduce the future to technical solutions, but rather to debate how are we going to act now to work towards an imagined future.
The conference is part of a larger process of rethinking sustainability across the world. One of the tasks will be to debate and build upon the recommendations of the Cities Track that lead into the Rio+20 Earth Summit in Brazil in 2012. The conference is linked also to the UN Habitat ‘City Changers‘ campaign. In other words, the conference is not a one-off event, but rather will be integrated into a series of ongoing meetings, forums and conferences.

**Conference Themes**

All proposals relevant to the conference theme will be considered, however, preference will be given to proposals that deal with the following themes:

- Urban Sustainability
- Climate Change Adaptation
- Globalization and Culture
- Urban Decision-Making and Complex Systems
- Sustainable Urban and Regional Futures
- Global Indigeneity and Reconciliation
- Cultural Sustainability
- Community Sustainability
- Human Security and Disasters
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Global Ecologies and Culture

**Keynote Speakers**

The conference features an extraordinary gathering of speakers including:

- Deborah Bird Rose — Author of prize-winning books, including *Dingo Makes Us Human*, Macquarie University
- Joyati Das — Global Head, Centre of Expertise for Urban Programming, World Vision International
- Robyn Eckersley — Author of *The Green State* and leading environmentalist, University of Melbourne
- Brendan Gleeson — Author of *Australian Heartlands*, University of Melbourne
- Jerry Harris — Author of *Dialectics of Globalization*, DeVry University, Chicago
- Paul Komesaroff — Author of *Experiments in Love and Death*, Director of Global Reconciliation, Monash University
- Kate Roffey — CEO of the Committee for Melbourne
- Jeanne Simon — University of Concepción, Chile
- Don Watson — Author of *Recollections of a Bleeding Heart*, and former speech-writer for Paul Keating
- Anita Weiss — Author of *Walls within Walls: Working Women in the Old City of Lahore*, University of Oregon, USA
- Michael Humphrey – Author of *The Politics of Atrocity and Reconciliation: From Terror to Trauma*, University of Sydney

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us here at the Global Cities Research Institute or alternatively have a look at the Global Cities Research Institute website for any further information (http://global-cities.info/content/conferences_forums/people-and-the-planet).

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2. **The Best Papers submitted and presented by Undergraduates at ACUR 2012 have now been published in a Special Issue of MQ Matrix**, Macquarie’s undergraduate research journal, which can be found on the undergraduate research project website. The conference was a great success as we have received very positive feedback from presenters as well as visitors. The plans for this year’s Australasian Undergraduate Research Conference, to run over two days on 19-20 September, are underway. We hope to welcome you at this year’s ACUR 2013!   Best wishes from, Angela and Lilia Macquarie University.
Goodbye Cathy (Ling Cao) and we wish you all the best back in China. The School of Education is all the better for knowing you.

I will finish my visiting research here and fly back to China on this Sunday night of 27, January 2013. I am so happy to spend one year in School of Education, RMIT. Many thanks and best wishes to all of you for offering help, guidance and sharing happiness with me. I sincerely thank for those people who help me in my research here and give me so much support and encouragement. I will remember all these forever. I wish I can have opportunity to come back to see you all someday. I like RMIT, I like people in RMIT and I like Melbourne. So many memories.

Miss Ling Cao is a lecturer of EFL teaching from Gansu Lianhe University in Northwest China. Her research interests are cross-cultural pedagogies and linguistics. From January 2012 to January 2013, she co-worked with Dr. Ly Thi Tran as a visiting scholar in School of Education, RMIT on a cross-cultural research relevant to Chinese international students’ motivations and information seeking in vocational and Associate Degree context. By in-depth interviewing of 30 students and thematic data analysis, their research finds that pathway to higher education appears to be the most important factor motivating Chinese international students to undertake vocational and Associate Degree education. Their research also examines why this cohort of students have chosen vocational education programs in a dual-sector University and how they seek information from different sources prior to their departure and along their learning journey in Australia. They have co-authored two journal papers for publication. Besides, Ling has also actively involved in the teaching activities in English and Further Study and Higher Degree students’ seminars and conferences in School of Education, RMIT.