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### **The challenges of aid dependency and economic reform: Africa and the Pacific**

*14 November 2013*

*5.30pm to 6.30pm*

*Molonglo Theatre, Level 2, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU*

We are delighted to announce that the 2013 Harold Mitchell Development Policy Lecture will be delivered by Jim Adams, former World Bank vice-president with extensive Africa and Pacific island experience.

After decades of poor economic performance, Africa is doing much better these days, with higher economic growth. Why? What role did aid play? And what are the lessons for the Pacific? In the 2014 Harold Mitchell Development Policy Lecture, Jim Adams will focus on how effective economic reform emerged in Africa and related institutional and capacity issues. Drawing on this and his Pacific experience, he will review a number of proposals that could be taken by donors in the Pacific to accelerate economic reform and support the emergence of improved government institutions and capacity on policy making.

The Harold Mitchell Development Policy Lecture is made possible by generous support from the Harold Mitchell Foundation, the Development Policy Centre's major funder.

To pre-register, contact [Macarena.Rojas@anu.edu.au](mailto:Macarena.Rojas@anu.edu.au).



### **Devpolicy turns three**

The Development Policy Centre marked its third anniversary on September 21, and we celebrated at the weekend. Thank you to everyone who has supported our work over our first three years. Your attendance at events, readership and contributions to the blog and involvement in research collaborations have been an important part of our centre's growth and success.

### **[ODI Fellowships: Opportunities for postgraduate economists](#)**

*30 October 2013*

*12.30pm-1.30pm*

*Acton Theatre, Level 1, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU*

The [ODI Fellowship Scheme](#) is run by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI). It recruits intelligent, adventurous postgraduate economists to work in the public sectors of developing countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific, with the aim of providing governments with high calibre junior professional economists where gaps in local expertise exist, and to provide recent postgraduate economists with practical work experience in a developing country.

At this lecture the program's manager, Susan Barron, will discuss the fellowship scheme and provide details on the recruitment and application process for 2015 - 2017 posts. If you are a recent or current student of economics, we invite you to come along and learn about this exciting opportunity.

### **The IMF on small states in Asia and the Pacific**

*19 November 2013*

*12.30pm-2pm*

*Acton Theatre, Level 1, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU*

Patrizia Tumbarello, Chief of the IMF's Pacific Islands Unit, will present the IMF's recent work on small states in Asia and the Pacific, discussing the unique constraints these states face, and the role of policy in building resilience and raising growth. Vivek Suri, the World Bank's lead economist for the Pacific, and Devpolicy Director Stephen Howes will act as discussants. To pre-register, contact [Macarena.Rojas@anu.edu.au](mailto:Macarena.Rojas@anu.edu.au).

### **Australian stakeholder survey forum**

*12 December 2013*

*5.30pm*

In the context of a rapidly changing Australian aid program, our stakeholder survey on Australian aid becomes particularly important, and we'll be launching it at our last event for the year, on December 12. Mark your diary. For more information, contact us [here](#).

### **Papers deadline approaching for 2014 Australasian Aid and International Development Policy Workshop**

13-14 February 2014  
Australian National University

Paper abstracts for the first [Australasian Aid and International Development Policy Workshop](#) need to be submitted this month. Papers are welcome on a range of topics relating to aid effectiveness, the political economy of aid, aid from non-traditional donors, international public goods, the international development architecture, international climate change policy, and migration and trade.

Abstracts should be submitted to [devpolicy@anu.edu.au](mailto:devpolicy@anu.edu.au). Submissions are welcome from academics, students and practitioners. Registration for the workshop is [now open](#), with early-bird specials available until Monday 11 November.

## **Blog summary**

You can find a summary of all posts since our last newsletter on October 1 in the list below.

## **Analysis**

### **Australian aid**

[AusAID into DFAT: opportunity not threat](#) by Brian Doolan.

[Lead Australian development from the top?](#) By Tim McMinn.

[The continuing revolution in Australian aid](#) by Parima Panpruet and Jonathan Pryke.

[Private enterprise is not development's dark side](#) by Mel Dunn.

[Back to the future? The split personality of Australian aid](#) by Jack Corbett and Sinclair Dinnen.

### **Global development policy**

[Why we need to talk about periods: menstrual hygiene management in development practice](#) by Ashlee Betteridge.

[Can social networks lead to more cost-effective aid?](#) By Ariel BenYishay.

### **The Pacific**

[New Zealand needs a fence for aid, not aid for fences](#) by Joanna Spratt.

### **In Brief**

[Fijians push for access to Seasonal Worker Program](#)

[The political economy of project preparation](#)

[Principles released for AusAID's \(deep\) reintegration into DFAT](#)

[New 3ie working paper reviews effectiveness of education interventions](#)

[SPC DG speaks out on need for gender equality in the Pacific](#)

[New village-wide punishment for seasonal worker schemes divides Samoa](#)