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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT US

“I commend you for the extraordinary list of things that you have done in your first year. It really is quite remarkable.”

Simon McKeon, 2011 Australian of the Year and Chairman, CSIRO

“By providing a forum for discussion of aid policy and development effectiveness, the Development Policy Centre has filled a critical gap in Australia. As both private giving to overseas development and Official Development Assistance increase, the Centre is helping to create informed debate about the impact this spending is having. The Centre is supporting a flow of ideas between government, the private sector and NGOs on development, particularly in PNG and the Pacific.”

Julia Newton-Howes, CEO, CARE Australia

I am enormously proud of the work that you have done to date and very much looking forward to the work you will do in the future.

The Hon. Andrew Leigh MP,
Federal Member for Fraser

“The Development Policy Blog, run by the Development Policy Centre at The Australian National University is the centre of academic discussion and debate in Australia about all things ‘overseas aid’.”

Good Aid Works

(<http://goodaidworks.com.au/resources/>)

“The Centre is generating expertise, knowledge and new ideas on aid and development policy.”

Ian Young, Vice-Chancellor, ANU

“I think the Development Policy Centre has really carved out the leading role in this country in terms of fostering and stimulating debate on development issues. For AusAID that is particularly important because, as you know, we are in the fortunate position of managing what is really unprecedented growth in the Australian aid program ... It’s really critical to underpin that growth with a well-informed public debate about what we are doing with the funds that are being provided to us ...”

Peter Baxter, Director General, AusAID

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“I think that the ANU Development Policy Centre is set to make a huge contribution to aid policy debates, both at home and abroad. I don’t just see it as an asset for big institutions such as AusAID, but a boon for everyone in the development field in the world.””

Harold Mitchell AC,
founder of the Harold Mitchell Foundation

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

2012 was a crucial year for the Development Policy Centre. By securing core funding from the Harold Mitchell Foundation, we turned what seemed to be a good idea into a viable proposition. I want to begin by thanking Harold Mitchell AC, one of Australia's business and philanthropic leaders, for his generosity and vision. Harold often makes the case that Australia is surrounded by developing, and often fragile, nations, and that, we should therefore be more attentive to international development challenges. He also argues for greater transparency in and research on aid to the benefit of the entire aid sector. These are the perspectives that drive our work, and we have been delighted to find in him and his Foundation an enabler of our aspirations. I'd also like to thank The Australian National University for matching the funding provided by the Harold Mitchell Foundation, and all our other supporters and collaborators.

We made significant progress on a number of fronts in 2012. Together with Papua New Guinea's National Research Institute, we undertook a major survey to track public expenditure on key services by the Government of Papua New Guinea, the first such exercise in a decade. Our Development Policy Blog really took off. We again hosted a large number of events, including the first Harold Mitchell Development Policy lecture, which saw Timor-Leste's Finance Minister, The Honourable Emilia Pires, deliver an inspiring address to a very large crowd.

We saw significant staffing changes in 2012 and the first few months of 2013. We said goodbye to Matt Morris, who worked with me to establish the Centre in 2010, but who has been increasingly working in and on PNG as a policy adviser. I'd like to place on record my appreciation to Matt for the foundational work he undertook to get Devpolicy going. I would also like to thank Cleo Fleming, our first Program Manager, who left the role in April 2012.

Fortunately, we were able to welcome a number of new staff. They are all mentioned in this report, but I'd like especially to welcome Robin Davies, who is now Associate Director at the Centre. Robin brings with him years of experience as one of AusAID's most senior managers, as well as his sharp mind, both invaluable assets.

We have exciting plans for 2013, and we say more about them in the body of this report which, unlike last year's, is forward- as well as backward-looking. I'm particularly looking forward to our first aid stakeholder survey, and to analysing and publishing the results of our Papua New Guinea survey.

If you don't have time to read the full report, just look at the next few pages, where we've tried to summarise our contributions in 2012 and our objectives for 2013. By definition, no summary can give the full picture, but the two boxes that follow should give you a good idea of what we are about.

Stephen Howes

Director, Development Policy Centre

YEAR IN A BOX: SOME OF OUR 2012 CONTRIBUTIONS

Australian aid

- > We provided the only forum for the public discussion of AusAID evaluations. (See our website's 2012 events tab, August.)
- > We provided the best analysis of the 2012 aid budget. (See our three May blog posts on the subject.)
- > We found out why AusAID's high-profile project to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation, the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership, had not worked. (See Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 16, subsequently published in *Climate Law*.)
- > We provided the first and best analysis of the decision to raid the aid budget to meet asylum-seeker costs. (See our blog posts from December onwards.)
- > We provided submissions to enquiries on aid to Afghanistan and on international agricultural research. (See our website's publications and reports tab.)
- > Stephen Howes was frequently sought out and quoted by the media as a commentator on aid and development issues.
- > We researched and advocated on our blog for aid transparency.
- > We provided useful information and perspectives for Australians interested in a career in development. (See Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 24 and related blog posts by Jonathan Pryke.)

PNG and the Pacific

- > We produced a balanced and independent overview of the PNG-Australia cross-border TB problem. (See Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 22.)
- > We conducted the first nationwide survey on service delivery in PNG in a decade under our PNG 'Promoting Effective Public Expenditure' (PEPE) project, undertaken in collaboration with PNG's National Research Institute (NRI). (See our website's PEPE page.)
- > Under the same project, together with NRI, we provided a public forum in PNG to discuss budget policy and practice.
- > We discovered why Australia's Seasonal Worker Program, intended to benefit Pacific islanders, had stayed so small: too much competition from backpackers. (See Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 17.)
- > We revived the tradition of an annual Pacific and PNG Update at the ANU. (See our website's 2012 events tab, September.)
- > Our research provided evidence that smallness and remoteness does adversely affect growth in the Pacific, as well as public financial management, with important lessons for donors. (This was published as a World Bank Working Paper.)
- > Our research also suggested that increasing female participation in politics might increase economic growth – something AusAID promoted in their Pacific Gender Initiative. (This was published in *Applied Economics Letters*.)
- > We brainstormed with the ADB on their role in the Pacific.

Global development policy

- > We wrote the concept paper for the AgResults initiative, an innovative results-based financing mechanism to spur private investment in agricultural innovation. AgResults was subsequently launched by G20 leaders at their Los Cabos summit. (The paper is available from the World Bank's website.)
- > We were the first to predict the end of the worldwide aid boom in 2012. At a time when the OECD was predicting a return to growth, after a fall in 2011, our research, sadly, suggested the opposite. (See Development Policy Centre Policy Brief 4.)
- > Stephen Howes took on aid-critic Hugh White in an ANU debate on the future of aid. (See our website's 2012 events tab, July.)
- > Margaret Callan's work on the private sector's contribution to development was featured by the Overseas Development Institute. (See Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 11)
- > The inaugural Harold Mitchell Development Policy Lecture featured Timor-Leste's Finance Minister, The Honourable Emilia Pires, which made many Australians aware for the first time of the 'g7+' grouping of fragile states. (See our website's 2012 events tab, November.)
- > We wrote the most downloaded paper for 2012 for the Asian Development Bank Institute (Howes and Wywroll on Asia's 'wicked' environmental problems).

YEAR IN A BOX: SOME OF OUR 2013 OBJECTIVES

Australian aid

- > Complete the first Australian aid stakeholder survey to obtain new insights into the strengths and weaknesses of Australian aid.
- > Hold the first post-budget aid forum to improve the quality of aid analysis and discussion.
- > Prepare a pre-election aid brief and hold a public forum to contribute to aid policy thinking after Australia's federal election in September.
- > Launch a working group on public-private sector collaboration to learn from AusAID's Enterprise Challenge Fund for the Pacific and South East Asia, and similar mechanisms, and publish the group's recommendations.
- > Launch a new crowd-sourced project on 'What it takes to succeed in aid.'
- > Analyse the findings of the 2013 OECD Development Assistance Committee aid review of Australia, and track the implementation of its recommendations.
- > Publish quantitative analysis on trends in Australian non-government aid and explore options for qualitative analysis.
- > Develop a policy brief on options for enhancing parliamentary scrutiny of aid.
- > Extend our analysis of the use of aid to meet onshore asylum seeker costs.

PNG and the Pacific

- > Expand the Pacific Update into a two-day event.
- > Analyse our PNG expenditure tracking data and feed it back into policy debates through biannual budget fora in collaboration with our partner, PNG's National Research Institute.
- > Commence a program of operational research into the effectiveness of services to the survivors of gender-based violence in PNG.
- > Further research Australia's Seasonal Worker Program and the Australia-Pacific Technical College to identify reforms that will increase their contribution to regional labour mobility.
- > Research Pacific Plan collaborative initiatives to identify lessons and contribute to the Pacific Plan review.
- > Deepen our research into the contribution of the resources sector to development in PNG.
- > Research the development effectiveness of Chinese aid to the Pacific.
- > Disseminate research to improve infrastructure maintenance in the Pacific.
- > Evaluate Australia's Pacific Partnerships.

Global development policy

- > In cooperation with the G20 Studies Centre at the Lowy Institute, contribute to thinking on how to streamline and set priorities for the G20's development agenda, in preparation for Australia's chairing of the G20 in 2014.
- > Contribute to international discussions on the post-2015 development framework from an Asia-Pacific and fragile-state perspective.
- > Produce global aid projections for 2013.
- > Complete work on the evolving role of development financing, bilateral and multilateral, in providing international public goods, as part of our contribution to the World Bank study, 'Collective Solutions 2025'.
- > Survey and assess the use to date of results-based aid mechanisms by development agencies, and recommend priorities for Australian engagement in such mechanisms.

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THE DEVELOPMENT POLICY CENTRE AN OVERVIEW

Who we are

The Development Policy Centre (Devpolicy or DPC) 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 the 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.

We are currently a team of nine researchers, two research officers and a program officer. Also attached to the Centre are a number of PhD students and Visiting Fellows. The Centre is also the hub of a large network of Research Associates.

What we've done

In the past two years, our Centre has become one of Australia's leading sources of analysis on aid and development issues relevant to Asia and the Pacific, and also increasingly on global development issues. You can read about the content of our contributions in the text which follows, under our three pillars and ten themes. Our blog (<http://devpolicy.org/>) is now established as Australia's most active on-line forum for discussion on aid and development policy. During 2012, we published fifteen discussion papers, three policy briefs, and made submissions to two government reviews. We hosted 28 public lectures and seminars.

Individual staff at the Centre, or the Centre as a whole, collaborated with a range of organisations in 2012, including ANU Edge, the Asian Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank Institute, AusAID, CARE, the Government of PNG, the Lowy Institute, Oxfam, PNG's National Research Institute, the Pacific Institute of Public Policy, Save the Children, the World Bank and World Vision.

WHAT WE RESEARCH

Our work is organised under three research pillars, and ten themes within those, as set out below.

I. Australian aid

1. Australian aid effectiveness
2. Aid and the community

II. PNG and the Pacific

3. PNG: managing the resources boom
4. PNG health and gender
5. Pacific growth and regional integration
6. Pacific migration

III. Global development policy

7. Multilateral cooperation and development financing
8. Aid and Asia
9. Public-private partnerships for development
10. Climate change and development

1. Australian aid

The Australian aid budget doubled from 2005 to 2011. The outlook for future growth is uncertain, but the AUD 5 billion that Australia is already spending on aid deserves a lot more attention than it has historically received. Australian NGOs are also an important and growing part of the aid scene and an increasing number of Australians are seeking careers in international development. To date, there has been a lack of analytical work and informed discussion to support Australia's and Australians' extensive and growing engagement in international development. We aim to fill that gap by research on the official Australian aid program and on non-government aid. We also undertake work on other Australian development policies, apart from aid. For example, we emphasise migration policy from a development perspective, but cover that under our theme of Pacific migration.

1.1 Australian aid effectiveness

We put the spotlight on aid effectiveness in Australia's official aid program during a period of rapid expansion in the aid budget.

In 2012 specific topics we researched under this heading included work on budgetary developments, aid evaluations, performance against transparency commitments, the funding of medical and agricultural research, and aid for education—Australia's flagship sector. We published research on international and Australian lessons from providing aid to fragile states. Late in the year, we highlighted the implications for aid effectiveness of the government's decision, taken outside the budget cycle, to reallocate \$375 million within the aid budget to meet in-Australia costs associated with asylum seekers. Our forum on evaluations by AusAID's Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE) in August 2012 brought together evaluators, AusAID managers and academics. We completed and published our first in-depth case study of Australian aid: an analysis of the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership. We also made submissions to aid reviews of Australian aid to Afghanistan and the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR). We engaged with the OECD Development Cooperation Directorate as part of the OECD Development Assistance Committee's aid review of Australia, which will be completed in 2013.

In 2013, we will continue to monitor and evaluate Australian aid. One of our major projects for the year will be a stakeholder survey on Australian aid. We will hold a post-budget aid forum for the first time. We will organise pre-election fora on aid policy. We will commence a project on what works in Australian aid, capitalising on the networks we have established. We will continue to monitor the use of aid funds to meet domestic asylum-seeker costs. We will analyse the outcomes of the OECD's aid review of Australia, and we will continue to advocate for more parliamentary scrutiny of aid.

1.2 Aid and the community

We research non-government aid and provide advice on careers in development.

In 2012, we initiated work in this area with research into private giving to Australian NGOs, and the launch of a new stream of work on careers in international development, including a survey of career options and a series of interviews with development practitioners.

In 2013, we will finalise and publish our work on private giving, and investigate options for analysing the qualitative aspects of NGO operations. We will launch new research into the aspirations of young Australians to pursue a career in development.

2. PNG and the Pacific

The Pacific region is one where Australia can make a decisive difference. PNG is a Pacific country of particular importance, as Australia's closest neighbour, and in the midst of rapid change. The Crawford School of Public Policy, of which we are part, has a long tradition of economic analysis of PNG and the Pacific and we are proud to build on that. Our focus is on the economic and development challenges and opportunities facing PNG and the Pacific Island Countries, as well as Timor-Leste, with a special focus on the region's links with Australia. We pursue this through research under four themes.

2.1 PNG: managing the resources boom

PNG is in the midst of a resources boom, but poverty is still high. How can the resources boom be translated into development for all?

In 2012, we commenced our largest project, the PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure (PEPE) project, in partnership with PNG's National Research Institute and with support by a grant from AusAID. We held our first budget forum in Port Moresby in September 2012. We also completed an expenditure tracking and health facility survey as part of this project, the largest service delivery survey undertaken in PNG for a decade.

A PhD student associated with the Centre undertook field work in remote PNG villages in Eastern Highlands to gain insight into the realities faced by the country's rural poor. We also continued our research into the contribution of the PNG resources sector to the economy, and hosted discussions and published broader, global work related to the resources curse, with a focus on public financial management.

In 2013, we will continue with the PEPE budget forums, analyse the data we have collected, disseminate the results, and launch a second phase of data analysis. We will continue our research into rural poverty and the contribution of the resources sector to PNG's social and economic development.

2.2 PNG health and gender

We explore practical solutions to PNG's severe development challenges in the areas of maternal and child health, communicable diseases, violence against women and gender inequality.

In 2012, our focus was on PNG's TB epidemic and the risk of cross-border TB transmission to Australia. We held a forum involving experts and stakeholders, and subsequently released a discussion paper containing the best analysis yet produced on the subject. We published work on the interaction of formal and non-formal institutions in the delivery of health in PNG. We also commenced research into barriers to wheelchair access and use in PNG in collaboration with Motivation Australia. In the context of the debate on female representation in Pacific and PNG parliaments, we asked whether countries with more female representation had higher growth, and found that they did.

In 2013, we will continue our work on barriers to wheelchair access. We will launch new research on the effectiveness of service provision to survivors of gender-based violence. Health is also one of the key sectors covered under the PNG PEPE project (see the box on the next page).

2.3 Pacific growth and regional integration

As small and isolated islands with limited resource bases, how can Pacific Island Countries improve their individual and collective development prospects?

In 2012, we completed research in collaboration with the World Bank which quantified the size disadvantage facing Pacific island economies, in terms of both economic growth and public financial management. We also undertook research for the Asian Development Bank on the challenges associated with infrastructure maintenance in the region, and on energy sector reform. We published research on why Fiji has not been 'the Mauritius of the Pacific'. With respect to regional integration, our research drew lessons from the Caribbean experience for the Pacific, and our blog maintained a watching brief on regional trade negotiations. In August 2012, we held the first Pacific Update at the ANU after a break of several years.

In 2013, we will disseminate research already completed, and will make a submission to the Pacific Plan Review based on new research. A new two-day Pacific and PNG Update will be held at the end of June, and a new blog series, Pacific Conversations, will bring the voices of the Pacific to Australia and the region.

2.4 Pacific migration

Labour mobility is key to the future of the Pacific, and an important research focus for the Centre.

In 2012, we completed research into Australia's Seasonal Worker Program (SWP), explaining for the first time why take-up had been so low. We also held a conference in April on 'Making Migration Work for Australia and the Pacific'.

In 2013, together with the Centre for Global Development's Michael Clemens, we will explain the failure of the Australia-Pacific Technical College to achieve its stated goal of promoting regional labour mobility. We will also revisit the SWP to examine the impact of its extension into new sectors.

WHAT WE RESEARCH (CONTINUED)

The PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure (PEPE) Project

PNG is experiencing a resources boom and confronts serious challenges in translating increased resource revenues into effective development outcomes. Together with the PNG National Research Institute, and with project funding from AusAID under its Economic and Public Sector Program, the Development Policy Centre is undertaking the 'Promoting Effective Public Expenditure Project' over three years to help navigate this critical period.

The project will help us to better understand how PNG allocates and uses its public funds in key service delivery reform areas, and make practical recommendations for more effective and transparent expenditure.

The project consists of two inter-related components. The first focuses on analysing the allocation of PNG's public resources through the budget process. The findings of this analysis are presented at twice yearly budget forums, which are open, public and widely advertised to encourage participation and discussion of the PNG Government's expenditure priorities. The first budget forum took place on September 12, 2012 and was a resounding success. Videos and presentations from the forum are available on the PEPE section of the Devpolicy website.

The second component—understanding expenditure dynamics—has focused on conducting a major expenditure tracking and facility survey requiring extensive fieldwork in many remote locations across PNG.

From October to December 2012, we conducted a nationwide survey of more than 350 schools and health facilities. It aimed to replicate key aspects of a similar survey conducted ten years ago. This new survey will help us to assess whether service delivery conditions have improved or worsened over the last decade (during which the resources boom has tripled government revenue), and will also help us to evaluate a number of important expenditure reforms.

Survey teams collected data from some of the most remote schools and health facilities in PNG, spanning eight provinces across each of PNG's four regions. In Morobe Province, survey teams walked for 20 hours straight to get to some of the inland schools and aid posts, while in Oburu-Wanenara in the Eastern Highlands, survey teams were dropped at remote facilities and had to walk to the next pick up point a week later. In Gulf Province, survey teams spent many days battling rough seas in a dingy only to find many schools and health facilities had been closed. In Enga Province, extensive tribal fighting and election related violence meant an entire district could not be visited. Very poor road conditions made accessing remote schools and health centres particularly challenging. Retired and retrenched teachers and health workers often continued to help remote communities when no other services were provided.

Preliminary findings from the survey will be presented at the next budget forum, tentatively scheduled for August 2013 and to be held once again in PNG.



NRI Director Thomas Webster (left) and PNG Treasurer Don Polye (right) at the PEPE Budget Forum

3. Global development policy

Looking beyond Australian aid and development issues of special relevance for PNG and the Pacific, we are also increasing our attention to selected global development policy issues, grouped under the following four themes.

3.1 Multilateral cooperation and development financing

Our current research focus is on global development financing trends, the G20 development agenda, results-based aid, and the provision of development-related international public goods.

In 2012, we commenced a program of research with the World Bank on the general problem of providing international public goods that are important for development, with an emphasis on the role of development financing institutions. As part of this, we hosted a round-table discussion on behalf of the Bank with eminent Pacific Islanders to gain their perspectives. We contributed to the G20's development agenda through commentary and by preparing a concept document for the AgResults initiative, a results-based mechanism intended to spur private sector innovation in smallholder agriculture, which was launched at the Los Cabos G20 summit in June. We reviewed the global evidence on health sector-wide approaches. We were the first to show that aid volumes would fall in 2012.

In 2013, we will intensify our research in the run-up to Australia's hosting of the G20 in 2014. In partnership with the Pacific Institute of Public Policy, we supported the Government of Timor-Leste in hosting a major international conference in Dili, in February, to develop a fragile states' perspective on the post-2015 global development framework. We will work with the G20 Studies Centre at The Lowy Institute to develop policy recommendations to the Australian government on the G20 development agenda. Jointly with the University of Melbourne, The Lowy Institute and The Asia Foundation, we will host a conference on the future of international development in Asia and the Pacific. We will again produce advanced global aid projections. We will survey and assess the use to date of results-based aid mechanisms by development agencies, and recommend priorities for Australian engagement in such mechanisms. We will complete our contribution to the World Bank's study on international public goods.

3.2 Aid and Asia

Some Asian countries are still receiving substantial levels of aid, and others are emerging as aid donors. Whatever the direction, aid flows involving Asia are under-researched by a global aid community still largely focused on OECD aid to Africa.

In 2012, two PhD students associated with the Centre undertook country-level case studies of aid to Asia, looking at Laos and Pakistan respectively. The Pakistan study focuses on aid from the US; the Laos study looks at aid from China as well as from OECD donors. We hosted a half-day open forum in collaboration with The Asia Foundation on Asia's emerging donors. To better inform the aid debate, we focused selectively on emerging

development issues in Asia, including reform in Myanmar, conflict in Sri Lanka, and education policy issues.

In 2013, the Laos and Pakistan country case studies will be further developed. We will commence research into the development effectiveness of aid from China to PNG and the Pacific Island Countries.

3.3 Public-private partnerships for development

What role should the private sector play in partnership with aid agencies in achieving development outcomes?

In 2012, we held a major forum on 'Engaging Business in Development' based on a background paper which surveyed a number of different ways in which the private sector can enter into partnerships with publically-financed development agencies and initiatives.

In 2013, we will deepen our work on engaging business in development. We have already published a discussion paper (Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 28) based on work undertaken in 2012. We will establish an expert working group on enterprise challenge funds, which will consider and make recommendations on a range of policy and practical questions about these funds, taking account of experience to date with AusAID's Enterprise Challenge Fund for the Pacific and South East Asia.

3.4 Climate change and development

Our focus is on the climate change mitigation challenges faced by developing countries, and on options for mobilising financing from international sources, both public and private, to meet these challenges.

In 2012, PhD students associated with the Centre researched the mitigation challenges facing China and Indonesia in the energy sector using a mix of quantitative and qualitative techniques. A third PhD student reviewed the mitigation costs facing developing countries and equity issues associated with different transfer schemes. Our research into the Australian-funded Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership provided the first evaluation of that demonstration activity.

In 2013, we will continue our research into climate change mitigation options, and associated financing questions, in developing countries. We will also undertake research on international climate financing issues in the context of ongoing discussions about the capitalisation of the global Green Climate Fund and the development of global and regional markets for emission reductions provided by developing countries. As part of this, we will consider the special challenges faced by small island states in making effective use of multilateral climate change financing mechanisms.

PUBLICATIONS

Discussion papers

The Development Policy Centre's discussion paper series covers a broad range of topics. Available online (<http://devpolicy.anu.edu.au/publications/>) and through the Social Science Research Network (SSRN), the series aims to deepen knowledge and discourse among practitioners, academics, policymakers and the public. Discussion papers normally reflect significant research and analytical effort, and are likely to undergo subsequent refinement with a view to publication in peer-reviewed journals.

In 2012, we published fifteen discussion papers, as follows.

- DP 11** 'What do we know about the private sector's contribution to development?'
Margaret Callan, January 2012, pp. 24.

Margaret Callan, Development Policy Centre Visiting Fellow, examines the information the private sector currently provides on its development contributions, and proposes a new methodology through which corporate reporting could be strengthened to better reflect the private sector's role in development.

- DP 12** 'Revisiting the relationship between targeting and program performance'
Dung Doan and Stephen Howes, January 2012, pp. 40.

Dung Doan, Crawford School of Public Policy PhD student, and Stephen Howes explore whether improved targeting of public spending will necessarily result in more or less cost-effective poverty reduction.

- DP 13** 'Renewable technologies and risk mitigation in small island developing states (SIDS): Fiji's electricity sector'
Matthew Dornan and Frank Jotzo, February 2012, pp. 54.

Matthew Dornan, Development Policy Centre Research Fellow, and Frank Jotzo, Crawford School of Public Policy Senior Lecturer, argue in favour of renewable energy for Fiji and other Pacific Island Countries, not to reduce their emissions but to reduce the risks arising from dependency on volatile oil prices.

- DP 14** 'Rethinking health sector wide approaches through the lens of aid effectiveness'
Andrew McNee, February 2012, pp. 52.

Andrew McNee, former Development Policy Centre Visiting Fellow, provides a survey of health SWAps, which have been a favoured form of providing health aid over the last decade or more. Andrew comes to the conclusion that, in their current form, SWAps are not working and that instead of reverting back to projects, donors should move towards more 'hybrid' sector delivery mechanisms.

- DP 15** 'Illuminating the local: can non-formal institutions be complementary to health system development in Papua New Guinea?'
Andrew McNee, February 2012, pp. 85.

In this paper Andrew McNee suggests that the way forward for service delivery in PNG may be to turn the thinking about the PNG health sector on its head, by working on more productive ways to build the health system from the bottom-up, with a focus on the non-formal institutions that frame the system.

- DP 16** 'A very real and practical contribution? Lessons from the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership'
Erik Olbrei and Stephen Howes, March 2012, pp. 56.

Erik Olbrei, Research Associate at the Development Policy Centre, and Stephen Howes analyse the fate of the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership (KFCP) project, and argue that it is time for a new approach.

- DP 17** 'Australia's Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme: why has take-up been so low?'
Danielle Hay and Stephen Howes, April 2012, pp. 51.

Danielle Hay, Research Officer at the Development Policy Centre and Stephen Howes consider why take-up under Australia's PSWP scheme has been so poor. Based on a survey of growers, they argue that the scheme suffers from a lack of awareness and a poor reputation, and that the horticultural sector no longer faces labour shortages owing to the rapid growth in the number of backpackers working on farms.

- DP 18** 'Female parliamentarians and economic growth: Evidence from a large panel'
Dinuk Jayasuriya and Paul J. Burke, May 2012, pp. 10.

Dinuk Jayasuriya, Development Policy Centre Research Fellow, and Paul Burke, Research fellow, Arndt-Cordon Department of Economics, ANU, using an analysis of data from 119 democracies, find that countries with higher shares of women in parliament have had faster growing economies.

- DP 19** 'Global sustainability: the sequel'
Robin Davies, June 2012, pp. 12.

Robin Davies, formerly a Development Policy Centre Visiting Fellow and now Associate Director, compares two seminal reports: the Brundtland Commission (1987) and the Global Sustainability Panel (2012). International cooperation is prominent in the former; resilience in the latter. He argues that much of what is puzzling or unsatisfactory in the latter report flows from a systematic blindness with respect to the need for policy cooperation between nations, and with respect to its uses of the concept of resilience.

DP 20 'Crafting sustainability: managing water pollution in Viet Nam's craft villages'
Sango Mahanty, Trung Dinh Dang and Phung Giang Hai, June 2012, pp. 48.

This discussion paper examines the expansion, modernisation and diversification of craft production in Vietnam. Drawing on four cases study sites in the Red River Delta region of northern Vietnam, the authors provide an overview of key findings and policy recommendations.

DP 21 'Aid to fragile and conflict-affected countries: a review of the literature and Australia's approach'
John Eyers, July 2012, pp. 40.

For about a decade the demands of providing international assistance to fragile and conflict-affected (FCA) countries have received explicit and increasing attention, both from aid organisations and a range of other stakeholders. John Eyers, a development economist and consultant, draws on a growing literature about how best to provide international aid in situations of fragility or conflict and comments on Australia's distinctive approach in its aid to FCA countries.

DP 22 'Tuberculosis control in the Torres Strait Region: what's needed and why? Report following a public forum'
Kamalini Lokuge, Kebei Salee and Anastasios Konstantinos, August 2012, pp. 22.

In this paper the authors identify the problem of TB in the Torres Strait region and acknowledge the promising steps recently taken to address it. However, they argue that unless more is done, we run the risk of the spread of not just multi-drug resistant but extremely-drug resistant TB.

DP 23 'Why Fiji is not the 'Mauritius' of the Pacific? Lessons for small Island Nations in the Pacific'
Biman Chand Prasad, September 2012, pp. 26.

As a small island nation, Fiji's economic progress has been dismal and this can largely be attributed to the political instability created by the military coups. The small island state of Mauritius has had uninterrupted growth rates in the same period and as a result has delivered significant improvements in the quality of life of its people. Biman Chand Prasad, Professor of Economics at the University of South Pacific, discusses why Fiji has not become the 'Mauritius' of the Pacific, pointing to the lack of political stability and inclusive economic and political institutions as the major causes of poor economic performance over the last 25 years.

DP 24 'Careers in development'
Jonathan Pryke, October 2012, pp. 22.

The current generation of young Australians shows an unprecedented interest in international development. But the aid and development industry is difficult to break into. Jonathan Pryke, Development Policy Centre Research Officer, addresses this problem with advice on what a career in development actually is and how you can better your chances of getting started.

DP 25 'Caribbean integration – lessons for the Pacific?'
Bob Warner, November 2012, pp. 17.

The 15 members of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) are digesting a critical review of the structure and performance of its Secretariat, which describes the overall CARICOM integration initiative as being in crisis. Bob Warner, Director of Pacific Research Partnerships at the Crawford School, ANU, describes elements of the CARICOM integration project, and draws lessons for the Pacific Island Countries.

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Policy briefs

Our policy briefs are shorter documents that contain information and analysis on specific policy issues. We produced two in 2012.

PB 3 'Enhancing the capabilities of central finance agencies: a political economy perspective'
Björn Dressel, January 2012, pp. 6.

Björn Dressel, a Senior Lecturer at the Crawford School, ANU, discusses how political economy analysis can provide operationally useful insights for improving the strength of Central Finance Agencies (CFAs), and argues that a critical focus on CFA capabilities will offer a much needed avenue for public financial reform and CFA strengthening.

PB 4 'End of the Aid Boom? The impact of austerity on aid budgets'
Kathryn Zealand and Stephen Howes, May 2012, pp. 8.

With austerity measures being pursued by many countries, foreign aid budgets are being cut. In this policy brief, Kathryn Zealand, a Development Policy Centre Research Officer, and Stephen Howes analyse 2012 budget documents and other public sources of information to estimate the extent of global aid cuts for 2012.

Reports

Our reports include research efforts not intended for subsequent journal publication, submissions to parliamentary inquiries and other external review exercises of relevance to our research interests, as well as outreach documents produced by the Centre.

Best of the Development Policy Blog 2012

This was a collation of our 12 most popular blog posts for 2012. It captures the range of interests covered by our blog and the diversity of our contributors.

Development Policy Centre Annual Report 2011

After hosting more than 20 public lectures and seminars, ten discussion papers and two policy briefs, the Development Policy Centre released its first annual report in April 2012, providing a summary of the progress we had made in our first full year of operation.

Pacific Futures: World Bank Discussion Note

Prepared by the World Bank's Pacific Department, and published by the Development Policy Centre, *Pacific Futures* provides a framework for considering recent performance and future prospects for economic development in Pacific Island Countries. The report notably highlights how geographical distance and the small size of individual economies will constrain the extent to which Pacific Island Countries will be able to follow a 'conventional' development path.

AgResults: innovation in research and delivery

This concept paper was prepared by Robin Davies in June 2012 at the request of AusAID for the donor steering committee of the AgResults initiative, a results-based financing mechanism which aims to spur private investment in innovation for smallholder agriculture. AgResults was launched by Prime Ministers' Julia Gillard of Australia, David Cameron of the United Kingdom and Stephen Harper of Canada, together with the then president of the World Bank, Robert Zoellick, at the Los Cabos G20 summit in June 2012. The paper is available on the World Bank's website at www.worldbank.org/cfp/agpm.

Australian aid to Afghanistan: submission to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

This submission was prepared by Stephen Howes and Jonathan Pryke in October 2012.

In June 2012 the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade announced an inquiry into 'The administration, management and objective of Australia's overseas development programs in Afghanistan in the context of the "Transition Decade"'. Submissions closed in late-September. The authors were called to give testimony to the committee in early-December. The report was expected to be complete by the end of March 2013.

Fowl or Fish? A submission to the ACIAR Review

This submission was prepared by Robin Davies and Stephen Howes in December 2012.

In August 2012, Foreign Minister Bob Carr announced the first external review of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) since 1998. Submissions closed in early-December 2012. The report of the review is expected to be released in early-2013.

Other publications

Other articles and publications written by Devpolicy researchers are as follows:

Howes, S. and Mako, A. 2012, 'Lessons from PNG's budget trends over the last decade', *Spotlight with NRI*, 6(3), National Research Institute.

Howes, S. and Olbrei, E. 2012, 'A very real and practical contribution: lessons from the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership', *Climate Law* 3: 103-137.

Howes, S. 2012, 'Sustaining growth and mitigating climate change: are the costs of climate change mitigation underestimated?', Ch.2 in *Responding to climate change: global experiences and the Korean perspective*, edited by C.H. Hahn, S.-H. Lee and K.-S. Yoon, Korean Development Institute and East-West Centre.

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Jayasuriya, D. S. 2012, 'Benefits and costs of joint investment and advisory projects for access to finance', *Enterprise Development and Microfinance*, Volume 23(3):, 230-240.

THE DEVELOPMENT POLICY BLOG

The Development Policy Blog is a platform for analysis and discussion relating to our central research areas: Australian aid; the Pacific and PNG; and global development policy.

In 2012 we published 282 blog posts, bringing the total number since the blog began in 2010 to 548 from 185 contributors. Blog posts are also shared through social media (Facebook and Twitter) and via email, and are often re-published by other organisations.

A feature of the blog in 2012 was the addition of buzzes or round-ups covering news and debates on Australian aid, global development, education and development, aid and Asia and the Pacific (jointly with the Pacific Institute of Public Policy). Our blog redesign in 2013 will see an end to these, but the addition of a new rolling blog site for short analysis and commentary.

We've also started providing a monthly blog summary, which is sent out to our growing mailing list. An increasing number of people receive our blog posts daily through email. For subscription options, visit: <http://devpolicy.org/>

Top 12 blog posts of 2012

Here is a list of the 12 most popular posts from the Development Policy Blog for 2012, with a quote from each, in chronological order.

March 16 *"Pacific Futures": The World Bank challenges conventional thinking on the Pacific island region*, **Stephen Howes and Jonathan Pryke**.

'Pacific Futures not only challenges conventional wisdom about the Pacific, but in some cases turns it on its head.'

April 11 *Child sponsorship works?*, **Terence Wood**.

'On the basis of best available evidence child sponsorships come out looking quite good.'

April 12 *Bad governance and politics and PNG's lost decade*, **Andrew Anton Mako**.

'I am from a very remote village deep in the Highlands of PNG, and in the last fifteen years the single health centre, a primary school which I attended as a boy, an airstrip that brings supplies to the village, and agricultural extension services, all closed down, and shrubs are now growing on a new road which was built in the late-1990s to connect my village to the nearest town. The 10,000 plus people in that part of the country are literally struggling each day. That is the grim situation of most parts of rural PNG.'

April 17 *Painful aid*, **Nikunj Soni**.

'There is a growing concern amongst many practitioners in the field that those in charge of development at the highest institutional levels have simply lost touch with reality.'

May 4 *End of the aid boom? The impact of austerity on aid budgets, and implications for Australia*, **Kathryn Zealand and Stephen Howes**.

'Our analysis of 2012 budget documents ... suggests that more cuts are on their way, and that this is indeed the end of the aid boom.'

May 9 *Weak on quantity, strong on quality: the 2012 Australian aid budget*, **Stephen Howes**.

'Though it will probably go little noticed, the budget did contain a number of aid reforms which push forward the aid effectiveness agenda.'

May 25 *Should aid workers lead comfortable lives?*, **Terence Wood**.

'Even attempts at doing good often bring with them huge inequalities of their own.'

July 13 *Sachs' Sustainable Development Goals—vision of the future or more pie in the sky?*, **Joel Negin**.

'There will, of course, be critics and critiques ... But there is an opportunity for the SDGs to herald a new engagement by the emerging economies of the world that will be the global leaders of the next 15 years.'

July 31 *Can social media transform Papua New Guinea? Reflections and questions*, **Michelle Nayahamui Rooney**.

'In a country where names are often synonymous with ethnicity, family and sometimes political affiliation, and in a context where corruption and violence are widespread, it is understandable that some may wish to conceal their real identities when engaging in the public sphere. It is also interesting to see that many people use their real identities and openly write about issues such as corruption and violence.'

September 10 *Benefits from mining in Papua New Guinea—where do they go?*, **Margaret Callan**.

'Johnson finds a "complete lack of transparency and accountability in many of the institutions associated with the Porgera mine". Over a billion kina in cash and benefits have been spread through the Porgera region but it is almost impossible to know where the money has gone.'

October 19 *How do I get started in a career in development?*, **Jonathan Pryke**.

'Based on my own experience and drawing on extensive consultation, the paper aims to start a conversation about what a career in development actually is, what you can do to better your chances of getting started and where you can look.'

November 2 *The MDGs post-2015: why we should do less*, **Bill Morton**.

'Now is the right time for practitioners and analysts in developed countries to take a step back, and to make room for people in developing countries to advance their own thinking on a post-2015 framework.'

EVENTS

In 2012, we hosted 28 events.

Over the past three years we have hosted a total of 47 public events (a combination of lectures or seminars, conferences and forums). All of our events are shared with a global audience via streaming video from our website and audio podcasts available through our website and iTunes. We have also created a new events page on our website that draws together all related video, audio, presentations and blog posts from all of the events we have hosted (<http://devpolicy.anu.edu.au/events/>).

Below is a complete list of events hosted in 2012, in chronological order.

1. Quality, quantity and nutritional impact of rice price changes in Vietnam

John Gibson, Professor of Economics, University of Waikato
31 January

John presented his research on Vietnam's market prices, food quantity and quality.

2. New approaches to exploring the politics of development: a critique and a proposal, with insights from Uganda

Sam Hickey, Reader in the Politics of Development, IDPM, University of Manchester
17 February

Sam presented new approaches to understanding the politics of development, and applied them to Uganda.



4. Education effectiveness and collaboration forum

13 March

In collaboration with Save the Children and funding support from AusAID, this unique event brought together all players in the Australian education aid scene—AusAID, NGOs, business, contractors, academic specialists, consultants and education policy makers— to consider how more effective partnership can advance quality education for all children in the Asia Pacific region.

Speakers included: Peter Baxter, Director-General, AusAID; Lynne Benson, Head of International Development Programs, Save the Children Australia; Sharon Bessell, Senior Lecturer, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU; Desmond Bermingham, Director of Education Global Initiative, Save the Children; Robert Cannon, University of Adelaide; Annie Chandler, Sustainability Manager, IKEA Retail Australia; David Coleman, Education Advisor, AusAID; Richard Geeves, Chair, ACFID Education Working Group and Manager, Development Effectiveness, Child Fund Australia; Anne Glover, International Development Specialist; Susan Harris-Rimmer, Manager of Advocacy and Development Practice, ACFID; David Howes, General Manager, Curriculum Division, Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority; Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU; Viktor Jakupec, Professor of Education, University of Potsdam; Tom Kompas, Director, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU and Professor of Economics, ANU; Julia Newton-Howes, CEO, Care Australia; Rachel Outhred, Head of Knowledge Development, Education Resource Facility, AusAID; Morgana Ryan, Asia Pacific Director, Accenture Development Partnerships; Fabia Shah, Senior Education Expert, Education Resources Facility, AusAID; Paul Voutier, Commercial Manager, Business for Millennium Development.



3. Rents to riches? The political economy of natural resource-led development in East Asia and the Pacific

Naazneen H. Barma, Assistant Professor of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School
28 February

Naazneen presented her research for the World Bank into the political economy of decisions that resource-dependent developing countries take at each step of the natural resource management value chain, with illustrations from East Asia and the Pacific.



5. Pacific Futures: toward a new approach in the Pacific

Ferhid Belhaj, World Bank Country Director for Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Pacific Islands and Vivek Suri, World Bank Lead Economist
15 March

Ferhid and Vivek presented their new report 'Pacific Futures: towards a new approach to the Pacific', in which they highlight geographical factors and small size as constraining the extent to which Pacific Island Countries will be able to follow a 'conventional' development path.



6. Recommendation 23: how should Australia do global health R&D?

20 March

The 23rd recommendation of the Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness states that, "There should be more aid funding for research by Australian and international institutions, particularly in agriculture and medicine". In this public forum, leading aid experts, global health R&D specialists and leading medical researchers from Australia and abroad addressed the main topics surrounding this important issue.

Speakers included: Rob Don, Discovery and Preclinical Director, Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative; Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU; Mary Moran, Executive Director, Policy Cures; Graeme Woodrow, Head of Strategy and Implementation, CSIRO Preventative Health Flagship, and joint leader of the Health Initiative of the Global Research Alliance.



7. Making Pacific migration work: Australian and New Zealand experiences

2 April

This one-day conference looked at the experiences of seasonal worker and other migration schemes in Australia and New Zealand to explore what lessons can be learnt and what policy reforms are required for Australia to provide win-win outcomes for both the Pacific and Australia's economy.

Speakers included: Richard Bedford, Pro Vice-Chancellor Research, Auckland University of Technology; Richard Brown, Associate Professor, School of Economics, University of Queensland; Judith Damiani, CEO, Citrus Australia Ltd; Graeme Dobell, Journalist; Alf Fangaloka, Director, Tree Minders Pty Ltd; John Gibson, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Waikato; Danielle Hay, Researcher, Development Policy Centre; Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre; Graeme Hugo, University of Adelaide; Lionel Kalaut, Labour Commissioner, Department of Labour and Employment Services, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Vanuatu; Tom Kompas, Director, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU and Professor of Economics, ANU; Kirstie Petrou, PhD Candidate, University of Sydney; Sankar Ramasamy, Manager, Migration Research, Labour and Immigration Research Centre, Department of Labour, New Zealand; Mark Roddam, Branch Manager for Migration, CoAG and Evidence Branch, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; Mathea Roorde, Evaluate Research .

EVENTS (CONTINUED)



8. Aid and development policy in Australia and the region: the big issues

19 April

We launched the Development Policy Centre's first annual report with a panel of prominent speakers that are representative of our network. The launch was an opportunity to both celebrate the success of our first year and to discuss the big issues that lie ahead for the aid and development sector.

Speakers included: The Hon. Andrew Leigh MP, Federal Member for Fraser; Simon McKeon, Australian of the Year 2011 and Chairman of the boards of CSIRO and Business for Millenium Development; Julia Newton-Howes, CEO, CARE Australia; Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre.



9. Australia and Burma: opportunities for change

The Hon. Janelle Saffin MP, Federal Member for Page
11 May

In this seminar, co-hosted with the Department of Political and Social Change, ANU, Janelle, a long-term advocate for democracy and human rights in Burma, presented her views on the opportunities for positive change in Burma and what Australia can and should do.



10. ODI fellowship scheme

Susan Barron, Program Manager, Overseas Development Institute and Matthew Morris, Deputy Director, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
17 May

At this public seminar, Susan and Matthew discussed the ODI fellowship scheme, which recruits graduate economists to work in the public sectors of developing countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific on two-year placements. Matthew also reflected on his experiences as an ODI Fellow in Papua New Guinea.

11. TB control in the PNG-Australia cross-border region

23 May

Experts, policy makers and community members from the region gathered in this unique forum to discuss the rising prevalence of, and strategies to control, TB in the cross-border region. They acknowledged the promising steps recently taken, but argued that unless more is done we run the risk of the spread of not just multi-drug resistant but extremely-drug resistant TB.

Speakers included: Kamalini Lokuge, Medical Epidemiologist, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, ANU; Tom Kompas, Director, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU and Professor of Economics, ANU; Paul Aia, Director, National TB Program, National Department of Health, PNG; Kebei Salee Koeget, local-level government Ward Member for Sigabaduru, PNG; Tom Konstantinos, Director, Queensland Tuberculosis Control Centre; Benedict David, Principal Health Specialist, AusAID.



12. The future of aid: a horizon scan

Homi Kharas, Deputy Director, Global Economy and Development Program and Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution
11 June

Homi gave a preview of his ODI paper 'Horizon 2025', co-authored with Andrew Rogerson, which provides an outlook for aid and development in 2025 and discusses aid agencies' prospects in this changing environment.



14. Does India's Employment Guarantee Scheme guarantee employment?

Martin Ravallion, Acting Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, Development Economics, World Bank, and Dominique Van De Walle, Lead Economist for Social Protection, World Bank
6 July

This seminar focused on the performance of a recent employment scheme in India's poorest state, Bihar, drawing on a panel survey of 3,000 households in rural Bihar 2009-10. A variety of data sources and methods were employed, including both observational (econometric) and experimental methods, making both the results and methodology interesting subjects for discussion.



13. Australian aid, the Pacific and PNG

The Hon. Julie Bishop MP, Federal Member for Curtin, Deputy Opposition Leader and the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade
20 June

Deputy Opposition leader Julie Bishop painted a new vision of Australia's relationship with the Pacific, and discussed a variety of issues including the elevation of Australia's relationship with PNG, support for increased labour mobility, and increased focus on aid effectiveness.



15. Australian aid in the Asian Century

Hugh White, Professor, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, ANU and Visiting Fellow, Lowy Institute for International Policy and Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre
11 July

In what many describe as the Asian century, what role is there for Australian aid? Should Australia continue to support Asia with aid or direct its aid elsewhere? Should Australia cut rather than expand the aid budget? Hugh and Stephen debated these questions as part of Asia Pacific Week.

EVENTS (CONTINUED)



16. Measuring poverty and gender disparity

Thomas Pogge, Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs, Yale University and Professor in Philosophy, ANU and Scott Wisor, Research Fellow, Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Theory, School of Philosophy (RSSS), ANU

15 August

Over the past two years, across 18 sites in six countries (Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Fiji, the Philippines, and Indonesia), poor men and women have been engaged in participatory research to develop a new measure of deprivation. This lecture reviewed the results of their participatory research and explained a proposal for a new measure of deprivation based on their findings.



18. Improving the nutritional status of children and women: what role for aid?

Lawrence Haddad, Professor of Economics, Director of the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex

28 August

Under-nutrition is a leading risk factor for morbidity and mortality. It undermines economic performance and facilitates intergenerational poverty. Its invisibility, irreversibility and multi-sectorality are a challenge for domestic public policy. In this public seminar, Lawrence explored the best role for ODA in addressing issues of under-nutrition and made some recommendations.



17. Two decades of working with smallholder farmers in Africa and Asia: the challenges and rewards of sustainable Newcastle disease control

Dr Robyn Alders, Associate Professor, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Sydney

27 August

Robyn has worked for the last two decades to develop vaccines and community-based programs for the control of Newcastle Disease, which afflicts poultry and threatens livelihoods in several African and Asian countries. In this public lecture she shared her experiences and lessons learnt from a stellar career.



19. Australian aid evaluation: present and future

30 August

This half-day workshop promoted analysis and discussion of recent evaluations released by AusAID's ODE and a broader discussion about its role, plans for the future and the newly-formed Independent Evaluation Committee (IEC), which has been established to oversee ODE's evaluations and guarantee their quality and independence.

Speakers included: Dereck Rooker-Smith, Assistant Director General, ODE, AusAID; Jim Adams, Chair of the Independent Evaluation Committee; Cate Rogers, PhD candidate, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU and previously Director of Evaluations, ODE (on extended leave from AusAID); Kathy Richards, Manager, Philippines Desk, AusAID; Hal Hill, H.W. Arndt Professor of Southeast Asian Economies, ANU; Jo Hall, Senior Director, Australian National Audit Office; Russell Miles, Director, NGO Policy, Partnerships and Program Section, AusAID; Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre.



20. Tertiary education reform and the role of aid

Jamil Salmi, former World Bank Tertiary Education Coordinator 2006-2012

3 September

In this public event, Jamil focused on the recent evolution of donor support for tertiary education, discussed lessons from his own experience in using aid to transform tertiary education, and provided recommendations for increasing the effectiveness of donor interventions in tertiary education.



22. Challenges to global health: getting what works to those who need it

Kamalini Lokuge, Medical Epidemiologist and Research Fellow, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, ANU

10 September

Drawing on her extensive experience delivering and researching health programs in complex, conflict-riddled and poor regions of the world, Kamalini explored the difficulties of bringing effective aid to vulnerable populations.



21. 2012 Pacific Update

6 September

The 2012 Pacific Update was a unique opportunity to hear the latest Pacific political and economic developments, debates and challenges from an unparalleled pool of Pacific expertise, including two finance ministers, two central bank governors and leading regional academics, advisers and civil-society voices.

Speakers included: Bart Philemon, former Minister for the Public Service, PNG; Nikunj Soni, Chair, Pacific Institute of Public Policy (PiPP); Odo Tevi, Governor of the Reserve Bank, Vanuatu; Siosi (Joyce) C. Mafi, Governor of the National Reserve Bank, Tonga; Biman Prasad, University of the South Pacific, Fiji; Rick Houenipwela, Minister of Finance and Treasury, Solomon Islands; Serena Sasingian, Executive Director, 'The Voice', PNG; Kolone Vaai, Co-Managing Director, KVA Consult Ltd, Samoa.

23. How to achieve policy impact from a development think tank

Owen Barder, Director for Europe, Center for Global Development

9 October

Think tanks and policy centres have an important role to play in providing policymakers with analysis and advice on how their policies can improve the prospects for development. In this public seminar, Owen reflected on his experience and that of the Center for Global Development (CGD) in developing policy proposals and working to have them implemented.

24. Built on dreams, grounded in reality: economic policy reform in the Philippines

Dr Steven Rood, Country Representative, Philippines and Pacific Island Nations and Regional Advisor for Local Governance, The Asia Foundation; Jaime Faustino, Program Director, Economic Reform and Development Entrepreneurship, The Asia Foundation; Sam Chittick, AusAID Governance Advisor, Philippines

11 October

Steven, Jaime and Sam presented a model for engendering transformative institutional change developed from cases highlighted in The Asia Foundation's new book, *Built on Dreams, Grounded in Reality*. They also drew on the current research and programs of AusAID and The Asia Foundation to apply the model to social sector reforms.

EVENTS (CONTINUED)



25. Engaging business in development

17 October

Participants in this forum were invited to examine how aid funds can be used to enhance the development impact of business activity. They explored the potential for further aid investment in partnership with business in four areas: inclusive business ventures; pro-poor supply chains for internationally-traded products; service delivery; and product development partnerships in health.

Speakers included: Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre; Robin Davies, Visiting Fellow, Development Policy Centre; Margaret Callan, Visiting Fellow, Development Policy Centre; Jane Thomason, Chairperson, JTA International; Sean Rooney, Principal Consultant, Foundation for Development Cooperation; Anthony Perkins, Chief Executive Officer, WING Cambodia; Thiev Viseth; WING Cambodia; Paul Voutier, Commercial Manager, Business for Millennium Development; Peter Leahy, Principal Executive, International Programs, Care Australia; Annmaree O’Keeffe, Research Fellow, Lowy Institute; Ross Hutton, Manager, Health Services, Oil Search Health Foundation; James Ensor, Director, Public Policy and Outreach, Oxfam Australia; Andrea Iffland, Regional Director for the Pacific, Asian Development Bank; Dan Evans, Deputy Chair, Business for Millennium Development; Rachel Levine, Producers Support and Relations Officer, Fairtrade NZ; Sandra Mendez, Producers Support and Relations Officer, Fairtrade NZ; Joshua Bishop, National Manager, Markets, Sustainability and Business Partnerships, WWF-Australia; Michael Toliman, PNG Coffee Industry Corporation Ltd; Tim Wilson, Director, Climate Change Policy, IP and Free Trade Unit, Institute of Public Affairs; Mary Moran, Director, Policy Cures; George Jagoe, Executive Vice-President, Access and Product Management, Medicines for Malaria Venture; Wayne Best, Managing Director, Epichem; Gabrielle Persley, Research Study Director, Crawford Fund.



26. Revisiting the limits to growth: a global forecast for the next 40 years

Professor Jorgen Randers, Climate Strategy, BI Norwegian Business School and Paul Gilding, University of Cambridge Program for Sustainability Leadership

5 November

Forty years after the publication of The Club of Rome’s 1972 book *The Limits to Growth*, which he co-authored, Jorgen Randers spoke about his new book: *2052—a global forecast for the next 40 years*. Following this presentation, Paul Gilding argued that the world will embark on an emergency response to prevent environmental catastrophe. Stephen Howes provided a Crawford School perspective.





27. The inaugural Harold Mitchell Development Policy Annual Lecture: Timor-Leste and the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States

The Hon. Emilia Pires, Finance Minister, Government of Timor-Leste
22 November

Minister Pires discussed Timor-Leste's experience in achieving social stability and rapid growth, and its pioneering role in the establishment of the g7+, a group of 18 fragile states that was formed in 2010 as a country-owned and country-led global mechanism to monitor, report on and draw attention to the unique challenges faced by fragile states. She also highlighted the 'New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States', which represents the first time in history that conflict-afflicted states have taken the lead in designing an aid architecture for and by themselves. Harold Mitchell inaugurated the lecture series, which has been named in his honour. Lectures in the series will be delivered annually.



The Harold Mitchell Development Policy Lecture Series

The Harold Mitchell Development Policy lecture series has been created to provide a new platform on which the most pressing development issues can be addressed by the best development thinkers and aid practitioners of our time. It will be held annually. The inaugural Harold Mitchell Development Policy Lecture was delivered on November 22 to an audience of some 200 people at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU, by Timor-Leste's Finance Minister, The Hon. Emilia Pires, on the topic of 'Timor-Leste and the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States'.



28. Aid from emerging Asia: Asian perspectives on development cooperation and global development challenges

29 November

There is a lot of talk about aid from emerging Asia but few opportunities to hear from and engage with officials from Asian aid agencies or with national experts. In this unique forum, co-sponsored by The Asia Foundation, senior development cooperation officials and experts from China, India and Korea addressed the main issues surrounding development cooperation from the region.

Speakers included: Xiaojing Mao, Deputy Director and Associate Research Fellow, Department of Development Assistance, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC), Ministry of Commerce, China; Wenping He, Professor, Director, African Studies Section, Institute of West Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS); Hyunghwan Joo, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Strategy and Finance, Government of Korea; Wonhyuk Lim, Director, Global Economy Research, Center for International Development, Korea Development Institute; Kumar Tuhin, Joint Secretary, Development Partnership Administration II, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Sachin Chaturvedi, Senior Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, New Delhi, India; Arianto Patunru, Fellow, Arndt-Corden Department of Economics, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU; Robin Davies, Visiting Fellow, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU; Annmaree O'Keeffe, Research Associate, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU; Raden Siliwanti, Director, Political Affairs and Communication, National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Indonesia.

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- > A monthly newsletter which updates subscribers on all recent and upcoming Devpolicy activities, including major announcements, events and publications.

Social media: We have expanded our presence in the social media spheres and now have active Facebook, Twitter and Google+ services.

Podcast: In 2012 we launched a podcast series, which makes audio recordings of our events, including question and answer sessions, available for download both online and through iTunes.

Media: In 2012 the views of our staff and their research have been presented via various regional and domestic media outlets including The Australian, The Age, ABC Pacific Beat, The Conversation, Radio Australia, the Fiji Times and the Post-Courier PNG.



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Professor Stephen Howes has a PhD in economics from the London School of Economics. He served in various positions for a decade at the World Bank before becoming AusAID's first Chief Economist in 2005. In that capacity, he led and participated in major policy initiatives, including the Core Group Report, which led to Australia's

last White Paper on Aid (2006) and Pacific 2020. After leaving AusAID in 2007, he worked on the Garnaut Climate Change Review in 2008, and then joined the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU, where he is Professor of Economics and directs the International and Development Economics teaching program as well as the Development Policy Centre.

In 2009-10, he participated in an official review of the PNG aid program, and in 2010-11, in the Australian Government's Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness. He serves as a Board member for CARE Australia.

Stephen oversees the work of the Development Policy Centre, and provides overall leadership on the first two pillars of our research (Australian aid and PNG and the Pacific).

2012 Devpolicy publications:

- > 'Australian aid to Afghanistan, Development Policy Centre submission to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Reference Committee inquiry into 'The administration, management and objective of Australia's overseas development programs in Afghanistan in the context of the "Transition Decade"' — with Jonathan Pryke.
- > 'Fowl or fish? A submission to the external review of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research' — with Robin Davies.
- > 'End of the aid boom? The impact of austerity on aid budgets', Development Policy Centre Policy Brief 5 — with Kathryn Zealand.
- > 'Australia's Pacific Seasonal Worker Pilot Scheme: why has take-up been so low?', Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 17 — with Danielle Hay.
- > 'A very real and practical contribution? Lessons from the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership', Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 16 — with Erik Olbrei.
- > 'Revisiting the relationship between targeting and program performance', Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 12 — with Dung Doan.

Other 2012 publications:

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Notable 2012 blog posts:

- > Not serious about global medical research: comments on the draft AusAID strategy
- > Weak on quantity, strong on quality: the 2012 Australian aid budget

STAFF AND ASSOCIATES (CONTINUED)

Associate Director



Robin Davies was appointed Associate Director in December 2012. From February 2012 he had been a Visiting Fellow at the Centre. For ten years before that he held various positions within the senior executive service of AusAID, both in Australia and overseas. Robin was Australia's representative on the G20 Development Working Group from

its establishment in 2010. He played an active role in shaping the Seoul Development Consensus for Shared Growth and subsequent work on 'growth with resilience'. He oversaw the development of a series of climate change initiatives in the period 2007 to 2010, and contributed to the design of the multilateral Climate Investment Funds. He has represented Australia on the OECD Development Assistance Committee, and managed Australia's aid program in Indonesia from 2003 to 2006.

Robin leads on the Centre's third research pillar (global development policy) and also contributes to our work on Australian aid effectiveness.

Research themes:

- > Australian aid effectiveness
- > Multilateral cooperation and development financing
- > Public-private partnerships for development
- > Climate change and development

2012 Devpolicy publications:

- > 'AgResults: Innovation in Research and Delivery', concept paper prepared for the AgResults donor steering committee, June 2012.
- > 'Fowl or Fish? A submission to the external review of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research' — with Stephen Howes.
- > 'Global sustainability: the sequel', Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 19.

Notable 2012 blog posts:

- > Nothing beats a panel
- > After the siesta: whither the G20's development agenda?
- > Global sustainability: the sequel
- > Dr Kim's hypertensive patient

Research Fellows



Dr Matthew Dornan joined the Development Policy Centre in December 2011. His PhD thesis was on the energy sector in Fiji, with a focus on the use of renewable technologies for rural electrification and as a risk mitigation measure against oil price volatility. His PhD also looked at the political economy of policy implementation and reform

in Fiji. Previously, Matthew worked in Fiji, Nauru, Kiribati and Tuvalu as part of an Australian Government technical assistance program. He has also worked on climate change adaptation issues as part of AusAID.

In his work at the Centre he examines aid flows and regional integration issues in the Pacific islands, as well as continuing his research into energy and broader infrastructure challenges facing the Pacific island region.

He has just completed a major report for the ADB on infrastructure maintenance in the Pacific, and in 2013 will be continuing his work on infrastructure in the Pacific, as well as undertaking a review of the Australian Pacific Partnerships for Development.

Research themes:

- > Australian aid policy
- > Pacific growth and integration

2012 Devpolicy publications:

- > 'Renewable Technologies and Risk Mitigation in Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Fiji's Electricity Sector', Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 13—with Frank Jotzo.

Notable 2012 blog posts:

- > Swept under the pandanus mat: the Review of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat needs to be taken seriously
- > Renewable energy targets in the Pacific: why are unrealistic targets adopted?
- > Regional winners from the 2012 aid budget: Fiji, Burma, Afghanistan and Africa
- > Aid and the maintenance of infrastructure in the Pacific
- > Climate change adaptation in Pacific island countries: donors, big men, real options



Dr Dinuk Jayasuriya joined the Development Policy Centre in January 2012 after completing two years' work for the World Bank Group as an evaluator focusing on the Pacific. Previously, he worked for the International Federation of the Red Cross, AusAID, Price Waterhouse Coopers and the ANZ. Dinuk holds a

PhD in Economics from the ANU which involved undertaking evaluations in the Solomon Islands and Sri Lanka.

In his work at the Centre, he examines quantitative studies and impact evaluations. He is completing a major research project into fear and mental health in post-conflict Sri Lanka; is currently undertaking evaluations into wheelchair access and road construction in PNG; and will also be working on the Centre's Australian aid stakeholder survey in 2013.

Research themes:

- > Australian aid effectiveness
- > PNG health and gender
- > Aid and Asia

2012 Devpolicy publications:

- > 'Female parliamentarians and economic growth: Evidence from a large panel', Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 18—with Paul J. Burke.

Other 2012 publications

- > Jayasuriya, D. S. and Burke, "Female parliamentarians and economic growth: Evidence from a large panel", P.J. 2013, *Applied Economic Letters*, 20(3):304-307.
- > Jayasuriya, D. S. 2012, "Investment and Advisory: Case Studies for Private Sector Development in PNG and China", *Enterprise Development and Microfinance*, 23(3):230-240.
- > Haque, T., Knight, D. & Jayasuriya D. 2012, "Capacity Constraints and Public Financial Management in the Pacific", World Bank Working Paper 6297.

Notable 2012 blog posts:

- > Should we give aid to countries with questionable human rights records?
- > The need for more rigor in AusAID's project evaluations
- > Effectiveness reforms in the 2012 aid budget
- > A way forward for increased aid transparency
- > Are AusAID's performance systems really that good?



Dr Anthony Swan commenced as a Research Fellow with the Development Policy Centre and a Lecturer in the International and Development Economics Program in January 2013. In 2012 he worked for the PNG National Research Institute on the PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure Project in Port Moresby. He has also lectured at the

University of Papua New Guinea. He has a PhD in economics from the ANU and a background in economic policy formulation and consulting.



Dr Grant Walton worked in 2012 as Research Supervisor with the PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure Project in Port Moresby. He recently received his PhD from the University of Melbourne. His thesis compared policy maker and citizens' perspectives on corruption in PNG. Over the past nine years Grant has conducted research and taught in PNG, Liberia, Australia and Afghanistan. In 2013, Grant joined the Centre as a Research Fellow to work on the PNG PEPE project.



Colin Wiltshire is part-time Program Manager for the PNG Budget Project that the Development Policy Centre is undertaking in partnership with the National Research Institute of PNG. He is also undertaking a PhD in the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia (SSGM) Program at the ANU.

Notable 2012 blog posts:

- > Service delivery realities in Gulf Province, PNG

STAFF AND ASSOCIATES (CONTINUED)

Research Officers



Jonathan Pryke has worked at the Development Policy Centre since early-2011. He commenced working with the Centre while completing a Master of Public Policy/Master of Diplomacy at the Crawford School of Public Policy and the College of Diplomacy, ANU. He has subsequently turned down offers from the graduate programs of the

departments of Climate Change, Treasury and DFAT to remain with us. He has been involved in all aspects of our work, from the Development Policy Blog and events, to research and training and currently edits the blog. Last year, he launched and implemented our work stream on careers in development. In 2013, he will work on the Australian aid stakeholder survey.

Research themes:

- > Australian aid effectiveness
- > Aid and the community

Devpolicy 2012 Publications:

- > 'Australian aid to Afghanistan, Development Policy Centre submission to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Reference Committee inquiry into 'The administration, management and objective of Australia's overseas development programs in Afghanistan in the context of the "Transition Decade"' — with Stephen Howes.
- > 'Careers in Development', Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 24.

Notable 2012 blog posts:

- > AusAID and transparency: good progress and a way to go
- > How do I get started in a career in development?
- > UK aid: will it hit 0.7% next year?
- > The big issues in aid and development: the Devpolicy brainstorming
- > The new meningitis A vaccine: a global health R&D story for fragile states



Ashlee Betteridge first worked with the Development Policy Centre from June 2011 to January 2012. She re-joined the Centre in April 2013. In her first period of work with us, Ashlee edited the Development Policy Blog, writing several posts herself, and significantly developed our social media presence. In 2011, she completed a Master of Public

Policy at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. In 2012 she undertook development and communications work in East Timor and Indonesia. In 2013, she continues her work in outreach and also in research.



Colum Graham is a part-time Research Officer at the Development Policy Centre. He holds a Master of Environmental Management and Development from the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. He contributes to a number of our blogs, and is working on our research project with the Centre for Global Development into the Australia Pacific Technical College.

Notable 2012 blog posts:

- > 'The State of Education' 2012 Indonesia Update
- > Educating against corruption



Terence Wood is a part-time Research Officer at the Development Policy Centre and a PhD candidate in the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia (SSGM) program, ANU. His research focus is institutional form and function in Solomon Islands, in particular, how formal institutions interact with informal institutions and other societal traits.

Terence is one of our most popular bloggers.

Notable 2012 blog posts:

- > Mistakes the poor make: Esther Duflo's Tanner Lectures
- > Poor political governance in Solomon Islands—is culture the cause?
- > Analysing New Zealand aid trends: a tale of stagnation
- > Should aid workers lead comfortable lives?
- > Child sponsorship works?

Michael Wulfohn is a part-time Research Officer at the Development Policy Centre. He is currently studying international and development economics at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. He is working on issues relating to resource boom management and transparency, especially in PNG.

Visiting Fellows



Margaret Callan joined the Development Policy Centre as a Visiting Fellow in January 2011. Prior to this, she worked at AusAID on a number of bilateral aid programs in Southeast Asia and the Pacific, most recently as Assistant Director General for Papua New Guinea. She continues to serve as an adviser to

AusAID, and in 2011 was engaged in a review of the Strongim Gavman Program, under which Australian public servants work for the PNG Government. Margaret's research with the Centre focuses on measuring the contribution of the private sector to development. She has developed a new methodology for this, which she has applied in a PNG case study.

Research themes:

- > PNG: managing the resources boom
- > Public-private partnerships for development

2012 Devpolicy publications:

- > 'What do we know about the private sector's contribution to development?' Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 11.

Notable 2012 blog posts:

- > Benefits from mining in Papua New Guinea—where do they go?
- > Papua New Guinea Sustainable Development Program—how is it performing?
- > What do we know about private sector contributions to development?
- > Five things to like about the Aid Review



Andrew McNee was a Visiting Fellow with the Development Policy Centre from January 2011 to March 2012. Andrew worked for more than 20 years in senior roles in health and development, both in Australia and overseas. He spent eight years in PNG, where he headed AusAID's health sector program before

moving into a range of advisory roles in the PNG government. Andrew's research interests include institutional development and change, health system incentives and performance, and cultural influences on health systems. He published the findings of his research for the Development Policy Centre in February 2012, and in March returned to AusAID as Director of Human Development, PNG/Pacific.

Research themes:

PNG health and gender

2012 Devpolicy publications

- > 'Illuminating the local: can non-formal institutions be complementary to health system development in Papua New Guinea?' Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 15.
- > 'Rethinking Health Sector Wide Approaches through the lens of Aid Effectiveness', Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 14. Program Staff

Program staff



Macarena Rojas joined the Development Policy Centre in May 2012 as Program Officer. She is a journalist with a background in program coordination and holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Asian Studies from The Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.



Cleo Fleming stepped down as Program Manager in April 2012 having commenced with the Centre in January 2011. She now works part-time as our Publications Editor. Cleo has a background in program management and administration and holds a Master of Social Science (International Development) from RMIT University, Melbourne.



Tom Anderson is the Web Developer for the Development Policy Blog. He is currently undertaking a combined Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Information Technology at the ANU.

STAFF AND ASSOCIATES (CONTINUED)

PhD students

The Centre encourages the involvement of PhD students based at the Crawford School of Public Policy or elsewhere working on topics relating to aid effectiveness or development in PNG and the Pacific. Their research is critical to our agenda. There are currently six students working under the supervision of Professor Stephen Howes:



Cate Rogers is examining persistent poverty and risk management in rural Papua New Guinea;



P  p   Khennavong is analysing the impact of foreign aid and the role of non-traditional donors in an aid-dependent country operating under a weak state, in this case, Lao PDR;



Alicia Mollaun is undertaking research in Washington and Islamabad into US and Pakistani perceptions and understandings of US aid to Pakistan, with a particular focus on whether aid can obtain leverage over security and economic reform;

Shenghao Feng is modelling various aspects of China's climate change mitigation challenge;

Hyung-sup Lee is researching the distribution of climate change mitigation costs between developed and developing countries;

Kurnya Roesad is researching the intersection of energy sector reform and climate change mitigation in Indonesia.

We also welcome as Research Associates a number of other ANU PhD students, including:



Jonathan Pickering, who is a PhD candidate at the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, and writes for the Development Policy Blog on international climate change financing issues;



Erik Olbrei, who is undertaking a PhD at the Crawford School of Public Policy on reducing emissions from deforestation in Indonesia, and who co-authored a discussion paper and journal article in 2012 with Stephen Howes on the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership;



Joanne Spratt, who has commenced a PhD at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU examining the recent evolution of New Zealand's aid policy;

Nematullah Bizhan, who is working on aid to Afghanistan at the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, ANU.

Interns

In 2012 we began accepting interns through the Australian National Internship Program (ANIP). Interns at the Centre assist in both research and administrative tasks while conducting a research project that counts toward their degree. We will continue the program in 2013, taking two interns a Semester. Our 2012 interns were:



Madeline McCloy, who joined us during her third year of an Economics/Law degree at the ANU. Her research project focused on funding methods that would most effectively encourage private sector R&D for neglected diseases.



Sophie Roden, who joined us during her fifth year of an Economics/Law degree at the ANU. Her research project focused on analysing levels of private giving in Australia to international development NGOs over the past decade.

Research Associates

The Development Policy Centre's associates form a network of researchers and professionals based at the ANU, elsewhere in Australia and overseas, who interact with, contribute to and support the Centres' work.



Kamalini Lokuge is a Research Fellow at National Centre for Epidemiology and Public Health, ANU. She works closely with us on issues regarding health and gender in PNG. In 2012, she published Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 22 'Tuberculosis Control in the Torres Strait Region: what's needed and why? Report

Following a Public Forum', which she co-authored with Kebei Salee and Anastasios Konstantinos.

Her 2012 posts for the Development Policy Blog included:

- > Combatting Ebola: a personal account
- > Tuberculosis control in the Torres Strait region: What's needed and why?—with Kebei Salee and Anastasios Konstantinos



Ian Anderson has over 20 years international development experience with AusAID, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. He is a regular contributor to the Development Policy Blog on issues relating to global health.

His 2012 posts included:

- > Who pays, and who benefits, from increased tobacco taxation in Asia
- > Tobacco as a development issue: latest estimates from WHO



Andrew Anton Mako completed his Master of International and Development Economics at the Crawford School of Public Policy in 2012 and then worked as a Researcher at the Development Policy Centre. He is currently working as a Research Fellow on the PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure (PEPE) project, and is a regular contributor to the

Development Policy Blog. With Stephen Howes he co-authored the *NRI Spotlight* (2012) paper, 'Lessons from PNG's budget trends over the last decade'.

His 2012 posts included:

- > PNG's experience with rapid revenue growth: lessons for the future
- > Bad governance and politics and PNG's lost decade

STAFF AND ASSOCIATES (CONTINUED)

Research Associates (continued)



Aaron Batten works for the Asian Development Bank in Port Moresby. He is a regular contributor to the Development Policy Blog.

His 2012 posts included:

- > Growing the future, but can government manage the risks? PNG's 2013 Budget

- > Confronting the economic challenges facing PNG's new government



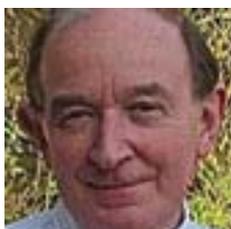
Sharon Bessell is a Senior Lecturer in Public Policy at the Crawford School of Public Policy, and Director of the Crawford School's Children's Policy Centre, a Devpolicy partner.



Derek Brien is the Executive Director of the Pacific Institute of Public Policy in Vanuatu, with which Devpolicy co-produces the fortnightly Pacific Buzz for the Development Policy Blog.



Sean Burges is a Lecturer in International Relations at the School of Politics and International Relations, ANU. His research interest is non-traditional aid.



Robert Cannon has held appointments in higher and basic education and in health with universities, AusAID, the World Bank, ADB, USAID and UNICEF. He is a regular contributor on education and development to the Development Policy Blog and writes the blog's monthly education buzz.

His 2012 posts included:

- > AusAID Higher Education Forum: universities and education for development
- > Are we neglecting children's participation in school?
- > A deep or surface approach to development—what can learning research teach us?



Satish Chand is a Professor of Finance at the University of New South Wales and Adjunct Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. He is a well-known regional commentator, and a regular contributor to the Development Policy Blog.

His 2012 posts included:

- > PNG national elections: drums and drama of campaigning in the Highlands
- > Fiji's floods, and what can be done about them



Richard Curtain is an independent consultant with expertise in the areas of skill formation, program evaluation and analysis of youth labour markets. He works closely with Devpolicy on issues relating to Pacific labour mobility and contributes to the Development Policy Blog.

His 2012 posts included:

- > AusAID's latest performance review: opportunity for constructive feedback lost
- > Why Nations Fail review part I and II: relevance to Timor-Leste and the Pacific
- > What future for the seasonal worker program? A conference report



Björn Dressel is a Senior Lecturer at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. Among other things, he works on the political economy of public financial management, and in 2012 he published and wrote posts for the Development Policy Blog on his World Bank report on this topic. In 2012, he wrote Development Policy Centre Policy

Brief 3, 'Enhancing the capabilities of Central Finance Agencies: a political economy perspective'.



Ron Duncan is an Emeritus Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. His research is currently focused on the binding constraints to growth and 'clientelist' politics in the Pacific.



Colin Filer is the Convener of the Resource Management in Asia-Pacific Program, ANU. His research interests include the social context, organisation and impact of policies, programs and projects in the mining, petroleum, forestry and conservation sectors.

His 2012 posts for the Development Policy Blog included:
 > PNG land grab update



Peter Larmour is a Professor of Public Policy at the University of the South Pacific. His research interests include South Pacific politics and government, corruption and anti-corruption, and policy transfer. He is a contributor to the Development Policy Blog.



Tamara Haig is the Principal of DevDAS, a consultancy firm that designs, tenders for, and communicates aid and development initiatives. She works with AusAID, IFC and private sector organisations across PNG, the Pacific and Asia.



Wesley Morgan is an independent researcher based in Port Vila, Vanuatu. He is currently undertaking a PhD exploring the PACER-Plus trade negotiations between member countries of the Pacific Islands Forum, and is a regular contributor to the Development Policy Blog.

His 2012 posts included:
 > Labour mobility through PACER-Plus? An unlikely prospect
 > New rules to expand Pacific exports? Only if action is taken fast



Tony Hughes is a freelance consultant in economic management. He has worked in a number of Pacific island states. His current research, in collaboration with Devpolicy, concerns lessons from the experience of development practitioners who have been working in the Pacific in last 20-30 years.

His 2012 posts for the Development Policy Blog included:
 > Development in the Pacific islands: what can we learn from experience?
 > Taking Pacific island economies forward: what can we learn from the past?



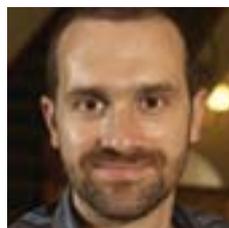
Matthew Morris helped to establish the Development Policy Centre and served as the Centre's first Deputy Director. He is currently working for the PNG Sustainable Development Program.

His 2012 posts for the Development Policy Blog included:
 > PNG's progress



Patrick Kilby is the Program Coordinator for the Master of Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development Program, ANU, and a regular Devpolicy collaborator.

His 2012 posts for the Development Policy Blog included:
 > NGO dependency not the real issue: a response to Joanne Spratt



Joel Negin is a Senior Lecturer in International Public Health at the University of Sydney. His research focus is on health and development in sub-Saharan Africa and the Pacific. He is a regular contributor to the Development Policy Blog.

His 2012 posts included:
 > Aid and the Pacific Solution II: issues and questions
 > Sachs' Sustainable Development Goals—vision of the future or more pie in the sky?
 > The best story in development: child mortality, innovation, and lessons for TB

STAFF AND ASSOCIATES (CONTINUED)

Research Associates (continued)



Sango Mahanty coordinates the Master of Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development Program, ANU. In 2012, she published Development Policy Centre Discussion Paper 20 'Crafting sustainability: managing water pollution in Viet Nam's craft villages', with Trung Dinh Dang and Phung Giang Hai



Paul Wyrwoll is an Environmental Economist at the International Centre for Environmental Management, Hanoi. In 2012, he co-authored the following articles relating to climate change, the environment and Asia with Stephen Howes:

- > 'Asia's wicked environmental problems', ADBI Working Paper No. 348—with Stephen Howes.
- > 'Climate change mitigation and green growth in developing Asia', ADBI Working Paper 369—with Stephen Howes.



Annmaree O'Keeffe is a Research Fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy, and a regular collaborator with the Development Policy Centre.



Ben Reilly is a Professor of Policy and Governance at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. His current research includes democratisation and political engineering in the Asia-Pacific region, and post-conflict democratisation.



Nikunj Soni is a Co-Founder and Chair of the Pacific Institute of Public Policy (PIPP). He has held a range of senior positions in the Pacific region, and is a regular collaborator with Devpolicy and contributes to the Development Policy Blog.

His 2012 posts included:
> Painful Aid



Pierre van der Eng is an Associate Professor at the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. His research interests include the history of Australia's foreign aid in Indonesia in the 1960s, and the development and impact of Australia's food aid program in Indonesia.



Charles Yala is an Associate Professor and Research Fellow at the PNG National Research Institute. His research focuses on the economics of land tenure, customary land tenure reform, development planning, competition policy and economic reform.



Scott Wisor is a Research Fellow at the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, ANU. He presented a seminar at the Development Policy Centre in 2012 on survey work relating to the definition of the poverty line.

DEVELOPMENT POLICY CENTRE FUNDING

Our 2012 income was \$481,364. Our largest source of funding was for the PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure (PEPE) project, which is funded by AusAID through its Economic and Public Sector Program. We would like to acknowledge the generous support of the Asian Development Bank Institute for our blog, and the Research School of the Asia and Pacific, ANU, for various projects, as well as funding from the Bobst Centre at Princeton University and Waikato University to support our research into violence in Sri Lanka. In-kind support was also provided by The Australian National University.

On Thursday 22 November 2012, Harold Mitchell AC announced a generous donation from the Harold Mitchell Foundation to the Development Policy Centre of \$2.5 million over five years. In recognition of Harold Mitchell's contribution to the Centre and our work over the past two years, the ANU announced that it would match the \$2.5 million donation, through a mix of in-kind and cash support. Other funding from 2013 will come from the PNG PEPE project, consultancies and other contracts.

We also received a generous endowment in 2012 from an anonymous donor which has enabled us to launch the Greg Taylor PNG and Pacific Scholars Program.

The Greg Taylor PNG and Pacific Scholars Program

In December 2012, the Development Policy Centre launched a research opportunity for emerging Pacific and PNG scholars. With funding generously provided by an anonymous donor, Pacific students have the opportunity to apply to become a Greg Taylor Scholar.

Becoming a Greg Taylor scholar entitles the successful applicant to undertake research at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU as part of the Development Policy Centre for a period of a month or more on a topic relating to the economic development of PNG and the Pacific.

The scholarships are named in honour of Greg Taylor AO, whose former positions include: Executive Director of the IMF for both Australia and PNG, Secretary of various Australian government departments, advisor to the PNG Treasury Secretary, Chairman of the PNG Superannuation Task Force, and a Director of PNG's largest superannuation fund.

The first Greg Taylor Scholar will commence in June/July 2013. We will advertise on our website and in our newsletter when applications for the 2014 Greg Taylor scholarship open.

DEVPOLICY BY THE NUMBERS

In 2012 Devpolicy:

published **282** blog posts by **118** authors

hosted **28** events

published **23** discussion papers, policy briefs and reports

was followed by a total of **1,943** Twitter users and made a total of **2,291** 'tweets'

attracted **1,305** new newsletter subscribers, taking the total to **3,196**

signed up **206** more people for daily emails from the
Devpolicy blog, taking the total to **454**

gained **355** more Facebook followers, taking the
total to **569**

grew to a team of **10** researchers and staff at the
centre of a network of about **30** Visiting Fellows, Research
Associates and PhD students

had **6,533** comments posted to the blog ... **455** of which
were not spam

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