



Forthcoming Events

Citizenship and Globalisation Seminar

Asphalt, Stones and Water: The collision of modernity with sense of place

By: A/ Prof. Andrea Witcomb

When: Thu, 5 April from 4pm

Where: Blue Room (B2.20)Burwood campus

Does 'Canadian' Mean the Same Thing in 1971 and 2006? Neither Does 'Multiculturalism'

Speaker: A/ Prof. Laura Moss, University of British Columbia

When: Wed, 18 April from 4pm

Where: Blue Room (B2.20) Burwood campus

The coming crisis in the NGO sector?

By: Prof. Sue Kenny

When: Thu, 26 April from 4pm

Where: Blue Room(B2.20)Burwood campus

My Life in Freedom: the meaning of freedom and autonomy for people with drug addictions

By: Dr. Grazyna Zajdow

When: Thu, 10 May from 4pm

Where: Blue Room(B2.20)Burwood campus

Subsistence Rights and Moral Realism

By: A/Prof. Stan van Hooff

When: Thu, 24 May from 4pm

Where: Blue Room(B2.20)Burwood campus

State Failure and Intervention in the Arc of Instability: A Case Study of Australian State-building in the Solomon Islands

By: Dr. Julien Barbara

When: Thu, 31 May from 4pm

Where: Blue Room(B2.20)Burwood campus

Transnational Feminism, Gender Equality and the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325: A study from Kosovo

By: Dr. Lynne Alice

When: Thu, 14 June from 4pm

Where: Arts Meeting Room(C2.05.01) Burwood Campus

Admission Free. Drinks and Snacks will be provided

Deakin University International Relations Working Paper Series

Australian Foreign Policy Frameworks and CSI:

Beyond Post Mortems

By: Prof. Gary Smith

When: Tue, 3 April, 1pm-2pm

Where: Building M1.07 (Burwood Campus),

Room JB2.107 (Geelong Campus with AV hook-up)

Feel free to bring your lunch.

Change The Political Climate: Turn up the Heat!

Two Days Of Workshops & Activities For Environmental & Social Change

20 –22 April 2007

CERES Community Environment Park,
8 Lee St. Brunswick East, Melbourne

In just the past 5 years, over 170 social forums have been held in more than 120 cities worldwide, bringing together over a million participants under the banner "Another World is Possible". The Social Forum Process has provided dynamic open spaces for finding solutions to the 21st century's most pressing local and global challenges: fair trade, environmental sustainability, global peace and human rights.

The mission of the Melbourne Social Forum is to create open public spaces to discuss, share and act on ideas for sustainable social and ecological justice. To do this the MSF hosts events, in public and on-line, which bring together progressive individuals and groups from within civil society in the Melbourne area and beyond.

In 2007 the Melbourne Social Forum will be held April 20-22. The Saturday and Sunday (21st, 22nd) event will include workshops, stalls, music, and food at Ceres Environmental Park.

Further details: info@melbournesocialforum.org

Website: <http://www.melbournesocialforum.org/>

Australia ICOMOS 2007 National Conference eXtreme Heritage

Cairns, 19-21 July 2007

This year the Australia ICOMOS national conference is held in partnership with James Cook University at their Cairns Campus. The conference theme this year is Extreme Heritage - Managing heritage in the face of climatic extremes, natural disasters and military conflicts in tropical, desert, polar and off world landscapes. It reflects the modern challenge of managing heritage in a changing and volatile world. The theme puts Australia and its climatic diversity in a world context and draws together national and international researchers from across the world working in similar environments to talk about common and emerging issues. The conference will be relevant to a broad audience involved in the heritage industry. It will provide an excellent opportunity for delegates to meet and exchange ideas with other ICOMOS members and heritage and other professionals, and will be particularly relevant to many of our neighbours in the Asia-Pacific region who have to deal all too often with issues of Extreme Heritage.

The Symposium on Climate Change and Heritage 19 July

Abstracts are now invited for symposium papers. Papers should address one of the three discussion points of the symposium:

1. Past climate change and its heritage 'legacy'
(Convenor, susan.mcintyretamwoy@jcu.edu.au)
2. Future scenarios for climate change and likely heritage impacts and implications
(Convenor, marcus.barber@jcu.edu.au)
3. Secondary impacts of climate change on heritage
(Convenor, caitlin.allen@bigpond.com.au).

This session will include the impacts arising from government policy responses to the climate change. It is envisaged that the proceeding of this workshop will be published as an edited volume.

Conference Sessions 20 and 21 July

The Organising committee is calling for abstracts from those wishing to present papers and /or posters at ICOMOS 2007. The abstracts for oral presentations (papers) will be reviewed firstly by the session convenors and then by members of the conference organising committee to ensure that presentations are relevant to the conference themes and sessions.

All abstracts for papers should be submitted under one of the following themes:

1. The Heritage of Polar Landscapes
2. Working In the Urban Jungle

3. The Heritage of Desert Landscapes
4. Cultural Heritage Management In The Pacific
5. Heritage, Identity, Cultural Diversity and Human Rights: Professional Challenges
6. Heritage Disasters And Risk Preparedness
7. The Heritage of Off-World Landscapes
8. Rainforest and Savannah: Cultural Heritage In The Tropics
9. The Watery Realm – An Extremely Important Environment
10. Over exposed or blown away! Architecture in the Extreme
11. Extreme Experiences In Cultural Tourism And Interpretation

Heritage, Identity, Cultural Diversity and Human Rights: Professional Challenges

Convenors: William Logan and Tracy Ireland
william.logan@deakin.edu.au, tracyi@gml.com.au

This session will develop along two themes:

- exploring the links between heritage conservation, cultural rights and human rights, and
- exploring the professional challenges involved in understanding and conserving these contested heritages.

Theme 1

Violently contested heritage sites and cultural practices abound the world over. Governments and communities too frequently destroy the monuments and traditional practices of other peoples, making the protection of cultural heritage one of the most important components of the human rights agenda today. The protection of cultural heritage underpins arguments in favour of maintaining cultural diversity and is linked to cultural rights as a form of human rights. In many countries this linkage is not clearly recognised by cultural heritage practitioners who view their work as merely technical, or even by human rights workers, despite the abundance of opportunities around the world to witness people struggling to assert their cultural rights in order to protect their heritage and identity.

Theme 2

Heritage discourses are mobilised by communities to revitalise cultural identities, especially as they emerge from periods of conflict and struggle. Heritage practitioners may become complicit in 'disremembering' difficult legacies and focusing on consensual or 'politically correct' interpretations. In situations tense with the emotional implications of current or recent conflicts, how have practitioners dealt with the layered and contested values of places central to sustaining cultural identities under threat?

Papers exploring these themes as case studies, overviews or explorations of theoretical issues especially using Australian, Asian and Pacific Island case studies are invited.

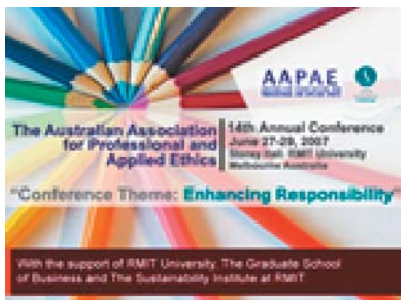
The Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics: Fourteenth Annual Conference

June 27-29, 2007

Storey Hall, RMIT University, Melbourne
"Conference Theme: Enhancing Responsibility"

The Fourteenth Annual AAPAE Conference welcomes scholars, researchers and practitioners from various disciplines and professions for discussion of interest and issues in applied and professional ethics. The Conference will feature high profile Key Note speakers from the Government, Corporate and Academic sectors. Details will be confirmed in coming weeks.

For more details and to register, please contact:
Dr. Michael Segon
Tel: 61 -3- 9925 5950
email: michael.segon@rmit.edu.au
Conference website:
<http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=m9ra4t15vuta>



Religion, ethnicity, and modernity: Identity and Social practice in Asia

University of Washington
Seattle, Washington
5-6 October 2007

The Southeast Asia Center, University of Washington, will celebrate its 20th anniversary on 5-6 October by honouring the scholarly contributions of its founding director, anthropology professor Charles 'Biff' Keyes. Since the beginning of his career, Professor Keyes's work has centred on three key Weberian themes—religion, ethnicity, and modernity—which, together and separately, have had special relevance to the study of Southeast Asia, and Asia more generally. Leading scholars of the region will attend a two-day conference to explore these three concepts and their relevance in understanding the complex and volatile processes of change that have taken place in the region.

The two-day conference will be open to the public and will include thematic panels of invited papers, a reception to honor

Professor Keyes, and a keynote address. The conference is supported by generous contributions from the Henry M Jackson Foundation and the University of Washington College of Arts & Sciences.

Enquires to:
The Southeast Asia Center
Jackson School of International Studies
303 Thomson Hall, Box 353650
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington 98195-3650

Website: <http://jsis.washington.edu/seac>

Immigration, Minorities and Multiculturalism in Democracies

Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, Montréal
October 25 – 27, 2007

Concern with issues of ethnic pluralism has come to the forefront of public debate in liberal democracies and newly democratizing states. Wide-ranging population movements around the globe, endorsement of cosmopolitanism, and the increasing importance of norms fuzzily labeled "civil rights", have been widely regarded as positive trends. At the same time, there is little doubt that in many cases, ethnic heterogeneity has been characterized by mistrust, suspicion, alienation, and conflict. As many societies are undergoing demographic transformations, there is intense debate about how communal relations are best managed. At the forefront are issues such as the place of religious arbitration, dress codes in public schools, and the balance between freedom of speech, and the sensibilities of religious minorities, as demonstrated in the "cartoon affair" in Europe in the winter of 2006. Some believe that illiberal norms are being injected into liberal societies and are contributing to the erosion of social cohesion. Others fear that multicultural ideals are being taken over by increasing intolerance toward immigrant and indigenous ethnic communities. Yet others still feel that multiculturalism and social cohesion are not inconsistent policy objectives. The aim of the conference is to explore empirical, normative, and policy-relevant questions relating to inter-group relations in multiethnic societies, both Western and non-Western, and from diverse disciplinary perspectives.

Call for Papers: Please submit abstracts to cfp@edg-gde.com by March 31st, 2007

Further details: Email: cfp@edg-gde.com
Website: <http://www.edg-gde.ca/>

Recent Events

Afghanistan today: Women striving for human rights in a “new democracy”



On Monday 12th March 2007 the Centre for Citizenship and Human Rights assisted the City of Yarra in hosting a public forum at the Richmond Town Hall to hear guest speaker Malalai Joya, who spoke on the current situation for women in Afghanistan and described her experiences as an outspoken woman in Afghan politics working to shape a new Afghanistan. Malalai is an elected member of the newly formed Afghan government, who has captured international attention as a committed and courageous advocate for women's human rights in Afghanistan, despite threats to her life.

The evening was well attended (approximately 140) and the question and answer time following Malalai's talk generated stimulating exchange from the floor. The level of attendance was indicative of the real interest in the community on these issues from amongst a diverse general public as well as the Afghan community.

Ms Onnie Wilson (Melbourne representative of the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan) put in many hours of her time bringing this forum to the attention of community groups, and has reported that donations made on the night were very generous and will be used in a practical way to assist Malalai in her continuing endeavours to have her message heard.

Research Activities

Recent Research Grants

Dr. Phil Connors received \$30,000 from the Victoria Police - Project Vista to undertake a preliminary study of "appraisal of the impact of youth and "hard to reach" communities on policing and the managerial qualities required for the management of these issues". This current study will provide a report for the Western Region of Vic Police, focusing on Region 2 (Western Region).

Dr. Phil Connors has been invited to work with (TBI) The Big Issue magazine on research with vendors, looking at the economic and social benefits of selling the magazine. TBI has received \$28,000 per year for 2 years to undertake the research from a charitable foundation.

A/ Prof. Kevin O'Toole together with Monica Keneley (business and Law) and Dr. Margaret McKenzie (business and Law) has received a \$65,000 grant from the Gardiner Foundation for the following:

A model of analysis for measuring the impact of farm forestry in dairy country in south west Victoria It is the intention of this project to provide independent evidence of the economic and social implications of plantation forestry into established dairy-farming districts. The focus of study is the dairy farming areas in South West Victoria, particularly the Corangamite Shire. The outcomes of the research will lead to the development of a model of analysis that can be applied to other districts that are yet to experience land use change.

The project is in partnership with Corangamite Shire, Corangamite Catchment Management Authority and Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority (Each will contribute \$5,000).

A/Professor Kevin O'Toole together with Dr. Anne Wallis and Associate Professor Brad Mitchell (School of Life and Environmental Sciences) have won a grant for \$213,000 from the Victorian Water Trust for a project entitled: Reshaping rural and regional urban customer attitudes to water saving and recycling across south west Victoria. The project has also attracted US\$55,000 from ALCOA.

The project will investigate the adoption of water saving initiatives across the customer base of Wannon Water, including a significant rural component not previously investigated. Developing a detailed understanding of the attitudinal barriers to the adoption of water saving behaviours and the implementation of strategies targeted to those behaviours are the primary goals of this project. Through a participatory research process that involves researchers, water managers and the community the benefits of behaviours that reduce water demand and the barriers to adopting these behaviours will be investigated so that effective programs for water saving and recycling can be

developed, tested, refined and implemented as part of Wannon Water's demand management program.

Authored Book

Marc Askew, William Logan and Colin Long (2007) *Vientiane: Transformations of a Lao Landscape* (London, Routledge).

Providing insights into this neglected Southeast Asian city, this interesting book interprets Vientiane's landscape - physical as well as imagined - as a reflection of key aspects of Lao geo-political history, the nature of Lao urbanism, and its critical relation to constructions of Lao identity in the contemporary period. It is argued that the patterns of change seen through Vientiane's past embody the key political and economic processes and transformations impacting on the people of Laos.

The Lao urban past has rarely been an object of attention by scholars. Laos, in fact, is continually portrayed as a rural backwater, marginal to the dynamic trends affecting most of the Southeast Asian mainland. In contrast to these persistent and static portrayals of Laos as a tiny landlocked backwater, with no significant urban present or past, the authors aim to document, explain and evaluate the significance of the Lao urban landscape.

Focusing on the theme of Vientiane's 'marginality' in its various forms, the book interprets this apparent marginality as an historically-produced phenomenon resulting from geo-politics dating from the pre-colonial period and extending into the post-colonial period. Drawing on a wide range of research materials, *Vientiane* is the first work of its kind on this ignored city.



That Luang, Laos

Srivastava, S (2006) *Passionate Modernity. Sexuality, Class and Consumption in India*, Routledge. London, New York, and New Delhi

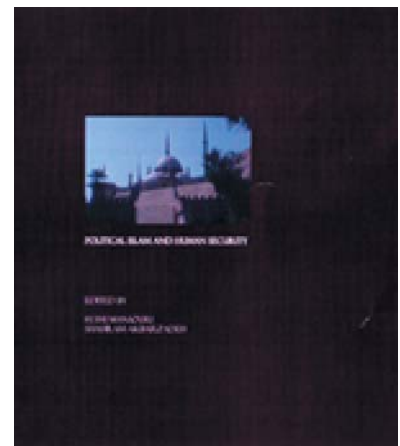
Combining historical and ethnographic analysis, this book deals with the making of the heterosexual imagination from the beginning of the twentieth century to the present in the Indian context.

This unique book uses methods from anthropology, cultural studies and history to explore the making of modern

cultures of sexuality in India. It provides an analysis of the sexual and domestic politics of the period by focusing on the vast corpus of publications and journals on sexology from the 1920s to the 1940s, and links Indian activities with those in other parts of the world. The author analyses material that has thus far been outside the purview of scholarly studies, namely, 'footpath pornography', magazines such as *Sexology Mirror* (in Hindi), women's magazines dealing explicitly with sex and sexuality.

Edited Books

Mansouri, F. (with S. Akbarzadeh), (2006), 'Political Islam and Human Security'. Cambridge Scholars Press: Newcastle, UK, 280p.



Contribution to Books

The World Heritage Centre at UNESCO Paris has published its book 'World Heritage: Challenges for the Millennium'. Prof. Bill Logan is acknowledged in it as one of the contributors.



Forthcoming Publications

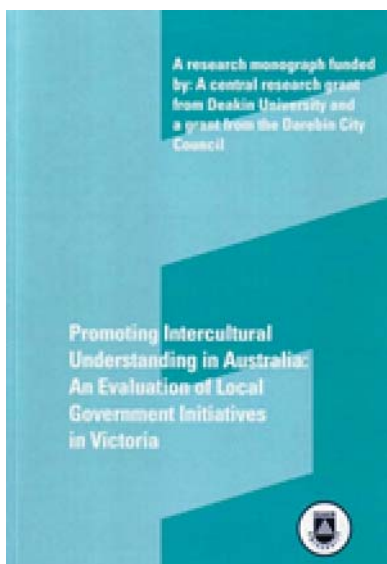
Prof. David Birch has just completed a book on the cultural politics of playwriting in Singapore concentrating on the 20 years work of leading Singapore playwright Haresh Sharma. It will appear in August 2007 as Volume 6 Interlogue Series, General Editor, Kirpal Singh, Ethos, Singapore.

Major Research Report

Mansouri, F., S. Kenny and C. Strong (2007), 'Promoting Intercultural Understanding in Australia: An Evaluation of Local Government Initiatives in Victoria'. Centre For Citizenship & Human Rights (CCHR), Deakin University: Geelong 169pp.

Journal Articles:

Benner, M. & Lofgren, H. (2007) The bio-economy and the competition state: transcending the dichotomy between coordinated and liberal market economies, *New Political Science*, vol 29, no. 1: 77-95.



Mansouri, F. (2007), 'Unlocking Australia's relationship with the Middle East'. *Australian Journal of Political Science*. Vol.42, No.1, pp. 1-14.

Mansouri, F. & S. Cauchi, (2007), 'A psychological perspective on Australia's asylum policies'. *International Migration Journal*, Vol. 45, No.1, pp. 1-26.

Mansouri, F. & Kamp, A. 2007, Structural deficiency or cultural racism: The educational and social experiences of Arab-Australian youth, *Australian Journal of Social Issues*, 42, 1, pp.87-102.

Weerakkody, N D 2006, 'Where else have you been?: The effects of diaspora consciousness and transcultural mixtures on ethnic identity. *Issues in Informing Science and Information Technology*, 3, 709-720.

<http://proceedings.informingscience.org/InSITE2006/indexbytopic.htm> (pp. 709-720).

Weerakkody, N D 2006. A 'Mobile' Technology and the Broadband 'Horse Trade': An examination of webcasting in Australia. *International Journal of Learning*, 13 (8), 45-60.

Weerakkody, N D 2006, A comparative analysis of opinions of Americans, Australians and Malaysians on the use of biometric devices in workplaces, for security and monitoring of worker productivity. *International Journal of Knowledge, Culture, and Change Management*, Volume 5, 43-52.

Book Chapters

Marotta, Vince (2007) "Multicultural and Multiethnic Cities in Australia" in R. Hutchinson & J. Krase (Eds) *Ethnic Landscapes in an Urban World*, Amsterdam: Elsevier, pp. 41-62.

Weerakkody, N 2007, Australia: Webcasting: "Pretty dead really" – Or is it? In Ha, L & Ganahl III, R J (Eds.). *Webcasting worldwide: Business models for an emerging global medium*, (pp. 357-379). Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Mahwah, NJ. . To be translated into Mandarin Chinese by Hang Min & Dandong Min and published by Wuhan University Press.

Walsh, L. (2006). "Technological Futures in International Education: Issues, Challenges and Lessons from the Past." In *A Handbook of Research in International Education*, Mary Hayden, Jack Levy, Jeff Thompson (eds). London: Sage. pp.199-209.

Andrea Witcomb, (2007)'Growing up between two languages/ two worlds: Learning to Live without a "terra"' in Mary Bese-meres and Anna Wierzbicka, *Translating Lives: Living with Two Languages and Cultures*, UQP.

Conference Presentations

Dr. Lynne Alice (SIPS) and Dr. Lynne Star (SCCA) presented papers at the 8th Australasian Association of Communist and Post-Communist Studies (AACPCS) Conference at the University of Melbourne, which was co-hosted by the Contemporary Europe Research Centre (CERC) - Lynne Alice: "The heritage of communism & post-conflict democratisation in Kosovo: the significance of women's public activism". Lynne Star " 'Catharsis: The Communist Terror in a Bulgarian Film. Conversations with Vania Zhekova, Independent Documentarist "

Professor Clare Bradford was an invited participant at the 2nd International Symposium on English Language Teaching Materials in Damai Laut, Perak, Malaysia, where she delivered a symposium address in February. At the International Conference which followed she gave a plenary lecture, 'Bridging the Gap: Race and Reconciliation in Texts for Australian Children', and a workshop based on her work developing the 'Dust Echoes' animations based on stories from the Wugularr community in the Northern Territory. The symposium and conference were sponsored by Universiti Putra Malaysia and Pearson Longman.

A/ Prof. Damien Kingsbury presented a paper, 'Legitimacy: A Comparative Analysis', to conference 'Secession, state creation and nationalism', Centre for Comparative Law, History and Governance, Macquarie University, 8 April 2007.

A/Prof. Fethi Mansouri was invited to present a keynote address 'Cosmopolitan Schooling for Cultural Difference and Inclusive Pedagogies' at a symposium 'Sperdiversity, Diaspora and Media', sponsored by the Cultural Research Network, Centre for Cultural Research, University of Western Sydney on 19-20 March.

Sally Percival-Wood I gave a paper at a conference in Delhi on 6 February for the Diversity--An Educational Advantage project. The conference was: Cultural Diversity, Governance and Policy: India-Australia, Organised by the Indira Gandhi National Open University in collaboration with the Australia-India Council (AIC), Australian High Commission in Delhi. Sally's paper was titled: 'Cultural Diversity in the Australian Classroom and the Experience of Arab-Muslim Students'

Jonathan Sweet delivered a research paper co-written with Colin Long at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London (5/1/07). The theme of the two day symposium was 'The Cold War Expo', and it was jointly hosted by the University of Brighton and the Research Department of the Victoria and Albert Museum. Their paper was titled: Cold War Exhibition Intrigue in Indo-China: Laos' That Luang Fair in the 1960s'.

A/ Prof. Sanjay Srivastava delivered keynote address: 'Masculinities, globalisation, and street culture', at Department of Sociology', Delhi school of Economics. Delhi on January 7 He was also invited to present a paper 'Workshop on Middle-classes in India' at a conference organised by University of California, Berkeley, and Delhi University on 15-17 March in Delhi.

Public Engagements

Dr Lynne Alice (SIPS) has been invited to serve on the Academic Board of the Universiteti Arena e Arsimit Bashkëkhor (Albanian University of Kosovo) as an Adjunct Professor in International Relations.

Professor Sue Kenny as Director of CCHR was invited to participate in a 'roundtable discussion event' on 8th February 2007 with the Department for Victorian Communities (DVC) with two leading overseas visitors: Dr Geoff Mulgan, Director of the Young Foundation UK and Professor Mark Harrison Moore, Faculty Chair and Director of the Hauser Centre for Nonprofit Organisations, Harvard University, USA to draw on their knowledge whilst visiting Professor Mark Lyons, University of Technology, Sydney, as part of the Stronger Community Organisation Project (SCOP) project.

A/ Prof. Fethi Mansouri was invited to:

- Tramtactic: public conversation with Kate Darian-Smith (Melbourne Uni) sponsored by the City of Melbourne, on 'the cultural impact of migration on Australian identity'. 9 February 2007.
- Roundtable discussion with Philippino Muslim leaders on intercultural relations in multicultural societies. Organised by DFAT and hosted by Monash University. 22 February 2007.
- Symposium on Australian Muslims: Sharing our Achievements. Hume global Learning Centre, organised by the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FACSA). 24 February 2007.
- Member of expert panel on 'Parenting and cultural diversity'. Panel organised by Migrant Resource Centre (Preston) and Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FACSA). 1 March 2007.

A/ Prof. Sanjay Srivastava attended a research consultation: NO workshop on Gender, Masculinities and violence, organised by UNDP and the Save the Children, Sweden. January 9-10, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Dr Andrew Vandenberg whilst visiting Sweden in the capacity of visiting scholar at The Institute for Contemporary History, Södertörn University College, Stockholm gave a paper on "Social-movement unionism in theory and in Sweden" at a movement network seminar on Popular Movements: theory and practice at the Workers Educational Association, Stockholm on Friday 16th February.

Tramtactic

W-11 TRAM is a collaborative art project exploring dialogue, performance and hospitality through providing conditions for the experience of journeys. With its sides bearing the words in Urdu and English: 'piyar zindagi hai / love is life', the W-11 TRAM creates a dynamic and mobile public space with a disarmingly warm atmosphere. The project, involving collaboration with Pakistani vehicle decorators, was one of the most celebrated offerings of the cultural festival of the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Now in its second season, W-11 TRAM is operating one night per week during summer 2006/07 on Melbourne's City Circle tram route. It is a free experience that offers open hospitality to all and builds multi-cultural community connections by fostering a spirit of trust in encounters with others. The tram undertakes six 50-minute laps of the city starting and finishing at Federation Square. Three different types of artful journeys take place each week to explore dialogue, improvisation and openness.

TRAM OVERHEARD

Journeys of dialogue

Each week two guests come aboard discussing personal journeys, issues of mobility and migration, transportation and cultural change, hospitality and the public realm. Conversation-alists include known voices alongside people less heard, with each dialogue tracing a way through the thoughts and realities of civic Melbourne here and now.

Departure 14: KATE DARIAN-SMITH + FETHI MANSOURI
Does it take the shared, mobile space of a tram to bring together the strangeness of Australia and the Middle East?



Departure 17: SUDESH MISHRA + PHILLIPA ROTHFIELD
Discuss Body, Movement and Transnational Mobility



(Text and photo from [tramtactic:http://www.tramtactic.net/W-11](http://www.tramtactic.net/W-11))

Media Coverage

Dr Lynne Alice was interviewed for the story 'Long history of confrontation' published in The Herald Sun, Tuesday 16 January, 2007.

Dr Scott Burchill wrote an opinion article on 'The Government's rhetoric on Iraq has long defied reality: Howard's uncritical support of the US has caused him to misjudge the war', The Age, 23.2.2007.

A/Professor Linda Hancock was interviewed in relation to an article 'Pokies use hypnosis, study finds' in Sunday Canberra Times, 18/2/2007.

A/Professor Damien Kingsbury was interviewed during February 2007 on the following:

- on ABC state-wide radio on federal government plans to introduce teacher performance assessments;
- ABC Asia-Pacific TV on the UN's commitment to East Timor;
- SIN-FM on Sri Lankan asylum seekers;
- Crikey.com on East Timor's elections;
- Crikey.com on escalating violence in East Timor

Dr Michael Leach:

- opinion piece, 'Timor tensions demand cool ADF heads'. Crikey.com, 6 March.
- was interviewed by ABC television, Asia-Pacific Focus Program, on the upcoming elections in East Timor.

RPA Student Profile

A/Prof. Sanjay Srivastava

- Interviewed by the US magazine 'Men's Health International' on gender and masculinity issues in South Asia, January 2007.
- Interviewed by Associated Press on schooling, globalisation and the changing influence of public schools in India, March 2007

Other News

Dr. Colin Long is now a regular columnist with the on-line journal Eureka Street.

A/Professor Elizabeth Eckermann was selected as the Zonta Club of Geelong's Outstanding Women of Achievement Award recipient. The Award is for 'a women of note in the Geelong community who has contributed directly to the advancement of women over the past year through not only their work but also via academic and personal means, community service or as a role model.

In 2006, Dr. Lucas Walsh has been working in collaboration with Dr. Monika Merkes from Darebin City Council on developing a set of guidelines for Local Government & Online Citizen Engagement. Funded by an Australian Domain Name Administrator Foundation Grant, the first report from this collaboration between Darebin City and Deakin University - the "Local Council e-Consultation Guide" - was published in 2007 and can be viewed at <http://econsultation.wikia.com>.

New Staff Arrival

Ms. Helen Hunter, Administrative Assistant, the Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific

Helen Joined the faculty on 28 March, replacing Ms. Carla Morgan as the administrative officer for the centre. Helen has B.A in History (the University of Melbourne) and is currently undertaking Grad. Dip. of Museum Studies at Deakin University. She has worked as a museum volunteer at the Jewish Holocaust Centre.

Ehssan Abdallah



Having graduated from Deakin University with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) / Bachelor of Commerce, I began working as an Export Manager with a Melbourne-based manufacturing company. After successfully setting up their international export strategy over 12 months, I was offered a position with the Victorian Government Business Office (Middle East) as a locally engaged project development consultant.

Whilst at the VGBO, based in Dubai, I was responsible for the development of the State's education and health sectors across the Middle East and North Africa region. The active organisations namely involved: the State Department of Education & Training, the vocational training sector (TAFE Colleges), Melbourne University, RMIT University, Deakin University, and the Victorian Healthcare Association- Global. I was heavily involved with the securing of a number of commercial projects for these organizations across Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Bahrain.

In July 2005, I returned to Melbourne to complete my Ph. D., at Deakin University, which examines the impact of culture on Australia's trade relationship with the Middle East. This investigation looks particularly at the role of Australia's university sector given the culturally-intensive nature of international education as compared to other exports, such as commodities or other services. The importance of examining Australia's international education initiative is of even greater relevance given the contribution this makes to the national economy. Coupled with this, the Middle East of late, has been on the receiving end of an unprecedented amount of media and public scrutiny, again bringing the overall Australian-Middle East relationship into attention.

In addition to completing my thesis, I was a casual lecturer with the School of International and Political Studies. Since returning to Melbourne, I have also provided consultancies to a number of companies and organisations actively involved with developing relationships with their counterparts in the Middle East.

My principal supervisor is Fethi Mansouri; and my associate supervisors are Geoff Stokes, and Steve Slaughter. I'm hoping to submit my thesis in December 2007.

Invitation

To Participate in the Citizenship and Globalisation RPA

We invite both expressions of interest in the work of the RPA and applications from staff for support with relevant research projects over the next three months.

The Citizenship and Globalisation RPA has four research fellows and an administrative assistant to enhance the Faculty's efforts on grants, consultancies and publications in the area of Citizenship and Globalisation. To facilitate staff requests for work to be done by the research fellows and the administrative assistant, the RPA Project Group has established the following procedures and criteria for approving projects.

- All project work by the Research Fellows and the administrative assistant are to be approved by the RPA Project Group.
- All Academic members of the faculty staff would be eligible to apply.
- Each applicant to submit to the Chair of the RPA Project Group:
 - (a) one page project application form, and
 - (b) the applicant (s)'s CV (s),

Project proposals would then be submitted to the Project Group, which would, where necessary, rank them on merit, according to the following criteria.

Project Criteria

Proposals ought to be oriented towards a substantial project in the general area of Citizenship and Globalisation, that requires work on :

- Organising, preparing and writing applications for grants, tenders or consultancies, including preliminary research for this purpose.
- ~~Publication activity, such as writing, editorial and indexing services in the production of books, book chapters or refereed articles.~~
- Conference or workshop organization leading to refereed publications or commercially published books.
- Where ongoing research projects require the service of a Research Fellow, and research finance (e.g. through an ARC grant) is already available, such projects would have to reimburse the ~~ICG~~ for the time allocated to the Research Fellow.

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