

## **Richard Tregurtha Shand — (29 June 1934 – 15 November 2014): A Tribute to a Great Scholar and Institutional Builder**

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Dr Richard Tregurtha Shand, a distinguished economist and our colleague in the Australian National University, passed away peacefully on 15 November 2014. His funeral service was held on 21 November at the Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd in Curtin, ACT.

Ric was an outstanding scholar and institution builder. He made many world class scholarly contributions in applied economics with emphasis on South Asia, particularly, India. In 1994 through Ric's efforts, ANU established the Australia South Asia Research Centre (ASARC) in the then Division of Economics in association with the Commonwealth government. With Ric as founding director ASARC came to be at the forefront of Australian research into the Indian economy, whence Ric came to be regarded as pioneer of research into the Indian economy in Australia. He helped establish ANU's Rajiv Gandhi chair of economics and the K.R. Narayanan Oration in honour of (now deceased) His Excellency Dr K.R. Narayanan, former President of India. Dr Narayanan, a friend of Ric's, had helped establish ASARC. This oration is regarded as one of the best "India" lecture series anywhere. Ric was a much loved teacher and PhD supervisor and gave invaluable support to his students and colleagues including to Kalirajan who regarded him as valued co-author, family friend and mentor. Ric always remained a picture of humility interested only in the development of good economics and policy for people in poor countries. His reputation in these countries, particularly India, is formidable. We write for his numerous admirers when we say that although his work will live long in research, Ric is already sorely missed.



The Hon. Tim Fisher, Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, officially releasing ASARC-ANU Economic Profiles in South Asia series, Canberra. Ric Shand (in red tie), is on the right. 26 Mar 1997 (Photo by U.N. Bhati)