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Program now available for February aid workshop

The program for our 13-14 February Australasian Aid and International Development Policy Workshop (@Crawford, ANU) is now available. We have 50 papers spread over some 19 plenary and panel sessions. Session topics include: changing aid frameworks, labour mobility, disaster management, health and aid, fragile states and governance, and much, much more. There is a strong focus on aid to and from Asia, and aid to the Pacific. Participants include senior academics and aid experts from China, India, Korea and Thailand. You can access the draft program [here](#), and register [here](#). (Note that registration costs \$275; \$165 for students.) You can also register for one or more of the keynote sessions listed below.

[Does foreign aid really work? What the evidence tells us, what impacts we should expect and how aid can be improved](#)

Roger C Riddell, Oxford Policy Management (OPM)

Thursday 13 February @ 10am

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

Roger Riddell's 2008 book *Does Foreign Aid Really Work?* was the first attempt in more than 20 years to survey all the evidence around whether aid actually works. His keynote address to the 2013 Australasian Aid and International Development Policy Workshop will summarise his findings, and provide an update on aid debates and thinking since the publication of his 2008 book.

This lecture is a free component of the 2014 Australasian Aid and International Development Workshop. You can register for the workshop [here](#) or the lecture only [here](#). (If you are registered for the workshop, you don't need to register for this lecture.)

[Forests for climate and development: what can rich countries do?](#)

Frances Seymour, Senior Fellow at the Centre for Global Development

Friday 14 February @ 9am

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

Climate change is a primary threat to the development prospects of poor countries and households, and maintaining tropical forests is an essential component of any global emissions mitigation strategy. In this public lecture, Frances Seymour will argue that success in reversing business-as-usual trends will depend on

domestic political will and profound institutional and governance changes in forest countries. She will discuss options that are available to rich country governments, corporations and citizens to accelerate progressive reform.

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[Making their mark: The BRICS and aid](#)

Dr Rani Mullen, Dr Tongquan Sun and Dr Sean Burges

Friday 14 February @ 1.50pm

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

The BRICS – Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa – are increasingly important and influential providers of international development assistance. This plenary session will provide updates and new analysis of aid from the emerging superpowers of China, India and Brazil from three leading experts.

This plenary is a free component of the 2014 Australasian Aid and International Development Workshop. You can register for the workshop [here](#) and the plenary only [here](#). (If you are registered for the workshop, you don't need to register for the plenary.)

2014 PNG and Pacific Updates

The 2014 PNG Update will be held in Port Moresby on 12 and 13 June, 2014, in collaboration with and hosted by the University of Papua New Guinea. See [here](#) for the announcement and call for papers. The 2014 Pacific Update will be held at the ANU. Dates will be announced shortly.

New year, new home for Devpolicy

The Development Policy Centre has moved into our own building at 7 Liversidge Street, just a few doors down from the main Crawford School building at ANU. We are excited and honoured to take up residence in [one of Canberra's oldest buildings](#) – the cottage at 7 Liversidge was built for the architect H.M. Rolland in 1913, who went on to make his mark on many buildings around the capital.

People news

Dinuk Jayasuriya is to embark on a major new research project into irregular migration from Sri Lanka in collaboration with the HC Coombs Policy Forum and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. You can read his initial research [here](#). Congratulations also to Dinuk for his appointment as Evaluation Adviser to the Asian Development Bank's Impact Evaluation Committee. We're glad that Dinuk will stay on at the Development Policy Centre as an Adjunct Fellow.

We welcome our first Greg Taylor scholar, Thomas Wangi, head of the PNG Economics Department. The [Greg Taylor scholar program](#) enables successful applicants to undertake short-term research at the Development Policy Centre on a topic relating to the economic development of PNG and the Pacific.

Win Nicholas, also from UPNG and a Crawford student, is working at the Centre over the summer as a Research Officer on the PNG Promoting Effective Public Expenditure project, undertaking budget and related analysis.

Jesse Doyle, who has been a Research Officer at the Centre, is commencing work with the World Bank Sydney Office to undertake further research on Pacific labour mobility.

Michael Wulfsohn, another part-time Research Officer, is working at the ADB in Manila as an intern over the summer break.

At the end of last year we said goodbye to our second batch of interns under the Australian National Internships Program, Wilma Gillies and Parima Panpruet. We hope to feature their good work on our blog in the coming months.

Blog summary

You can find a summary of all posts since our last newsletter on 20 December in the list below.

[Best of the blog 2013](#) by Jonathan Pryke and Stephen Howes

Australian aid

[The ECF through business eyes: Cagayan De Oro Handmade Paper Crafts](#) by Ashlee Betteridge and Lolita B Cabanlet

[We're all in this together: IDC Australia on the Australian aid stakeholder survey](#) by Mel Dunn

Pacific & PNG

[Without fear or favour? O'Neill's District Authorities to build capacity and consolidate MP powers in PNG](#) by Colin Wiltshire

[2014 in the Pacific: a year of elections](#) by Tess Newton Cain

Global development policy

[Review – Islands at risk? Environments, economies and contemporary change](#) by Jack Corbett

[A conservative approach to aid](#) by Terence Wood

[A new year resolution for the poor: the 10% commitment](#) by Stephen Walker

[Does aid have a future? A must-read new e-book](#) by Jane Thomason and Anne-Marie Slaughter

In brief

[Private giving in 2013: Australia tumbles and a surprise entry from Myanmar](#)

[Mapping the invisible — NGOs and health](#)

[NGOs accuse Coalition of plotting to break pre-election promise](#)

[Survey shows high rates of gender violence in Fiji](#)

[Vanuatu calls for reforms to Australia's backpacker program](#)

[Australia's role in money laundering further criticised](#)

[Aid stories you missed in the holidays](#)

[Enough is enough – a Samoan story with regional resonance](#)