

Newsletter: AAC livestreaming | Trump and global development | Australian aid from Menzies

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AAC livestreaming

If you've missed out on registering for the [2017 Australasian Aid Conference](#), don't fret: we will be livestreaming all plenary sessions from the event, as well as all parallel sessions in the Molonglo Theatre. You can access the livestream [here](#), and find the conference program [here](#). If you are coming to the conference, please note that this year we will be publishing speakers' abstracts [online](#) only. Come early to get a seat in the Molonglo Theatre at the Wednesday morning opening, or be prepared to sit in the overflow lecture theatre. And don't forget we start Tuesday afternoon, with the launch of the [2017 World Development Report](#) at 5pm.

What Trump did next

What are the implications for foreign aid and global development of the Trump administration? In recent weeks, coverage of the Trump executive order on immigration has dominated global press reports, and, in a recent Lowy [article](#), Henry Sherrell provides an Australian perspective. In a blog [post](#), Ashlee Betteridge and Camilla Burkot worry Australia might return to earlier Trump-like aid reproductive health policies. Finally, Robin Davies [predicts](#) that US funding for major UN agencies could disappear under Trump.

Measuring Australia's foreign aid generosity, from Menzies to Turnbull

In a new [policy brief](#), [blog](#) and Conversation [article](#), Robin Davies reviews Australia's aid generosity from the early 1960s to the present. He finds that OECD historical aid statistics, often cited by Australian commentators, are unreliable up to about the mid-1990s. Even with the historical record corrected, however, the decline in Australia's generosity over time remains stark. Australia's per capita GNI has more than doubled in real terms since the early 1960s, while Australia's ODA/GNI ratio has fallen by more than half.

Upcoming events

World Development Report 2017: Governance and the Law

5 – 6.30pm, Tuesday 14 February, Molonglo Theatre, Crawford School, ANU. Details [here](#).

Australasian Aid Conference 2017

14 – 16 February, Crawford School, ANU. Event details [here](#).

Blog highlights

[Australia's development contractors: not philanthropic enough?](#)

[A new approach to supporting women in politics](#)

[Why PNG sends so few seasonal workers](#)

Latest podcasts

Rupert Simons, CEO of global campaign for aid transparency [Publish What You Fund](#), will be speaking at

next week's AAC. Listen to his interview [here](#).

On the blog

[Advance Australia unfair](#) by Emma Larking

[How can we tackle abuse in the global garment industry?](#) By Alice Evans

[What future for PNG economics students? Findings from a graduate exit survey](#) by Michael Cornish and Methuselah Wabiria

[Australia's contractors in international philanthropy: missing in action?](#) By Rod Reeve

[Improving the electoral chances of Melanesian women: an evidence-based approach](#) by Julien Barbara and Kerryn Baker

[Measuring Australia's foreign aid generosity, from Menzies to Turnbull](#) by Robin Davies

[How recruitment and selection can shape seasonal work programs: comparing Fiji and Papua New Guinea](#) by Henry Sherrell and Richard Curtain

[Global Gag Plus, family planning and Australian aid](#) by Ashlee Betteridge and Camilla Burkot

[Does PNG rank highly for Internet porn searches?](#) By Amanda H A Watson

[Trump's new deal for international organizations: 40% off](#) by Robin Davies

In brief

[Fortnightly links: aid and democracy, empowering women, South Sudan, and more](#)

[Vale Hans Rosling](#)

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[Practice parliament session for PNG women: applications now open](#)

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