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Cover image: 2015 PNG Update plenary session, UPNG
Five years in

In 2015, we celebrated a significant milestone for the centre: our fifth birthday. What an adventure it has been! We’ve gone from a staff of two to ten, and we’ll grow further this year. And it’s not just the employed staff – we have an active network of some 60 affiliates and associates. And now we have our own building – Devpolicy Cottage, one of Canberra’s three oldest.

We have been fortunate to win the backing of some generous donors – the Harold Mitchell Foundation, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Australian aid program, and The Australian National University itself. We are very grateful to them, and also to all our other supporters as well.

We have done what we set out to do – become a resource for the international development sector, create a forum for discussion, and strengthen analysis in Australia of international aid, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific, and global development. Others can judge, but we feel we have made a difference, and we are confident that we will be Australia’s aid and international development think tank for years to come.

It was good to celebrate, but 2015 was also a tough and sad year in some ways, dominated by massive cuts to Australian aid, and hard economic times for our close neighbour, Papua New Guinea. All this made us busy, as it only increased the need for good research.

I was particularly proud of the way we were able to follow through in 2015 on a number of research projects started much earlier: with the World Bank, we launched a report based on our second employer survey of the Seasonal Worker Program (the first was in 2011); we carried out our second aid stakeholder survey (after our first in 2013). We also successfully completed what has become our annual events cycle: with the Australasian Aid Conference at the start of the year, the Harold Mitchell Development Policy Lecture in the first half, and the PNG and Pacific Updates, both now held offshore, in the middle.

It was gratifying to see our range and depth of partnerships grow. The highlight was the work done to scale up our partnership with the University of Papua New Guinea School of Business and Public Policy. But it was also good to enter into an MoU with the Australian Council for International Development to help with data collection and analysis.

You can read about our work in detail in this annual report, our fifth. Thank you for your ongoing engagement and support. 2016 will be another interesting and busy year. We’re looking forward to it.

Professor Stephen Howes  
Director, Development Policy Centre  
5 February 2016
Year in a Box: Our 2015 Contributions

Australian aid

> Our researchers continued to serve as the leading source of analysis and commentary on Australian aid policy, aid effectiveness, and public opinion on aid.

> We conducted the Australian aid stakeholder survey for the second time, and expanded the survey to New Zealand.

> The 2015 Australasian Aid Conference, which we convened once again in partnership with The Asia Foundation, was a highlight of the aid and development community calendar.

> We hosted our annual aid budget breakfast – which attracted huge levels of interest in the wake of unprecedented cuts to the aid budget – as well as two fora examining recent evaluations of Australian aid.

> We developed a new, user-friendly website to track Australia’s aid efforts – the Australian Aid Tracker, which we launched in January 2016.

> We undertook research to better understand NGO fundraising and Australian attitudes to aid.

> We entered into an MoU with the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), the peak body for Australian development NGOs, and on this basis helped ACFID to improve the quality of its data on NGO aid.

PNG and the Pacific

> Our continuing analysis of the changing economic and fiscal environment in Papua New Guinea (PNG) was widely circulated and influential.

> Stephen Howes delivered the Henry Kila Memorial Address at the Australia Papua New Guinea Business Forum in Lae, to an audience that included the PNG Prime Minister and various ministers from PNG and Australia.

> We strengthened our partnership with the School of Business and Public Policy at the University of Papua New Guinea, placing two ANU-affiliated lecturers there for the 2015 academic year. A new MoU signed by the two universities’ Vice-Chancellors and new Australian aid funding provides the basis to expand this partnership in 2016.

> With the University of Papua New Guinea, we held the PNG Update – PNG’s premier forum on policy and economics – in Port Moresby for the second year running.

> In collaboration with the University of the South Pacific, the Asian Development Bank, and the Asian Development Bank Institute, we took the Pacific Update to Fiji for the first time in several years.

> We continued to provide pro-bono support to Femili PNG and its family & sexual violence Case Management Centre in Lae, which has now been in operation for over a year.

> With the World Bank, we undertook our second survey of employers in relation to Australia’s Seasonal Worker Program, and some of our recommendations were taken up by the government.

> We hosted three young Greg Taylor Scholars from PNG in the course of 2015.

Global development policy

> Mari Pangestu, Indonesia’s former Trade Minister, delivered the 2015 Harold Mitchell Development Policy Lecture, distilling key policy reform lessons from her years of experience.

> We released and disseminated new reports on the future of aid and the World Bank.

> In collaboration with the Center for Global Development, we undertook and released research on Australia’s troubled efforts to combat deforestation in Indonesia.

> Throughout the year we provided commentary and a forum for discussion on landmark global development events and issues.
OVERVIEW

The Development Policy Centre (Devpolicy) is a think tank for aid and development serving Australia, the region, and the global development community.

We undertake independent research and promote practical initiatives to improve the effectiveness of Australian aid, to support the development of Papua New Guinea and the Pacific island region, and to contribute to better global development policy.

We were established in September 2010 and are based at Crawford School of Public Policy in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific at The Australian National University (ANU).

Our publications, discussion papers, policy briefs and reports make our research available for all. Our events are fora for the dissemination of findings and the exchange of information and ideas. The Devpolicy Blog is our platform for debate, analysis and discussion.

We are currently a team of about ten full-time equivalent researchers and program staff. We benefit from the participation of several Visiting Fellows and interns. The Centre is also the hub of a large network of Associates, and home to several PhD students.

In the past five years, the Development Policy Centre has become Australia’s leading source of analysis on the areas we cover. You can read about our contributions in this report, under our three research pillars and seven themes. Our blog (devpolicy.org) is well established as Australia’s most active online forum for discussion on aid and development policy. During 2015 we published eight discussion papers and one report, and made submissions to four parliamentary inquiries. We also hosted 22 public lectures and seminars and one conference in Canberra, and co-hosted two conferences in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, and Suva, Fiji.

Our core funding comes from the Harold Mitchell Foundation and from ANU. We receive funding in support of our work on Australian aid from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and in support of our work on PNG from the Australian aid program. An anonymous donor provides funding to support our PNG and Pacific Greg Taylor Scholars, and we also gratefully receive donations from the public.
WHAT WE RESEARCH: A SUMMARY

**Australian aid**

Although government aid has been scaled back, aid and international development continue to have an elevated policy profile in Australia. Australian non-government organisations (NGOs) are an important part of our national aid scene and a large number of Australians seek a career in development. For too long, there was a lack of analytical work and informed discussion to support Australia’s and Australians’ extensive and growing engagement with aid. We fill that gap through research on:

- **Government aid:** We put the spotlight on Australian aid effectiveness as the aid program stabilises following a period of turbulence.
- **Aid and the community:** We research non-government aid, volunteer programs, and public attitudes to aid.

**Global development policy**

Looking beyond Australia and the region, we work on a select range of global aid and development issues:

- **International development and financing:** Current research areas include trends in and the future of aid, the private sector and aid, aid evaluation, the funding of global public goods, climate change financing, and the post-2015 international development framework.
- **Aid and Asia:** Some Asian countries are still important aid recipients, and others are emerging as aid donors. Whatever the direction, aid flows involving Asia are under-researched by a global aid community still focused on OECD aid to Africa.

**PNG and the Pacific**

The Pacific region is one where Australia can make a decisive difference. Papua New Guinea (PNG) is Australia’s closest neighbour, and is undergoing rapid change. Our focus is on the economic challenges and opportunities facing Pacific island countries, including PNG, and on links (or lack thereof) with Australia. We pursue this through research under the following three themes:

- **The PNG Project:** We work in a range of partnerships with important PNG institutions. The research of our staff and collaborators includes: macroeconomic and fiscal issues; infrastructure; health and education; family and sexual violence; corruption and governance; and labour markets.
- **Pacific growth and integration:** As a group of mostly small and isolated islands, how can the Pacific improve its development prospects?
- **Pacific migration:** Labour mobility is key to the future of the Pacific, and an important research focus.
Government aid

In 2015, we conducted the aid stakeholder survey for a second time in Australia, and inaugurated the survey in New Zealand.

We worked on the Aid Tracker, a new user-friendly Australian aid information website, which we launched in January 2016 (see page 7).

We reported on the implications of the 2015-16 Federal Budget, which saw the largest ever cuts to aid. Our 2015 Budget Forum was exceptionally well-attended both in Canberra and online via livestream. On the Devpolicy Blog, we examined new aid strategies for health and the private sector, Australia’s response to the Syrian crisis, the launch of the aid program’s new innovationXchange, and the implications of the change of political leadership for the aid program. We hosted two half-day events dissecting recent aid evaluations by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade’s (DFAT’s) Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE).

Devpolicy-affiliated researchers made submissions and testified in public hearings in relation to parliamentary inquiries on Australian aid to PNG and Australia’s joining of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. We ran a two-day training program for DFAT graduates on aid and development policy.

We continued to support Research Associate Dr Jack Corbett’s research on the history of Australian aid, and hosted a Visiting Fellow, Associate Professor Savitri Taylor, who is exploring the intersection of aid and asylum seeker policy.

In 2016, we will release the findings of the 2015 Australian and New Zealand aid stakeholder surveys. We will promote and update the Australian Aid Tracker. We will also begin fieldwork on our Australian aid case study project, which will examine a number of Australian aid-funded projects, and look at how the aid program can best finance global medical research. In an election year, we will scrutinise the policies of the main political parties in relation to aid and development.

2015 Australian and New Zealand aid stakeholder surveys

In 2013, the Development Policy Centre ran the first Australian aid stakeholder survey, a tool designed to obtain independent feedback on the perceived effectiveness of the Australian aid program by those who know it best. The survey primarily targets the NGOs and development contractors that are most familiar with and involved in the delivery of government aid. It is also made publicly available online for interested individuals to have their say.

Since we ran the first aid stakeholder survey, major changes have occurred in Australian aid. The Australian aid program was fully integrated into DFAT, and major cuts to the aid budget were implemented.

In 2015 Devpolicy Research Fellow Dr Terence Wood and Research Officer Camilla Burkot ran the survey again, using the same methods and asking similar questions to those in the first survey. Over 460 stakeholders responded – a 30 per cent increase on the 2013 survey. The findings reflect the magnitude of the changes to Australian aid. While many stakeholders still believe the Australian aid program is effective, most think that its performance has deteriorated significantly over the last two years. In particular, funding predictability, staff expertise, and transparency stood out as major new areas of weakness.

This year we also ran an aid stakeholder survey for the first time in New Zealand, where the aid program has experienced considerable change in recent years. Though the results are not directly comparable to Australia, owing to the differences between the two programs, by repeating the surveys over time we will develop a long-term picture of the effectiveness of the two major aid donors in our region.
Aid and the community

In 2015, Terence Wood and Camilla Burkot continued their analysis of Australian public opinion on aid, delving deeper into our data on the characteristics of Australians who support aid. They also published a review of public opinion data on Australian aid and ran a series of survey experiments on this topic, examining the impact of framing and priming on support for aid.

We entered into an MoU with Australia’s peak body for international development NGOs, the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID). On this basis, Terence Wood provided ACFID assistance as it undertook its annual member survey gathering information about Australian NGOs and public support for development. We also released new research on the effectiveness of NGO fundraising. Terence Wood presented as part of the closing plenary at the ACFID National Conference in Sydney, where he spoke on aid, innovation, and politics.

As in previous years, we partnered with the ANU Aid & Development Learning Community to host our popular ‘careers in development’ event for students interested in pursuing a career in the field.

In 2016, we will continue our research on Australian public opinion, including collecting data on a number of new omnibus survey questions as well as experimental research. We will use data from the 2015 ACFID member survey to conduct research on Australia’s NGOs, seeking to learn more about where and how they work. We will continue to strengthen our partnership with ACFID and other key organisations working on Australian aid, and strive to increase the profile of aid and development issues ahead of this year’s federal elections. We will launch an initiative to profile and celebrate the lives of some of the amazing people involved in the delivery of Australian aid.

Australian Aid Tracker

The Australian Aid Tracker aims to provide easy-to-access, clear information about the state of Australia’s aid efforts, for the media, decision-makers, the general public and other stakeholders.

The aid tracker website provides details on trends in Australian aid, draws comparisons between Australia and other OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) donors, shows how we share our aid bilaterally and within different regions, which sectors receive the most funding, how much we give to humanitarian causes, and more. It also provides guidance on basic aid concepts and links to resources on Australian aid effectiveness. The site uses interactive charts and visualisation tools to enable users to easily explore the available data.

The Australian Aid Tracker was developed by Devpolicy Research Officer Ashlee Betteridge, with support from other Devpolicy colleagues. The aid tracker project is supported by funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Harold Mitchell Foundation. The site was launched in January 2016. It is an ongoing project that will be updated when new data is made available. You can find it at devpolicy.org/aidtracker.
The PNG Project

In 2015, we continued to serve as one of the foremost sources of analysis of the PNG budget and economic developments. As commodity prices continued to fall in 2015, Visiting Fellow Paul Flanagan and other colleagues provided up-to-date analysis on PNG through seminars, blog posts and a policy brief. Devpolicy and University of PNG (UPNG) economics staff collaborated to write an overview of recent economic developments for PNG in 2014–15.

Our partnership with the National Research Institute (NRI) in Port Moresby progressed this year. Devpolicy Fellow Dr Carmen Voigt-Graf continues to work at NRI, based in Port Moresby as part of the NRI Economic Policy Research Program. Her work focuses on infrastructure, labour markets and migration. Devpolicy Research Fellow Dr Matthew Dornan wrote an NRI discussion paper on road maintenance management, and Visiting Fellow David Osborne assisted NRI with analysis of PNG’s Sovereign Wealth Fund.

Following the successful return of the PNG Update to Port Moresby in 2014, we again co-hosted the PNG Update with our UPNG colleagues at their campus in Waigani. This two-day event was attended by upwards of 400 participants, including high-level representatives of the Australian and PNG governments, and is now well established as the country’s premier forum on policy and economics. We heard from the PNG Minister for Finance at the PNG Update, and from the PNG Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology in Canberra speaking on higher education reform.

Our long-standing research on health and education expenditure in PNG entered a new phase with the focus of the work turning to education outcomes, and detailed case studies. Research Fellow Dr Grant Walton delivered a keynote address at a conference on education at the University of Goroka in PNG.

We undertook research on collective action and corruption in PNG, worked on a database of election results in PNG, and published research on the history of economic policy relating to the informal sector of the economy.

Our partnership with the University of Papua New Guinea School of Business and Public Policy took off this year, with an MoU signed by the Vice-Chancellors of the two universities and new partnership funding from the Australian aid program. We placed two ANU-affiliated lecturers in the Economics Division at UPNG for the 2015 academic year.

We continued our support for Femili PNG and the Case Management Centre that it runs in Lae, which we assist on a pro bono basis. We assisted with a submission to the PNG parliamentary inquiry into violence against women and children in PNG, and blogged extensively on the issue. We hosted a discussion on gender parity in PNG, featuring a panel of high-profile speakers from PNG.

We welcomed three Greg Taylor Scholars in 2015, all from PNG. Logea Nao and Serena Sumanop worked at our centre in Canberra on projects related to domestic, family and sexual violence prevalence and legislation in PNG, while Futua Singirok researched internal migration in PNG.

In 2016, we will strengthen and deepen our engagement with the UPNG School of Business and Public Policy. One new staff member joined us in late 2015 to work on this project and several more will commence in Canberra and Port Moresby in 2016. In June 2016, we will join with UPNG to host the PNG Update in Port Moresby for the third year running. Throughout the year we will also pursue, with our various project partners, research on issues related to health and education, training and employment, infrastructure, family and sexual violence, and corruption and governance. We will continue to promote analysis of PNG policy issues on the Devpolicy Blog.

UPNG-ANU partnership

The partnership between UPNG’s School of Business and Public Policy (SBPP) and Crawford School of Public Policy began in 2012. Within the Crawford School, the Development Policy Centre takes the lead in this partnership. The partnership progressed over the last few years, and will be taken to a new level in 2016. Our new grant agreement provides funding over the next three years under the auspices of the Pacific Leadership and Governance Precinct, a new initiative between the governments of Papua New Guinea and Australia. Key objectives for 2016 include:

> Faculty strengthening. Four ANU academics – two in economics and two in public policy – will be mobilised in 2016 to meet current shortfalls in staff and deliver undergraduate courses to UPNG students, and to work with their UPNG colleagues on initiatives to improve the quality of teaching.

> Collaborative research and outreach. Partnership staff will scale up efforts to strengthen research and outreach with UPNG counterparts though conferences, workshops, seminars and collaborative research projects.

> Faculty exchange. Crawford and SBPP will seek new opportunities for two-way exchange of faculty in 2016. New scholarships and short-course programs will be offered for SBPP students to study at ANU.
Pacific growth and integration

In 2015, we collaborated with partners from the Asian Development Bank, ADBI, and the University of the South Pacific to take the Pacific Update to Fiji in July. The Update featured keynotes and panels on a wide range of topics, including Asia’s influence in the Pacific, labour mobility and migration, gender inequality, development partnerships and assistance, regionalism, disaster risk management, and macroeconomic and fiscal policy.

Matthew Dornan undertook research on aid and budget support in the Pacific, funded by the Asian Development Bank. This aims to provide the first public stocktake of budget support to the Pacific, assess how the support of different development partners varies, and determine whether budget support has improved the overall effectiveness of ODA in the region over the last 30 years.

We also continued our ongoing research on growth and development models in the Pacific and on access to energy in the region.

On the Devpolicy Blog, we provided commentary on the cost of doing business in the Pacific, the economic impacts of Cyclone Pam, the outcomes of the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders meeting, and published interviews with regional leaders, including the Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Dame Meg Taylor.

In 2016, we will publish new analysis of aid flows to Pacific island countries and determinants of climate change adaptation financing. We will also undertake new work on economic development models in small island developing states of the Pacific.

Pacific migration

In 2015, we launched a new report on Australia’s Seasonal Worker Program (SWP) in conjunction with the World Bank, based on our second survey of SWP employers. The launch, at which the World Bank Vice President for East Asia and the Pacific spoke, served as a catalyst for dialogue between academics, horticulturalists, the Australian government, and other stakeholders. Findings and recommendations from this report were also incorporated into a submission to a parliamentary inquiry on the SWP, to which we were then requested to provide oral evidence.

Recommendations on reallocating unused places in trial sectors made by Stephen Howes on the Devpolicy Blog were adopted by the government, allowing more Pacific islanders to access the scheme and more horticulturalists to access the workers they need. Significant attention was also devoted to seasonal workers in the White Paper on Developing Northern Australia, released in June, and a number of its recommendations were in line with our report’s findings.

Also in collaboration with the World Bank, we launched a new project in 2015 on labour mobility, this time under the banner of the Bank’s ‘Pacific Possible’ project. The aim of this project is to set out a road map to greatly increase labour mobility opportunities for the Pacific, and to quantify the benefits from these reforms.

We hosted a roundtable on the SWP with the Solomon Islands Minister of Foreign Affairs, senior government officials from the Solomon Islands and Australia, and academics.

We published an extensive blog series on migration to PNG, as well as blogs on climate change-related labour migration from Kiribati and research about the cost of sending remittances to Pacific island countries from Australia and New Zealand.

In 2016, we will publish the Pacific Possible labour mobility report, again in conjunction with the World Bank. We also plan to hold a follow-up workshop on the background research undertaken in conjunction with that report, with an eye to publication.

Where are all the seasonal workers? The most comprehensive survey of employers yet

The Seasonal Worker Program (SWP) continues to grow, but remains a tiny scheme, with only a few thousand Pacific islanders picking fruit and vegetables in Australia under the scheme. The sector employs over 75,000 horticultural workers every year. Some 40,000 or more backpackers pick fruit every year. So why is the SWP so small and what can be done to expand it?

What employers told us in the survey of employers that we undertook in 2014 is that the SWP is not only over-regulated but too expensive. The scheme has to be made cheaper for employers to get them to use it more. There is room to do that, and still keep the scheme at least as profitable to Pacific workers as its New Zealand counterpart.

The other reform challenge the survey clearly points to is the need to level the playing field for seasonal workers. Four out of five employers think that illegal labour is used in the sector. And the number of backpackers in the sector has grown astronomically since the 2006 reform that gave backpackers a second-year visa if they worked on a farm. The competition is not between seasonal workers and Australians for jobs. It is between seasonal workers and backpackers, or seasonal workers and illegal workers. Australians get an automatic preference over seasonal workers, but there is no market testing for backpackers or illegal labourers.

The joint World Bank-ANU report Australia’s Seasonal Worker Program: demand-side constraints and suggested reforms by Jesse Doyle (The World Bank) and Stephen Howes (Development Policy Centre) is available from the Devpolicy and World Bank websites.
International development and financing

In 2015, we released a major new OECD report on the future of aid, co-authored by Associate Director Robin Davies and Visiting Fellow Jonathan Pickering. This research was presented at several conferences and OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) meetings.

Robin Davies co-edited and contributed chapters to a book on the future of the World Bank which was published early in the year (read more about the book in the box to the right). In partnership with the Center for Global Development, Robin also released a policy paper on the Indonesia-Australia Forest Carbon Partnership, and its lessons for climate change financing.

With several NGOs, we hosted a public seminar on the impact of community-based climate change action grants in Southeast Asia and the Pacific, and presented blogs on possible responses to climate change in the Pacific, and on climate change financing negotiations at COP 21 in Paris.

Following the Third International Financing for Development conference in Addis Ababa, we published a series of posts questioning the accepted wisdom around development financing. This was followed by another blog series debating the Sustainable Development Goals’ prospects for success.

Robin Davies presented at various international conferences, including in Seoul (an international symposium on the Sustainable Development Goals), Madrid (a keynote address to a public forum on the future of aid held by the Spanish Agency for International Development), London, Montreux, and Sydney. The paper he presented in Sydney was subsequently published in a book of studies on the G20’s role in international economic governance. He also published, in an online journal, an interview he conducted in Berlin with the eminent German economist Inge Kaul on the financing of the SDGs.

We undertook research and published a Discussion Paper on Mongolia’s experience with ‘resources to cash’, a popular international development model.

A Devpolicy submission to the parliamentary inquiry into the role of the private sector in development was heavily cited in the inquiry’s 2015 report. We interviewed the heads of several global health public-private partnerships on the Devpolicy Blog, and also hosted a public lecture given by the World Bank Group Vice President for Human Development.

In 2016, we will undertake research on OECD donors’ changing aid policy narratives, look at the role of aid legislation in other donor countries in the context of the Australian Labor Party’s commitment to enact such legislation in Australia, evaluate humanitarian financing proposals emerging in connection with the May 2016 World Humanitarian Summit, and publish past research on the continuing relevance of aid. As part of his doctoral studies, Ian Anderson will undertake research into global health issues, with a focus on Asia and the Pacific.

Too Global to Fail: The World Bank at the Intersection of National and Global Public Policy in 2025

This book, co-edited by Warren Evans and our Associate Director Robin Davies, and published in 2015, is about global public goods (GPGs), particularly those related to the environment, in the context of global development. It contends that global sustainability depends upon finding the political will to make the provision of GPGs an explicit and central objective of development assistance, in the face of objections from those who believe aid should be solely concerned with the eradication of poverty or the promotion of growth through national or community-level interventions. The World Bank is a major player on many regional and global issues, but its work at these levels is usually enabled by donor contributions, most often in the form of grants, targeted for particular purposes. The World Bank, it is argued, could play a more central role in this area, working within new kinds of coalitions but not abandoning the fundamentals of its operating model. Some of the most important GPGs are provided through the separate and cumulative actions of multiple countries, so the challenge for the Bank is to find ways of investing strategically and sharing knowledge across countries, while keeping faith with their national development strategies, so as to achieve maximum global impacts.

The book, part of the Bank’s Directions in Development Series, can be downloaded from the World Bank’s Open Knowledge Repository (openknowledge.worldbank.org).
The Mitchell Orations

The Harold Mitchell Annual Development Policy Lectures (the Mitchell Orations) were established in 2012 with the goal of providing a forum in which the most pressing development issues can be addressed by the best minds and most influential practitioners of our time. To date, distinguished speakers have presented orations that are rooted in the experiences of particular places and times, but which provide lessons of global import.

In the inaugural lecture in November 2012, Timor Leste’s former Finance Minister Emilia Pires spoke on the challenges faced by fragile states, while in November 2013 former World Bank Vice President Jim Adams explored the drivers of effective economic reform in emerging economies, with a focus on the Pacific.

The third annual lecture was delivered in March 2015 by former Indonesian Cabinet minister Dr Mari Elka Pangestu. She served as Minister of Trade from 2004 to 2011, and subsequently as Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy (2011–14). Entitled ‘The new economy and development: an Indonesian perspective’, Dr Pangestu’s lecture provided an overview of the economic challenges faced by developing countries under the rubrics of globalisation, disruption, and innovation, and offered some insights into how countries like Indonesia might drive policy reform and engage with and create value in the ‘creative economy’.

The 2016 Harold Mitchell Development Policy Lecture will be delivered by Dr Mark Dybul, Executive Director of the Global Fund.

Each of these lectures is published, and available from the Devpolicy website.

Aid and Asia

In 2015, we held the second annual Australasian Aid Conference, in conjunction with The Asia Foundation. With their support, we were able to bring a variety of high-level Asian delegates to Canberra to speak on recipient perspectives on aid and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. Conference papers also engaged with issues related to aid in insecure border areas of Asia, and Indian and Chinese international development policies.

We hosted Dr Nemat Bizantullah from Princeton University, an expert on aid to Afghanistan, who undertook research into aid dependency. Throughout the year we presented several events on issues related to aid and development in Asia, including a public lecture on Nepal’s recovery from the devastating midyear earthquakes.

We hosted a University of Sydney PhD student, Jessie Connell, while she completed her PhD research into the community resettlement process associated with a controversial ADB railways project in Cambodia, co-financed by Australia. Stephen Howes presented at an Asia Foundation workshop in Bangkok on aid and reform. Robin Davies completed his research into Australian aid to Indonesia.

In 2016, we will again partner with The Asia Foundation to present the Australasian Aid Conference. Kongkea Chhoeun will undertake research into aid to Cambodia as part of his doctoral studies. We will publish our research on Australian aid to Indonesia. Visiting Fellow Dr Dinuk Jayasuriya will progress his ADB-funded impact evaluations of an employment program in the Philippines and a road rehabilitation program in Sri Lanka.
Discussion papers

The Development Policy Centre’s discussion paper series covers a broad range of topics. Available online through our website (devpolicy.anu.edu.au/publications) and through the Social Science Research Network (ssrn.com), the series aims to deepen knowledge and discourse among academics, policymakers, practitioners, 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 2015, we published eight discussion papers.

DP 38 New evidence on technology, trade and adjustment to immigration in Israel
Anthony Swan, April 2015

DP 39 The limitations of education for addressing corruption: lessons from attitudes towards reporting in Papua New Guinea
Grant Walton and Caryn Peiffer, June 2015

DP 40 Australian public opinion on foreign aid, 2011–2015
Camilla Burkot and Terence Wood, August 2015

DP 41 PNG survey of recent developments, 2014–15
Michael Cornish, Rohan Fox, Stephen Howes, Win Nicholas, Albert Prabhakar and Ani Rova, September 2015

DP 42 Resources-to-cash: a cautionary tale from Mongolia
Ying Yeung and Stephen Howes, September 2015

DP 43 The three political economies of electoral quality in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands
Terence Wood, September 2015

DP 44 Australian attitudes to aid: who supports aid, how much aid do they want given, and what do they want it given for?
Terence Wood, October 2015

DP 45 Informality’s elusive thread: policy debates in late colonial Port Moresby
John D. Conroy, December 2015

Reports

Australia’s Seasonal Worker Program: demand-side constraints and suggested reforms
Jesse Doyle, The World Bank and Stephen Howes, Development Policy Centre, February 2015

Submissions

Improving the effectiveness of Australia’s bilateral aid program in Papua New Guinea: some analysis and suggestions — submission to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee
Stephen Howes, April 2015

Investing in institutional linkages in PNG: submission to Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee inquiry on bilateral aid to PNG
Paul Flanagan, April 2015

Submission to the Inquiry into the Seasonal Worker Program
Stephen Howes and Jesse Doyle, July 2015

Sticker shock — what the AIIB will cost the Australian aid program: submission to the Inquiry into the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill 2015
Robin Davies, September 2015
Other publications


OUTREACH

Website
The Development Policy Centre website provides up-to-date information on our current research activities and upcoming events. All Devpolicy discussion papers, policy briefs, reports and submissions are all available for download through the site, as are podcasts, recordings and videos from our events.

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

In 2015 we published 271 blog posts, bringing the total number since the blog began in 2010 to 1,370 from 463 contributors. In addition to our regular blog posts we published 149 ‘in briefs’, shorter pieces of analysis and news that are relevant to our readership. This brings total in briefs since starting in 2013 to 424.

Blog posts are shared widely through social media (Facebook and Twitter) and are often re-published by other organisations.

Email
We provide email services through opt-in subscription available on our website, blog and at our events. A daily email sends subscribers a copy of our blog posts on the day they are published and our fortnightly newsletter updates subscribers on all recent and upcoming Devpolicy activities, events and publications. As at the end of 2015, 2,500 subscribers were receiving our daily email, and 6,130 our fortnightly newsletter.

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Social media
Our follower and engagement numbers on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Google+ continue to grow. The number of followers of our Facebook page increased by approximately one-third in 2015 (to 2,850), and our Twitter followers increased by more than 20 per cent (to 6,140).

Media
In 2015 the views of our researchers have been presented via various regional and domestic media outlets including The Australian, The Age, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Canberra Times, ABC News, 7.30 Report, SBS News, Radio National, The Australian Financial Review, The Conversation, Crikey, Radio Australia, Radio New Zealand, The Guardian, Islands Business, Fiji Times and the PNG papers, The National and Post-Courier, among others. Our research was mentioned or quoted in more than 270 media items over the course of the year. We also contributed a range of opinion pieces to papers such as The Australian, The Canberra Times, and Post Courier, and to other blogs such as East Asia Forum and Policy Forum. Our own Devpolicy Blog posts are frequently re-published by a range of outlets, including in local papers in several Pacific island countries.

Podcasts
In 2012 we launched a podcast series, which makes audio recordings of our events and interviews available for download through Soundcloud, iTunes, RSS and our website. By the end of 2015, we had published 146 podcasts in total.

Collaborations
Individual staff at the Centre, or the Centre as a whole, collaborated with a range of organisations in 2015, including: the ANU Aid & Development Learning Community; Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies, Crawford School, ANU; the Asian Development Bank; the Asian Development Bank Institute; The Asia Foundation; the Asia Pacific Professionals Association; the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID); the Australia-Indonesia Centre; CARE Australia; the Center for Global Development; the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT); the Developmental Leadership Program, Birmingham University; Flinders University; the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva; IDC Australia; the Indonesia Project, ANU; Live & Learn International; the Lowy Institute for International Policy; the National Research Institute, PNG; the OECD Development Co-operation Directorate; the Overseas Development Institute (ODI); Oxfam Australia; the Pacific Institute, ANU; Plan International Australia; the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia (SSGM) Program, ANU; the Transnational Research Institute on Corruption (TRIC), ANU; the University of Papua New Guinea School of Business and Public Policy; the University of the South Pacific; the World Bank; and World Vision Australia and World Vision Pacific Timor-Leste.
 Talks

In addition to presentations at the Centre’s events, summarised in the next section, Devpolicy researchers gave a number of lectures and presentations in Australia and the region throughout 2015.

Stephen Howes delivered the keynote address at the Australia Papua New Guinea Business Forum in Lae to an audience including the PNG Prime Minister and various PNG and Australian ministers. He also addressed the Council of the PNG University of Technology. He chaired roundtables on the Seasonal Worker Program and the World Bank’s ‘Pacific Possible’ project with senior officials from government and multilaterals. He also gave various talks and guest lectures in Bangkok, Canberra, Port Moresby, Lae and Suva on aid, aid effectiveness, labour mobility and economic development.

Robin Davies presented on the Sustainable Development Goals at an international symposium in Seoul in August, and delivered the keynote address to a public forum held by the Spanish Agency for International Development in Madrid. He also gave talks in London, Montreux, and Sydney on the G20, public-private partnerships, and the OECD’s ‘aid agency of the future’ research.

Matthew Dornan participated in the Lowy Institute’s Australia-PNG Emerging Leaders Dialogue in December. He was also interviewed on renewable energy in the Pacific as part of the World Bank’s televised Praxis Discussions, and participated in workshops on climate change and energy poverty in Sydney, Noumea and Nadi. He chaired a session on economic growth and infrastructure development at the Fiji Update in Suva, and gave various presentations in Canberra, Port Moresby, and Sydney on budget support and development assistance to the Pacific.

Anthony Swan presented at the PNG Update, gave a talk on aid and development at the 2015 Asia-Pacific Week conference at ANU, and participated in a Lowy Institute’s roundtable on the challenges facing the next generation of leaders in PNG. He also ran a quantitative research methods training program at UPNG.

Grant Walton delivered a keynote address on learning from history to deliver quality education at a conference on education at the University of Goroka in PNG. He presented research on corruption and education financing in PNG at two conferences in Chicago. He also briefed several groups of Australian, Thai, and Nepalese government officials about corruption in PNG.

Terence Wood was a presenter on the closing plenary panel at the ACFID National Conference in Sydney, where he spoke on aid, innovation, and politics. He also delivered a number of presentations in Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne and Suva on foreign aid and Australian public opinion on aid, economic inequality, and elections in Melanesia.

Ashlee Betteridge was invited by the Australian Red Cross to speak on a panel on international volunteering in Melbourne in November 2015. She, Matthew Dornan, and Kamalini Lokuge also spoke to a group of Asia Pacific Journalism Centre fellows about economic and gender issues in the region.

Camilla Burkot presented on planning for better health outcomes at a conference co-hosted by the Asia and the Pacific Policy Society and the Tonga Ministry of Health in Nuku’alofa in June 2015.
**EVENTS**

In 2015, we hosted a total of 25 public events (lectures, seminars, conferences and forums). All of our events are shared with a global audience via frequently-downloaded podcasts available through Soundcloud, iTunes, RSS and our website.

We also partnered in two major overseas conferences: in Port Moresby, the PNG Update on 18–19 June, and in Suva the Pacific Update on 15–16 July.

Below is a complete list of events in chronological order. Details of all these events can be found on our website (devpolicy.anu.edu.au/events).

### 2015 Australasian Aid Conference

After the positive response to the 2014 Australasian Aid and International Development Policy Workshop, the conference returned on 12–13 February 2015, once again in partnership with The Asia Foundation, but with a slightly shorter name: the 2015 Australasian Aid Conference.

There was huge interest in the conference, which included more than 20 parallel sessions and 60+ papers, with keynotes and plenary panels on topics such as the future of aid, aid for health, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, recipient perspectives, aid from India, and more. Tanya Plibersek MP, the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development, delivered the opening address. Keynote addresses were delivered by Robin Davies and Barbara McPake, and a number of distinguished speakers from across Asia brought insights to our plenary sessions. Some 300 participants registered for the conference; others joined for individual events and via live-streaming.

### Seasonal Worker Program: demand-side constraints and suggested reforms

On 18 February, we launched our joint report on the Seasonal Worker Program with the World Bank.

Speakers: Axel van Trotsenburg, Vice President, East Asia and Pacific, The World Bank; Jesse Doyle, Labour Migration Specialist, The World Bank; Stephen Howes, ANU; and industry representatives.


The 2015 Harold Mitchell Development Policy Lecture, presented in collaboration with the ANU Indonesia Project and the Australia-Indonesia Centre, was delivered on 12 March to a packed lecture theatre by Mari Elka Pangestu, Professor of International Economics at the University of Indonesia and former Minister of Trade and Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy, Indonesian Government. Dr Pangestu distilled her years of experience and learning into a set of lessons on economic reform, the changing global economy, and the role of the creative economy.

### Australian aid evaluations: program performance and humanitarian responses

Our first Australian aid evaluation forum for the year, held in collaboration with DFAT’s Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE), was held on 29 April, and focused on the annual Performance of Australian Aid report for 2013-14 and on two recent ODE evaluations on Australia’s responses to humanitarian crises in the Horn of Africa and Syria.

Speakers: Jim Adams, Chair of the Independent Evaluation Committee, DFAT; Stephen Howes, ANU; Scott Dawson, First Assistant Secretary, Contracting and Aid Management Division, DFAT; Simon Ernst, ODE, DFAT; Jamie Isbister, Acting First Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian Division, DFAT; Karen Ovington, Assistant Director, ODE, DFAT; Dereck Rooken-Smith, Assistant Secretary, ODE, DFAT; Joanna Spratt, ANU.
Has the Sector Wide Approach delivered improvements in population health?

30 April. Rohan Sweeney, Research Fellow at the Centre for Health Economics, Monash University.

2015 aid budget breakfast

Our annual aid budget breakfast was held on the morning of 13 May to a record crowd with many more joining by livestreaming.

Speakers: Stephen Howes, ANU; Julia Newton-Howes AM, CEO, CARE Australia; Jacqui de Lacy, General Manager for Global Strategy, Abt JTA; Anthony Swan, ANU.

Creating a national, sustainable microfinance institution: lessons from SANASA, Sri Lanka

14 May. PA Kiriwandiya, Founder and Chairman, SANASA Federation.

Global inequality: are the world’s poorest being left behind?

9 June. Martin Ravallion, Edmond D Villani Chair of Economics, Georgetown University.

2015 PNG Update

After its return to Port Moresby in 2014, we partnered again with the University of Papua New Guinea to present the PNG Update on 18-19 June. The Update featured some 50 presentations and attracted over 400 participants. The conference was opened by the UPNG Vice-Chancellor and Dean of the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, with keynote addresses from the PNG Finance Minister James Marape, Australian High Commissioner to PNG, Deborah Stokes, and former World Bank Vice President Jim Adams. Among the highlights of the conference was the launch of a photographic exhibition celebrating the long history of collaboration between ANU and UPNG.

Malaria R&D in a time of global partnerships

29 June. David Reddy, CEO, Medicines for Malaria Venture.

2015 Pacific Update

The 2015 Pacific Update, jointly organised with the Asian Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank Institute, and the University of the South Pacific, was held on 15-16 July on USP’s Suva campus. The conference featured over 60 papers across 18 sessions on a variety of topics including gender inequality, aid and development, trade, migration, tourism, education, disaster risk management, and economic policy. Stephen Howes delivered the keynote address on developments related to Pacific labour mobility.

Leveraging the benefits of Asia’s integration and growth for Pacific economies


The fish is the friend of matriliny: reef density and matrilineal inheritance in Melanesia

31 July. Joseph Vecci, PhD scholar, Department of Economics, Monash University.
The evolving role of multilateralism in ending hunger and malnutrition

12 August. Gerda Verburg, Chair of the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and the World Economic Forum (WEF) Council on Food Security and Nutrition.

Out of the rubble: recovering from the Nepalese earthquake


Do microcredit and family planning programs have their intended impact on poor households?

23 September. Jaikishan Desai, Senior Lecturer and Director of International Students, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington.

Can the SDGs be achieved by 2030?

This 1 October panel discussion served as the Australian launch of a new flagship report from the Overseas Development Institute, examining what it will take to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

Speakers: Chris Hoy, Research Officer, Overseas Development Institute; Joy Kyriacou, Natural Resources and Finance for Development Advocacy Manager, Oxfam Australia; Natasha Smith, First Assistant Secretary, Multilateral Development and Partnerships Division, DFAT.

Higher education issues and reform in Papua New Guinea


PNG: pathways to gender parity

This panel discussion, presented on 13 October in partnership with the Asia Pacific Professionals Association as part of the ANZ|PNG Gender Parity Symposium, showcased a panel of high-profile speakers from both business and government in Papua New Guinea speaking on challenges related to gender parity both within and outside the world of work.

Speakers: Magistrate John Kaumi, Mendi District Court Senior Provincial Magistrate; Avia Koisen, Principal, Koisen Lawyers; Eric Kwa, Secretary/CEO, PNG Constitutional Law Reform Commission; Linda Van Leeuwen, Capacity Building Specialist and Manager, Anitua; The Honourable Malakai Tabar MP, Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology in PNG.
Careers in development

Held on 20 October in collaboration with the ANU Aid & Development Learning Community, this popular annual event once again gave students the opportunity to hear and seek advice from panellists who have had diverse careers in government, NGOs, the private sector, and as volunteers.

Speakers: Nat Burke, Policy Adviser, Advocacy & Justice for Children, World Vision International; Alison Chartres, Assistant Secretary, Development Policy and Education Branch, DFAT; Peter Russell, Project Manager, International Development Assistance, GHD; Kath Taplin, Senior Development Manager, Femili PNG.

Papua New Guinea: pathways from a potential crisis

26 October. Paul Flanagan, Visiting Fellow, Development Policy Centre, ANU.

What do student exam results tell us about free education policy in PNG?

9 November. Anthony Swan, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, ANU.

Global health and the World Bank: recent events and developments


Standing with communities: results of Australian community-based climate change action grants in the Pacific and Southeast Asia

This 17 November forum featured a number of evaluations of Australian government-funded Community-Based Climate Change Action Grants.

Speakers: Cornelio Ase, Program and Humanitarian Manager, Oxfam Australia; Maria Cadahia-Perez, CARE International in PNG; Kate Duggan, Griffin Natural Resource Management; Pia Treichel, Plan International Australia.

Australian aid evaluations: multilateral development banks and NGOs

Our second Australian aid evaluation forum, again presented in collaboration with DFAT’s Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE) was held on 9 December. The event addressed the issue of development partnerships with a focus on two recent ODE evaluations of the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) and Australia’s non-core funding to the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank.

Speakers: Jim Adams, Chair of the Independent Evaluation Committee, DFAT; Robin Davies, ANU; Beth Delaney, Acting Assistant Secretary, Banks and Finance Branch, DFAT; Heather Fitt, Assistant Director, Humanitarian, NGOs and Partnerships Division, DFAT; Stephen Howes, ANU; Tracy McMartin, Assistant Director, ODE, DFAT; Dereck Rooken-Smith, Assistant Secretary, ODE, DFAT; Beth Sargent, Government and Policy Adviser, ACFID; David Slattery, Director, ODE, DFAT;
STAFF AND ASSOCIATES

Director

Professor Stephen Howes

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. He is now Professor of Economics at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU, where he directs the Development Policy Centre.

Associate Director

Robin Davies

Robin Davies was appointed Associate Director in December 2012. He was made an Honorary Professorial Fellow of ANU in July 2014. He held a range of senior policy and program management roles in the Australian Agency for International Development over almost twenty years, serving in Paris and Jakarta. He has been based in Geneva since May 2014. Robin leads on the Centre’s third research pillar, global development policy, and also contributes to our work on Australian aid effectiveness.

Fellows and Research Fellows

Dr Carmen Voigt-Graf

Dr Carmen Voigt-Graf joined the Development Policy Centre in October 2014 as a Fellow. She is based in Port Moresby where she is a Senior Research Fellow at the National Research Institute (NRI), and leads our research partnership with NRI. Carmen has a PhD from the University of Sydney and has held academic positions at ANU and the University of the South Pacific in Fiji. She also served as an Economic Adviser with the Office of the Chief Trade Adviser in Vanuatu. Carmen has worked on a range of economic issues in the Pacific, particularly in the areas of labour markets, skills development, labour mobility, migration, and regional integration.

Dr Matthew Dornan

Dr Matthew Dornan has worked at the Development Policy Centre since 2011, and in January 2016 became Deputy Director. He received his PhD from Crawford School of Public Policy at ANU, and has a background in public policy and economics. Matthew previously worked across the Pacific islands as part of an Australian technical assistance program, and later worked on climate change adaptation for AusAID. Matthew leads our research on Pacific growth and regional integration, and undertakes research on PNG. In 2015, he undertook research on road management in PNG, climate change adaptation financing in Small Island Developing States, budget support and conditionality, energy poverty, aid trends and developments in the Pacific (with the Asian Development Bank), and labour mobility (with the World Bank). Matthew organised the 2015 Pacific Update at the University of the South Pacific with colleagues from USP and the ADB.

Dr Anthony Swan

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. He has a PhD in economics from ANU and a background in economic policy formulation and consulting. In 2012 he worked for the PNG National Research Institute on the PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure (PEPE) Project in Port Moresby. He has also lectured at the University of Papua New Guinea. Anthony is a key figure in our collaboration with the UPNG Division of Economics. The focus of his research is currently on education policy in PNG.

Dr Grant Walton

Dr Grant Walton received his PhD from the University of Melbourne. His thesis compared anti-corruption actors and citizen perspectives on corruption in PNG. Over the past decade Grant has conducted research in PNG, Liberia, and Afghanistan. He worked in 2012 as Research Supervisor with the PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure (PEPE) Project in Port Moresby and joined the Centre as a Research Fellow in 2013 to continue work on the PEPE project. In 2015 Grant was appointed Deputy Director of the Transnational Research Institute on Corruption, a Research Associate of the University of Birmingham’s Developmental Leadership Program, and an ANU University House Early Career Academic Fellow. Grant leads our research into the effectiveness of health and education spending in PNG, and also undertakes research into corruption.
Dr Terence Wood

Dr Terence Wood received his PhD from the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia (SSGM) program, ANU. His PhD focused on informal institutions, ethnic identity and electoral politics in Solomon Islands. His research interests include political governance and development, and aid policy. A former NZAID staffer, Terence leads our program of research into Australian aid, and in 2015 worked on the aid stakeholder survey, and undertook research into public opinion on aid.

Visiting Fellows

Dr Nematullah Bizhan

Dr Nematullah Bizhan is a Global Leaders Fellow at Oxford and Princeton Universities. He has a PhD from The Australian National University. He studies the effects of foreign aid on state building in developing countries, examining the case of Afghanistan. His research interests include state building, international development, political economy, taxation and budget. Based here over the 2014–15 summer, he worked on a new paper: ‘The dilemmas of aid dependence’.

Margaret Callan

Margaret Callan joined the Development Policy Centre as a Visiting Fellow in January 2011. Prior to this, she worked at AusAID in a range of senior positions. Margaret’s research with the Centre focused on the contribution of the private sector to development, with particular attention to the mining and petroleum sector in Papua New Guinea.

Michael Cornish

Michael Cornish lived in Port Moresby in 2015 and worked on the Crawford School partnership with UPNG. He is a development economist and conflict management specialist, and a former visiting lecturer at the School of Economics and School of Social Sciences at the University of Adelaide. He will again lecture at UPNG in 2016.

Dr Richard Curtain

Dr 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, is a regular visitor to the Centre, and a frequent contributor to our events and workshops. In 2015, he led our collaboration with the World Bank on the potential of labour mobility in the Pacific.

Paul Flanagan

Paul Flanagan has a longstanding interest in public policy issues in Australia, PNG and more broadly. His thirty-five-year public service career was evenly shared between Treasury/Finance and AusAID. He headed up Treasury’s International Finance and Development Division from 2008–2011 before being seconded to a senior advisor position in the PNG Treasury until August 2013. He is a leading commentator on economic developments in PNG, and a frequent contributor to the Devpolicy Blog.

Dr Dinuk Jayasuriya

Dr Dinuk Jayasuriya worked as a Research Fellow at the Development Policy Centre in 2012 and 2013. He currently undertakes research and evaluation work for the Asian Development Bank and the Australian government and operates as the Research Director for Red Elephant. He previously worked as the evaluation advisor to the Asian Development Bank’s impact evaluation committee and as a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at the World Bank Group.

Dr Tess Newton Cain

Dr Tess Newton Cain is an independent researcher and consultant based in Vanuatu. A former Lecturer in Law at the University of the South Pacific, she has more than 15 years of experience living and working in the Pacific island region and is a recognised expert on Pacific politics, policy and development. She often contributes to the Devpolicy Blog and coordinates the Pacific Conversations segment, a series of interviews with Pacific policymakers and thought leaders.

David Osborne

David Osborne is a Senior Economist with Adam Smith International. He has worked for AusAID and DFAT as a Senior Economist, including as Country Economist in PNG and ran DFAT’s Mining for Development initiative. He worked for the PNG Sustainable Development Program in Port Moresby as an economist for two years, and prior to that worked for government and NGOs in Indonesia. His work focuses on revenue management, the extractives sector and drivers of economic growth. In 2015 he completed a second policy paper on the PNG Sovereign Wealth Fund.
Dr Jonathan Pickering

Dr Jonathan Pickering is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance at the University of Canberra. He completed his PhD thesis on climate change financing for developing countries at ANU in 2013. Previously, he worked at AusAID (2003–09).

Professor Lekshmi N. Pillai

Professor Lekshmi N. Pillai is the Dean of the School of Business and Public Policy (SBPP) at the University of Papua New Guinea. He leads the partnership between Crawford School of Public Policy and the UPNG SBPP, and is a regular visitor to the Development Policy Centre and ANU.

Dr Savitri Taylor

Dr Savitri Taylor is an Associate Professor in the Law School at La Trobe University, Melbourne. She spent a month in residence at Devpolicy in November 2015. Her main area of research interest is refugee law and asylum policy at the national, regional and international level. In 2015 she co-authored a blog post with Tess Newton Cain on human rights in Nauru.

James Webb

James Webb is Economic Advisor for the Cook Islands Ministry of Finance and Economic Management. James earlier worked in the Australian Treasury and in the Australian Department of Finance. He has a broad interest in economic policy but has focused his recent efforts on areas such as tax reform, public financial management and economic policy within the Cook Islands.

Research Officers

Ashlee Betteridge

Ashlee Betteridge re-joined the Development Policy Centre in March 2013. She first worked with the Centre in 2011 while completing a Master of Public Policy at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. Prior to joining us, Ashlee was a newspaper journalist and editor working in Australia and Indonesia. She has also worked on development communications in Timor-Leste and Indonesia. Ashlee edits and writes for the ‘In Brief’ section of the blog, leads on the Centre’s outreach and communications, and also provides secretariat and communications support to Femili PNG’s Case Management Centre. In 2015, her main focus was working on the development of the Aid Tracker website. She also worked on a number of research projects across the Centre’s work program.

Camilla Burkot

Camilla Burkot joined the Development Policy Centre as a Research Officer in February 2015. She has a background in social anthropology (BA Hons, University of Cambridge) and holds a Master of Public Health from Columbia University. She has field experience in Eastern and Southern Africa, and PNG. She works primarily on research on Australian aid effectiveness under the Centre’s Gates Foundation grant, and edits the Devpolicy Blog. In 2015 she coordinated data collection for the Australian and New Zealand aid stakeholder surveys, undertook work on public opinion on aid, and interviewed a number of global health and development leaders for the Devpolicy Blog.

Jonathan Pryke

Jonathan Pryke worked at the Development Policy Centre from 2011, and left in mid-2015 to take up the position of Melanesia Fellow at the Lowy Institute. He has a Master of Public Policy/Master of Diplomacy from Crawford School of Public Policy and the College of Diplomacy, ANU.

Program staff

Dr Mike Cookson

Dr Mike Cookson joined Devpolicy in December 2015 as Partnership Manager for the Centre’s partnership with the University of Papua New Guinea. He has extensive experience of supporting collaborations with universities in Indonesia, PNG and the Pacific islands. Mike completed his PhD at ANU on political and social change in Indonesian Papua.
Macarena Rojas

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

Cleo Fleming

Cleo Fleming has worked at the Development Policy Centre since 2011. She currently works part-time as our Publications Editor. Cleo has a background in program management and administration. She has a Master of Social Science (International Development) from RMIT University and a Graduate Diploma in International Relations from Monash University.

PhD students

The Centre encourages the involvement of PhD students, based at Crawford School of Public Policy or elsewhere, working on topics relating to our research agenda. There are currently three students working under the supervision of Professor Stephen Howes:

Ian Anderson

Ian Anderson is undertaking research on health priorities and funding in Asia and the Pacific.

Kongkea Chhoeun

Kongkea Chhoeun is researching aid to Cambodia.

Alicia Mollaun

Alicia Mollaun is undertaking research on US aid to Pakistan, with a particular focus on its foreign policy and nationbuilding objectives.

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

Belinda Lawton

Belinda Lawton is a PhD candidate at Crawford School of Public Policy researching not-for-profit, non-government hospitals and clinics in fragile countries in Asia. Belinda is a communications specialist who has worked with several health-related NGOs in Timor-Leste, Bangladesh and Thailand. Belinda is a regular contributor to the Devpolicy Blog, writing on global health issues.

Carmen Robledo

Carmen Robledo is a PhD candidate at the School of Politics and International Relations, ANU. Her research focuses in the development cooperation policies of emerging donors, specifically on Latin American donors.

Joanna Spratt

Joanna Spratt is completing a PhD at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU, examining the recent evolution of New Zealand’s aid policy. Jo is a frequent contributor to the Devpolicy Blog on topics related to New Zealand aid.

Paul Wyrwoll

Paul Wyrwoll is an economics PhD candidate and Managing Editor of the Global Water Forum, Crawford School, ANU. His research focuses on the economics of improving the environmental performance of hydropower dams. He has worked with Stephen Howes on environmental problems facing Asia, most recently co-authoring in Rotman Management (Winter 2015 edition) an article on ‘The downside of growth: Asia’s wicked environmental problems’.

Benjamin Day

Benjamin Day is a PhD scholar in the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs at ANU. His research seeks to understand how recent changes in the international system are affecting how traditional donors use foreign aid as an instrument of foreign policy. Ben is a frequent blog contributor on Australian aid policy and global development issues.
Interns and Research Assistants

In 2012 we began accepting interns through the Australian National Internships Program (ANIP). Interns at the Centre assist with both research and administrative tasks while conducting a research project that counts toward their degree. In 2015 we hosted three interns through the ANIP program, as well as a number of other interns and research assistants:

**Tatiana Abarca Alvarez**

Tatiana Abarca Alvarez is a Master of Environmental Management and Development student who interned with us in the first semester of 2015. Under the supervision of Jonathan Pryke, she completed research on international climate change negotiations, identifying key challenges ahead of the COP 21 round of negotiations.

**Jonathan Wilson**

Jonathan Wilson is a Master of International and Development Economics student who interned with us in the first semester of 2015, researching the economic determinants of public giving to Australian NGOs. He was supervised by Jonathan Pryke, and together with Stephen Howes they co-wrote a blog series on the declining effectiveness of Australian NGO fundraising. Jonathan returned as a Research Assistant in late 2015, providing support with data for the Australian Aid Tracker.

**Josephine McLaren**

Josephine McLaren is a Bachelor of Arts and Social Sciences student who interned with us in the second semester of 2015. She completed research on fee-free education policies in developing countries, supervised by Grant Walton and Ashlee Betteridge.

**Lindy Kanan**

Lindy Kanan, an AVID Development Intern, provided several months of part-time pro bono policy and research support to Femili PNG after returning from her volunteer placement in Vanuatu as a Gender Equality Officer.

**Ainsley Jones**

Ainsley Jones was an ANU Development Studies Honours student and Research Assistant researching collective action and corruption in Papua New Guinea, supervised by Grant Walton.

Centre Associates

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

**Dr Aaron Batten**

Dr Aaron Batten was previously with the Asian Development Bank in PNG, and is now with the ADB in Hanoi, Viet Nam.

**Angus Barnes**

Angus Barnes has spent 20 years working on international and regional development issues, including 10 years with AusAID involved in a broad range of programs, including national and local governance, rural development, HIV/AIDS, peace building and private sector development. Currently, Angus is working as DFAT Partnerships Manager at Oxfam Australia and is involved in working groups on private sector, impact investments and innovation.

**Dr Sharon Bessell**

Dr Sharon Bessell is the Director of Research at Crawford School of Public Policy and Director of the Crawford School’s Children’s Policy Centre.

**Dr Philippa Brant**

Dr Philippa Brant is a Research Associate at the Lowy Institute for International Policy. Her research interests include Chinese foreign aid and China’s engagement in the Pacific.

**Derek Brien**

Derek Brien is the Executive Director of the Pacific Institute of Public Policy in Vanuatu.

**Dr Sean Burges**

Dr Sean Burges is a Lecturer in International Relations at the School of Politics and International Relations, ANU. His research interest is non-traditional aid, with a particular focus on Latin American aid.

**Professor Satish Chand**

Professor Satish Chand is Professor of Finance at the University of New South Wales and Adjunct Professor at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. He co-authored a paper on Bougainville that was presented at the 2015 PNG Update.
Jessie Connell
Jessie Connell recently completed her PhD with the Mekong Research Group, University of Sydney, focusing on population displacement and the resettlement safeguards of international financial institutions. She is currently working for the International Organization for Migration in Bangladesh.

Dr Jack Corbett
Dr Jack Corbett is an Associate Professor of Politics at the University of Southampton. He is currently finalising a book on the history of the Australian aid program, with support from Devpolicy.

Dr Martin Davies
Dr Martin Davies is an Assistant Professor of Economics at Washington and Lee University. His research interests include international trade and development. He has a D.Phil. from Oxford University, and has taught at UPNG, St John’s College Oxford, and the Foreign Commonwealth Office (UK). He has held a post at the Australian Treasury, and is currently working with the Institute of National Affairs in Port Moresby.

Jesse Doyle
Jesse Doyle is a Social Protection Economist with the World Bank Group in Sydney. His research focuses on labour mobility in the Pacific, often in collaboration with Devpolicy.

Dr Björn Dressel
Dr Björn Dressel is a Senior Lecturer at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. Among other things, he works on the political economy of public financial management.

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

Dr Pierre van der Eng
Dr Pierre van der Eng is an Associate Professor in the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics at 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.

John Eyers
John Eyers has worked in the Australian Treasury, ADB, Commonwealth Secretariat, Office of National Assessments, PNG Treasury, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. His research interest is foreign assistance to fragile and transition states.

Dr Colin Filer
Dr Colin Filer is an Associate Professor at Crawford School of Public Policy. His research interests include the social context, organisation and impact of policies, programs and projects in the mining, petroleum, forestry and conservation sectors.

Rohan Fox
Rohan Fox was a lecturer and researcher at the University of Papua New Guinea in 2015, as an Australian aid volunteer and under the Crawford School’s partnership with UPNG. He taught classes, and undertook research, especially relating to exchange rate policy. His interests include behavioural economics and development impacts of infrastructure projects. In 2016 he will continue to work with the Centre as Partnership Coordinator for the Crawford-UPNG partnership.

Tamara Haig
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The table below summarises our funding and expenditure for 2015.

Note that the figures do not include substantial in-kind support received from The Australian National University.

We also gratefully acknowledge funding for our events and research from The Asia Foundation, the PNG Economic and Public Sector Program (supported by the Australian aid program) and the Asian Development Bank’s Pacific Economic Management Technical Assistance. Because this funding is provided directly to the events it supports, it is not shown here.

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Note: The surplus largely represents project funds that will be spent in the course of 2016. Numbers may not add up due to rounding. Funding and expenditure are administered through the ANU financial system.
In 2015, Devpolicy:

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- Published 13 discussion papers, reports and submissions.
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- Published 271 blog posts and 149 in briefs on the Devpolicy Blog.
- Signed up 546 more people for daily emails from the Devpolicy Blog, bringing the total to 2,500.
- Was a team of about 10 full-time equivalent researchers and staff at the centre of a network of about 60 Visiting Fellows, Associates, PhD students and interns.
- Gained 1,000 more Facebook followers, bringing the total to 2,850.