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Crawford School of Public Policy
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Day one – Wednesday 10 February 2016

8.30am  Registration and arrival tea and coffee

9.00am  Welcome
Molonglo Theatre

Brian Schmidt, Vice-Chancellor, ANU
Gordon Hein, Senior Vice President, The Asia Foundation

9.15am  Opening address
Molonglo Theatre
Chair: Veronica Taylor, Dean, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

Peter Varghese, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

10.05am  Keynote address: Forging a new development future
Molonglo Theatre
Chair: Ewen McDonald, Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Kitty van der Heijden, Director, World Resources Institute Europe Office

After the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and with massive funding commitments coming out of the Paris climate change discussions, the international community now faces the real work of translating vision and commitment into action. Some countries think the SDGs will make little difference to their development effort; others are anticipating major changes. So are the SDGs more than a PR device? Will they make a difference? What will public, private and non-governmental actors need to do better, more, or differently to achieve the SDGs? Strategy alignment, integration of economic, social and environmental dimensions into decision making and the respect of the core principles of inclusion will be key factors for success. In a universal framework, policy coherence for sustainable development, both domestic and international, is equally essential. What can we learn from the early adopters on the policy shifts needed to accelerate progress?

11.00am  Morning tea

The Development Policy Centre would like to acknowledge generous funding support from the Harold Mitchell Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and The Australian National University.
Panel 1a – Putting political thinking into development practice
Griffin Room
Chair: Sandra Kraushaar, DFAT

This submitted panel includes a series of papers that aim to provide practical tools for the aid industry (both donors and NGOs) to translate complex political analysis and thinking into programming practice: from design, to ongoing adaptation to changing political processes, to demonstrating results.

Designing context-relevant development programs: a problem-focused political economy analysis tool for aid practitioners
Lisa Denney, Overseas Development Institute

Everyday political analysis
David Hudson, University College London; Heather Marquette, University of Birmingham; and Sam Waldock, UK Department for International Development, Rwanda

How large, traditional aid programs can be politically smart: experience from Southeast Asia
Thomas Parks, DFAT

The evaluation of politics and the politics of evaluation: playing the game to change the rules?
Chris Roche, La Trobe University and Irene Guijt, Oxfam Great Britain

Panel 1b – Aid and local government
Acton Theatre
Chair: Blane Lewis, ANU

Development assistance and the pursuit of inclusive growth: the role of local governance institutions
Chilenye Nwapi, University of Calgary

The political economy of frontline service delivery in Indonesia: sub-district government’s roles, responsibilities, and realities
Anna Wetterberg, Jana Hertz and Derick W. Brinkerhoff, RTI International

Promoting development through greater local leadership and innovative new models – sounds good but is it feasible?
Felicity Young, RTI International and Graham Neilsen, Stonewall Medical Centre
Panel 1c – Aid in a time of flux: effects of development interventions in post-war middle-income Sri Lanka

Lennox Room
Chair: Priyanthi Fernando, independent development consultant and former Executive Director, Centre for Poverty Analysis, Sri Lanka

This submitted panel will focus on the effects of foreign aid in Sri Lanka and subsequent development interventions on economic, political and social dynamics of war-affected communities.

‘No silver bullet’: interrogating the donor assumption of “entrepreneurship” in micro and small enterprise interventions in Northern Sri Lanka
Mohamed Munas, Centre for Poverty Analysis

Restoring and rebuilding livelihoods through CDD approaches in conflict settings: Sri Lanka case study
Aftab Lall, Centre for Poverty Analysis

‘Life and debt’: Assessing the impacts of participatory housing reconstruction in post-conflict Sri Lanka
Vagisha Gunasekara, Centre for Poverty Analysis

Panel 1d – Global health

Barton Theatre
Chair: Joel Negin, The University of Sydney

Assessing the role of the Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies in promoting regional public goods for evidence-based policy decisions
Krishna Hort, Nossal Institute for Global Health; Dale Huntington, Asia Pacific Observatory on Health Systems and Policies; and Peter Annear, Nossal Institute for Global Health

Global governance for health: protecting vulnerable people from infectious diseases in countries with weak health systems
Yasushi Katsuma, Waseda University

Australian health assistance in Indonesia and the region – impacts and opportunities won (and lost?)
Debbie Muirhead, Nossal Institute for Global Health

Panel 1e – Aid effectiveness: macro issues

Weston Theatre
Chair: Derek Rooken-Smith, DFAT
The morally defensible allocation of foreign aid: how to effectively assist developing countries while enhancing self-sufficiency, agency, and improved power structures
Sarah W. Dickerson, University of Maryland

Resolving the great aid debate: power and politics in the pursuit of more effective aid
Jo Hall, ANU

The first review of an aid donor by recipient countries
Alfred Schuster, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and Sara Carley, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

12.50pm Lunch

1.50pm Plenary session: What will the SDGs mean for Asia?
Molonglo Theatre
Chair: Julia Newton-Howes, CARE Australia

Are the new Sustainable Development Goals relevant for Asia? What if anything will they mean for domestic and development cooperation policies and practices of the Asian powers, such as China, Korea and Indonesia? Hear from the experts who have led their countries’ engagement in the formulation of the SDGs. Are they happy with the outcome? What difference, if any, will the SDGs make for Asia?

Eun Mee Kim, Dean and Professor, Graduate School of International Studies and Director, Institute for Development and Human Security, Ewha Womans University

Ye Jiang, Director of the Institute for Global Governance Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (SIIS); Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

3.20pm Afternoon tea

3.40pm Panel 2a – Aid, agriculture and climate change
Griffin Room
Chair: Mellissa Wood, ACIAR

The impact of international development aid policy on local development: findings from the National Agricultural Advisory Services program in Uganda
Samuel Bernard Ariong, Mel Gray and Kate Davis, University of Newcastle
Taking stock of international contributions to low carbon, climate resilient land use in Indonesia
*Angela Falconer and Skye Glenday, Climate Policy Initiative*

Donor-supported road projects in Cambodia: accountability challenges for climate-resilient practice
*Bunlong Leng, University of Melbourne*

Training seedlings: applying lessons from food security and resource management programs in East Sumba
*Shannon Ryan, Dean Thomson and Hayley Channer, World Vision Australia*

**Panel 2b – Australia, PNG and Fiji: aid and beyond**
*Acton Theatre*
Chair: Tess Newton Cain, ANU

Institutional linkages programs – the key priority for Australia’s spending programs in PNG
*Paul Flanagan, ANU*

Migration, merchandise, trade and tourism: a tale of Fiji and Australia
*Neelesh Gounder, University of the South Pacific*

Assessing the impact of public finances on the PNG-Australia borderland
*Laura Simpson Reeves and Mark Moran, University of Queensland*

Advising: the counterpart perspective
*Bridi Rice, La Trobe University*

**Panel 2c – Aid, conflict and justice**
*Weston Theatre*
Chair: Andrew Egan, DFAT

Supporting peace processes in Southeast Asia: have politically savvy, flexible approaches become the norm?
*Seema Chandra, Australian Embassy in Myanmar; Thomas Parks, DFAT; and Patrick Barron, The Asia Foundation*

Innovations in access to justice for Africa’s poorest: lessons learned, insights gained
*Adam Dubin, Universidad Pontificia Comillas and New York University - Madrid*
Rowing upstream: the chronicles of Lebanon’s donor funded water sector reform
*Rim El Kadi, ANU*

Development and reparations in post-conflict situations
*Christoph Sperfeldt, ANU*

**Panel 2d – Aid to Indonesia**
*Lennox Room*
Chair: Anthea Mulakala, The Asia Foundation

The unexamined gift: Australia’s aid relationship with Indonesia
*Roving Davies, ANU*

An evaluation of GAVI HSS project implementation using Paris Declaration principles
*Budi Perdana, Ministry of Health, The Republic of Indonesia; Laksono Trisnantoro and Mubyasyisyir Hasan Basri, University of Gadjah Mada*

Measuring the effectiveness of bilateral aid programs: the Australia Indonesia Partnership for Maternal and Neonatal Health
*Krishna Hort, University of Melbourne; Louise Simpson and Nugroho, Australia Indonesia Partnership for Maternal and Neonatal Health*

**Panel 2e – Aid and public opinion**
*Barton Theatre*
Chair: Priyanka Sunder, ACFID

What do Australians think about aid?
*Camilla Burkot and Terence Wood, ANU*

Why do people get involved with international development? Modelling individual dynamics of engagement in the UK
*Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson and David Hudson, La Trobe University and ANU*

5.10pm  Close

6.30pm  **Conference dinner**
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Chair: Anthea Mulakala, The Asia Foundation

After dinner address:
*Bob McMullan, former Parliamentary Secretary for International Development and current Executive Director, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development*
Day two – Thursday 11 February 2016

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8.10am  Panel 3a – Aid and the private sector
Acton Theatre
Chair: Alwyn Chilver, Palladium

Credit guarantees and access to finance in the Pacific region
Peter Dirou and Paul Holden, Pacific Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI)

Innovative financing of cataract surgery – the case for piloting a Development Impact Bond
Lachlan McDonald, Alex Rankin and David Lansley, The Fred Hollows Foundation, Australia

From public to private: transforming subsistence farmers to commercial profit-oriented agribusiness
Rochelle Spencer, Davina Boyd and John Davis, Murdoch University; Catherine Mthinda and Charles Masangano, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Malawi; Stanley Khaila, Agriculture Extension Consultant; Geoff Heinrich, Catholic Relief Services Southern Africa Regional Office, Zambia

Resisting the formulaic: measuring the impact of aid on entrepreneurship and development
Simon White, Independent Policy Advisor

Panel 3b – Climate change and global public goods
Barton Theatre
Chair: Robin Davies, ANU

International financing for climate change adaptation in Small Island Developing States
Stacy-Ann Robinson and Matthew Dornan, ANU

Financing the future: how much will the SDGs cost and can developing countries afford them?
Romilly Greenhill, Chris Hoy, Paddy Carter and Marcus Manuel, Overseas Development Institute

“Socialism masquerading as environmentalism”? International climate finance and party politics in Australia
Jonathan Pickering, University of Canberra and Paul Mitchell, RMIT University
Panel 3c – New perspectives on aid, recovery and statebuilding  
*Weston Theatre*  
Chair: Thomas Parks, DFAT

This submitted panel, developed in conjunction with the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium (SLRC), will discuss livelihoods, basic services and social protection in conflict-affected situations in eight countries – DRC, Uganda, South Sudan, Sierra Leone, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka – based on a six-year panel research program led by a team based at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI).

Aid in fragile and conflict-affected situations: new perspectives on building state capacity  
*Lisa Denney, Overseas Development Institute*

Aid in fragile and conflict-based situations: new perspectives on state legitimacy and statebuilding  
*Rachel Slater, Richard Mallet and Hamish Nixon, Overseas Development Institute*

Aid in fragile and conflict-affected situations: new perspectives on stakeholders and statebuilding  
*Rachel Slater and Richard Mallet, Overseas Development Institute*

Panel 3d – Global health: lessons from PNG and the Pacific  
*Lennox Room*  
Chair: Bob Warner, ANU

Immunisation programs in the Pacific: health security threats and implications for donors  
*Stewart Tyson, Independent Consultant; John Clements, University of Melbourne and Independent Consultant; and Rebecca Dodd, DFAT*

Implementing global strategies to improve maternal health  
*Susan Crabtree, University of Auckland*

Preparing the PNG health workforce for an emergent pandemic: health security and health systems strengthening in action  
*Joel Negin, University of Sydney and Glen Mola, University of Papua New Guinea*

Aid effectiveness in nursing and midwifery: a multi-sectorial approach  
*Michele Rumsey, Caroline Homer, Jodi Thiessen, Amanda Neill and Lin Lock, University of Technology Sydney*
Panel 3e – Humanitarian aid  
Seminar Room 8  
Chair: Steve Scott, DFAT

Using aid to buy humanitarian space: the politics of Myanmar’s Rakhine State  
Alex Douglas, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue’s Rakhine State Project

The business of saving lives: accountability to whom? Private sector engagement in humanitarian action  
Nicole Rencoret, Consultant, Humanitarian Advisory Group and MBA student, University of Warwick

9.40am  
Keynote address: Launch of the 2015 Australian aid stakeholder survey results  
Molonglo Theatre  
Chair: Stephen Howes, ANU

In 2013 the Development Policy Centre conducted the first ever comprehensive survey of Australia’s aid stakeholders, canvasing their views of the Australian aid program. Since then Australian aid has changed dramatically: AusAID is no more, the focus of aid has shifted, and the aid budget has been cut dramatically. In 2015 the Centre re-ran the stakeholder survey, and the data from the two surveys provides a unique opportunity to examine the impacts of these changes. In his presentation Terence Wood, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, ANU, will reveal what the 2015 Australian aid stakeholder found. He will look at what has gotten better, and what has gotten worse, and offer suggestions for improving Australian aid.

10.30am  
Morning tea

11.00am  
Panel 4a – Australian aid policy  
Molonglo Theatre  
Chair: Stephen Howes, ANU

This session provides an opportunity for further discussion of the stakeholder survey (see plenary above) as well as general discussion of recent developments in Australian aid policy. The panel will include: Terence Wood, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, and co-author of the 2015 aid stakeholder survey; Richard Moore, Former Deputy Director General, AusAID; Marc Purcell, CEO of the Australian Council for International Development; and Alison Baker, Principal, Development Assistance, GHD.
Panel 4b – Aid to and from Asia
Acton Theatre
Chair: Gordon Hein, The Asia Foundation

Are there any long-run commercial benefits for Australia of its aid to Asian countries? A dynamic panel econometric technique analysis
Sabit Amum Otor and Matthew Dornan, ANU

The changing role of Indonesia in development cooperation: the shifting rhetoric of South-South cooperation
Miranda Tahalele, ANU

China’s triangular aid cooperation, a promising new trend?
Denghua Zhang, ANU

Panel 4c – Migration: Pacific and Timor-Leste
Weston Theatre
Chair: Richard Curtain, ANU

Seasonal labour migration and development in the Pacific
Rochelle Bailey, ANU

‘On the ship, you can do anything’: development impacts of international cruise ship employment for i-Kiribati migrant women
Sophia Kagan, International Labour Organization

Labour mobility between Pacific Island countries
Carmen Voigt-Graf, NRI and ANU

Experiences of young Timorese as migrant workers in Korea
Ann Wigglesworth and Zulmira Fonseca, Independent Consultants

Panel 4d – Research and culture
Seminar Room 8
Chair: Debbie Muirhead, Nossal Institute for Global Health

What is effective aid in research for development? Designing, implementing and evaluating enhanced research for development programs
Bethany Davies, Clear Horizon; Julien Colomer, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); Brian Belcher and Daniel Suryadarma, Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)

International agricultural research and multi-stakeholder partnership in the era of the SDGs. New practice agenda, new science agenda
Andy Hall, CSIRO; Kumuda Dorai, LINK Ltd; and Jerone Dijkman, Independent Science and Partnership Council of the CGIAR
Aid and archaeology: the role of cultural heritage in sustainable development
*Katherine Harper, The University of Sydney*

**Panel 4e – Power, politics and marginalisation**
*Lennox Room*
Chair: Gillian Fletcher, La Trobe University and Developmental Leadership Program

This submitted panel will challenge siloed approaches to inequality and injustice ('no one left behind'), argue that use of a siloed approach, often built on Western identity categories, can contribute to the marginalisation of particular groups and call for an intersectional approach to the analysis of, and responses to, social inequality and injustice, drawing on local practice.

Panellists: *Noelene Nabulivou, DIVA for Equality; Bronwyn Tilbury, International Women’s Development Agency; Cai Wilkinson, Deakin University; Gillian Fletcher, La Trobe University and Developmental Leadership Program*

12.30pm *Lunch*

1.30pm **Plenary session: International climate change – Perspectives on Paris**
*Molonglo Theatre*
Chair: Frank Jotzo, ANU

*The Paris negotiations on climate change are a critical event for anyone with an interest in international development. This international panel, with leading analysts from Australia and Korea, will analyse Paris outcomes and their consequences.*

Howard Bamsey, Adjunct Professor, Regulatory Institutions Network, ANU and formerly Australia’s Special Envoy on Climate Change

Jaehyoung Lee, Professor, Korea University School of Law and Legal Advisor to Korean delegation to UN climate change negotiations

Stephen Howes, Professor, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU

2.50pm *Afternoon tea*
3.10pm **Panel 5a – Social and gender analysis**
*Acton Theatre*
Chair: Sarah Goulding, DFAT

Microfinance and social hierarchy after international intervention: Timorese case studies on both sides of the border
*Melissa Johnston, Murdoch University*

Understanding the intangible: Evaluating a gender norms change program in Solomon Islands
*Tracy McDiarmid and Erin Goddard, World Vision Australia*

Exploring how ‘participation’ and ‘inclusion’ are constructed into local NGO projects that provide services for people with disabilities in rural Cambodia
*Nuth Monyrath, RMIT University*

Gender analysis of Oxfam savings and loans groups in Timor-Leste
*Sara Niner and Katy Cornwell, Monash University; Christina Benevides, Timor Surveys*

**Panel 5b – Aid and governance**
*Seminar Room 8*
Chair: Michael Wilson, DFAT

The role of international donors in media reform in Myanmar: dealing with the fluctuation of political will by the state
*Nwet Kay Khine, Mahidol University*

Political settlements and the politics of inclusion
*Alina Rocha Menocal, University of Birmingham*

Aid and social movements in Cambodia
*Sokphea Young, University of Melbourne*

**Panel 5c – Financial management and private sector challenges in small countries**
*Lennox Room*
Chair: Rob Christie, DFAT

History, geography and public financial management in small island states
*Kylie Coulson, Curtin University*

Towards ‘problem driven’ public financial management reform in Pacific island countries
Richard Bontjer, Asian Development Bank; Sierd Hadley, Overseas Development Institute; Tobias Haque, World Bank; Philipp Krause, Overseas Development Institute; Vinayak Nagaraj and Johannes Wolf, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade

The relevance of the Doing Business Indicators to Pacific island economies
Paul Holden and Terry Reid, Pacific Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI)

Panel 5d – Aid and education: lessons from PNG
Barton Theatre
Chair: Alison Chartres, DFAT

Education policy in practice, global lessons from PNG
Adeola Capel, Australian Council for Educational Research and Regina Mabia, Department of Education

Improving quality education in a world obsessed with student numbers: the case of PNG
Anthony Swan and Grant Walton, ANU

Panel 5e – Forces shaping aid policy, and how we can influence aid for the better
Weston Theatre
Chair: Chris Roche, La Trobe University

In this submitted interactive session panellists will discuss and debate forces that have led to change and continuity, and cover the aid policy making process more broadly.

Panellists: David Hudson, La Trobe University and ANU; Jo Spratt, ANU; Ben Day, ANU; and Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson, La Trobe University and ANU

4.50pm Wrap-up session and drinks
Crawford School lawns
Chair: Joel Negin, University of Sydney
WHO WE ARE

The Development Policy Centre (Devpolicy) was established in September 2010 as a think tank to provide a unique Australian and regional meeting place for researchers and those in the government and non-government sectors working in aid and development policy. We are based at Crawford School of Public Policy in the College of Asia and the Pacific at The Australian National University (ANU).

We research and promote discussion in three distinct but related areas: Australian aid; the Pacific and PNG; and global development policy. Our discussion papers, policy briefs and reports make our research and policy recommendations available for critique, development and use. Our events are fora for the dissemination of findings and the exchange of ideas. Our blog is a platform for debate, analysis and discussion.

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