

## Newsletter: 2017 Pacific Update | European Union aid policy | Duncan Green's new book | PNG election database

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### **Pacific Update Call For Papers**

The 2017 Pacific Update, will be held on 20 - 21 June at The University of the South Pacific (USP), Suva, Fiji. The Pacific Update Conference is the premier forum for debate and discussion of important public policy issues in the Pacific. See the [call for papers](#). Abstracts [invited](#) for submission until 15 April 2017.

### **European Union Development Policy**

Stefano Manservigi is Director-General for [International Cooperation and Development](#) (DEVCO) at the European Commission. In his [public lecture](#) at 1215pm, on Tuesday 28 March 2017, he will discuss European Union aid policy, with a focus on the Pacific region. Register [here](#).

### **Duncan Green's new book**

Duncan Green is Senior Strategic Adviser to Oxfam GB and author of the [From Poverty to Power](#) blog. In a public event at 1230pm, on Tuesday 4 April, Duncan will discuss his new book *How Change Happens*, which explores the drivers that shape change. You can read more about the event [here](#), and register your attendance [here](#).

### **PNG election database**

How has candidate voter share changed across PNG over the last few decades? How do female candidates typically fare? You can find the answers to all this and more in the new [Papua New Guinea Elections Database](#), an interactive tool for analysing electoral results and trends in PNG at constituency level over the last 40 years.

Terence Wood was in PNG to launch the database, and you can read coverage of the event [here](#), and hear him interviewed on [ABC's Pacific Beat](#). You can also read his blog on [key electoral points](#), and discussion paper [here](#).

A reminder that the PNG Update 2017 will be held on 10 – 11 August 2017, and that a call for papers has been [issued](#). Abstracts are accepted until 28 April 2017. Further information [here](#).

### **Upcoming events**

*European Union development policy*

1215 - 115pm, Tuesday 28 March, Barton Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Details [here](#).

*Understanding how change happens*

1230 – 130pm, Tuesday 4 April, Weston Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Details [here](#).

*Australian aid evaluations: new policy; Indonesia roads; and PNG health*

2 - 5pm, Monday 10 April, Weston Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Details [here](#).

*Democracy in Africa: past, present and future*

1230 - 130pm, Wednesday 12 April, Brindabella Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Details [here](#).

*Complexity in governments and markets*

530 - 630pm, Thursday 20 April, Weston Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Details [here](#).

*2017 Pacific Update*

20 - 21 June, The University of the South Pacific (USP), Suva, Fiji. Details [here](#).

*2017 PNG Update*

10 - 11 August, The University of Papua New Guinea, Waigani Campus, Port Moresby. Details [here](#).

### **Blog highlights**

[Public support for migration](#)

[Five essential facts on the upcoming PNG elections](#)

[Tough times for INGOs](#)

[Trump's aid cuts](#)

### **On the blog**

[The fight against TB begins with protecting health care workers](#) by Leila Stennett and Joyce Sauk

[Want to sell aid to the Australian public? Look to values, not national interests](#) by Terence Wood and Camilla Burkot

[Possibilities for transformation of the Tai health system in Shan State, Myanmar](#) by Sharon Bell

[Telecommunication and broadcasting regulation in Papua New Guinea – in conversation with the regulator](#) by Amanda H A Watson, Hans Adeg, Kila Aluvula and Gibson Tito

[America first, development unplaced: Trump's 2018 budget proposal](#) by Robin Davies

[The end of the golden age](#) by Paul Ronalds

[The Papua New Guinea Election Results Database](#) by Terence Wood

[What do Australians think about immigration?](#) By Henry Sherrell

[#Feminism: digital technologies and feminist activism in Fiji](#) by Tait Brimacombe, Romitesh Kant, Glen Finau, Jope Tarai and Jason Titifanue

### **In brief**

[Fortnightly links: famine, feminist development policy, edible drones, snakebite, and more](#)

[Devpolicy Blog Reader Poll: the results](#)

[Call for papers for 2017 Pacific Update Conference](#)

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