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# MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Now we are six, and the Development Policy Centre is in full flight. In 2016, our four flagship events were more popular than ever – the Australasian Aid Conference and the Aid Budget Breakfast in Canberra, the Papua New Guinea and Pacific Updates offshore.

We invested further in our partnerships with the University of Papua New Guinea, the University of the South Pacific, The Asia Foundation, and Femili PNG. We launched the Australian Aid Profiles and the Australian Aid Tracker. As our staffing complement grew, so did our output of research and policy advice.

It has been fascinating to observe the Centre's identity and modus operandi evolve since 2011. While it shares objectives with its older and larger counterpart institutions in the US and the UK, the Centre is unique. Embedded in The Australian National University's public policy school, it is able to provide a platform for dialogue between researchers, advocates, practitioners and policymakers on regional and global development issues. Emphasising evidence and argument over opinion and emotion, the Centre inhabits an important and previously vacant middle ground between advocacy and policy. Its staff and associates tend to share perspectives but take no corporate view on any specific matter. People are free to express a diversity of views, provided only that they present them rigorously.

I joined in 2013. The Centre was then still young but well able to respond to that year's major aid policy and management changes. Over the following several years, aid policy figured more often in the Australian media than at any time I can recall. The Centre was often the media's first port of call for information and commentary. Now, perhaps, the size and management arrangements of Australia's aid program have finally stabilised. Does this mean the Centre's aid-related work will be less relevant?

On the contrary. An aid program in turmoil, whether it be due to overly rapid growth, overly aggressive cuts, or wrenching management changes, is only a superficially interesting subject. A stable aid program attracts less media attention but is more fertile ground for a think tank. The Centre is fortunate to have foundation funding for much of its work on aid, which ensures independence. Without diminishing its strong research focus on the development of Papua New Guinea and the Pacific island countries, the years ahead should see the Centre doubling down on aid effectiveness.

This message is both foreword and farewell. I will be moving on in September 2017 to a new role. I have learned a great deal during my time with the Centre. I will miss working with the Centre's Director, Stephen Howes, and everybody else there. But I will still be working in international development, and nobody working in that field in the Asia-Pacific region would want to take their eyes off the Development Policy Centre.



**Robin Davies**  
Associate Director

# YEAR IN A BOX: OUR 2016 CONTRIBUTIONS

## Australian aid

- > We were the leading source of analysis and commentary on Australian aid policy, aid effectiveness, and public opinion on aid.
- > The 2016 Australasian Aid Conference was the largest yet with nearly 500 attendees.
- > We launched the findings of the second Australian aid stakeholder survey, and the inaugural New Zealand aid stakeholder survey.
- > We launched the Australian Aid Tracker website, which achieved significant attention within the university, the sector and the media.
- > Our annual aid budget breakfast and biannual aid evaluation fora again brought the aid and development community together in Canberra.
- > We celebrated the achievements of outstanding individuals and organisations with our new Aid Profiles series and Mitchell Humanitarian Award.
- > We conducted research on how Australian NGOs use their internet presence and on fundraising trends.
- > We cultivated our partnership with the Australian Council for International Development, the peak body for Australian aid NGOs, and developed literature aimed at increasing Australian parliamentarians' understanding of aid and development.

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## PNG and the Pacific

- > We commented extensively on the fiscal and economic challenges facing Papua New Guinea in the aftermath of the resources boom.
- > New case study research on health and education service delivery commenced, building on our prior work as part of the Promoting Effective Public Expenditure project.
- > We expanded our partnership with the School of Business and Public Policy at the University of Papua New Guinea, placing several new lecturers in public policy and economics in Port Moresby.
- > The PNG Update, PNG's premier forum on policy and economics, was convened at UPNG, co-hosted by our Crawford-SBPP partnership team.
- > The Pacific Update was again held in Suva, Fiji, in collaboration with the University of the South Pacific, the Asian Development Bank, and the ADB Institute.
- > We stepped up our research on Pacific labour mobility, publishing a major World Bank report on the value of mobility to Pacific economies and engaging in domestic policy debates over the backpacker tax.
- > We continued to provide pro-bono support to Femili PNG and its Case Management Centre in Lae and hosted several events focusing on family and sexual violence.

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## Global development policy

- > Mark Dybul, Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, delivered the 2016 Mitchell Oration.
- > We worked with colleagues at the US-based Center for Global Development on their major book, published in early 2017, *Why Forests, Why Now?*
- > In partnership with colleagues at the London-based Overseas Development Institute, we contributed to a forthcoming special issue of *Development Policy Review* about developing country perspectives on aid.
- > Throughout the year we provided commentary and a forum for discussion on landmark global development events and issues, including the World Humanitarian Summit, trends in global aid flows and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

# THE DEVELOPMENT POLICY CENTRE: AN 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 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 fifteen full-time equivalent 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 six 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](http://devpolicy.org)) is well established as Australia's most active online forum for the discussion and debate of aid and development policy. During 2016 we published seven discussion papers, five policy briefs, five reports, and two blog compilations, and made submissions to four government inquiries. We also hosted 25 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 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in support of our work on Australian aid, and from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in support of our PNG partnerships and research. An anonymous donor provides funding to support our Greg Taylor Scholars, and we also gratefully receive donations from the public.



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# WHAT WE RESEARCH: A SUMMARY

## Australian aid

Though Australia's aid program has been scaled down in size, it still has a key role to play in Australia's broader foreign policy. Australia's aid efforts are also supported by a substantial community of non-government organisations (NGOs) and individual Australians looking to work or volunteer to support the cause of international development. Rigorous research and informed public discussion can serve to enhance Australia's and Australians' engagement with aid and development in our region and around the world. We focus our analytical efforts in two areas:

### Government aid

Our research on Australia's official aid program focuses on aid effectiveness, transparency, and communication.

### Aid and the community

We conduct research on the role of NGOs, volunteer programs, and public opinion on aid and development in Australia and New Zealand.

## PNG and the Pacific

Australia is located in a dynamic region facing remarkable challenges but also great opportunities. Our nearest neighbour, Papua New Guinea (PNG), is being forced to confront swift changes to its economic prospects. Elsewhere in the region, Pacific island countries are increasingly outward-looking and politically engaged. Our research seeks to illuminate opportunities for growth and improved human development outcomes in PNG and the Pacific, and the role that Australia can play to support these, organised under the following three themes:

### The PNG Project

We work in a range of partnerships with key academic institutions in PNG. Our staff and collaborators conduct research on a number of topics, including: macroeconomic and fiscal issues; infrastructure; health and education; family and sexual violence; corruption and governance; and labour markets.

### Pacific growth and integration

Our research explores which models for growth and development are most likely to be successful in a region characterised by small and isolated states.

### Pacific migration and labour mobility

The effective use of human capital will be central to the development of the Pacific region, guided by strong and equitable migration and labour mobility policies.

## Global development policy

While our focus is primarily on Australia and the Pacific, we conduct research on a number of other global aid and development issues:

### International development and financing

Current areas of analysis include global trends in aid flows and aid policymaking; the private sector and aid; aid evaluation and legislation; the funding of global public goods; climate change financing; and challenges facing the global humanitarian aid system.

### 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.

# RESEARCH IN 2016

## 1. Australian aid

### 1.1 Government aid

We released the findings of the second Australian aid stakeholder survey at the Australasian Aid Conference in February 2016, and presented the findings of the inaugural New Zealand aid stakeholder survey to parliamentarians and academics in Wellington in March 2016.

The Australian Aid Tracker, our dedicated site providing easy to understand information about Australian aid, was launched in January 2016, and was updated regularly throughout the year.

When the 2016-17 Federal Budget was released in May, we held our annual Aid Budget Breakfast which was again well-attended in Canberra and via livestream. We also continued to partner with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE) to present a biannual aid evaluation forum.

We conducted and published new research aimed at improving the effectiveness of the Australian government aid program, including a policy brief on communications (more on this in the box below) and the results of our second Australian aid transparency audit. Ahead of the federal election in July, we reflected on the Coalition's aid policy, and what alternative governments might have to offer, on the Devpolicy Blog. We also conducted research on how the aid program can best finance global medical research.

#### Communication post-integration

In August 2016 we published a policy brief ('Communication post-integration: reloading Australia's efforts') and three-part blog series by Ashlee Betteridge on how DFAT could improve its online communications on the aid program. It provided straightforward advice on improving the communication of aid on the website and through social media. The brief was positively received, and was circulated by the DFAT Secretary on her weekly recommended reading list. Positively, there has also been an improvement in DFAT's social media content on the aid program since its publication, with more photos and stories on aid being posted.

### 1.2 Aid and the community

We commenced publication of a series of Aid Profiles – stories of Australians, or those with an Australian connection, who have made a substantial contribution to the cause of international development. Seven profiles were published on a dedicated website, which made up the shortlist for the inaugural Mitchell Humanitarian Award, awarded in early 2017. Read more about the profiles and award in the box on page 7.

We continued to collect data on public opinion about aid and development issues. In New Zealand we commissioned a series of questions about the public's attitudes to aid. This was the first time since 2007 that such survey work has been conducted in New Zealand. Terence Wood published a new discussion paper on what changes Australians' support for aid, based on survey experiment data. We published a discussion paper investigating the relationship between support for NGOs and support for aid in Australia. We also hosted a workshop on creating a healthy domestic political economy for aid and development, which brought together about 25 NGO staff, campaigners, and academics working in this area, and published new research on how Australian NGOs use different internet media.

Our partnership with the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), with which we signed an MoU in 2015, remained strong. Terence Wood assisted ACFID with its annual member survey and the ACFID electorate snapshot survey, and developed a briefing document intended to inform parliamentarians about effective aid. We worked with ACFID and the Campaign for Australian Aid to develop a suite of survey questions about aid for inclusion in the Australian Survey of Social Attitudes. Terence also worked with the Campaign to gather data on how support for aid varies across Australia's electorates. With Jo Spratt and Ben Day, Terence presented at a seminar given to UK NGOs in London on public engagement and challenges to good aid policy in Australia and the United Kingdom. Robin Davies served as a member of the expert advisory committee for ACFID's Australia Ahead of the Curve policy development process.

We also hosted several events on Australian NGOs and humanitarian issues. A panel discussion looked at how diaspora communities could be better engaged in Australian development efforts, while Paul Ronalds, CEO of Save the Children Australia, gave a lecture on the ethical dilemmas faced by his organisation when it was contracted to provide services to asylum seekers on Nauru.

## Inaugural Mitchell Humanitarian Award and Aid Profiles series

The Mitchell Humanitarian Award, named in honour of leading businessman and philanthropist Harold Mitchell AC, recognises Australians and others supported by Australian aid who have made an outstanding contribution to the cause of international development. Its aim is to educate and inspire. This new award was announced in March 2016 at the annual Mitchell Oration.

The Mitchell Humanitarian Award will be awarded annually to a contribution to the cause of international development which inspires others, which is of lasting and significant value, which has a link to Australia, and which has not yet been adequately recognised.

The successful awardee is selected by a distinguished panel from a shortlist of Aid Profiles, authored by the Development Policy Centre. In 2016, we authored seven profiles: on veterinarian Robyn Alders, Indonesian organisation Aisiyiah, philosopher Peter Singer, the rural development work of Colin Barlow and Ria Gondowarsito, public health leader Helen Evans, pharmacist Phillip Passmore, and long-time volunteering advocate Bill Armstrong.

At our 2017 Australasian Aid Conference dinner, the Mitchell Humanitarian Award was presented to Dr Robyn Alders in recognition of her career-long efforts to protect village chickens in developing countries from deadly but preventable Newcastle disease.

For more details on the award, and to read the Aid Profiles series, visit [devpolicy.org/aidprofiles](http://devpolicy.org/aidprofiles).

## 2. PNG and the Pacific

### 2.1 The PNG Project

Devpolicy staff and associates provided analysis on the economic and fiscal challenges facing PNG in the wake of the resources boom. We wrote on the allocation of funds in the national budget, and assessed how the income generated in the course of the resource boom was spent. We also published a compilation of Devpolicy Blog posts on economics and public policy in PNG.

With support from the Australian aid program, we continued to develop our partnership with the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) School of Business and Public Policy. We placed four ANU-affiliated lecturers in economics and public policy at UPNG for the 2016 academic year. Despite significant disruptions to the academic year as a result of student protests in May 2016, our staff and students worked hard to help get teaching at UPNG back on schedule. Read more about the UPNG partnership in the box on page 8.

In early November we co-hosted the 2016 PNG Update with our UPNG colleagues at their campus in Waigani. Attended by around 500 participants, and with prominent keynote speakers and presentations by more than 60 researchers, the conference affirmed the reputation of the Update as PNG's premier forum on public policy and economics.

Fieldwork commenced as part of a new phase of research on health and education expenditure and service delivery in PNG, with the support of new research staff and in collaboration with lecturers at UPNG. We continued to develop an online database of election results in PNG, led by Terence Wood.

A new work program on promoting effective public resource management was approved by the National Research Institute (NRI) Council in February. The research focuses on budgets and economic management, and effective service delivery. Carmen Voigt-Graf, based at NRI in Port Moresby, has led several economic policy analysis projects, including on PNG's work permit system, the employment and skills development impacts of the LNG project, and employment and skills development during provincial road building and maintenance. Matthew Dornan also undertook fieldwork on road management in PNG, in partnership with Carmen Voigt-Graf and colleagues from NRI.

We continued to support PNG-based NGO Femili PNG, which works to provide case management services for women and children who have experience family and sexual violence, on a pro-bono basis. In May, we hosted Femili PNG's Operations Manager, Denga Ilave, who spoke as part of a panel discussion with the Secretary of the PNG Department for Community Development and Religion and the CEO of the Oil Search Foundation on new approaches to tackling gender-based violence.

We welcomed a number of eminent Papua New Guinean speakers to Canberra, including the current Governor of New Ireland Province and former Prime Minister of PNG Sir Julius Chan, the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of PNG's University of Technology (Unitech), and the Secretary of the Department of Personnel Management. We also hosted a seminar on landowner identification in PNG's liquefied natural gas project.

### The UPNG-ANU partnership in 2016

Devpolicy manages the Australian National University's partnership with the School of Business and Public Policy (SBPP) at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG), which commenced in 2012. In August 2015, we signed a grant agreement to provide faculty strengthening, collaborative research, outreach, and student/staff exchanges for the Divisions of Economics and Public Policy Management at SBPP UPNG. The Pacific Leadership and Governance Precinct of the Australian aid program funds this initiative.

The four ANU staff based at UPNG ran eleven undergraduate courses and four staff workshops at the university last year – despite a student boycott which caused a cessation of teaching from early May to late August 2016. ANU staff also provided significant assistance to UPNG with the development of a new Masters in Economics and Public Policy (MEPP), to be offered from 2017 onwards. ANU visiting researchers gave three workshops and seminars at SBPP in 2016.

The partnership supported significant research in 2016 related to education and health policies, roads and infrastructure development and the PNG economy. ANU and UPNG staff made joint presentations at regional conferences in July and September and at the PNG Update in early November. At ANU, we hosted seminars by several high-level PNG officials. 34 PNG-related blogs were published on devpolicy.org as part of our outreach efforts in 2016.

## 2.2 Pacific growth and integration

We again co-hosted the Pacific Update in Suva in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank Institute, and the University of the South Pacific. This year's conference was the largest yet, with some 400 participants, and was attended by Fijian ministers and the Australian High Commissioner. Conference presentations reviewed research on a range of topics including the region's economic growth, climate change and disaster response, tourism, labour mobility, transportation, and training the next generation of Pacific leaders.

We released two new discussion papers outlining flows of climate change adaptation aid in the region, and challenges related to organised crime and corruption. On the Devpolicy Blog, we published commentary on diabetes and other health challenges facing the region, gender and women's empowerment, and urbanisation, among other topics. We also presented interviews with regional leaders including Transform Aqorau and Fe'iloakitau Kaho Tavi. Tess Newton Cain and Matthew Dornan published a new edition of Pacific Stories, a collection of Devpolicy Blog posts focused on the Pacific.

In March, Professor Rajesh Chandra, Vice-Chancellor of the University of the South Pacific, gave a seminar on Pacific regionalism and higher education. With the University of Canberra's Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance, we presented in July a panel discussion on financing responses to climate change in the Pacific. In October, we hosted a seminar and workshop on strengthening public financial management (PFM) in Pacific countries.

## 2.3 Pacific migration

Devpolicy researchers co-authored a new report with the World Bank titled *Labour mobility: the ten billion dollar prize* as part of the World Bank's Pacific Possible series. The report seeks to understand the perspectives and concerns of both sending and receiving countries, and sets out reforms to increase labour mobility opportunities for Pacific island workers that would maximise the welfare gains of migration and reduce the risk of brain drain. The report (discussed further in the box to the right) was launched in Suva during the Pacific Update and in Canberra.

To capitalise on the growing interest in the potential development benefits of labour mobility and migration in the Pacific, we launched a new monthly newsletter dedicated to these issues. With Research Officer Henry Sherrell joining us in the second half of 2016, we were able to feature increased coverage of labour migration and mobility issues on the Devpolicy Blog, including Australia's new Pacific microstate visa, migration as a climate change adaptation strategy, and trends in migration from small developing countries.

The role of Pacific seasonal workers also entered into domestic debates over changes to taxation of working holidaymakers. In their submission to the review on this issue, Stephen Howes and Henry Sherrell argued that the tax rate for backpackers should be aligned with the tax imposed on seasonal workers, and this is ultimately what was agreed by the federal parliament.

In June, we hosted a workshop on Pacific labour mobility with a public seminar from Emeritus Professor Richard Bedford.

### Labour mobility: the ten billion dollar prize

Pacific island countries face unique development challenges. They are far away from major markets, often with small populations spread across many islands and vast distances, and are at the forefront of climate change and its impacts. Given their youth bulge, unemployment is a pressing problem. Where these countries are unable to bring jobs to the people, the alternative is to bring the people to where the jobs are.

Labour mobility is increasingly recognised as an opportunity for the Pacific island region. Advanced economies around the Pacific Rim will need migrants in the coming years to fill gaps in their domestic labour markets. This is especially likely in sectors that often struggle to attract domestic workers, such as aged care. Australia and New Zealand both have deep interests in a stable and prosperous Pacific, interests that would be advanced by increased Pacific labour mobility.

Taking a long-term view, the *Pacific Possible: Labour Mobility* report shows what is possible through overseas employment for Pacific islanders. What would be the economic impact, looking forward to 2040, if the potential of labour mobility were to be fully realised? What actions can sending and receiving countries take to make this a reality? The new joint ANU-World Bank report *Pacific Possible: Labour Mobility* answers these questions. It sets out pathways to expand Pacific labour mobility, detailing policy options and requirements for both sending and receiving countries. And it quantifies the massive gains that these reforms would make possible.

The report can be accessed on the World Bank's Pacific Possible website: <http://www.worldbank.org/en/country/pacificislands/brief/pacific-possible>

## 3. Global development policy

### 3.1 International development and financing

Robin Davies advanced a proposal for a new global humanitarian fund, in connection with the May 2016 World Humanitarian Summit: see the box opposite. Humanitarian development and financing was also a key topic on the Devpolicy Blog, and we hosted a panel discussion on the cost of the Syrian conflict in March.

On the Devpolicy Blog and in a submission to the Australian government about Australia's first Open Government Partnership Action Plan, Robin Davies provided ongoing commentary on issues relating to aid transparency at the global level, placing Australia's performance in a wider context.

Following the publication of global migration policy rankings in late 2016 by the US-based Centre for Global Development, Robin Davies took issue with their positive assessment of Australia's performance, publishing detailed rebuttals on the Devpolicy Blog of their findings with respect to both irregular and regular migration.

With Devpolicy Associate Jonathan Pickering and partners from the UK-based Overseas Development Institute, Robin Davies edited and contributed to a forthcoming special issue of the journal *Development Policy Review* about developing country perspectives on aid. Robin also worked with partners from the Center for Global Development on a major book, *Why Forests, Why Now?*

The 2016 Harold Mitchell Oration, our annual lecture on development policy, was delivered by the Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Dr Mark Dybul. He spoke about innovation and challenges related to financing development efforts in middle-income countries.

The outcomes of the 2015 Paris climate change negotiations were the topic of a plenary session at the 2016 Australasian Aid Conference, which brought together leading analysts from Australia and Korea.

Following a proposal floated by the Australian Labor Party to enact legislation on aid effectiveness and transparency, Robin Davies and Camilla Burkot published a policy brief on the role of aid legislation in other OECD countries. Based on newly released OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) data, Robin Davies also published a policy brief and blog series on global aid flows in 2014.

Robin Davies, drawing on his experience as a member of the OECD DAC, provided input into the work of a high level panel established in 2016 to make recommendations on the future of that body.

We hosted a seminar on the future of the World Bank by Kyle Peters, the Bank's Interim Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer, and Sam Hickey of the University of Manchester spoke on developing a better approach to politics as part of development efforts.

### A global humanitarian fund

The world is equipped with global investment vehicles for major infectious diseases, climate change and education. These function as finance aggregators and distributors, not as implementing organisations. They have the flexibility to attract finance from any source and to allocate it to any entity well placed to use it effectively. Their governance, institutional and replenishment arrangements help to focus high-level attention on the problems they exist to address.

Why, then, is there no central humanitarian financing vehicle—a global humanitarian fund? The existing central humanitarian response capacity within the multilateral system has long been derisory: a small, UN-specific Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) exists to provide rapid financing in the wake of emergencies and help fill gaps in the financing of protracted crises; a small Crisis Response Window (CRW) within the World Bank's concessional financing arm exists to provide extraordinary support to low-income countries in the aftermath of severe shocks.

Robin Davies, in his March 2016 Policy Brief, argued that a global humanitarian fund should swallow both the CERF and the CRW and inherit the CERF's mandate. However, it should differ fundamentally from the CERF in having the capacity to allocate finance to all relevant actors, according to the circumstances. Given the magnitude of current financing shortfalls, he said, such a fund should seek to attract sufficient resources from both public and private sources to support grant commitments of around \$10 billion per annum.

Nothing resembling such a financing vehicle emerged from the May 2016 World Humanitarian Summit—the World Bank announced a new crisis response 'platform' but it was specific to that institution—and the need for it is greater than ever in 2017. However, António Guterres has called in the past for a much enlarged central humanitarian financing capacity. His appointment as UN Secretary-General in late 2016 offers hope for a serious reconsideration of the current humanitarian financing model.

### 3.2 Aid and Asia

We hosted the third annual Australasian Aid Conference in partnership with The Asia Foundation. With their support, several high-level Asian delegates attended and spoke as part of plenary sessions on the relevance of the Sustainable Development Goals for Asia and the Paris Agreement. More about the conference can be found in the box below.

As in previous years, the findings of The Asia Foundation's 2015 Survey of the Afghan People were presented in a public seminar hosted by our Centre. In October, a panel discussion of eminent academics and multilateral representatives explored the future of the Asian Development Bank on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

On the Devpolicy Blog, we published several posts of relevance to development in Asia, including a series on aid in contested areas with a focus on Myanmar, public sector reforms, and the relationship between aid dependency and budget transparency.

A PhD student, Kongkea Cheung, has commenced research comparing and contrasting China's and Australia's approaches to scholarships in Cambodia.

#### Australasian Aid Conference

In 2014, the Development Policy Centre convened the first Australasian Aid and International Development Policy Workshop. In the last three years, the workshop has steadily expanded in size and reputation to become the annual Australasian Aid Conference (AAC), the premier aid and international development conference in Australia. Held in February each year in partnership with The Asia Foundation, the AAC has become an integral part of the Australian and regional aid calendar. The aim of the conference is to bring together researchers from across Australia, the Pacific, Asia, and beyond who are working on aid and international development policy to share insights, promote collaboration, and help develop the research community. In 2016 we were again successful in doing so: more than 500 researchers, policymakers, students and representatives of NGOs and the private sector from across the Asia-Pacific and the world attended the third annual AAC, which featured 80 papers across 25 parallel sessions as well as four plenary sessions on the Sustainable Development Goals, climate change, and Australian development policy.

# PUBLICATIONS

## 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](http://devpolicy.anu.edu.au/publications)) and through the Social Science Research Network ([ssrn.com](http://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, are peer-reviewed prior to publication, and are likely to undergo subsequent refinement with a view to publication in peer-reviewed journals.

In 2016, we published seven discussion papers:

### **DP 46 Aid and adaptation to climate change in Pacific island countries**

Carola Betzold, July 2016

### **DP 47 Aid online: an analysis of how Australian aid NGOs use the internet**

Sachini Muller and Terence Wood, August 2016

### **DP 48 The dark side of economic globalisation: politics, organised crime and corruption in the Pacific**

Grant Walton and Sinclair Dinnen, October 2016

### **DP 49 Coffee, market economy and informality in late colonial Goroka, Papua New Guinea**

John D. Conroy, November 2016

### **DP 50 NGO donations and support for government aid in Australia**

Terence Wood, Alexandra Humphrey Cifuentes and Jonathan Pryke, December 2016

### **DP 51 The Nauru dilemma**

Paul Ronalds, December 2016

### **DP 52 Numbers, trends or norms: what changes people's support for aid?**

Terence Wood, December 2016

## Policy briefs

Our policy briefs are shorter documents that contain information and analysis on specific policy issues.

In 2016 we published five policy briefs:

### **PB 11 Estimated impact of drought and frost on food supply in rural PNG in 2015**

RM (Mike) Bourke, Bryant Allen and Michael Lowe, January 2016

### **PB 12 A global humanitarian fund: a policy proposal**

Robin Davies, March 2016

### **PB 13 Aid's new contours: an exploration of global aid flows in 2014**

Robin Davies, April 2016

### **PB 14 Aid law: what is it good for?**

Robin Davies and Camilla Burkot, June 2016

### **PB 15 Communications post-integration: reloading Australia's efforts**

Ashlee Betteridge, August 2016

## Reports

### **Australian aid: signs of risk – the 2015 Australian Aid Stakeholder Survey**

Terence Wood, Camilla Burkot and Stephen Howes, February 2016

### **A mixed review for New Zealand aid – the 2015 stakeholder survey**

Terence Wood and Camilla Burkot, March 2016

### **Pacific Possible – Labour mobility: the ten billion dollar prize**

Richard Curtain, Matthew Dornan, Jesse Doyle and Stephen Howes, July 2016

### **Creating a healthy domestic political economy for aid and development – Summary Report**

Camilla Burkot, Jennifer vanHerde-Hudson, David Hudson, Jo Spratt and Terence Wood, July 2016

### **Gone backward: findings from the 2016 Australian aid transparency audit**

Virginia deCourcy and Camilla Burkot, December 2016

## Blog compilations

### **Pacific Stories: Devpolicy Blog posts in 2014-15**

Tess Newton Cain and Matthew Dornan (eds.), June 2016

### **Economics and governance in PNG: Devpolicy Blog posts in 2015-16**

Stephen Howes (ed.), October 2016

## Submissions

### **Submission to the Working Holiday Maker tax review**

Stephen Howes, September 2016

### **Submission to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection Discussion Paper on introducing a temporary visa for parents**

Anna Boucher, Peter Mares and Henry Sherrell, October 2016

### **Submission to the Working Holiday Reform, Senate Standing Economics Committee – Legislative inquiry**

Stephen Howes and Henry Sherrell, October 2016

### **Submission on Australia's Open Government Partnership National Action Plan**

Robin Davies, November 2016

## Other publications

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# OUTREACH

## Website

devpolicy.anu.edu.au

## Blog

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

In 2016 we published 250 blog posts, bringing the total number since the blog began in 2010 to 1,620 from 556 contributors. In addition to our regular blog posts we published 99 'in briefs', shorter pieces of analysis and news that are relevant to our readership. This brings total 'in briefs' since starting in 2013 to 550.

Blog posts are shared widely through social media (Facebook and Twitter) and are often re-published by other organisations. An increasing number of people receive our blog posts daily by email: 2,903 by the end of 2016.

For subscription options, visit: <http://devpolicy.org/>

## 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.

## Social media

Our follower and engagement numbers on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Google+ continue to grow. As of the close of 2016 3,878 people have 'liked' our Facebook page (up from 2,850 in 2015), and we gained nearly a thousand new Twitter followers this year (now at 7,067).

## Media

In 2016 our researchers' work and perspectives have appeared in various domestic, regional, and international media outlets including *The Australian*, *The Age*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Canberra Times*, ABC News 24, *The World*, SBS News, Radio National, *The Saturday Paper*, *The Australian Financial Review*, *The Conversation*, *Crikey*, Radio Australia Pacific Beat, Radio New Zealand, ABC Radio Canberra, Australian Associated Press, *The Guardian*, *Huffington Post*, *New Matilda*, *Devex*, *China People's Daily*, *Islands Business*, *Fiji Times* and the PNG papers, *The National* and *Post-Courier*, among others. Our research was mentioned or quoted in around 200 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*, *Policy Forum*, and the *Lowy Interpreter*. 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. In 2016 we published 49 new podcasts, bringing the total to 195 podcasts which were played 21,800 times in 2016.

## Collaborations

Individual staff at the Centre, or the Centre as a whole, collaborated with a range of organisations in 2016, including: Asia and the Pacific Policy Society, Crawford School, ANU; the Asian Development Bank and Asian Development Bank Institute (ADB); The Asia Foundation; the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID); the Campaign for Australian Aid; CARE Australia; the Center for Global Development (CGD); the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT); the Developmental Leadership Program, Birmingham University; the Fijian Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC); the Lowy Institute for International Policy; Micah Australia; the National Research Institute (NRI), PNG; the Overseas Development Institute (ODI); Oxfam Australia; the Pacific Institute, ANU; the Pacific Leadership Program, Fiji; the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia (SSGM) Program, ANU; the Transnational Research Institute on Corruption (TRIC), ANU; University College London; University of Exeter; University of Papua New Guinea School of Business and Public Policy; University of the South Pacific; Trinity College Dublin; the World Bank; and World Vision Australia.

## Talks

In addition to presentations at the Centre's events, summarised in the next section, Devpolicy researchers and staff gave a number of lectures and presentations in Australia and around the region and the world throughout 2016.

Stephen Howes addressed the ANU Council to showcase the Development Policy Centre's policy impact. He also presented on Australian aid at the ACFID National Conference in October, and presented on aid and development to a meeting of DFAT's Development Policy Division.



Robin Davies participated by invitation in the second Overseas Development Institute conference on Future Development Agencies.

Matthew Dornan presented on aid and development challenges in the Pacific as part of an ADB-sponsored workshop at the East-West Center and at ANU Asia-Pacific Week. He spoke on donor conditionality and policy reform at the Pacific Islands Political Studies Association conference in Niue in July. He also presented papers at the 2016 Pacific Update, the 2016 PNG Update, and at the Australasian Aid Conference.

Carmen Voigt-Graf spoke on the impact of PNG's LNG project on employment and skills development at the PNG Update, and presented at the CIMC National Development Forum and an ILO workshop in Port Moresby. She also gave an NRI seminar on opportunities for Pacific islanders in PNG's construction industry. Carmen presented papers at the State of the Pacific and Australasian Aid conferences in Canberra, and contributed to a workshop on new research on Pacific labour mobility. She also presented at the Pacific Island Labour Sending Countries (PAILS) Forum in Port Vila in April.

Michelle Rooney was invited to present papers at a seminar organised by the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the East-West Center, Honolulu, and at a panel discussion on space and place in the Pacific at RMIT University. Under the ANU-UPNG partnership project Michelle presented two seminars on her research on urban livelihoods in PNG to staff and students at UPNG, and one seminar to PNG-based DFAT staff. She also presented a paper at the PNG Update. During the UPNG protests in May, she supported PNG students at ANU to organise a vigil and served as the mistress of ceremonies. Michelle also supported PNG students at ANU to organise a panel discussion as part of PNG Independence Day commemorations.

Anthony Swan delivered an Arndt-Corden seminar presentation on innovation, trade and multinational production. He presented at the Australasian Aid Conference on education funding and the SDGs with Grant Walton. He also presented a revised version of this paper at the 2016 PNG Update. Anthony delivered a two-day workshop at the University of Papua New Guinea to a range of academics, researchers and public servants on using data to analyse and evaluate policy.

Grant Walton presented on education funding and the SDGs at the Institute of Australian Geographers in June, and at the Australasian Aid Conference. In April, he spoke on PNG's Tuition Fee Free Policy at University of PNG's seminar series. In September, Grant presented on the challenges of collective action and corruption in PNG at the American Political Science Association annual conference in Philadelphia. With Peter Kanaparo and Tara Davda, Grant presented research findings on PNG's free education policies at the State of the Pacific Conference (Canberra) and the PNG Update (Port Moresby). Grant provided insights into his ongoing research at the Humanity Research Centre and University House Ad Hominem series as a panel member in November. He was an

invited speaker for the University of Melbourne's Combatting Corruption conference, held in December. Grant also participated in a number of workshops and consultations with policy makers and academics throughout the year.

Terence Wood presented a keynote address at the Australasian Aid Conference on the Australian Aid Stakeholder Survey, and also presented the survey findings at DFAT. He presented the findings of the New Zealand Aid Stakeholder Survey in a seminar at Victoria University of Wellington, and met with members of New Zealand's parliament to discuss the findings. With Jo Spratt and Camilla Burkot, he facilitated a workshop for Australian NGOs and aid campaigners on creating a healthy domestic political environment for aid. He also gave various presentations throughout the year on Australian aid, aid evaluations, public opinion about aid, development in the Pacific, support for NGOs, women candidates in Solomon Islands elections, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Manoj Kumar Pandey presented at the 2016 PNG and Pacific Updates, as well as the 2016 State of the Pacific Conference in Canberra and the UPNG School of Business and Public Policy Seminar with co-presenters from ANU and UPNG, on the state of PNG's economy. He also presented at writer's workshops and workshops for journalists at UPNG.

Marcel Schröder presented a paper on the Kina exchange rate at the 2016 PNG Update with Rohan Fox.

Ashlee Betteridge was an invited speaker on two panels on digital disruption and big data at ANU. She also provided an introduction to Australian aid to more than 80 participants in Micah Australia's 'Voices for Justice' advocacy conference. She co-organised a workshop on blogging for PNG and Pacific students with Michelle Rooney and Camilla Burkot.

Camilla Burkot spoke on aid effectiveness at an Oaktree Foundation event hosted by the Embassy of Timor-Leste in May 2016, and moderated a panel on development in the Pacific region as part of ANU Asia Pacific Week. She participated in the presentation of findings from the Australian and New Zealand aid stakeholder surveys to senior DFAT officials and New Zealand parliamentarians, respectively. She also facilitated two workshops in Canberra, on creating a healthy political environment for aid and on blogging for PNG and Pacific students.

Tara Davda presented at the 2016 PNG Update.

Rohan Fox participated in the 2016 Lowy Institute Australia-Papua New Guinea Emerging Leaders Dialogue and presented a paper co-authored with Marcel Schröder at the 2016 PNG Update.

# EVENTS

In 2016, we hosted a total of 26 public events (lectures, seminars, conferences and forums) in Canberra. 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 overseas conferences: the Pacific Update with the Asian Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank Institute, and the University of the South Pacific on 18–19 July in Suva, and the PNG Update with the University of PNG on 3–4 November in Port Moresby.

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

## 1. 2016 Australasian Aid Conference

Now in its third year, the 2016 Australasian Aid Conference returned on 10–11 February 2016, once again in partnership with The Asia Foundation.

It was our biggest and best yet, with packed rooms right up to the very last session, and high-quality papers and discussions across the 75 papers, 25 panels, two plenaries and three keynotes. More than 300 participants registered for the conference, with a record number of speakers joining us from countries as diverse as the US, Indonesia, the Netherlands, Myanmar, Spain, Lebanon and Zambia.

We covered the big themes of international development: the politics of development, migration and climate change. There was also plenty of analysis of Australian aid policy on offer. We were pleased to give the floor to DFAT Secretary Peter Varghese to open this year's conference. Former Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Bob McMullan was our conference dinner speaker.



## 2. Afghanistan in 2015: a survey of the Afghan people

On 12 February, The Asia Foundation delivered the findings of its 2015 Survey of the Afghan People, conducted with a nationally representative sample of nearly 9,500 Afghan citizens across the country's 34 provinces. This year's survey included several new questions, including youth issues, reconciliation with the Taliban, the Islamic State (ISIL/ISIS), landmines, government care for disabled persons, and access to social media on mobile phones.

Speakers: Gordon Hein, Timor Sharan, and Zack Warren, The Asia Foundation; William Maley, Bell School, ANU; Stephen Howes, ANU.

## 3. The 2016 Harold Mitchell Development Policy Lecture – Exciting, challenging, frightening times: global health, development and the stuff of innovation

The fourth annual Mitchell Oration was delivered on 29 February by Dr Mark Dybul, Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

A leading voice on global health, Mark has been in the top job at the Global Fund since 2012, and previously served as the US Global AIDS Coordinator. He was a driving force behind the creation of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).



## 4. Pacific regionalism and higher education

On 8 March, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of the South Pacific (USP), Professor Rajesh Chandra, spoke on how USP engages within the broader regional framework and how it serves the Pacific through higher education, research, and regional integration joint-efforts with other regional agencies.

## 5. Public Private Partnerships in infrastructure

9 March. Allard Nooy, CEO, InfraCo Asia Development.

## 6. The cost of conflict: five years of the Syria crisis

On 15 March, panellists from ANU and World Vision's Jordan and Melbourne offices discussed the findings of a new report on the economic and human costs of the Syria crisis, and the implications for international law, policy, and humanitarian operations.

Speakers: Sahar Yassin, World Vision Jordan; Emma Wanchap, World Vision Australia; Kevin Boreham, ANU College of Law; Stephen Howes, ANU.

## 7. Playing the game: the memoirs of Sir Julius Chan

On 17 March, the Development Policy Centre hosted the launch of the memoirs of Sir Julius Chan, who served as PNG Prime Minister twice and is currently Governor of New Ireland Province.

Born on a remote island to a migrant Chinese father and an indigenous mother, Sir Julius Chan overcame poverty, discrimination and family tragedy to become one of Papua New Guinea's longest-serving and most influential politicians.

This book launch was presented in partnership with the Pacific Institute and the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program, ANU College of Asia & the Pacific.



## 8. Australian aid evaluations: performance of Australian aid and Australia Awards scholarships

This event on 20 April focused on the 2014-15 Performance of Australian Aid report, and the DFAT Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE) report *Building Women's Leadership: the contribution of Australia Awards Scholarships*.

Speakers: Scott Dawson, DFAT; Stephen Howes, ANU; Karen Ovington, ODE; Cheryl Johnson, DFAT; Rose Amazan, University of New England; Jim Adams, ODE Independent Evaluation Committee.



## 9. 2016 aid budget breakfast

On 4 May, experts delivered detailed analysis and commentary on 2016-17 Federal budget and the future of Australian aid during our fourth annual aid budget breakfast

Speakers: Stephen Howes, ANU; Jacqui De Lacy, Abt JTA; Anthony Swan, ANU.



## 10. University reform in Papua New Guinea: the Unitech experience

In this seminar held on 18 May, Dr Albert Schram, Vice-Chancellor of Papua New Guinea's University of Technology, discussed the challenges facing UPNG in regards to the quantity and reliability of its funding, as well as its recent legislative changes. The seminar was co-hosted with the Pacific Institute.

## 11. New approaches to tackling gender-based violence in Papua New Guinea

At this 19 May event, the Development Policy Centre and the Lowy Institute brought together a panel of Papua New Guinean leaders from government, civil society and the private sector to discuss new approaches being taken to address the pervasive issue of family and sexual violence in PNG.

Speakers: Anna Solomon, Secretary, Department for Community Development and Religion, PNG; Denga Ilave, Operations Manager, Femili PNG; Kymberley Kepore, CEO, Oil Search Foundation.



## 12. New research on Pacific labour mobility

This workshop, held on 2 June, presented a range of new policy-relevant research being undertaken on Pacific labour mobility, looking into a range of possible channels and factors affecting migration.

Speakers: Stephen Howes, ANU; Richard Curtain, Visiting Fellow, ANU; Richard Bedford, University of Waikato; Carmen Voigt-Graf, ANU and National Research Institute PNG; Ann Wigglesworth, Victoria University; Stephen Close, World Bank.

## 13. Towards an integrated labour migration strategy in our Pacific neighbourhood

2 June. Dr Richard Bedford QSO, Emeritus Professor at the University of Waikato and President of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

## 14. 2016 Pacific Update

The 2016 Pacific Update Conference was held on 18-19 July, at the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji. Organised by the Asian Development Bank, the ADB Institute, the Development Policy Centre, and the University of the South Pacific, it featured sessions on climate change, private sector development, labour mobility, and health policy issues, amongst other topics.

## 15. Going beyond 'politics matters' in international development

6 July. Samuel Hickey, Research Director, Effective States and Inclusive Development (ESID) Research Centre, and Professor of Politics and Development, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester.



## 16. Financing responses to climate change in the Pacific

This panel brought together experts on international climate change policy and climate finance in the Pacific on 25 July. Presenters discussed the extent and nature of climate financing in the Pacific, its governance, and Australia's contribution.

Speakers: Jonathan Pickering, University of Canberra; Carola Betzold, Visiting Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre; Ian Fry, Ambassador for Climate Change and Environment for the Government of Tuvalu; George Carter, State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program, ANU.

## 17. The difficulties of supporting reform in fragile states: the case of water sector reform in Lebanon

27 July. Rim El Kadi, Centre Associate, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School, ANU.

## 18. Pacific Possible: labour mobility

What could be possible by 2040 if the potential of labour mobility were to be fully realised? What actions can sending and receiving countries take to make this a reality? The new joint ANU-World Bank report *Pacific Possible: Labour Mobility* answers these questions. It sets out pathways to expand Pacific labour mobility, detailing policy options and requirements for both sending and receiving countries. And it quantifies the massive gains that these reforms would bring about for sending countries.

Speakers: Stephen Howes, ANU; Jesse Doyle, World Bank.

## 19. ODE aid evaluations: investing in teachers and learning from evaluations

Our second aid evaluation forum of the year, co-hosted with the Office of Development Effectiveness (ODE) on 2 September, focused on ODE's report on teacher training and its latest review of operational evaluations.

Speakers: Jacinta Overs, ODE; Mary Fearnley-Sander, education consultant; Megan Anderson, DFAT; Robert Cannon, educational evaluation adviser; Penny Davis, ODE; Terence Wood, ANU; Jim Adams, ODE Independent Evaluation Committee.

## 20. The intractable problem of landowner identification in the PNG LNG project: a historical perspective

8 September. Associate Professor Colin Filer, Resources, Environment and Development Group, Crawford School, ANU.

## 21. Engaging diasporas in humanitarian response and economic development

29 September. Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie MBE, Up!-Africa Limited; Finau Heuifanga Limuloa, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Pacific Office, Suva.



## 22. The Nauru dilemma

17 October. Paul Ronalds, CEO, Save the Children Australia.



## 23. State of the PNG public sector

On 21 October, John Ma'o Kali, Secretary of Papua New Guinea's Department of Personnel Management, examined the size and shape of the PNG's public service, the successes and challenges of the PNG's public sector, and identified areas of priority and reform in public sector management.

## 24. ADB@50: what does the future hold?

To help mark ADB's half-century, on 26 October a panel of eminent speakers shared their insights on Asia-Pacific development over the past 50 years, canvassed the future of the ADB, and discussed Australia's partnership with the Bank.

Speakers: Ron Duncan, ANU; Stephen Groff, Asian Development Bank; Hal Hill, ANU; Annmaree O'Keeffe AM, Lowy Institute; Matthew Dornan, ANU.

## 25. Strengthening public financial management reform in Pacific island countries

On 31 October, a panel of experts from the World Bank, DFAT, and the Nossal Institute for Global Health discussed key findings and recommendations of a new report on strengthening public financial management for the delivery of health services in the Pacific.

Speakers: Richard Bontjer, DFAT; Peter Annear, Nossal Institute for Global Health; Susan Ivatts, World Bank; Tobias Haque, World Bank; Julien Barbara, State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program, ANU.

## 26. 2016 PNG Update

The 2016 PNG Update was held on 3-4 November 2016 at the University of Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Organised by the University of Papua New Guinea's School of Business and Public Policy and the Development Policy Centre, it featured more than 50 presentations over some 18 panel and keynote sessions. With topics from the macroeconomy to urban spaces, gender equality to the drought, and public-private partnerships to development strategies, the PNG Update has established itself as PNG's premier forum for contemporary economic and policy analysis.

The University of Papua New Guinea and The Australian National University would like to acknowledge the generous funding support from the Australian aid program and the Asian Development Bank.

## 27. The future of the World Bank

7 November. Kyle Peters, Interim Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President, Operations, The World Bank.

## 28. Economic diversification and tax reform in Papua New Guinea

8 December. Sir Nagora Bogan KBE, Chancellor, Papua New Guinea University of Technology.



# 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 Professor 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.

## Deputy Director



### **Dr Matthew Dornan**

Dr Matthew Dornan is a Fellow at and Deputy Director of the Development Policy Centre, where he has worked since 2011. 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 the Australian aid program, and has consulted for major development partners in the region. Matthew leads our research on Pacific growth and regional integration, and undertakes research on PNG.

## Staff



### **Ashlee Betteridge**

Ashlee Betteridge re-joined the Development Policy Centre in March 2013 as a Research Officer, and has recently been appointed as the Centre's Program Manager. 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 leads on the Centre's outreach and communications. She built and updates the Australian Aid Tracker website and coordinates the Aid Profiles series.



### **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 & 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.



### **Dr Mike Cookson**

Dr Mike Cookson joined Devpolicy in December 2015 as Partnership Manager for the Centre's partnership with the UPNG School of Business and Public Policy. 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.



### **Tatia Currie**

Tatia Currie is based in Port Moresby where she works as an Associate Lecturer and our Project Coordinator for our partnership with the UPNG School of Business and Public Policy. She has experience in both teaching and applied policy contexts in Africa and Australia and a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Tasmania. Her policy interests include policy design and policy entrepreneurship, governance and policy transfer.



### **Tara Davda**

Tara Davda is a Research Officer at the Centre. She has a Masters in International and Development Economics from Crawford School of Public Policy. She has had a range

of professional experience overseas, including in Vietnam, India, Bangladesh and most recently with IPC-IG / UNDP Brazil. She provides research support for the Development Policy Centre's work on PNG, including statistical analysis, writing and survey and fieldwork assistance.



### **Cleo Fleming**

Cleo Fleming worked at the Development Policy Centre part-time from 2011 to 2016, first as Program Officer then as 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.



### **Rohan Fox**

Rohan Fox is a Research Officer at the Development Policy Centre. He has a Masters in International and Development Economics from ANU and is currently working on varied

analyses of the PNG economy. He previously worked in Port Moresby as a lecturer in economics at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) and Project Coordinator for the Centre's partnership with the UPNG School of Business and Public Policy.



### **Husnia Hushang**

Husnia Hushang joined the Development Policy Centre from May to October 2016 as Program Officer to cover Macarena Rojas' maternity leave. She has a Masters in Public

Policy from Crawford School of Public Policy, and a Bachelor of Law and Political Science from Kabul University, Afghanistan. She previously worked as a Provincial Development Planning Facilitator, Community Development Officer and Capacity Development Officer for the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development in Afghanistan.



### **Dr Manoj Kumar Pandey**

Dr Manoj Kumar Pandey is a Lecturer in Economics, working in Port Moresby as part of our partnership with UPNG. Prior to joining ANU, he worked as a Fellow in Official

Statistics and coordinator of the Official Statistics Program at the School of Economics, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of the South Pacific (USP). Dr Pandey has a background in statistics, applied econometrics and economics, and a PhD in economics from the ANU. His interests include ageing, development, health, labour, gender and well-being.



### **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.



### **Michelle Rooney**

Michelle Rooney is a Research Fellow at the Development Policy Centre, working for our partnership with the University of Papua New Guinea. She is currently completing

her PhD at the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia program in the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, ANU. Michelle holds a Masters of Arts in Development Economics from University of Sussex, UK, and a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) from the ANU.



### **Dr Marcel Schröder**

Dr Marcel Schröder joined the Development Policy Centre in July 2016 as a Lecturer in Economics. Marcel is based in Port Moresby as part of our ANU-UPNG partnership. After

completing his PhD studies at ANU in 2014 he joined the Lebanese American University where he was an Assistant Professor. His research focuses on macroeconomic aspects of economic development.



### **Henry Sherrell**

Henry Sherrell joined the Development Policy Centre as a Research Officer in October 2016, working on Pacific labour mobility. He has a background in immigration policy, having

worked at the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and the Migration Council Australia, as well as an adviser in Federal politics. He holds a Master of Public Policy from ANU.



### **Dr Vu Son**

Dr Vu Son worked with the Development Policy Centre as a short-term Research Officer in early 2016. He assisted with the analysis of household data from PNG. Vu completed his PhD in Economics at Crawford School of Public Policy in 2010, focusing on poverty and household economic behaviour in Vietnam.



### **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 Lhawang Ugyel**

Dr Lhawang Ugyel is a Lecturer, working in Port Moresby as part of our partnership with UPNG. He worked as a Research Fellow at Crawford School of Public Policy. His field of research is comparative public administration, specialising in public sector reforms, policy transfer, evaluation studies and cross-cultural studies. Prior to completing his PhD program at ANU, he worked for the Royal Government of Bhutan in various capacities such as Senior Human Resource Officer and Policy Analyst.



### **Dr Carmen Voigt-Graf**

Dr Carmen Voigt-Graf joined the Development Policy Centre in October 2014 as a Fellow. Throughout 2016 she was based in Port Moresby where she was a Senior Research Fellow at the National Research Institute (NRI) and led 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 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 perceptions about and responses to corruption in PNG and Fiji.



### **Dr Terence Wood**

Dr Terence Wood is a Research Fellow at the Development Policy Centre. Terence's research focuses on the domestic political economy of aid in donor countries, public opinion about aid, NGOs, aid effectiveness in poorly-governed states, and Melanesian electoral politics. Prior to commencing PhD study Terence worked for the New Zealand Government Aid Programme.

## **Visiting Fellows**



### **Dr Carola Betzold**

Dr Carola Betzold is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Policy and Management at the University of Antwerp in Belgium. Her research concerns the interplay of climate change and development cooperation, with a specific focus on aid and adaptation in small island developing states, in the Pacific and beyond. Carola holds a PhD in Political Science from ETH Zurich, Switzerland.



### **Dr Nematullah Bizhan**

Dr Nematullah Bizhan is a Research Fellow at Oxford University where he studies the role of identities and networks in establishing state legitimacy and effectiveness in fragile and conflict-affected societies. He is also working with the Commission on State Fragility, Growth and Development, a joint initiative of the Oxford University's Blavatnik School of Government and the London School of Economics (LSE). He has a PhD in Political Science and International Relations from the Australian National University and was previously a high-level participant in the post-2001 government of Afghanistan. His research focuses on international development, state building and legitimacy in conflict-affected and fragile societies, public policy and political economy. His forthcoming book, *Aid Paradoxes in Afghanistan: Building and Undermining the State*, examines post-2001 state building in Afghanistan and how aid has affected it.



### **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.



### **Dr Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson**

Dr Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson is Senior Lecturer in Political Behaviour in the Department of Political Science, University College London. Her primary research interests include campaigns and elections; campaign/party finance; public opinion; political communication; political trust and research methods.



### **Dr David Hudson**

Dr David Hudson is a Senior Lecturer in Political Economy in the Department of Political Science, University College London and the Deputy Director of the Developmental Leadership Program (DLP). His research examines the politics of development, coalitions, and leadership; public engagement with global poverty and international development; and the international political economy of development, particularly finance and migration.



### **Dr Dinuk Jayasuriya**

Dr Dinuk Jayasuriya worked as a Research Fellow at the Development Policy Centre in 2012 and 2013. Now based in Sri Lanka, he has undertaken research and evaluation work for the Asian Development Bank and the Australian government and been 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 Kylie McKenna**

Dr Kylie McKenna conducts research which explores the dynamic nexus of business, conflict, violence and peace building. Her case study foci over the past seven years has been the Panguna mine (Bougainville), the Ertsberg and Grasberg mines (Papua) and BP's Tangguh LNG project (West Papua). She has a particular interest in tracing the connections between the headquarters of extractive companies and local communities affected by resource development. She completed her PhD studies in 2012 at the Regulatory Institutions Network, ANU.



### **Bob McMullan**

Bob McMullan has had a long and distinguished career in the Australian Parliament as one of Australia's pre-eminent Labor politicians. He is a former Parliamentary Secretary for International Development (2007-2010) and Executive Director for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.



### **Dr Tess Newton Cain**

Dr Tess Newton Cain is the principal of TNC Pacific Consulting. She is a citizen of Vanuatu where she lived for almost 20 years and is now based in Brisbane. Tess is a specialist in Pacific regionalism and sub-regionalism, with a particular interest in the Melanesian Spearhead Group. She is a regular contributor to the Devpolicy Blog, where she often co-writes with Matthew Dornan. She is the coordinator of the 'Pacific Conversations' series in which she discusses politics and policy with established and emerging leaders from the Pacific island region.



### Dr Gordon Peake

Dr Gordon Peake has worked extensively in Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea, and the Pacific. His book *Beloved Land: Stories, Struggles and Secrets from Timor-Leste*

was winner of the 2014 ACT Book of the Year and People's Choice Awards. Gordon received his PhD from the University of Oxford.



### 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.



### Bob Warner

Bob Warner has worked at the Productivity Commission, the World Bank, the Centre for International Economics and Crawford School of Public Policy (where he was Director

Pacific Research Partnerships with for the Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies Journal). He has been a long term advisor in Bangladesh and Zimbabwe, and a short term advisor and consultant to governments in a number of developing countries, particularly in Southeast Asia and the Pacific.



### 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.

## Recognition and commendations

Michelle Rooney won the 2016 Student Paper Prize from the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology from a highly competitive field of 46 international submissions. Feedback on Michelle's paper, titled "We do not qualify for free education': citizenship in the segregated political economy of service delivery in urban Papua New Guinea", noted that it provides a "nuanced analysis which contributes to our understanding of citizenship, human rights, urban development, political ecology, and the paradoxes of the state."

Ashlee Betteridge, Camilla Burkot, Husnia Hushang, and Macarena Rojas were awarded the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific Dean's Award for Outstanding Team Performance in November 2016.

Rohan Fox was selected to participate in the 2016 Lowy Institute Australia-Papua New Guinea Emerging Leaders Dialogue, held in Brisbane in November 2016.



## 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 five PhD students working under the supervision of Development Policy Centre researchers:



### Ian Anderson

Ian Anderson is undertaking research on health priorities and funding in Asia and the Pacific, supervised by Stephen Howes. Ian has over 30 years international development experience with AusAID, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and as an independent economics consultant, and is a regular Devpolicy blogger.



### Kongkea Chhoeun

Kongkea Chhoeun is researching aid-funded scholarships to Cambodia, supervised by Stephen Howes. Prior to undertaking his PhD, Kongkea worked for various donor agencies in Cambodia.



### Edwina Fingleton-Smith

Edwina Fingleton-Smith is researching how energy access can be more effectively utilised for development outcomes in Kenya, supervised by Matthew Dornan.



### Chris Hoy

Chris Hoy is undertaking a PhD in economics at The Australian National University. He has 10 years experience in the international development sector. He holds a Masters of International and Development Economics from Yale University.



### Paskal Kleden

Paskal Kleden is undertaking research on aid to Indonesia, supervised by Stephen Howes. Prior to his PhD, Paskal worked as Research Coordinator in a DFAT-funded education program in Indonesia managed by the Palladium Group.

**Congratulations to Cate Rogers and Alicia Mollaun, who both completed their PhDs in 2016.**

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



### 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.



### 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.



### 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 global development and 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.



### Denghua Zhang

Denghua Zhang is completing his PhD on Chinese triangular aid cooperation at the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia program at ANU. His research focuses on Chinese foreign aid and foreign policy. Prior to that, he had a decade-long career as a civil servant in China. He worked in the Pacific region for five years, including in Tonga and New Zealand.

## 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 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. She is part of an international research team working on a new, gender-sensitive measure of poverty.



### 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.



### Dr Jessie Connell

Dr 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 Canberra.



### Dr Jack Corbett

Dr Jack Corbett is an Associate Professor of Politics at the University of Southampton. He has just written 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 a regular visitor to PNG.



### 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. He was a co-author of the Pacific Possible paper on labour mobility.



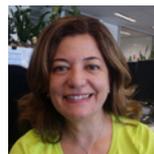
### Dr Björn Dressel

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 Rim El Kadi

Dr Rim El Kadi has research interests including public sector management and reform in developing countries, sustainable development, and aid. Her PhD research, undertaken at the University of South Australia, covered the water sector reform in Lebanon, with a particular focus on the role of aid and development agencies in promoting reform and sustainable development, in the context of a weak state and a fragmented social fabric.



### 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.



### **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.



### **Paul Flanagan**

Paul Flanagan has a longstanding interest in public policy issues in Australia, PNG and more broadly. His 35-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.



### **Tony Hughes**

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



### **Dr Janet Hunt**

Dr Janet Hunt is an Associate Professor at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) at the ANU where she teaches and conducts research about Indigenous development in Australia. She was previously Executive Director of the Australian Council for International Development and Executive Director of the International Women's Development Agency. She is part of an international research team working on a new, gender-sensitive measure of poverty.



### **Lindy Kanan**

Lindy Kanan is the Development Manager of Femili PNG, a case management centre in Lae which assists survivors of family and sexual violence. Lindy is an experienced international development practitioner and has worked for the United Nations, the Australian Government and various non-government organisations including Oxfam Australia and Childfund Australia.



### **Dr Patrick Kilby**

Dr Patrick Kilby is the Program Coordinator for the Master of Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development Program, ANU, and a regular Devpolicy collaborator and blogger. In 2015 he published *NGOs and Political Change: a history of the Australian Council for International Development*.



### **Dr Kamalini Lokuge**

Dr Kamalini Lokuge is a Senior Research Fellow in the National Centre for Epidemiology and Public Health, ANU. Her current research includes monitoring and evaluating support services for survivors of family and sexual violence in Papua New Guinea



### **Dr Sango Mahanty**

Dr Sango Mahanty is currently an ARC Future Fellow, Resources Environment & Development Group at Crawford School of Public Policy.



### **Andrew Anton Mako**

Andrew Anton Mako completed his Master of International and Development Economics at Crawford School of Public Policy in 2012 and then worked as a Research Officer at the Development Policy Centre, and then as a Research Fellow at the PNG National Research Institute on the PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure (PEPE) project. He is currently working with the Pacific Islands Forum.



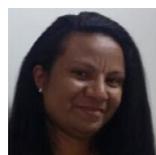
### **Dr Wesley Morgan**

Dr Wesley Morgan is Oxfam's Pacific Policy Adviser, based in Suva, Fiji. His PhD explored the PACER-Plus trade negotiations between member countries of the Pacific Islands Forum.



### **Matthew Morris**

Matthew Morris helped to establish the Development Policy Centre and served as the Centre's first Deputy Director. Matt is a development economist with 20 years' experience: currently a board member of the Pacific Institute of Public Policy and independent consultant.



### **Logea Nao**

Logea Nao has completed her Masters in International and Development Economics at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU, and was a 2014/2015 recipient of the Greg Taylor Scholarship. She formerly worked as a researcher at the National Research Institute in PNG.



### **Dr Joel Negin**

Dr Joel Negin is an Associate Professor of International Public Health and Acting Head of School at the University of Sydney School of Public Health. His research focus is on health and development in sub-Saharan Africa and the Pacific. He is a regular contributor to the Devpolicy Blog on global health issues, and a co-convener of the Australasian Aid Conference.



### **Annmaree O’Keeffe**

Annmaree O’Keeffe is a Nonresident Fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy.



### **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.



### **Sabit Otor**

Sabit Otor focuses his research on aid effectiveness, aid for trade, macroeconomic determinants of aid graduation, and developing countries. He holds a Bachelor Degree of Science and Education from Alexandria University (Egypt), a Bachelor Degree and Graduate Diploma of Economics from ANU and a Master of International and Development Economics from ANU.



### **Dr Hom Pant**

Dr Hom Pant is an Adjunct Fellow at the ANU. He is developing additional capabilities to a widely used general equilibrium model of the global economy to enable staff and students of ANU to conduct sound analysis of policies of national and international significance. Prior to joining the ANU, he was a senior economist at the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences. He also served as a Senior Advisor to the National Planning Commission of Nepal, as a consultant to the World Bank and Research Fellow at the University of Tasmania.



### **Jonathan Pryke**

Jonathan Pryke worked at the Development Policy Centre from 2011, and left in mid-2015 to take up the position of Research 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.



### **Dr Susan Harris Rimmer**

Dr Susan Harris Rimmer is an Australian Research Council Future Fellow and Associate Professor at the Griffith Law School, and an Adjunct Reader in the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy at The Australian National University. She was previously the Manager of Advocacy and Development Practice at the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID). Susan helped to consolidate ACFID’s Academic Linkages Network. She has previously worked for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the National Council of Churches and the Parliamentary Library.



### **Futua Singirok**

Futua Singirok completed his Masters in International and Development Economics at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU, and was a 2014/2015 recipient of the Greg Taylor Scholarship. He currently works as an analyst at the Bank of the South Pacific in PNG.



### **Ronald Sofe**

Ronald Sofe was a Research Associate at the Development Policy Centre working on the PNG PEPE Project, as one of the awardees of the 2014 Australian Prime Minister’s Pacific Program. He has now completed his graduate studies in economics at Crawford School of Public Policy, and is a Research Fellow of the PNG National Research Institute.



### **Nikunj Soni**

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 Timor-Leste.



### **Dr Savitri Taylor**

Dr Savitri Taylor is an Associate Professor in the Law School at La Trobe University, Melbourne. Her main area of research interest is refugee law and asylum policy at the national, regional and international level.



### **Dr Maylee Thavat**

Dr Maylee Thavat is a Research and Teaching Associate in the Resources, Environment and Development area of Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. She has specific expertise in the areas of rural development and agricultural value chains, climate change, environment and disaster risk reduction. Her previous work includes consultancies for AusAID, ODI, NZAID and Oxfam.



### **Thomas Wangi**

Thomas Wangi is a Research Fellow at the National Research Institute. In 2014 he visited Devpolicy as the recipient of the Greg Taylor Scholarship. He holds a Masters of Economics from James Cook University.



### **Dr Charles Yala**

Dr Charles Yala was until recently the Director of the PNG National Research Institute. He has a PhD from ANU. His research focuses on the economics of land tenure, customary land tenure reform, development planning, competition policy and economic reform.

## **Interns, Research Assistants, and Volunteers**

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 2016, we hosted three interns through the ANIP program:

### **Qaleem Ainuddin**

Qaleem Ainuddin carried out research on randomised controlled trials and the private sector in developing countries, supervised by Anthony Swan.

### **Gabriella Imperial**

Gabriella Imperial analysed changes in media representations of the Pacific region in Australian print media between 1999 and 2016 under the supervision of Ashlee Betteridge and Matthew Dorman.

### **Sachini Muller**

Sachini Muller carried out research on how Australian NGOs use their websites and social media. Sachini's research was accepted and presented at the ANU Undergraduate Student Research Conference in July 2016, and included in the conference journal. She was supervised by Terence Wood and Ashlee Betteridge.

We also hosted a number of interns and research assistants outside of the ANIP program:

### **Harriet Conron**

Harriet Conron joined the Centre in late 2016. She conducted research on aid and communications, supervised by Anthony Swan.

### **Virginia DeCourcy**

Virginia DeCourcy interned at the Development Policy Centre in the second half of 2016. She worked on the 2016 Australian aid transparency audit, supervised by Camilla Burkot.

### **Husnia Hushang**

Husnia Hushang, who joined the Development Policy Centre as Program Officer between April and October 2016, returned in December to begin work on a comparative analysis of governance and transparency in Afghanistan and PNG with Grant Walton and Nematullah Bizhan.

We hosted two summer interns in January and February, who assisted with preparations for the 2016 Australasian Aid Conference and other administrative and communications tasks: Sienna Lake and Gina Zheng. They were joined by a number of volunteers supporting the conference: Jacqui Battin, Sarah Heywood, Husnia Hushang, Sachini Muller, and Stephanie Rowell.





Image: Devpolicy Christmas Party 2016

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The table below summarises our funding and expenditure for the 2016 calendar year.

Note that the figures do not include substantial in-kind support received from The Australian National University. We also acknowledge funding and support from The Asia Foundation, the Asian Development Bank, the University of Papua New Guinea, and the University of the South Pacific direct to the various events we co-organise.

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$2,020,660</b>
Australian National University	\$250,000
Australian aid program	\$1,672,727
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	\$326,774
Other	\$171,159
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,375,897</b>
Salaries	\$1,576,687
Travel	\$301,191
Overheads	\$321,554
Other	\$176,464
<b>Income minus expenses</b>	<b>-\$355,236</b>

Note: Although the Harold Mitchell Foundation did not make a donation to the Centre in the course of 2016, it continues to be a major financial supporter.

# DEVPOLICY BY THE NUMBERS

In 2016, Devpolicy:

# 250

Published 250 blog posts and 99 in briefs

# 28

Hosted 28 events in 3 countries

# 23

Published 23 discussion papers, policy briefs, reports, blog compilations, and submissions

# 1,040

Was followed by an additional 1,040 users on Twitter, bringing the total to 6,140

# 1,028

Gained 1,028 more Facebook followers, bringing the total to 3,878

# 403

Signed up 403 more people for daily emails from the Devpolicy Blog, bringing the total to 2,903

# 15

Was a team of about 15 full-time equivalent researchers and staff at the centre of a network of about 60 Visiting Fellows, Research Associates, PhD students and interns

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