

Securing a stable environment for growth and development

UPNG Waigani Campus

DAY ONE – WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST

8.30am – Registration

9.00am – Welcome remarks and opening plenary* | New Lecture Theatre

Chair: Dr Modowa T. Gumoi

Opening prayer, national anthem and national pledge

Rev. Koloma Makewin, Chaplain, University of Papua New Guinea

Welcome remarks

Robert Igara, Chancellor, University of Papua New Guinea

Opening address

The Honourable Mr James Marape, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea (TBC)

Reflections on Australia-PNG relations

His Excellency Mr John Feakes, Australian High Commissioner to PNG

Reflections on UPNG-ANU relationship

Dr Cecilia Nembou, Acting Vice-Chancellor, University of Papua New Guinea

Reflections on UPNG-ANU relationship

Prof Paul Burke, Deputy Director, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University

10.30am – Morning tea

11.00am – Plenary session* | New Lecture Theatre (NLT)

Panel: PNG's economic outlook in the medium term

Mr Jeffrey Yabom, Deputy Governor, Bank of Papua New Guinea; **Mr Andrew Oaeke**, Secretary, Department of Treasury; **Mr Anthony Smare**, President, Chamber of Resources and Energy; **Dr Martin Davies**, Professor, Washington and Lee University / ANU

12.30pm – Lunch

1.30pm – Parallel Session 1

1A: Family and sexual violence in PNG: learning from the experiences of 7,000 survivors* | New Lecture Theatre (NLT)

Estelle Stambolie, Research Officer, Development Policy Centre, ANU, **Prof Stephen Howes**, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU, **Daisy Plana**, CEO, Femili PNG, **Dr Judy Putt**, Senior Researcher, Department of Pacific Affairs, ANU, **Minetta Kakarere**, Tutor, Political Science Department, UPNG

1B: Banking and finance | SBPP Lecture Theatre 1 (UG.02)

The implementation of small and medium-sized enterprises credit enhancement loan scheme: a case of Bank South Pacific, PNG

Theo Michael, Lecturer, PNG University of Technology

Tangled webs, elusive justice: low money laundering convictions in PNG

Michael Kabuni, PhD student, ANU

Corporate governance and ethics on the PNG banking industry: challenges and opportunities

Suresh Babu Nagarajan, PGS Convener, Senior Lecturer, SBPP, UPNG, **Prof Lekshmi Narayana Pillai Chidambara Thanu**, Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor, UPNG, **Patricia Angopa**, Head of Banking and Finance Division, Lecturer, SBPP, UPNG, **Kingtau Mambon**, Tutor, SBPP, UPNG, **Kepi Mato Yogomin**, Tutor, SBPP, UPNG

1C: Teachers and the education sector | SBPP Lecture Theatre 2 (UG.07)

Teacher regulation for quality and quantity - Can it be done? - PNG's pathway to teacher registration reform

Paul Ainui, Acting Deputy Secretary, Curriculum and Standards, PNG National Department of Education, **Samson Wangihomie**, Chairman, Teaching Service Commission, **Catherine Johnston**, Lead Education Specialist, Abt Global, **Grant Selmes**, Governance Advisor, Abt Global

How real-time evaluation can improve training practices and learning outcomes: experimental data from PNG

Kabira Namit, Economist, Abt Global, **Kathryn Lee**, M&E Manager, Abt Global

Addressing social injustice and inequity through Critical Literacy Education: PNG teacher education and critical literacy

Kele Yako, PhD Scholar, **Rhonda Faragher**, Professor, University of Queensland

Navigating education evaluations in fragile settings: measuring the impact and sustainability of an in-service teacher development program in PNG

Kabira Namit, Economist, Abt Global, **Kathryn Lee**, M&E Manager, Abt Global

1D: Urban and rural development | SBPP Tutorial Room 1 (LG.02)

Safeguarding Port Moresby: evaluating the Tourist Police Initiative's impact on safety and confidence in PNG's capital

Dr Joyce Rayel, Head of Division and **Imelda Atu**, Lecturer and **Ronald Raka**, Lecturer and **Jason Eki Kundi**, Lecturer and **Joseph Kruman**, Tutor, Tourism & Hospitality Management Division, SBPP, UPNG

Hybridity and safety in an urban economic environment: experiences of Awagasi Market vendors

Wilma Langa, PhD Candidate, Queensland University of Technology

A credit guarantee facility for the development of customary land in PNG: prospects and challenges

Logea Nao, Research Fellow, Sustainable Land Development Program, PNG National Research Institute

1E: Development issues | SBPP Tutorial Room 3 (LG.04)

Extent of decentralised recruitment in unlocking Papua New Guinea's labour mobility aspirations

Natasha Turia, PhD Candidate, ANU

Student attitudes towards national identity and progress

Kelly Samof, Lecturer, UPNG

1F: Agriculture and forestry | MBA Suite

The impacts of expanding oil palm industry in PNG: the Case of Kairak Community, East New Britain Province

Melga Mevat, Post Graduate student, Pacific Adventist University, Hennah Steven, PhD Lecturer, Waikato University, Patrick Pikacha, Environmental biologist researcher, Pacific Adventist University

The roles of organic matter of varying nutrient content use as amendment in composted mounds on sweet potato tissue accumulation of micronutrients

Topas Peter, MSc. Student, PNG University Of Technology, Patrick Michael, Professor Associate, PNG University Of Technology

Social and cultural influences on the Bulolo Wau Industrial Tree Plantation Development in PNG: evidence from the three indigenous forest village communities

June Mandawali, Research Officer, PNG Forest Research Institute, Master of Philosophy Candidate, PNG University of Technology, Principal Supervisor, Dr Cossey Yosi, Head of School of Forestry, PNG University of Technology

Demarcation of suitable land for rice and wheat cultivation using Multi-Criteria Decision making Approach (MCDA): A case study in Southern Highlands Province

Einstein Den, Post Graduate Candidate, PNG University of Technology, Sailesh Samanta, Associate Professor, PNG University of Technology

3.00pm – Afternoon tea

3.30pm – Parallel Session 2

2A: Politics and governance* | New Lecture Theatre (NLT)

Reform needed to bring stability in PNG parliament

Michael Kabuni, PhD student, ANU

Are government ministers more likely to be re-elected? Evidence from PNG

Alyssa Leng, Research Officer, Development Policy Centre, ANU

Otonomi bilong wanem? Autonomy for what?: the interfaces of identity, development, and decentralisation in Papua New Guinea

James Stiefvater, PhD Candidate, Massey University

2B: The Pacific Engagement Visa in Papua New Guinea: attitudes and issues | SBPP Lecture Theatre 1 (UG.02)

Prof Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU, **Natasha Turia**, PhD candidate, DPA, ANU, **Dr Chakriya Bowman**, Director and Senior Consultant, Sapience

2C: Climate change and sustainability | SBPP Lecture Theatre 2 (UG.07)

A climate SMART approach towards building resilience in PNG's rural farming communities

Mawe Gonapa, PhD Candidate, Australian National University

Resettlement of Patnav clan families in Yaga Village on Umboi Island, Siassi, Morobe Province, PNG

Lorna Saguba, Researcher, Mana Pacific Consultants Ltd

An investigation of sustainability reporting

Panditha Bandara, Senior Lecturer, SBPP, UPNG

PNG climate change and Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC): its regulation, the implementation and the importance of Article 4 of the Climate Change Paris Agreement for PNG

Alfred Rungol, PNG's UNFCCC Roster of Experts, UNFCCC PNG (Independent)

2D: Sorcery and Gender | SBPP Tutorial Room 1 (LG.02)

Investigating the effects of sorcery related behaviour on student learning in primary schools, Central Province, PNG

Ano Airoma, Lecturer, Sacred Heart Teachers College, Bomana

Addressing sorcery related violence and tribal fight through peace building

Dr Dick Witne Bomai, University of Goroka

Framing gender equality through the revitalised Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration

Fiona Hukula, Policy Adviser-Gender Equality, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

2E: Education | SBPP Tutorial Room 3 (LG.04)

Assessing quality of basic education in Enga Province, PNG: factors impacting students' learning experience

Hafford Norea, Research Officer, PNG National Research Institute

A two-level hierarchical linear modeling of factors affecting students' examination performance in secondary schools in Papua New Guinea

Michael Magury Peter, Research Fellow, PNG National Research Institute

Effective student learning approaches and its relationship with academic performance at the School of Business and Public Policy, University of PNG

David Mo, Lecturer, **Imelda Atu**, Lecturer, **Patricia Angopa**, Lecturer, **Sharon Niaga**, Lecturer, **Molly Yoko**, Postgraduate Student, UPNG

2F: Media, technology and research and development | MBA Suite

Enabling or hindering growth and development: Mobile internet pricing in PNG

Dr Amanda HA Watson, Fellow, Department of Pacific Affairs, ANU, **Moses Sakai**, Research Fellow, PNG National Research Institute, **Loretta Dilu**, Tutor, UPNG, **Hafford Norea**, Research Officer, PNG National Research Institute, **Jonathan Zureo**, Lecturer, Divine Word University

A media environment for growth and development

Dr Amanda HA Watson, Fellow, Department of Pacific Affairs, ANU

Baseline survey of research capacity in Papua New Guinea's research institutions and universities

Paula Kaupa, PhD Candidate, PNG University of Technology, Kulala Mulung, CEO, PNG Science & Technology Secretariat, Teatulohi Matainaho, Vice Chancellor, Pacific Adventist University, Nick Tagep, Research Infrastructure Director and George Rua, Research Officer, PNG Science and Technology Secretariat

Reimagining higher education in the age of generative AI

Raymond Kamb John, Lecturer and Head of HRM Division, UPNG

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DAY TWO – THURSDAY 22 AUGUST

8.30am – Registration

9.00am – Plenary session* | New Lecture Theatre (NLT)

Chair: Associate Professor Michael Mel

Plenary address

The Honourable Allan Bird, East Sepik Governor

Plenary address

The Honourable Francesca Semoso OBE, MP, North Bougainville (TBC)

11.00am – Morning tea

11.30am – Plenary session* | New Lecture Theatre (NLT)

Panel: Security and geopolitics in the region: implications for PNG

Ms Winnie Kiap CBE, former PNG High Commissioner to the UK; **Dr Joanne Loundes**, Australian Deputy High Commissioner to PNG; **Mr Oliver Nobetau**, FDC Pacific Fellow, Lowy Institute; **Mr David Chen**, Lecturer, PNG University of Technology

12.30pm – Lunch

1.30pm – Parallel Session 3

3A: Novel carbon opportunities in climate smart coffee production* | New Lecture Theatre (NLT)

Mawe Gonapa, PhD Candidate, ANU, **Alex McClean**, Chief Executive Officer, Nakau, **Almah Tararia**, Senior Research Consultant, Sustineo, **Ellis Mackenzie**, Senior Research Consultant, Sustineo

3B: PNG's economy | SBPP Lecture Theatre 2 (UG.02)

How much of economic growth trickles down to the population in resource-rich countries? Evidence from Papua New Guinea

Sharad Tandon, Senior Economist, The World Bank, Paripoorna Baxi, Consultant, The World Bank, **Darian Naidoo**, Economist, The World Bank

Determinants of housing prices in PNG - An ARDL approach

Gordon Kapak, Senior Research Analyst, Bank of PNG, **Meson Tumsok**, Senior Research Analyst, Bank of PNG

Determinants of governments' fiscal resource revenue: evidence from a new database

Martin Davies, Professor of Economics, Washington and Lee University / ANU, **Marcel Schroder**, PNG Country Economist, Asian Development Bank

3C: Gender | SBPP Lecture Theatre 2 (UG.07)

Wok bung wantaim' (working together): Women associations and foreign aid in Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea

Mary Fairio, PhD candidate, University of St. Andrews

The impact of Women's Leadership Programs on return home: A pilot study in PNG

Geejay Milli, PhD candidate, Department of Pacific Affairs, ANU, **Sonia Palmieri**, Associate Professor, Department of Pacific Affairs, ANU, **Betty Lovai**, Pro-Vice Chancellor, UPNG

Leadership matters - Benchmarking women in business leadership in PNG and the Pacific

Sarah Boxall, Economic Empowerment of Women Specialist, Asian Development Bank - Pacific Private Sector Development Initiative

3D: Health | SBPP Tutorial Room 1 (LG.02)

Perceptions, acceptances, and attitudes towards COVID-19 Vaccines: A case in point of PNG

Londari Yamarak, Lecturer, PNG University of Technology, **Rex Junior**, Master in Philosophy Student, Papua New Guinea University of Technology, **Hoxchey Anton**, Student, PNG University of Technology

Implementation of tuberculosis infection prevention and control in rural PNG: an evaluation using infection prevention & control assessment framework

Dr. Gigil Marme, Lecturer (PhD Candidate), Divine Word University (Griffith University, Australia), **Jerzy Kuzma**, Professor of Surgery, HOD Medicine, Divine Word University, **Dr Peta-Anne Zimmerman**, Director, Infection Control program, Griffith University, **Neil Harris**, Professor, Director of Higher Degree, Health Griffith University, **Shannon Rutherford**, Associate Professor, Public Health Team, Griffith University

Factors affecting COVID-19 vaccination: a Morobe Province perspective

Jack Assa, Lecturer, UPNG, **Moses Sakai**, Research Fellow, PNG National Research Institute, **Albert Ayius**, Lecturer, UPNG, **Emmanuel Gorea**, Lecturer, UPNG

3E: Infrastructure and development | SBPP Tutorial Room 3 (LG.04)

Living without electricity in urban communities in PNG: the case of 8-Mile settlement

Loretta Dilu, Tutor, UPNG

Overcoming Rural Electrification Challenges in PNG: A PMO Perspective

Sioni Sioni, Project Director, GHD

Role of district WASH committees in building bridges for improving water access, quality, and equality

Safa Fanaian, Research Fellow, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU, **Grant Walton**, Associate Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU, **Sonia Young**, WASH Portfolio Manager, World Vision, **Simon Wanga**, WASH Program Officer and Technical Officer, WaterAid, **Tim Davis**, Technical Lead, WaterAid, **Kolis Rua**, WASH project manager, World Vision

3F: Managing PNG's institutions | MBA Suite

Public Financial Management practices at the University of Papua New Guinea: a case study analysis

Dr Suresh Babu Nagarajan, PGS Convener and Senior Lecturer in Accounting, SBPP, UPNG, **Kepi Mato Yogomin**, Accounting Tutor, SBPP, UPNG, **Benedicta Mellam**, Lecturer in Accounting, SBPP, UPNG, **Lucy Kerua**, Lecturer, SBPP, UPNG, **Kingtau Mambon**, Tutor, SBPP, UPNG

The role of leadership in ensuring academic quality assurance: challenges and strategies in higher education institutions in PNG

Ponnumay Manohar, Deputy Executive Dean (Academic) School of Business and Public Policy, University of Papua New Guinea

Institutional sources of cooperation, competition and conflict in developing countries: the cases of civil service administration in PNG and Afghanistan

Nematullah Bizhan, Senior Lecturer, Development Policy Centre, ANU, **William Maley**, Emeritus Professor, ANU

3.00pm – Afternoon tea

3.30pm – Parallel Session 4

4A: Helping women and child victims of abuse and violence* | New Lecture Theatre (NLT)

Dr Judy Putt, Senior research fellow, ANU, **Subrata Banerjee**, PhD student, ANU, **Palu Ingram**, PhD student, ANU, **Loto Losenam**, Research officer, Somare Institute of Leadership and Governance

4B: Macroeconomics | SBPP Lecture Theatre 1 (UG.02)

New trade-weighted currency and commodity-price indices for PNG

Bobby Kunda, Lecturer in Economics, UPNG, **Prof Stephen Howes**, Director, Development Policy Centre, ANU

Optimal macroeconomic policy and the resource project lifecycle

Dr Martin Davies, Professor of Economics, Washington and Lee University / ANU, **Marcel Schroder**, Country Economist for PNG, Asian Development Bank

Impact of excess liquidity on monetary policy transmission in Papua New Guinea

Dr Thomas Wangi, Senior Research Fellow, National Research Institute

4C: Land issues | SBPP Lecture Theatre 2 (UG.07)

Importance of geographical names and their effects on sustainable land development in PNG

Charlotte Tia, Cartographer, Department of Lands & Physical Planning

Land as a palimpsest of inscriptions: Some preliminary thoughts on a study of a Motu-Koita-Koiari clan genealogy and their claims of land ownership

Linus Digim'Rina, Senior Lecturer, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, UPNG, **Foxie Kaeaka**, Chairman, Board of Directors, Behori Limited, **Canute Nidue**, Lecturer, School of Law, UPNG, **David Kombako**, Lecturer, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, UPNG

Is social mapping a recipe for conflicts? A conclusion

Yvonne Hani, Anthropologist, UPNG

4D: Gender-based violence | SBPP Tutorial Room 1 (LG.02)

Do disasters always increase Intimate Partner Violence? Evidence from the 2018 Earthquake in PNG

Sharad Tandon, Senior Economist, The World Bank, **Alyssa Leng**, Research Officer, Development Policy Centre, ANU

The impacts of gender-based violence against women in Hula community

Aiga Ian, Temporary Full-time Tutor, UPNG

Service Providers' Role: Access to justice for women in domestic violence cases in PNG & Bangladesh

Subrata Banerjee, PhD Candidate, ANU

4E: Security | SBPP Tutorial Room 3 (LG.04)

The role of the law and order komiti in dispute resolution: case of Markham Bridge Community, Morobe Province, PNG

Mary Fairio, PhD Candidate, University of St. Andrews

Political economy of security: enhancing economic security through regional security cooperation

Dr Francis Hualupmomi, Advisor, National Security, PNG Department of Prime Minister & NEC

The impacts of civil unrest and riots in Gerehu, Port Moresby on the economic conditions of the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME)

Jason Eki Kundi, Lecturer, School of Business and Public Policy, UPNG, **McDonald Jack**, Tutor, School of Business and Public Policy, UPNG, **Dr Joyce Rayel**, Senior Lecturer, School of Business & Public Policy, UPNG

5.00pm – Closing Session* | New Lecture Theatre (NLT)

Concluding remarks

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