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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Development Policy Centre

Crawford School of
Public Policy

ANU College of
Asia & the Pacific



The Asia Foundation

Day one – Thursday 12 February 2015

8.30am *Registration and arrival tea and coffee*

9.00am **Welcome**

Molonglo Theatre

Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU

Gordon Hein, Senior Vice President, The Asia Foundation

9.15am **Opening address**

Molonglo Theatre

Tanya Plibersek, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development

10.05am **Keynote address – The future of aid: three orthodoxies contested**

Molonglo Theatre

Robin Davies, Associate Director, Development Policy Centre and Research Fellow, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Drawing on the findings of a multi-decade aid allocation analysis, and of a survey of developing country governments, Robin Davies contests the orthodoxies that the end of aid is nigh. He foresees a continuing and substantial role for both aid and specialised aid delivery agencies, while arguing for renewed attention to several major aspects of aid effectiveness.

11am *Morning tea*

11.20am **Panel 1a – Health I**

Acton Theatre

Chair: Barbara McPake, Nossal Institute

Making a cohesive health goal from the Open Working Group's camel: a critical analysis and synthesis of the proposed post-2015 Sustainable Development Goal for health

Peter S Hill, Claire E Brolan and Hebe Gouda – University of Queensland

mHealth and telemedicine – Is Australia's experience relevant to LMICs?

Lucy Palmer, Mott MacDonald, Anthony Huszar, Mott MacDonald Australia, Adrian Ryan, Swiftwell eHealth Services, Matt Woods, independent

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Neglected disease research & development: a smart investment of aid dollars

Dale Halliday, Rachel Howard, Penny Farrell and Catherine Hirst, Policy Cures

Panel 1b – Making aid policy

Barton Theatre

Chair: Fleur Davies, DFAT

Why and how do states recalibrate their aid policy? This panel responds to this question by examining how three under-studied variables - actors, identity, and institutions - shape aid policy. Each panellist focuses on one variable in turn, showing how it influences a state's aid policymaking process.

Making aid policy: decisionmakers matter

Benjamin Day, ANU

Making aid policy: identity matters

Carmen Robledo, ANU

Making aid policy: institutions matter

Jo Spratt, ANU

Panel 1c – Aid and governance I

Molonglo Theatre

Chair: Graham Teskey, DFAT

Enhancing aid effectiveness in decentralised contexts: the case for a changed orientation to Australian support to service delivery

Juliet Willetts and Keren Winterford, UTS

Public administration development in Kosovo and East Timor: different places, different actors; same policies, same outcomes?

Mary Venner, Consultant

The dilemma of aid dependence – South Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, Colombia, Afghanistan and Iraq

Nematullah Bizhan, Princeton University

Panel 1d – Aid from Asia

Weston Theatre

Chair: Gordon Hein, The Asia Foundation

A comparative study on Chinese and Indian development cooperation policy

Li Xiaoyun, Zhou Taidong, China Agricultural University

Chinese aid to Laos

Phanthanousone (Pepe) Khennavong, Department of Cooperation, Lao Government

12.50pm *Lunch*

1.50pm **Plenary session – Recipient perspectives on the new aid landscape**

Molonglo Theatre

Chair: Anthea Mulakala, The Asia Foundation

This panel explores what the new aid landscape means for those on the receiving end of aid. Speakers will discuss how the development/aid landscape in their countries has changed over the years, the opportunities and challenges new modalities and diverse partnerships offer, and how partner governments are managing this new situation in terms of public financial management, aid coordination, public perceptions and expectations.

The changing aid landscape and Cambodia's future development agenda

Heng Chou, Director General of the Department of Policy and Development Assistance Coordination, Council for Development of Cambodia

Managing diversity: the changing aid and development landscape in Timor Leste

Guteriano Neves, Adviser for the Presidency of the Republic of Timor-Leste on macroeconomics and regional integration affairs

The recent aid coordination framework in Laos: engagement and change

Phanthanousone (Pepe) Khennavong, Department of Cooperation, Lao Government

3.20pm *Afternoon tea*

3.40pm **Panel 2a – More on aid recipient perspectives**

Acton Theatre

Chair: John Langmore, University of Melbourne

The age of choice: how are developing countries managing the new aid landscape?

Romilly Greenhill, Annalisa Prizzon, Andrew Rogerson, ODI

How should aid agencies evolve? Perspectives from developing countries

Jonathan Pickering and Robin Davies, ANU

Panel 2b – Aid and public opinion

Weston Theatre

Chair: Marc Purcell, ACFID

Official development assistance vs People2People microlending: the case of Australia

Guglielmo Briscese and Francesco Bailo, University of Sydney

Australians, opinions and aid

Terence Wood, Alexandra Humphrey Cifuentes and Jonathan Pryke, ANU

Panel 2c – Aid to the Pacific

Molonglo Theatre

Chair: Jenny Da Rin, DFAT

All talk and no action: has the Pacific regional health architecture improved over the last five years?

Joel Negin, University of Sydney

Tertiary scholarships in Pacific Island States: a public policy challenge and emerging responses

Stephen Close, World Bank

Trends in aid to the Pacific islands: Budget support, conditionality and effectiveness

Matthew Dornan and Jonathan Pryke, ANU

Panel 2d – Aid and security

Barton Theatre

Chair: Susan Harris-Rimmer, ANU

Transitional justice in international development assistance

Christoph Sperfeldt, ANU

Shaping the rule of law in Myanmar: What role do intermediaries play in development assistance?

Kristina Simion, ANU

Development partners and political settlements: bystanders or key actors?

Kristie Drucza, Deakin University

5.10pm *Close*

6.30pm **Conference dinner**

Great Hall, University House

After dinner address: Pioneering Impact Investment in Asia – Kylie Charlton, Unitus Capital

Day two – Friday 13 February 2015

8.30am *Registration and arrival tea and coffee*

9.00am **Keynote address - Aid for health and its influence on health systems**

Molonglo Theatre

Barbara McPake, Director of the Nossal Institute for Global Health, University of Melbourne

In the aftermath of the outbreak of Ebola in Africa, aid for health is back on the global agenda big time. But what have we learnt from the last decade of investment? Do disease specific investments make sense? When is health system strengthening an illusion and when does it actually work?

10.00am **Panel 3a – Health II**

Weston Theatre

Chair: Benedict David, DFAT

Priority setting in global health: the role of donor and recipient preferences

Rohan Sweeney and Duncan Mortimer, Monash University

Country experiences of graduating from global health program financing

Mark Pearson, HLSP Institute, Clare Dickinson, HLSP Institute, Jackie Mundy, Mott MacDonald

Donor involvement in health system strengthening in Mongolia: differences between thinking and doing

Anar Ulikpan and Peter Hill, University of Queensland

Panel 3b – Aid, development and conflicts in the Asian frontier

Molonglo Theatre

This panel explores how Asia's borderlands and frontiers play a crucial role shaping the dynamics of statebuilding, contestation and development, and what this means for aid policy and practice. Jonathan Goodhand and Bart Klem to introduce, and Rachel Diprose to wrap up.

Understanding conflict, development, and statebuilding: frontier dynamics in Central Sulawesi, Indonesia

Rachel Diprose, University of Melbourne

Drugs and development in the Afghan-Tajik borderlands

Jonathan Goodhand, University of Melbourne

Anxious integration: development in Sri Lanka's post-war frontier
Bart Klem, University of Melbourne and Thiruni Kelegama, University of Zurich

Panel 3c – Aid and governance II

Acton Theatre

Chair: Jo Hall, Consultant

Sustaining social accountability mechanisms in frontline public service delivery: findings from four Indonesian districts
Anna Wetterberg, Jana C. Hertz and Derick W. Brinkerhoff, RTI International

Foreign aid via civil society support programs in Vietnam: regulation and re-configuration under the Party-State
Thiem Bui, University of Queensland

Panel 3d – Australian aid history and stories

Barton Theatre

Chair: Paul Flanagan, ANU

This special interactive session will not present already-written research but rather will solicit interest and feedback on two exciting projects just getting started: a history of AusAID by Jack Corbett and Devpolicy's "Australian aid stories" project. Come if you have an interest in aid history and accounts, or if you are just curious.

A history of AusAID
Jack Corbett, Griffith University

Australian aid stories
Robin Davies, ANU

11.30am *Morning tea*

Panel 4a – Research for development

Weston Theatre

Chair: Dereck Rooker-Smith, DFAT

Research for better aid: an evaluation of DFAT's investments
Thomas Davis, DFAT and John Young, ODI

Research for development – measuring impact at multiple scales
Neil Lazarow, CSIRO, James Butler, CSIRO, Jeff Connor, CSIRO, Seona Meharg, CSIRO, Shuang Liu, CSIRO, John Kandulu, CSIRO, Christian Roth, CSIRO, and Kate Duggan, Griffin NRM Pty Ltd

Panel 4b – Aid and the private sector

Molonglo Theatre

Chair: Jim Woodhill, DFAT

Public v private in global health systems: a systematic review

Belinda Thompson, ANU

Can we move beyond aid in our lifetime? Opportunities, challenges and possible routes forward

Alwyn Chilver, GRM Futures Group, Kylie Charlton, Unitus Capital, Lewis Brimblecombe, GRM Futures Group, & Madeleine Plocki, GRM Futures Group

Panel 4c – Frameworks for aid effectiveness

Acton Theatre

Chair: Michael Carnahan, DFAT

Is aid project benefit cost analysis (BCA) useful when benefits are uncertain and prospective?

Jeffrey D. Connor, CSIRO, John Kandulu, CSIRO, Shuang Liu, CSIRO, James Butler, CSIRO, John Ward, Mekong Futures Consulting

Getting to impact: reconciling logframes with theories of change

Toni Darbas, CSIRO, Yiheyis Maru, CSIRO, Andrew Alford, ACIAR, Peter Brown, CSIRO, and John Dixon, ACIAR

Panel 4d – Migration

Barton Theatre

Chair: Anthony Hughes, ANU

Australia's and New Zealand's seasonal worker programs: a study in contrasts

Richard Curtain, Research Associate, Development Policy Centre

Uneven migration and the shortcomings of 'migrant entrepreneurship' in Sri Lanka

Nicola Piper and Matt Withers, University of Sydney

12.40pm

Lunch

1.40pm **Plenary session – The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**

Molonglo Theatre

Chair: Veronica Taylor, ANU

The AIIB: why is China setting it up, and what should other countries think? All your questions answered on perhaps the most controversial international development issue of 2014.

China's new international development initiative—AIIB: opportunities and challenges

Zhou Qiangwu, Director of Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Center, China

Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre.

2.30pm **Plenary session – Aid from India**

Molonglo Theatre

Chair: Anthea Mulakala, The Asia Foundation

We've heard a lot about aid from China, but what about aid from India? This panel explores the evolution and contemporary influence of India's soft power in development cooperation and its impact on the global dynamics of aid.

India's experience in development cooperation with Afghanistan

Gulshan Sachdeva, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Contemporary modalities

Prabodh Saxena, Asian Development Bank

3.20pm *Afternoon tea*

3.40pm **Panel 5a – Disasters and climate change**

Weston Theatre

Chair: John McCarthy, ANU

Don't they know it's more fun in the Philippines since Typhoon Haiyan? Local and foreign perceptions of relief, recovery and resilience since the November 2013 disaster

Adrian P. Hewitt, ODI

Institutionalising sustainable climate-resilient concepts into an ADB investment – opportunities and challenges

Bunlong Leng, Simon Batterbury and Adam Bumpus, University of Melbourne

Panel 5b – Justice reform

Molonglo Theatre

A special contributed session that presents the case for greater innovation and experimentation in security and justice reform, including examples of what this might look like.

Policing innovations in Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste and the autonomous region of Bougainville

Gordon Peake and Sinclair Dinnen, ANU

Challenging traditional approaches to security and justice reform: local models of community policing

Lisa Denney, ODI

Political, iterative, culturally sensitive processes to security and justice reform in Timor-Leste

Todd Wassel and Susan Marx, The Asia Foundation

Panel 5c – Community development

Acton Theatre

Chair: Deborah Rhodes, Consultant

International development and indigenous Australia: learning from each other

Rod Reeve, Ninti One Limited

Effective strategies for transformation: a review on the utilisation of a strengths' based approach in Malawi and Tanzania

Annabel Dulhunty and Lisa McMurray, Caritas Australia

Enhancing aid effectiveness at the micro level – development via dialogical practices

Peter Westoby, University of Queensland

Panel 5d – Issues for Australian aid

Barton Theatre

Chair: Robin Davies, ANU

Integrating Australian aid and diplomacy – are we meeting the national interest test?

Richard Moore, Independent consultant

“£50 and a bicycle”: the role of NGOs in the Australian official aid program

Patrick Kilby, ANU

5.10pm

Wrap-up session and drinks

Canberry/Springbank rooms

Notes

DEVELOPMENT POLICY CENTRE

WHO WE ARE

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.

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 analysis, discussion and debate.

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