Students and Staff

1. Congratulations to Yuhong (new PhD candidate in the School) and Liang Lu on the birth of their new baby girl Cathy. Mother, father and baby are all doing well. Yuhong is back working on her PhD Chapter 2!

2. Next Supervisors’ Colloquium 5th October
   Topic: A supervisors’ checklist for completion and examination
   About the session: What are examiners looking for in a higher degree by research thesis or project? What are some of the commonly identified problems identified by examiners? These are some of the questions that this session will address as our two speakers discuss what supervisors can do to prepare their candidates for the examination process. Prof. Bessant brings a wealth of experience having chaired the University’s higher degrees by research examination sub-committee until 2010. Assoc. Prof. Russo offers insights into the challenges faced by candidates undertaking research by project.
   Speakers: Prof Judith Bessant (Global Studies, Social Science & Planning); Assoc Prof Angelina Russo (Media & Communication)
   Date & Time: Wednesday October 5th, 12:15pm - 2pm (including lunch)
   Location: RMIT city campus, Research Lounge, Building 28, Level 5, (opposite the Swanston Library, down the ramp)
   RSVP: If you wish to attend this event please complete the online registration form: [http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=b2pbehc4xw2m1](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=b2pbehc4xw2m1) for catering purposes. For more information on the Supervisors’ Colloquium see: [www.rmit.edu.au/staff/research/colloquium](http://www.rmit.edu.au/staff/research/colloquium) Please note that recordings of each session will be available on the website following each event.

3. HDR Student Conference
   Don’t forget the SoE November Research Student Conference is looming up very quickly – Friday the 25th of November 2011. We always have lots of Confirmation of Candidatures, Work in Progress and PhD Completion Seminars. So please get your time slot organised as soon as possible. This will enable Louise Prentice and I greater flexibility with the organisation of variety of presentations, presenters preference for times, and reviewer availability.

Staff and Supervisors

1. Helpful advice from Jonathan:
   “I always use John Lamb's ERA journal ranking site.
   Just punch in a part of the name and up will pop a simple list. Note that you must spell the word as per the journal spelling (e.g. “organisation” vs “organization”). All of the journals in the final ERA 2010 list are there.”

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2. Don’t forget the Statistical Consulting Service run out of the School of Mathematical and Geospatial Sciences - www.rmit.edu.au/mathsgeo/statsconsulting. This is a free advice service to Research students within the School of Education, D&SC College. A number of our PhD students have used this service and highly recommend the advice and support obtained.

Especially for ECRs: NEW FUNDING SCHEME: RMIT ECR Travel Award

RMIT R&I have created a new competitive ECR Travel Award. I suggest intending applicants contact Jonathan O'Donnell in the College of DSC for support and advice.

The Early Career Researcher (ECR) International Travel Award was established in order to recognise, reward and encourage high achieving early career researchers at RMIT University. The awards recognise research excellence by early career researchers who are within five years of obtaining their PhD (or 8 years with career interruption) when they submit their applications.

Next deadline: Before 31 October.

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http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=g1w4c6z3mnuy;STATUS=A;SECTION=4;PAGE_AUTHOR=RMIT%20research

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