### 2020 Australasian AID Conference – Monday 17 February – Pre-conference events

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Education | Brindabella Theatre
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Australasian AID Conference – Thursday 20 February – Post-conference seminar

1.00-2.00pm | Post-conference seminar                                                            |
|            | Household food and nutrition security in low and middle-income countries with a focus on PNG |
|            | Griffin Room                                                                      |
MONDAY
17 FEBRUARY
PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

2.00pm  
Launch – Where is the money for women and girls in the Pacific? Mapping funding gaps, opportunities and trends  
Barton Theatre

Ever wondered where the money is for women and girls in the Pacific? Across the world, the funding of women’s organisations represents less than 0.5% of all bilateral allocable aid. In the region, less than 1% of grant funding is directed to Pacific women’s organisations. The Fiji Women’s Fund and Urgent Action Fund Asia & Pacific commissioned a study to better understand the funding realities and trends of women’s organisations and gender equality in the Pacific. Join us as we launch our report and share key findings and recommendations.

Chair: Tulika Srivastava, Executive Director, Women’s Fund Asia
Panellists:
Michelle Reddy, Fund Manager, Fiji Women’s Fund
Virisila Buadromo, Co-Lead, Urgent Action Fund for Women’s Human Rights Asia and Pacific

2.00pm  
Launch – Fit for the future: priorities for Australia's humanitarian action  
Weston Theatre

Australia has a proud history of supporting people affected by crises. It has been a champion for the rights of women and girls, led the charge on disability inclusion, and been a steadfast supporter of crisis-affected countries and communities in our region. DFAT’s humanitarian budget is one of the only budget lines that has seen an increase in recent years. But as the global humanitarian landscape shifts, is Australia’s humanitarian policy still fit for purpose?

Join ACFID’s Humanitarian Reference Group as they launch their new report Fit for the future: priorities for Australia’s humanitarian action to explore the changing humanitarian environment, and its implications for Australia’s humanitarian assistance. Speakers from within the ACFID membership, government, and academia will reflect on the themes and ideas presented in the report, including how to promote principled humanitarian action, strengthen humanitarian effectiveness, and address the root causes of humanitarian crises.

Chair: Marc Purcell, CEO, Australian Council for International Development
Panellists:
Fiona Tarpey, Head of International Advocacy, Australian Red Cross
James Gilling, First Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian, NGOs and Partnerships Division, DFAT
Bina D’Costa, Professor, Department of International Relations, Coral Bell School of Asia-Pacific Affairs, ANU
Jeremy Wellard, Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, International Council of Voluntary Agencies
3.10pm Afternoon tea

3.30pm

**Launch – Pacific perspectives on the world**

*Barton Theatre*

This Whitlam Institute research project, led by Peacifica, analyses the views of a diverse group of Pacific islanders from Fiji, Vanuatu, and the Solomon Islands on their countries’ and region’s future place in the world. It has also sought their views on the role that Australia can play as a partner in realising that future. The objective of this research is to positively influence Australia’s foreign policy effectiveness and our political, economic, developmental and cultural engagement with the Pacific. It is hoped it will also have value as an advocacy resource for Pacific islander policymakers and civil society groups.

*Chair: Leanne Smith, Director, Whitlam Institute*

*Panellists:*

*Dr Tess Newton-Cain, Principal, TNC Pacific Consulting*

*James Cox, Executive Director, Peacifica*

*Dr Geir Henning Presterudstuen, Lecturer, Anthropology, Western Sydney University*

*Linda Kenni, Local Consultant, Vanuatu*

3.30pm

**Launch – The Asia Girls’ Leadership Index**

*Weston Theatre*

The *Asia Girls’ Leadership Index* gives insights into key trends and issues that enable or constrain empowerment and leadership of adolescent girls and young women across six domains: education, health, economic opportunities, protection, political voice and representation, and laws and policies. Using available data from official sources, the index compares ASEAN and SAARC members’ performance in these areas. The first research of this kind, the *Asia Girls’ Leadership Index* offers insights into how legal frameworks in countries are delivering (or not) for girls and young women. Primary research complements the review of frameworks and bring the voices of girls and young women into the picture. At this launch, the key findings of the report will be presented. Discussions will focus on how this new analysis helps those working in government, academia, aid and development to further understand how investments in certain areas can help to close the gaps in gender inequality and ‘leave no one behind’.

*Chair: Susanne Legena, CEO, Plan International Australia*

*Panellists:*

*Dr Ratchada Jayagupta, Thailand Representative to the ACWC for Women’s Rights*

*Chamaiporn Slangyen, Regional Research and Evidence Lead, Plan International Asia-Pacific*

*Krista Zimmerman, Head of Influencing and Program Strategy, Plan International Asia-Pacific*

4.40pm Afternoon tea
Keynote address – ‘Good intentions, great policies, crappy outcomes: the difficult dynamics of deals’

*Weston Theatre*

Chair: Clare Walsh, Deputy Secretary, Global Cooperation, Development and Partnerships Group, DFAT

Speaker: **Dr Lant Pritchett**, Research Director, RISE Programme; Fellow, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University

We all have simple intuitions about the impact and politics of ‘rules’: stronger rules (on the environment, on safety, on land-use) lead to better outcomes but are opposed by ‘business’ who resist regulation. However, when organisational capability for the enforcement of rules is weak then all these common sense intuitions can get reversed. Stronger rules lead to differential enforcement in which ‘deals’ determine outcomes and the most powerful elements of business are in favor of stronger rules precisely because they have deals that others cannot get and the capability for enforcement gets weaker. The difficult dynamic is that, once in deals world, the usual ‘best practice’ prescriptions are as likely to make things worse as better and the low level trap of good rules and bad outcomes can persist.

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Opening reception

*Barton Foyer*
7.30am  Registration and arrival tea and coffee

8.30am  Conference introduction  
*Molonglo Theatre*

**Professor Helen Sullivan**, Director, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU  
**Dr Gordon Hein**, Senior Vice President, Programs, The Asia Foundation

8.50am  Keynote address – Women, peace and security: an agenda for the future  
*Molonglo Theatre*

Chair: Dr Jeni Klugman, Managing Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security  
Speaker: **Dr Radhika Coomaraswamy**, lawyer, diplomat and human rights advocate

The presentation will discuss the evolution of the women peace and security agenda both within the Security Council of the United Nations and the different agencies of the international system. It will discuss the representation and participation of women in peace processes, transformative justice, women combatants, livelihood and empowerment of women in the post conflict era and the role women play and can play in the prevention of conflict. It will also address the dilemmas women face when confronting situations of violent extremism. An evolving agenda of the international community, women, peace and security as an international initiative also has many detractors from the global south who state that it is losing touch with the day to day lived realities of women in conflict and post conflict theatres of war.

9.40am  Morning tea

10.10am  Panel 1a – Aid design, management and adaptive programming  
*Molonglo Theatre*

‘Problem-driven’; ‘Best-fit’; ‘Context-specific’; ‘Flexible’ and ‘adaptive’; ‘Scaling up, out and deep’; ‘TWP’; ‘PDIA’…. Is there a risk that these principles become mere jargon and lead to development results being MIA?

This panel will explore these key themes across the programming cycle. Drawing on insights from investments in the DFAT portfolio, delivered through a range of partners, they will examine the extent to which these principles are usefully applied in practice. Is adaptive management a fad? Or a way to help ensure development programs are locally led? Adaptive or not, where and how can we make strategic investment decisions that will have the greatest impact, and support sustainable long term change?
Chair: Ally Bridges, Assistant Director, Investment Design Section, DFAT

Panellists:

Key strategic issues in design – unpacking where and how to invest to maximise development impact
*Kirsten Hawke, Lead Design Specialist/Director, DFAT*

Creativity in confronting the challenges of adaptive and flexible programs
*Sarah Boddington, Director, Governance Advisory Section, DFAT*

Adaptive management: is it too FAR-fetched an idea to make progress?
*Graham Teskey, Principal Technical Lead, Governance, Abt Associates*

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10.10am  **Panel 1b – Connecting farmers to markets**  
*Weston Theatre*

Disappointment with the impact of some of its more traditional ‘direct delivery’ programs targeting agricultural and rural development has prompted DFAT to explore approaches that focus more on strengthening market linkages. DFAT has recently completed two reviews of its efforts that embrace such an approach: a ‘synthesis review’ of its suite of market systems development initiatives; and a thematic review under the Australia-NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP) of approaches to agricultural and rural development and food security. This panel will explore findings and lessons from both of these reviews and from broader experience with market based approaches.

Chair: Jenny Gordon, Chief Economist, DFAT

Panellists:

The ANCP Review
*Dr Julie Delforce, Senior Sector Specialist, Agriculture and Food Security, DFAT*

The Market Systems Development Synthesis Review
*Bob Warner, Academic Visitor, Development Policy Centre, ANU*

Discussants:

*Andy Hunter, Principal Adviser (Market Systems Development), World Vision Australia*

*Dr Alwyn Chilver, Director of Economic Growth, Palladium*

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10.10am  **Panel 1c – Capacity development in infrastructure**  
*Barton Theatre*

With large scale infrastructure programs increasingly becoming a preferred delivery model in aid programming, significant portions of aid budgets are being allocated to design and construction activities. However, while investment in infrastructure activities is desperately needed, the expertise, skills and knowledge levels to service these projects remains a key challenge.

This roundtable conversation will feature perspectives from project implementation, financing, capacity development and skills development specialists; sharing experiences in incorporating capacity building activities within infrastructure facilities, including specific examples from recent projects, and engage in a discussion on the challenges and opportunities for future infrastructure programs.

Chair: Joel Bird, Senior Development Coordinator, International Development, The University of...
Queensland

Panellists:

Alison McKechnie, Regional Manager – Physical Infrastructure, Cardno
Dr Neil Paulsen, Associate Professor, The University of Queensland
Soli Middleby, CEO, Australia Pacific Training Coalition, TAFE Queensland
Anna Naupa, Country Director for Vanuatu and Nauru, Australia Pacific Training Coalition, TAFE Queensland

10.10am **Panel 1d – Global lessons from Indonesia’s anti-poverty programs**
*Acton Theatre*

Offering social assistance programs has become an increasingly prominent strategy to alleviate poverty in many parts of the developing world, including in Indonesia. Drawing upon Indonesia’s decades-long experience in developing social assistance programs, government officials and The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab Southeast Asia (J-PAL SEA), a leading evidence-based policy research institution, highlight proven methods to address key emerging challenges and improve anti-poverty programs.

Chair: **Professor Budy Resosudarmo, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU**

Panellists:

Dr Vivi Yulaswati, Senior Advisor to the Minister of National Development Planning for Social Affairs and Poverty Reduction of Indonesia (Bappenas)
Dr Elan Satriawan, Chief of Policy Working Group, National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction (TNP2K) of Indonesia
Lina Marliani, Executive Director of The Abdul Latief Jameel Poverty Action Lab Southeast Asia (J-PAL SEA)

10.10am **Panel 1e – Education**
*Brindabella Theatre*

Chair: **Karyn Docking, Program Director, Principal, Cardno**

Presenters:

The transformational possibilities of a peer education program to address child marriage in Nepal: peer educators unveiling women’s plight
*Dr Maria Amigo, Academic Director of PACE in the Faculty of Arts, Macquarie University*

Evaluating long-term impacts: challenges and lessons learned from tracing Australia Awards alumni
*Amanda Taylor, Research Fellow, Australian Council for Educational Research, Dr Daniel Edwards, Facility Manager, Research Director, Australian Council for Educational Research and Jo Doyle, Deputy Facility Manager, Australia Awards Global Tracer Facility, Australian Council for Educational Research*

Building students’ ownership: a case for the necessity of youth participation in effective education programming
*Reyna Selga-Eaton, Timor-Leste Programs Director, Oaktree*
Big data for better education spending in Indonesia  
Astrid Dita, Budget Policy Adviser, PROSPERA and Dr Gary Deng, Senior Data Analytics Adviser, PROSPERA

See the AAC 2020 Abstracts book for individual abstracts.

10.10am  
Panel 1f – Identity, poverty and development  
Lennox Room

Chair: Therese Faulkner, Senior Development Specialist, Coffey International Limited

Presenters:

Sustainable development, legal identity and statelessness: convergence or divergence?  
Dr Christoph Sperfeldt, Senior Research Fellow, Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness, University of Melbourne

Poverty as deprivation of wellbeing or as deprivation of material means to wellbeing?  
Trang Pham, PhD Candidate, ANU

Thicker diagnostics  
Stevan Lee, Principal Economist, Office of the Chief Economist, Oxford Policy Management Limited

Re-examining the terms of aid  
Jessica Mackenzie, Director of Country Programs, Institute for State Effectiveness and  
Nelly Mecklenburg, Program Officer, Institute for State Effectiveness

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10.10am  
Panel 1g – Gender case studies  
Griffin Room

Chair: Professor Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

Presenters:

Utilising a gender-responsive approach to more effectively prevent non-communicable disease in the Pacific region  
Daiana Buresova, Regional Coordinator – Pacific Region, McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer

Add women and stir is not enough: learnings about promoting gender equality from a review of DFAT program evaluations  
Jo Hall, PhD student, ANU

Economic development, women’s employment and empowerment: how these terms interrelated in the life of ready-made garment workers in Bangladesh?  
Dr Sadika Haque, Bangladesh Agricultural University

Shifting gender norms through integrated gender and WASH programming: lessons from Timor-Leste  

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10.10am **Panel 1h – Inclusive WASH**
Canberry-Springbank

Chair: Dr Robert McMullan, Adjunct Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

Presenters:

Participatory Action Research in Practice - WASH for women and people with disabilities
Lana Woolf, International Programs Director, Edge Effect

Why and how to ‘do no harm’ in development policy and practice: insights from the Water for Women Fund
Joanna Mott, Gender and Social Inclusion Adviser, Water for Women Fund and Gabrielle Halcrow, Multi-Country Project Manager, SNV Netherlands Development Organisation

Gender dynamics of WASH under political restructuring in Nepal: the need to move beyond ‘engineering fixes’
Manita Raut, Research Officer, International Water Management Institute

Who understands systems? Civil society, the WASH sector and social transformation
Dr Alison Baker, Fund Manager, Water for Women Fund

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10.10am **Panel 1i – NGOs and civil society**
Seminar Room 7

Chair: Cheryl Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian, NGOs and Partnerships Division, DFAT

Presenters:

Post development practice in action and the future of international non-government organisations
Caitlin Finlayson, PhD Student, La Trobe University and Professor Chris Roche, Development Practice, La Trobe University

Negotiating between program design and local implementation: an ethnographic study of Save the Children and Wahana in Sumba, Indonesia
Bizhao Zhang, Master Candidate, ANU, Jessica Stone, Master Candidate, ANU and Rambu Asana, Project Assistant, Yayasan Wahana Komunikasi Wanita

Building together: civil society engagement and infrastructure in the Pacific islands
Rebecca McNaught, Research for Development Impact Network and Partner, Pacific Connections (Australia)

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11.40am **Keynote address – ‘The future of aid in the 21st century: five paradigm shifts’**
Molonglo Theatre

Chair: Elizabeth Peak, First Assistant Secretary, Human Development and Governance Division, DFAT
The language and theory of ‘aid’ is outdated. But something like it is still needed as the world faces huge common challenges, new and old. This speech sets out a new approach for the 21st century: **global public investment**. Jonathan Glennie proposes five paradigm shifts for the future of concessional international public finance, as we move on from an old-fashioned ‘aid’ mentality.

12.30pm  
**Lunch**

1.30pm  
**Panel 2a – Navigating new dynamics**  
*Molonglo Theatre*

The disparities between ‘developing’ and ‘developed’ countries are narrowing. In many cases aid and development budgets from donor countries have become less significant in recipient countries. This could be an opportunity for re-shaping the traditional dynamics of the donor-government relationship. There could be more equal relationships, more honesty and more political realism to set realistic boundaries about what can be achieved – less supply-driven assistance could mean better results. But how to navigate this? What analysis is needed? What types of dialogue and planning?

Chair: **Dr Mark Henstridge**, Chief Economist, Oxford Policy Management

Panellists:

- **Dr Selim Raihan**, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- **Saku Akmeemana**, Principal Specialist – Governance, Development Policy Division, DFAT
- **Sandra Naranjo**, Former Vice President, Ecuador
- **Ben French**, Portfolio Manager, Public Management & Accountability, Oxford Policy Management

1.30pm  
**Panel 2b – One Health and regional health security**  
*Weston Theatre*

Human health is fundamentally linked to animal and environmental health. This is particularly relevant in the Indo-Pacific region, where agricultural practices, climatic conditions and wildlife species richness favour emergence of zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial resistance and other health security threats. Consequently, One Health approaches, based on sustainable collaborations between sectors responsible for human, animal and environmental health, are key to ensuring optimal health outcomes in the Indo-Pacific region. The intention of this panel is to present several case studies highlighting the value of One Health for preventing, detecting and responding to infectious diseases in the region.

Chair: **Emma Zalcman**, Consultant, Ausvet

Panellists:

- **Dr Francette Geragthy-Dusan**, Associate Research Program Manager – One Health, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
- **Dr Ben Coghlan**, Program Director, Health Security (Expansion Program), Burnet Institute
- **Jonathan Happold**, Senior Consultant, Ausvet
1.30pm **Panel 2c – Aid effectiveness case studies**
*Barton Theatre*

**Chair:** Dr Bernadette Whitelum, CEO, Whitelum Group

**Presenters:**
Australian aid project effectiveness – what shapes it, and why is it worse in the Pacific?
*Dr Terence Wood, Research Fellow, The Development Policy Centre and Sabit Otor, Associate, The Development Policy Centre*

Impacts of a rice production project’s intervention in Nicaragua: an ex-post evaluation of the effectiveness of the TaiwanICDF Rice Production Project
*Yan-Tzong Cheng, Division Chief, Research and Evaluation Division, Research, Development and Evaluation Department, International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF) and Yun-Ching Tseng, Director, Development and Evaluation Department, International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF)*

Using lab studies to estimate the causal impact of development programs
*Mark Millrine, Technical Lead, Busara Center for Behavioral Economics, and Aya Vang, Associate, Busara Center for Behavioral Economics*

Branching out – building evidence for the farmer managed natural regeneration approach for land restoration
*Anne Crawford, Senior Evidence & Learning Adviser, World Vision Australia*

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1.30pm **Panel 2d – Workplace gender equality in Southeast Asia and Australia**
*Acton Theatre*

This panel presents insights from Australia’s engagement with the private sector in Southeast Asia and domestically to promote workplace gender equality (WGE) and close gender gaps in economic opportunities and outcomes. Quantitative findings from the region draw on data from ~150,000 staff across 39 firms, covering issues including career/family compatibility and company culture. Trends from six years of data on WGE in Australia will be highlighted, with insights on approaches that have proven effective in supporting change. Regional representatives will discuss the state of WGE in their countries and reflect on experiences in driving change through the private sector.

**Chair:** Dr Julia Newton-Howes, Chief Executive Officer, Investing in Women

**Panellists:**
Andrew Rowell, Director of Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning, Investing in Women
Dr Janin Bredehoeft, Research and Analytics Executive Manager, Workplace Gender Equality Agency
Julia A. Abad, Executive Director, Philippines Business Coalition for Women Empowerment
Sandi Witomo, General Head of Human Resources, Adis Dimension Footwear, Jakarta
1.30pm  **Panel 2e – The global learning crisis**  
*Brindabella Theatre*

Come along and be part of an important conversation focused on what works in education and how we can improve. Raising learning outcomes remains a huge challenge despite progress on school enrolments. The Office of Development Effectiveness has brought together four inspiring and informed speakers who draw on research, key partner and practitioner experience to unpack the global learning crisis and what we need to do about it. We will link with other important panels on education at the AAC and discuss how the global conversation relates to the real work Australia is doing in the region.

Chair: Dr Robert Christie, Head, Office of Development Effectiveness, DFAT

Panellists:

- Dr Lant Pritchett, Research Director, RISE Programme; Fellow, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University
- Dr Elizabeth Cassity, Senior Research Fellow, Australian Council for Educational Research
- Dr David Coleman, Senior Adviser, Education, DFAT
- Dr Wendy Jarvie, Adjunct Professor, Public Service Research Group, School of Business, UNSW Canberra

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1.30pm  **Panel 2f – Social and indigenous procurement**  
*Lennox Room*

Incorporating social and Indigenous procurement into development sector supply chains can maximise the benefit of development programs both in the target region and in Australia. There is a rapidly growing focus on this type of procurement at all levels of government (see the Victorian Government’s recently released Social Procurement Framework) and as such, a panel discussion on the topic is both timely and consistent with the ‘International development themes and trends’ topic of the AAC. This panel will explore supplier, contractor, and government perspectives on how to effectively implement and maximise social and Indigenous procurement, and their community impact.

Chair: Alessia Anibaldi, Manager, Africa and South and West Asia, International Development, The University of Queensland

Panellists:

- Nina Yousefpour, Manager, Social Impact and Standards, Social Traders
- Darren Godwell, President and CEO, i2i Global Development
- Joel Bird, Senior Development Coordinator and Founder and Senior Consultant, Keprah
- Simon Cann-Evans, Director, Aid Business Engagement, DFAT

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1.30pm  **Panel 2g – Technology in development practice**  
*Griffin Room*

Chair: Mel Dunn, Vice President, Strategy & Innovation, DT Global
Presenters:

Technology for behavior change: moving beyond information management to technology that persuades  
*David Roach, Director & Co-Founder, Catalpa International*

Improving women’s access to & persistence in technology jobs across sectors: a case study in Fiji  
*Kara Chesal, Head of Gender & Education, Catalpa International*

The benefits of cloud-computing and the Internet of Things (IoT) to WASH and DRR in Timor-Leste  
*Craig McVeigh, Chief Executive Officer, Similie*

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1.30pm  Panel 2h – Child-focused aid  
*Canberry-Springbank*

Children represent half the world’s 1.3 billion people living in poverty. They are a growing population in fragile and very low developing contexts. According to UNICEF, about 19.5% of the world’s children live in extreme poverty on $1.90 per person per day compared to 9.2% of adults. Childhood experiences of multi-dimensional poverty often lead to stunting, mental health, behavioural and social problems that extend into adulthood. The panel will explore how children experience poverty and inequality differently to adults, why children should be prioritised in Australian Aid, and what this would mean in practice.

Chair: Graham Strong, Chief Field Impact Officer, World Vision

Panellists:

*Mercy Jumo, Senior Policy Adviser, Child Rights, World Vision Australia*

*Dr Ani Wierenga, Honorary Senior Fellow, School of Social & Political Science, University of Melbourne and Academic Coordinator, Post Graduate Studies, Adolescent Health & Wellbeing, Melbourne Medical School*

*Courtney Innes, Senior Adviser, Child Rights and Protection, Plan International Australia*

1.30pm  Panel 2i – Peacebuilding and justice  
*Seminar Room 7*

Chair: Associate Professor Susan Harris-Rimmer, Deputy Head of School (Research), Griffith Law School, and Associate Fellow of the Development Policy Centre, ANU

Presenters:

Geographies of aid: security zones, colour codes and everyday life in intervention spaces  
*Dr Jonathan Fisher, Reader, University of Birmingham*

The link between development and prevention of violent extremism: lessons learned from PVE programing in Southeast Asia  
*Malcom Brailey, Regional Director Indo-Pacific, The Stabilisation Network*

Lessons learned: preventing violent extremism in Southeast Asia  
*Dr Adam Burke, Director, Conflict and Fragility, The Asia Foundation*
Practicing law and justice development: can we adapt?
Professor Veronica Taylor, School of Regulation and Global Governance, ANU

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3.00pm Afternoon tea

3.30pm Keynote panel – Australian aid to Indonesia: a high-level conversation
Molonglo Theatre

Australia’s longstanding development cooperation partnership in Indonesia is a vital part of one of our most important bilateral relationships. Indonesia is transforming and with it the nature of Australia’s support. This panel, comprising senior representatives from Australia’s development programs and the Government of Indonesia, will explore the continuing relevance of aid to Indonesia’s development and the Australia-Indonesia relationship, and how Australia’s development cooperation with Indonesia is changing in response to contemporary challenges and trends. It will showcase, using evidence from Australia’s flagship development programs, how Indonesia and Australia are working together to assist a transforming Indonesia to tackle big-picture development problems that demand increased coordination, evidence-based policy and greater institutional capacity.

Chair: Allaster Cox, Deputy Ambassador, Australian Embassy, Jakarta

Panellists:

Pungky Sumadi, Deputy Minister for Population and Labor Affairs, Indonesia’s Development Planning Ministry (Bappenas)

Dr Elan Satriawan, Chief of Policy Working Group, The Secretariat of National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction (TNP2K), Indonesia’s Vice President’s Office

Astrid Kartika, Unit Manager, Governance and Human Development, DFAT, Australian Embassy Jakarta

Dr Della Temenggung, Deputy Director for Policy and Adviser, PROSPERA

3.30pm Keynote panel – Debating RCTs, and other topics in impact evaluation
Barton Theatre

This year the Nobel prize for economics went to three economists who have promoted the use and importance of Randomised Control Trials (RCTs) in development economics and interventions. But how useful are RCTs in the real world of development assistance? And what more generally needs to be done to improve the quality and impact of impact evaluations, and to promote learning in aid?

Chair: Professor Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU.

Panellists:

Hon Dr Andrew Leigh MP, Member for Fenner, ACT

Dr Lant Pritchett, Research Director, RISE Programme; Fellow, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University

Dr Jyotsna Puri, Head, Independent Evaluation Unit, Green Climate Fund
Keynote panel – Views from the frontlines: advancing the women, peace and security agenda in Asia and the Pacific

Weston Theatre

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS). Panellists will discuss the updated WPS Index, which reveals areas of progress, stagnation, and reversal on WPS as well as current opportunities for advancing the WPS agenda in Asia and the Pacific. These include new models of resourcing and working horizontally across silos. Case studies will include ensuring local engagement by women-led CSOs working alongside government and security sector actors in Mindanao, getting women’s issues to the table in Bougainville, and ensuring effective implementation of Australia’s new National Action Plan on WPS.

Chair: Jane Sloane, Senior Director, Women’s Empowerment Program, The Asia Foundation

Panellists:
Noraida Chio, Senior Program Officer, The Asia Foundation Philippines
Dr Jeni Klugman, Managing Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security
Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls, Chairperson and Gender Liaison of the Board of Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC)

Associate Professor Susan Harris-Rimmer, Deputy Head of School (Research), Griffith Law School, and Associate Fellow of the Development Policy Centre, ANU

5.00pm Close

6.30pm Drinks
University House courtyard

7.00pm Conference Dinner
Great Hall, University House

Celebration of 2019 Aid Profiles
Presentation of the 2020 Mitchell Humanitarian Award

The Mitchell Humanitarian Award recognises Australians and others supported by Australian aid who have made an outstanding contribution to the cause of international development. Read profiles of the award shortlist at devpolicy.org/aidprofiles.

Host: Rachel Mason Nunn, Founder and CEO, Good Will Hunters
WEDNESDAY
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DAY TWO

7.30am  Registration and arrival tea and coffee

8.00am  Panel 3a – What drives learning in Indonesia and beyond? Insights from INOVASI and RISE
Molonglo Theatre

While Indonesia has improved educational access, with close to 100 per cent of children in primary school, it has yet to produce better learning outcomes. Why is it that more finance and schooling have failed to produce learning? How can education systems in Indonesia and around the world make investments and reforms that improve learning outcomes? This panel brings together development practitioners and researchers from the Innovation for Indonesia’s School Children (INOVASI) and Research on Improving Systems of Education (RISE) programmes to discuss insights from both team’s work in the quest to better understand the underlying features of innovation and systems-level accountability that contribute to improved learning outcomes in schools in Indonesia and beyond.

Chair: Dr Lant Pritchett, Research Director, RISE Programme; Fellow, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University

Panellists:

Niken Rarasati, Researcher, RISE Indonesia, SMERU

Dr Shintia Revina, Researcher, RISE Indonesia, SMERU

Dr Mark Heyward, Program Director, INOVASI

Dr David Coleman, Senior Strategic Education Adviser, DFAT

8.00am  Panel 3b – Women’s economic empowerment
Weston Theatre

This panel will reflect on different approaches to achieving women’s economic empowerment in the Asia Pacific region. The panel will discuss the complex pathways to women’s access and agency. It will explore approaches that work through private sector and market actors, those working directly with women, households and communities, and hybrid approaches seeking to do both. Bringing together diverse viewpoints, the discussion will highlight the successes, challenges and lessons learnt from different approaches to WEE and the extent they contribute to women’s access and agency. Key topics will include women’s collectives, gender inclusive business models, and promoting positive gender norms.
Chair: Annemarie Reerink, Acting Assistant Secretary and Principal Sector Specialist, Gender Equality Branch, DFAT

Panellists:

Ellie Wong, Senior Women’s Economic Empowerment Adviser, World Vision Australia

Maryam Piracha, Head of Portfolio, Australia Indonesia Partnership for Promoting Rural Incomes through Support for Markets in Agriculture (PRISMA)

Tara Chetty, Gender Adviser, Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development

Dr Alice Pollard, Founder, West ‘Are’Are Rokotanikeni Association (WARA)

8.00am  **Panel 3c – Frontier global aid issues**  
**Barton Theatre**

Chair: Dr Fiona Yap, Associate Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

Presenters:

The state of ODA funding for gender equality  
*Raimund Zuhr, Project Manager, SEEK Development, Berlin*

Human rights violations, political conditionality, and public support for foreign aid  
*Professor David Hudson, Professorial Research Fellow, Politics and Development, University of Birmingham*

What are we learning about paradigm shift and measuring it, in climate change  
*Dr Jyotsna Puri, Head Independent Evaluation Unit, Green Climate Fund*

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8.00am  **Panel 3d – Labour mobility and the diaspora**  
**Acton Theatre**

Chair: Rachel Jolly, Acting Assistant Secretary, Pacific Labour Mobility and Economic Growth Branch, DFAT

Presenters:

Development with care: migrant families and Australia's Pacific Labour Scheme  
*Dr Matt Withers, Research Fellow, Macquarie University*

Crossing the divide: Pacific diaspora in humanitarian response to natural disasters  
*Jeevika Vivekananthan, Research Assistant (Lead Researcher), Centre for Humanitarian Leadership*

Clean energy and household remittances in Bangladesh: evidence from a natural experiment  
*Dr Gazi Hassan, Senior Lecturer, The University of Waikato, New Zealand*

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Panel 3e – Partnering with business for the SDGs

Brindabella Theatre

Developing countries face an annual gap of $2.5 trillion to meet the SDGs. Multi-stakeholder partnerships between government, the private sector and NGOs play an important role in closing the gap to achieve the SDGs.

Under the Business Partnerships Platform initiative DFAT has partnered with 73 organisations across 16 countries to achieve commercial returns while delivering sustainable development and social impact.

In Samoa, DFAT has partnered with Fairtrade ANZ, Samoan manufacturer Krissy Co. and the Savai’i Coconut Farmers Association to improve access to markets for smallholder coconut farmers by scaling up production and expanding the supply of Samoan Fairtrade organic coconut products. In India, DFAT has partnered with Village Energy and Rural Development Trust to improve access to reliable electricity for communities in Andhra Pradesh by connecting each household to a software platform that will manage a microgrid, improving the reliability of the electricity supply, and reducing the cost of electricity production and distribution.

The panel of four partners from two partnerships will share lessons from the program by exploring: success and failure factors; how NGOs, private sector and donors can enhance their value propositions; and effective collaboration approaches.

Chair: Ariane Gauchat, Team Leader, Business Partnerships Platform (Palladium)

Panellists:

Jamie Isbister, Ambassador for the Environment and First Assistant Secretary, Economic Growth and Sustainability Division, DFAT

Molly Harriss Olson, CEO, Fairtrade Australia & New Zealand

Perise Toala, Secretary, Savai’i Coconut Farmers Association

Wayne Liubinskas, Co-Founder & Chief Growth Officer, Village Energy

Panel 3f – Health

Lennox Room

Chair: Stephanie Williams, Principal Specialist Health, Human Development and Governance Division, DFAT

Presenters:

Building consortium to increase private sector access to GeneXpert in the Philippines
Soliman Guirgis, Project Director, TB Innovations and HSS Project, Family Health International (FHI 360)

Transformation of Interventions to address barriers to women’s group participation and improve coverage and quality of nutritional services
Ajay Acharya, Ward Cates Research fellow- FHI 360

Beyond the champions. Fiji’s post-military regime, the tobacco industry, and the unlikely triumph of public interests in tobacco control
Dori Patay, PhD Scholar, School of Regulation and Global Governance, ANU
Private sector models of partnership with government are not all about money

Ingrid Glastonbury, Head of Health, Oil Search Foundation

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8.00am  
**Panel 3g – Agriculture and rural development**

*Griffin Room*

Chair: *Dr Peter Horne, General Manager, Country Programs, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research*

Presenters:

Gender relations and the management of agricultural water and land in the farming collectives at Saptari, Nepal  
*Manita Raut, Research Officer, International Water Management Institute*

Landscape restoration in drylands: what drives the transition from subsistence to sustainable economic development?  
*Rob Kelly, Food Security and Resilience Adviser, World Vision Australia*

Poverty dynamics, food security and rural change in Indonesia  
*Dr John McCarthy, Associate Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU*

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8.00am  
**Panel 3h – Aid effectiveness methods**

*Canberry-Springbank*

Chair: *Beth Delaney, First Assistant Secretary, Contracting and Aid Management Division, DFAT*

Presenters:

Evaluation and value for money - a practical approach  
*Julian King, Director, Julian King & Associates Limited*

Evidence-based approach to delivering better development outcomes  
*Sloan Mann, President, DT Global US, and Orion Wilcox, Research Analyst, DT Global*

Participation, power and politics in evaluation  
*Dr Linda Kelly, Co-Director, Institute for Human Security and Social Change, La Trobe University*

Treating obsessive measurement disorder  
*Dave Green, Principal Consultant, Clear Horizon and Damien Sweeney, Principal Consultant and Team Lead, Clear Horizon*

Applying developmental evaluation to catalyze better results on innovative programming in complex or changing environments  
*Courtney Roberts, Principal, Moonshot Global*

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8.00am  Panel 3i – Humanitarian challenges
Seminar Room 7

Chair: Jennifer Clancy, Humanitarian and Advocacy Advisor, Australian Council for International Development

Presenters:

How inclusive disaster legislation is strengthening locally led humanitarian action: lessons from Asia and the Pacific
Fiona Tarpey, Head, International Advocacy, Australian Red Cross

Responding to menstrual hygiene management needs in disaster settings, in Vanuatu
Sandra Downing, Senior Lecturer, James Cook University and Sandrine Benjimen, Health Coordinator, Vanuatu Red Cross National Society

Making cash inclusive in humanitarian responses
David Brown, Senior Adviser, Program Development, CBM Australia, and Dr Manuel Roethe, Visiting Lecturer, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland

Positive disruption? China’s humanitarian aid
Dr Denghua Zhang, Research Fellow, Department of Pacific Affairs, ANU and Jo-Hannah Lavey, Executive, Humanitarian Advisory Group

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9.40am  Keynote address
Molonglo Theatre

Hon Alex Hawke MP, Minister for International Development and the Pacific

10.30am  Morning tea

11.00am  Panel 4a – Climate change and social inclusion
Molonglo Theatre

Climate change disproportionately affects socially marginalised groups who often do not control the resources to respond and are underrepresented in key decision-making. The livelihoods of women and indigenous peoples, particularly in the Indo Pacific, are often dependant on sectors such as agriculture, water resources. People with disabilities are particularly vulnerable in coping with other extreme weather events. While climate change has pronounced impacts on these groups, they are also active and valuable contributors to climate change responses. This panel will discuss the need for socially inclusive responses to climate change in order to ensure we leave no one behind.

Chair: Jamie Isbister, Ambassador for the Environment and First Assistant Secretary, Economic Growth and Sustainability Division, DFAT

Panellists:

Dr Veronica Doerr, Research Director, Sustainable Pathways, CSIRO

Joe Morrison, Managing Director, Six Seasons

Jahidul Islam, Australia Award recipient for Bangladesh, Masters of Climate Change, ANU

Elizabeth Cowan, Global Gender Cohort Coordinator, CARE
11.00am  **Panel 4b – Still broken: Global humanitarian reform and the Asia Pacific**  
*Weston Theatre*

The global international humanitarian system is struggling to deliver the transformative change required to best meet the needs of the most vulnerable impacted by crises. This is despite best efforts to act on agreed changes through the Agenda for Humanity and Grand Bargain.

This panel will discuss how to action transformative change in ways that are most relevant to the Asia-Pacific region, including a unique approach to country-led humanitarian reform. It brings together the latest thinking from the Australian Government, Indonesia-based Pujiono Centre, Australian Red Cross and Humanitarian Advisory Group.

**Chair:** Jo-Hannah Lavey, Executive, Humanitarian Advisory Group

**Panellists:**

*Rachael Moore, Director Protracted Crises Section, DFAT*

*Dr Puji Pujiono, Founder and Director, Pujiono Centre*

*Louise McCosker, Humanitarian Diplomacy Lead, International Programs, Australian Red Cross*

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11.00am  **Panel 4c – Food system crises – or not: how we choose to eat**  
*Barton Theatre*

The current direction our food systems is unhealthy, environmentally unsustainable and inequitable. The world is waking to the challenge of meeting growing demands for food - but can a new food revolution come fast enough to meet the SDGs?

A major rethink of food systems, to provide sufficient, safe and nutritious food for all within planetary boundaries is urgent. How do we integrate political, institutional and technical innovation to transform the global food system? Panellists will discuss emerging disruptive changes and what they mean for the roles of government, business and civil society.

**Chair:** Professor Robyn Alders, Development Policy Centre, ANU and Senior Scientific Adviser, Centre on Global Health Security, Chatham House, London, UK

**Panellists:**

*Julian Cribb FRSA FTSE, Science author, Julian Cribb and Associates*

*Dr Emily Schmidt, Research Fellow, Development Strategy and Governance Division, International Food Policy Research Institute*

*Dr Anna Okello, Research Program Manager, Livestock Systems, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research*

*Dr Jim Woodhill, Lead, Global Foresight4Food Initiative, Oxford University, UK, Food Security Adviser to the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Sustainable Development Investment Portfolio in South Asia*

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11.00am  **Panel 4d – Measuring deprivation with an individual and gendered lens**  
*Acton Theatre*

The Individual Deprivation Measure (IDM) is an innovative gender-sensitive measure of
multidimensional poverty which assesses 15 dimensions of poverty at the individual level. The panel will show how this gender-sensitive measure enriches our understanding of gender and poverty, and can better inform policies and programmes. The papers will demonstrate the value of measuring poverty at the individual level and show how applying a gendered lens adds to our understanding of deprivation, broadening the measurement space to reveal missing dimensions and illustrating variations in deprivation across the life course, using data from the Indonesia and South Africa IDM country studies.

Chair: Dr Janet Hunt, Associate Professor, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, ANU
Panellists:
Trang Pham, Researcher, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
Dr Joyce Wu, Research Fellow, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

11.00am Panel 4e – Private sector
Brindabella Theatre

Chair: Tanya McQueen, Senior Manager, Strategic Engagement and Partnerships, Cardno

Presenters:
Private sector delivery of multisectoral nutrition interventions – exploring possibilities through implementation research
Jennifer Crum, Project Director, Multisectoral Nutrition Project, Family Health International (FHI 360)

Viability gap funding – tapping up the private sector to extend infrastructure services
Dr Alwyn Chilver, Director Economic Growth, Palladium

Harnessing the power of local business advice
Steve Knapp, Managing Director DT-Global New Zealand, and Sandra Mendez, Communications and Impact Manager, Business Link Pacific

Does market systems development impact the ultra-poor: an examination of the evidence
Timothy Stewart, Senior Manager, Economic Growth, Palladium

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11.00am Panel 4f – The Developmental Leadership escape room
Lennox Room

The DFAT funded Developmental Leadership Program is looking to deepen our understanding of how to more effectively share the results or our research. We are particularly interested in exploring variations of the ‘escape room’ game as a means of doing this. In this workshop we will introduce our ideas about how such a Thinking and Working Politically escape room might work and how it builds on our research findings, and engage participants in a real time exercise to test the validity and relevance of our initial ideas.

This workshop will be limited to 5 tables of 6 people i.e. 30 participants.

Chair: Dr Chris Roche, Professor of Development Practice, La Trobe University

Panellists:
David Hudson, Director, Developmental Leadership Program
11.00am  **Panel 4h – Increasing the diversity of Australian aid professionals**  
*Canberry-Springbank*

The panel will discuss the different approaches a global program can take to increase the diversity of its staff and volunteers, using the concrete example of the Australian Volunteers Program. Increasing the diversity of volunteers is a key part of the Program’s design and theory of change, and it has recently reviewed disability inclusion, LGBTI+ inclusion, the engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and gender equality. The panel will explore the implications of this research and present recommendations from specialists in different areas.

Chair: **Zoe Mander-Jones, Program Director, Australian Volunteers Program**

Panellists:

Emily Dwyer, Managing Director, Edge Effect

Jen Blyth, Disability Inclusion Adviser, CBM Australia

Laura Taylor, Assistant Director, Volunteers Section, DFAT

Alice Tamang, Indigenous Programs Coordinator, Australian Volunteers Program

11.00am  **Panel 4i – Rethinking civic space in Southeast Asia**  
*Miller Theatre*

Throughout 2019, The Asia Foundation, in collaboration with the Whitelum Group and other researchers, carried out research on civic space in seven Southeast Asian countries, with support from DFAT: in Thailand, Indonesia, Timor-Leste, Myanmar, Malaysia, the Philippines and Cambodia. The resulting study explores the changing relationships between governments and civil society actors; internal debates within civil society over the space occupied by ‘illiberal’, ‘uncivil’ or ‘conservative’ social movements, online and offline; the role of transnational networks, in supporting various forms of civic activism across the region; and the double-edged nature of evolving digital technologies which expand opportunities for civic engagement and collective action while also providing new mechanisms for states to restrict and manipulate civic space.

Claire Mcloughlin, Deputy Director, Developmental Leadership Program
Chair: Saku Akmeemana, Principal Specialist – Governance, Development Policy Division, DFAT

Panellists:

Cameron Hill, Senior Consultant, Whitelum Group
Pauline Tweedie, Country Representative for Timor-Leste, The Asia Foundation
Emily Rudland, Assistant Director, DFAT
Nicola Nixon, Governance Director, The Asia Foundation

11.00am  Panel 4j – Development challenges in Indonesia
Seminar Room 7

Chair: Jacqui De Lacy, Managing Director, Abt Associates

Presenters:

Progress and stagnation in the livelihood of informal workers in an emerging economy: long-term evidence from Indonesia
Dr Daniel Suryadarma, Senior Researcher, SMERU Research Institute

How should Indonesia government promote competitiveness of Indonesia’s micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the borderless trade era?
Nika Pranata, Researcher, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI)

Village deliberation and community involvement in village development planning in Indonesia:
Transformation of the CDD approach in the New Village Law implementation
Katiman Kartowinomo, PhD Student, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

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12.30pm  Lunch

1.30pm  Panel 5a – Working with men and boys to end violence against women
Molonglo Theatre

Of the three priorities which guide the implementation of DFAT’s Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment strategy, violence against women and girls remains a significant challenge. Whilst economic empowerment and a lack of access to leadership are outcomes of gender inequality, it is men’s violence which can reinforce unequal relationships, power and control and the conditions that inhibit women’s access to their human rights.

In 2014, Rashida Manjoo, the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, urged actors to educate men and boys to “resist and reject the nature and consequences of hypermasculinity and misogyny and to overcome patterns of violence.”

Today, in the developed world #metoo and other mass media campaigns have shifted a broader discourse towards action and accountability for men’s behaviour and in developing countries leaders are likening this violence as a “crisis” and a “national shame”. The time is right for change.

Over the past three decades, in the Pacific, women’s domestic violence services have led advocacy
and policy for gender equality, protection of women and engaging men and boys as allies and advocates in prevention of violence against women. This model has provided agency and profile with engaged male leaders moved to action to resource national policies and legislation as well as processes that enable women to access support in a coordinated and systematic manner. The foundations have been built.

So how do we engage men and boys with a best practice model for primary prevention of violence as well as “change up” to incorporate working with men and boys who choose to commit violence?

A panel of experts has been assembled to share not only their experience with embracing a primary prevention approach, but also highlighting the challenges and opportunities emerging to work with men and boys identified as perpetrators within organisations and who have been engaged with police and the justice system.

As we move towards an even greater positive impact on women’s safety, security and autonomy, engaging with knowledge and experience will be critical to any success.

Chair: Glenn Davies, Director, Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion Asia and Pacific, Coffey International Development

Panellists:
Melkie Anton, Consultant, Fiji Women’s Crisis Centre
Amy Gildea, Managing Director Asia and Pacific, Coffey International Development
Abigail Erikson, Program Specialist, UN Women
John Kali, PNG High Commissioner to Australia

1.30pm Panel 5b – Australian aid and foreign policy
Weston Theatre

Chair: Professor Caitlin Byrne, Director of the Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University

Presenters:
Security through sustainable peace
Professor John Langmore AM, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne, and
Dr Tania Miletic, Research Fellow, Melbourne School of Government, University of Melbourne

Feminist foreign policy: a new approach for a new era
Joanna Pradela, Director, Knowledge Translation, IWDA, and Alice Ridge, Research Policy and Advocacy Adviser, IWDA

‘Send them a shipload of rice’: food aid and Australia-Indonesia bilateral relations, 1960s-70s
Dr Pierre van der Eng, Associate Professor, Research School of Management, ANU

Where’s the dirty laundry? DFAT APPRs and the public diplomacy imperative
Dave Green, Principal Consultant, Clear Horizon and Kaisha Crupi, Consultant, Clear Horizon

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1.30pm Panel 5c – Disability and inclusive design, monitoring and evaluation
Barton Theatre
Australia is a signatory to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), which mandates the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities in all international cooperation processes. Persons with disabilities, through their representative organisations, must be meaningfully and systematically consulted on decisions that affect their lives. Design, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (DMEL), as a core development tool, is therefore essential for achieving inclusion in line with the CRPD. The panel will discuss strategies and approaches to inclusive DMEL, drawing on their lived and professional experience.

Chair: Sarah Leslie, Senior Consultant, Clear Horizon

Panellists:

Asahel Bush, Disability and Inclusion Adviser, CBM

Dr Manjula Marella, Research Fellow, Nossal Institute

Malik Munir, Master of Public Policy Student

1.30pm Panel 5d – Using innovative financing for impact
Acton Theatre

The use of impact investing or other types of innovative financing to advance development goals has grown dramatically in recent years. As development actors use grant dollars to de-risk commercial investments, take venture capital-inspired approaches to sourcing and scaling innovations, and launch impact investing funds, a new period of business model experimentation is inspiring new and creative ways of using capital to create change. This interactive panel will discuss what is possible when social sector actors adopt an investment lens and will point to what new business models may look like in global development of the future.

Co-chairs: Stephanie Marienau Turpin, Director, Strategic Partnerships, FHI 360 and Stephanie Kimber, Assistant Director, DFAT InnovationXchange

Panellists:

Sandra Carvajal, Adviser, Tri-Sector Partnering, World Vision Australia

Cassian Drew, Managing Partner, Palladium

Dr John Marsh, CEO, Inclusiv Ventures

1.30pm Panel 5e – The changing world order
Brindabella Theatre

Chair: Bridi Rice, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Australian Council for International Development

Presenters:

Ocean of debt? Belt and Road and debt diplomacy in the Pacific
Roland Rajah, Director, International Economy Program, Lowy Institute

Reimagining the future of the multilateral trading system
Amol Kulkarni, Director (Research), CUTS International

The role of philanthropic foundations in international development: Rockefeller, Ford and Gates
Dr Patrick Kilby, Senior Lecturer, School of Archaeology and Anthropology, ANU

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1.30pm  **Panel 5f – Financial inclusion**  
*Lennox Room*

 Chair: *Dr Hoa Nguyen, Senior Lecturer, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU*

 Presenters:

 How do economically active people with disabilities access microfinance?  
*Debashis Sarker, PhD Candidate, The University of Queensland, Australia*

 Does political ideology matter for financial inclusion?  
*Farhan Shazia, PhD Candidate, Department of Banking and Finance, Monash University*

 Does group lending matter? The role of microcredit in improving the wellbeing of women borrowers  
*Zahra Murad, PhD Candidate, Monash University*

 Empowering women through microfinance based self-help groups in India: who becomes a member and for how long  
*Danish Ahmad, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Health, University of Canberra*

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1.30pm  **Panel 5g – Engaging civil society for development in Indonesia**  
*Griffin Room*

 Over the past two decades, Indonesia has undergone several successive democratic transitions of power, has seen an increase in decentralised governance, and is approaching upper middle-income status. The civil society sector has been a key driver of these transitions. This panel will discuss opportunities and challenges in engaging civil society for development impacts in Indonesia. Representatives from Australian development programs and CSO partners will draw on their experience across a range of reform areas: improved governance, accountability and service delivery; more inclusive decision-making, policies and institutions; increased access to justice; and greater economic opportunities for poor women and marginalised groups.

 Chair: *Saku Akmeemana, Principal Specialist – Governance, Development Policy Division, DFAT*

 Panellists:

 Making hidden populations visible: Lessons from combining governance and social approaches for poverty alleviation  
*Abdi Suryaningati, Team Leader, Peduli, Australia’s social inclusion program, The Asia Foundation*

 Women’s Collective Action - influencing policy at the grassroots and national levels  
*Misiyah, Director, Kapal Perempuan, a CSO partner supported by the Australia Indonesia Partnership for Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment (MAMPU)*

 Triangular collaboration to achieve better outcomes for women and girls  
*Dio Ashar Wicaksana, Executive Director, Indonesia Judicial Monitoring Society (Mappi-FHUI), a CSO partner supported by the Australia Indonesia Partnership for Justice Phase 2 (AIPJ2)*

1.30pm  **Panel 5h – Evaluating skills development programs**  
*Canberry-Springbank*
This submitted panel presentation focusses on approaches to evaluation with skills development programs in Kiribati, Vanuatu, Sri Lanka and Tonga funded under DFAT’s Strategy for Australia’s aid investment in education 2015-2020. The programs vary in design but share some common elements: emphasis on inclusion and inclusive economic growth, decentralised service delivery and improving the match between labour demand and skills training supply. The panel members will share practical examples of evaluating skills development activities in rural and remote locations; insights into designing and using innovative evaluation tools; strategies for involving partner organisations and local communities in evaluation; results of evaluation activities; and lessons learned.

Chair: Anthony Bailey, Facilitator, Program Director, Kiribati Facility

Panellists:

Jamine Makinon, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Coordinator, Vanuatu Skills Partnership
Eroshan Alagaretnam, Senior Manager, Results Hub, Sri Lanka Skills for Inclusive Growth
Stuart Kinsella, Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser, Kiribati Facility
Sisilia Takapautolo, Skills Coordinator, Tonga Skills for Inclusive Economic Growth

1.30pm **Panel 5i – Climate change**
*Miller Theatre*

Chair: Professor Meg Keen, Director, Australia Pacific Security College, ANU

Presenters:

Public perception of climate change and disaster preparedness: evidence from the Philippines
**Vincenzo Bollettino, Director, Program on Resilient Communities, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative**

Humanitarian health leadership for a climate change world
**Stephen McDonald, Associate Director for Stakeholder Engagement and Partnerships, Centre for Humanitarian Leadership, Elizabeth Irvine, Research Fellow, Centre for Humanitarian Leadership, and Sonia Brockington, Lecturer in Humanitarian Health, Centre for Humanitarian Leadership**

Confronting the climate emergency in development policy and programming: experience in water and sanitation service delivery in Indonesia, Timor-Leste and Nepal
**Anna Gero, Research Principal, Institute for Sustainable Futures, UTS**

Governance for climate change in the Pacific
**Dr Linda Kelly, Co-Director, Institute for Human Security and Social Change, La Trobe University**

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1.30pm **Panel 5j – Humanitarian aid and technology**
*Seminar Room 7*

Chair: Paul Kelly, Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian Response, Risk and Recovery Branch, DFAT

Presenters:

Data analytic platform for logistics planning and information management following natural disasters
**Anissa Zahara, Data Engineer, Pulse Lab Jakarta**
Unblocked cash: harnessing the power of Blockchain technology to revolutionise humanitarian cash transfers

*Joshua Hallwright, Humanitarian Lead, Oxfam Australia, Elsa Carnaby, Disaster Risk Reduction, Oxfam Australia and Bjorn Rust, Research Consultant*

Making sense of sense-maker – trial of the sense maker research tool to evaluate earthquake recovery

*Jessica Kenway, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Manager, Australian Humanitarian Partnership and Jordan Hoffmann, Senior Project Officer, CARE Australia Managed Country Presences, CARE Australia*

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**3.00pm**  
*Afternoon tea*

**3.30pm**  
**Keynote Panel – Australian aid: PNG and transparency**  
*Molonglo Theatre*

Australia’s aid program to PNG is its biggest, its highest profile and most controversial. Annual aid of $550 million is only 4% of PNG’s GDP, but it is 70% of all aid to PNG. 13% of PNG government revenue, and about the same ratio of all Australian aid. Lowy Pacific Research Director Jonathan Pryke will share the findings of his research into Australia’s aid program to PNG, and his recommendations for what needs to be done to deliver more impact.

Transparency is one the basic principles of aid effectiveness, and a commitment of the Department of Foreign Affairs. But how transparent is the Australian aid program? And are things getting better or worse? Devpolicy’s Terence Wood will release the third Australian aid transparency audit (authored by himself and Luke Minihan, based on 2019 data and compare it to findings from the two earlier transparency audits of 2013 and 2016.

Chair: *Professor Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU*

Panellists:

Jonathan Pryke, Director, Pacific Islands Program, Lowy Institute  
Dr Terence Wood, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre  
John Kali, PNG High Commissioner to Australia  
Stephanie Copus Campbell, CEO, Oil Search Foundation

**3.30pm**  
**Keynote Panel – Labour mobility**  
*Acton Theatre*

The welfare gains from increasing cross-border labour mobility are likely to be several times larger than those from complete trade liberalization, offering significant benefits to migrants, receiving, and sending countries. This panel outlines the case for international labour mobility, summarizes the lessons learned from the first year of Australia’s new Pacific Labour Scheme, and provides an overview and initial assessment of recent recruitment reforms in Papua New Guinea.

Chair: *Dr Ryan Edwards, Senior Policy Fellow, Development Policy Centre, ANU*

Panellists:
Let their people come: a case for international labour mobility
Farah Hani, Senior Policy Analyst, Labor Mobility Partnerships team, Centre for Global Development

Pacific Labour Scheme: progress and looking to the future
Danielle Heinecke, First Assistant Secretary, Pacific Operations and Development, DFAT

At a crossroads? Increasing labor mobility from PNG
Dr Matthew Dornan, Senior Economist, World Bank

3.30pm   Keynote Panel – Aid and the national interest in the Indo-Pacific
Weston Theatre

This panel will look at the intersection between Australian foreign assistance and the changing geopolitical context in the Indo-Pacific region. It will explore from a range of perspectives how Australia can effectively support host country development priorities, while at the same time meeting its broader geostrategic interests. It will explore the emerging lessons for how aid can be more effectively allocated and delivered to achieve meaningful development ends, deepen bilateral relationships, and strengthen regional architecture from the ground up. It will also consider the growing interest in using limited resources to continue to support reform in more advanced developing countries.

Chair: Dr William Cole, Senior Adviser for Program Strategy, The Asia Foundation

Panellists:
Professor Caitlin Byrne, Director of the Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University
Richard Moore, Principal Strategist, Positive Influence, Manila
Thomas Parks, Country Representative (Thailand), The Asia Foundation
Dr Selina Ho, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

4.50pm   Closing and reception
Molonglo Theatre, Weston and Acton via livestream
Followed by drinks in the Crawford School courtyard
Post-conference seminar – Household food and nutrition security in low and middle-income countries with a focus on PNG

Griffin Room

Household food and nutrition security is a basic human right. However, the 2019 State of the World’s Children Report by UNICEF stated that poor diets are driving malnutrition in early childhood with around half of the world’s children aged 6 to 23 months not receiving adequate quantities of fruit, vegetables, eggs, dairy, fish or meat. Further, the 2019 State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World indicates that the number of hungry people has been increasing over the past four years. High rates of childhood stunting occur in two of our near neighbours, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste. Achieving equitable food and nutrition security for all household members is hugely challenging.

This challenge will be unpacked by Dr Emily Schmidt (IFPRI; leader of DFAT-funded household nutrition survey in PNG in 2019) and Dr Jim Woodhill (Lead, Global Foresight4Food Initiative, Oxford University, UK, Food Security Advisor to the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Sustainable Development Investment Portfolio in South Asia). They will explore the multifaceted issues and solutions associated with: access of poor households to nutritious food; improving fair market access to smallholder farming households; orienting production towards more nutritious foods; stimulating public-private partnerships that facilitate the development of needed physical, financial and risk protection insurance infrastructure; and the key elements of public regulatory frameworks that enable inclusive and sustainable private investments.

Chair: Professor Robyn Alders, Development Policy Centre, ANU and Senior Scientific Adviser, Centre on Global Health Security, Chatham House, London, UK

Panellists:

Dr Emily Schmidt, Development Strategy and Governance Division, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC, USA

Dr Jim Woodhill, Lead, Global Foresight4Food Initiative, Oxford University, UK, Food Security Advisor to the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Sustainable Development Investment Portfolio in South Asia