Season's greetings to all our ALUMNI

Above from left: Graduation 2009. The new Crawford building. Environment Minister Peter Garrett and Prof Tom Kompas at the launch of ACBEE (Australian Centre for Biosecurity and Environmental Economics).
Message from the Director, ANU Crawford School

It is a great pleasure to write to you at the end of 2009 not as Director of the IDEC program, which is how many of you know me well, but as the incoming and new Director of the Crawford School. For me, this is a great honour and a most exciting challenge, one that comes at a time of enormous opportunity for our School. We are on the move! Literally, since we are in the process of relocating to our new suite of buildings, near Lake Burley Griffin, just up the hill from the National Museum, and substantively, as we vigorously continue along our desired path of becoming a world-class policy school.

Indeed, as we started to move into our mini-campus this week and explored our fabulous new facilities, it hit all of us: we understand fully the expectations of the Australian National University and of the Crawford community to live up to our new and grand facilities, and to do so by continued strong leadership in providing high quality research, teaching and policy impact. This mission includes all of you — our treasured alumni. You are a valued part of our community and you have a clear and ongoing stake in all that we do. It’s our School and we need to work together to make it the very best.

But let me in this brief seasonal greeting — more news to come later as we launch our new Crawford Newsletter — remind us all of the immense contribution of our outgoing Director, Professor Andrew MacIntyre. Many of you will know that Andrew is now the Dean of the College of Asia and the Pacific, the college that our School is now part of in the new ANU restructuring of the university. Andrew’s vision to build a world-class policy school is his valued legacy, and bears wonderful expression in our new building and our mini-campus on the lake.

Along with Old Canberra House, and the Stanner building, we have added a new structure — seamlessly joining the old with the new, with a central courtyard to represent the renewed sense of community and engagement that we all now feel. Most appropriately, the new building that links the old is called the J G Crawford Building (please see the photos in the newsletter).

Let me spend a few words on our students for 2009. We are proud of all of them. Last Friday we had a superb Crawford graduation with 138 Masters students receiving their degrees, with a valued cohort of 12 students receiving their doctorates. If you look at the terrific photo of the PhD students, you probably can remember one or two. The stories of the Masters students come through in each of the program director’s notes that follow in this newsletter. Sue Farrow will fill in for me as we traverse to a new IDEC director.

One of the many good news stories about Crawford staff is on teaching. Janine O’Flynn and Chunlai Chen carried off the main prizes for excellence in teaching from the College of Asia and the Pacific. I got lucky myself, winning the Vice Chancellor’s award for teaching. The three of us reflect well the Crawford School’s deep commitment to high quality post-graduate education.

Finally, to our whole alumni group, both personally and on behalf of our School, we wish you the best of luck and every success in your careers and look forward to meeting you in 2010, if we can. Always remember, if you are in Canberra — whether you are crossing the street to see us or have travelled from other parts of Australia or overseas — please stop and visit us. You’ll always have a home at the Crawford School. And now you have a new home, with a lake view!

Tom Kompas
Director, Crawford School
Selected Publications
Crawford faculty continue to strengthen the School’s reputation by publishing in high-quality, peer-reviewed international journals. Publications in 2009 and soon forthcoming cover a wide range of topics. A snapshot of these include:

- Larmour, P, ‘From Clean up to FICAC: Anti Corruption in Fiji’s Post-coup politics’ Crime Law and Social Change

Research Highlights in 2009
For Research Highlights in 2009 see:
http://www.crawford.anu.edu.au/research/
Grants and Awards

Crawford faculty members have also been active in winning prestigious awards and grants. For example:

- **Tom Kompas**, as a part of the Northern Prawn Fishery Bioeconomic Team, received the 2009 CSIRO Medal for Research Achievement.

- **East Asia Forum**, led by Crawford staff Peter Drysdale, Shiro Armstrong and Dominic Meagher and ANU undergraduates Ben Ascione and Charles Prestige-King won the Vice Chancellor’s 2009 Award for Innovation and Excellence in Service Quality.

- **Michael Ward** received a $5000 External Research Grant from the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney for his project entitled “Recidivism, Enforcement, and Environmental Compliance”.

- **Yusaku Horiuchi** received a large research grant from the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, equivalent to an ARC Discovery Grant.

- **Jenny Corbett** and **Kazuki Onji** received $6,000 from the Australia-Japan Foundation for the project on the Australian Research Network on the Japanese Economy (ARNJE).

- **Ann Nevile** and **Janine O’Flynn** received an ARC linkage grant for their project, ‘Balancing Trust and Control in the Provision of Employment Services’, which will provide an independent review of two key elements in the new generation of employment services and test claims about the advantages of a model of service provision that relies primarily on trust, rather than competition and control to achieve desired outcomes.

- **John Uhr** was appointed as a member of the ACT Legislative Assembly advisory committee, 20th Anniversary of ACT Self-Government, May 2009.

- **Emma Aisbett** received a $30,000 grant from the Environmental Economics Research Hub to study the valuation of ecosystem services for agricultural production in Australia.

- **Sharon Bessell** and **Amy Liu** are part of a multidisciplinary team that received a Linkage Grant to develop a new gender-sensitive multi-dimensional measure of poverty.

- **Trevor Swan Distinguished Lectures in Economics**

The Crawford School, in collaboration with the College of Business and Economics, continues to support and organise a distinguished lecture series named in honour of the ANU’s Foundation Professor of Economics, Trevor Swan. In 2009, the Trevor Swan lectures were delivered by Professor Thomas Lemieux of the University of British Columbia, James Robinson of Harvard University, Edward P. Lazear of Stanford University, and Professor Mark R. Rosenzweig, Director of the Economic Growth Centre at Yale University.

PhD students

Season’s greetings! I was recently appointed as the Research Director of Crawford School following on from Prasanna Gai. I am honored to serve in this important role, and will do my best to maintain, and improve, our research environment. In the past years, we have produced important research articles, books, and policy papers, and organized a range of conferences, workshops and seminars. I believe, however, that we can do even more and continue to enhance the quality of research. To achieve this, I strongly believe that we need alumni engagement and support. Please keep me updated on your research and other activities, and do not hesitate to contact me whenever you have a chance to come back to Canberra or the ANU. I would like to set up more opportunities for you and our current faculty members, visiting researchers, and PhD students to interact with one another. I wish you a very fruitful new year, and look forward to communicating with you in 2010. Congratulations to the following students who completed their theses during 2009:

- Lisa Arnold, Andrew Bradly, Jeremy Cheesman, Peter Kora, Gabriel Lele, Dieu Khanh Luc, Hazel Moir, Arief Ramayandi, Shiro Armstrong, Hoang Long Chu, Adam Johnn, Matthew Linley, Van Tuong Nguyen, Ha Trong Nguyen, Nazmun Nahar Ratna, Adrian Rollins, Yae Sani, Xunpeng Shi, Jayarethnam Sinniah Pillai, and Satoshi Yamazaki.

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Connecting with our Alumni

Australian Alumni

Greetings Crawford School Alumni,

2009 has, again, seen a record number of students commence and complete studies at the Crawford School. We are proud to say that a good deal of the credit for this growth comes from the reputation of you, the alumni body of the School.

This year’s Annual Crawford School Alumni and Friends’ Dinner, held at the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra, was another milestone with eighty alumni and friends of the Crawford School making it a truly special evening. This was the first time many alumni had the opportunity to meet and mingle with members of the Crawford School’s Advisory Council as well as catch up with former classmates and build networks of contacts with alumni from other years. Also in attendance were the Professor Emeritus Richard Mulgan, Acting Director of the Crawford School; Dean of the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, Professor Andrew MacIntyre; as well as Professor Kim Beazley, AC, Chancellor of the ANU Alumni and friends enjoyed the lavish banquet and were treated to an insightful presentation from Professor Beazley who outlined the University’s plans for the future, touched on plans to reform the Australian Public Service as well as his plans to advance the relationship between the US and Australia in his role as Ambassador to the US commencing in 2010. This year’s Master of Ceremonies was Dr. Janine O’Flynn who ensured every detail was seen to and that the evening went off without a hitch.

The Crawford School looks forward to welcoming all alumni to events in 2010, including the 2010 Annual Alumni and friends Dinner planned for September 17th in the new home of the Crawford School.

Please keep an eye on the alumni page of the Crawford School website for more information on this event and other news.

Thank you,

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International Alumni

Seasons Greetings to you all!! I can’t believe it has been a year since I last wrote to you. I hope you have had a happy and healthy 2009. We have had a few health issues amongst the members of our team, but I think we are all on the road to recovery and will be ‘fighting fit’ in 2010. We were sad to say good bye to Balkis Zakaria who left the team last month to accompany her husband to Sydney. Her place has been taken by Aishah Zainuddin who is settling in superbly. Next year, Chris Lawrance and Lynn Toohey will also be joining us, and we welcome them both to the team.

Our recruitment efforts have been well rewarded this year. Ida and I travelled to China early this year and Ngan and I visited Cambodia, Laos, the Philippines and Vietnam; Sue Farrow and Lynn Toohey visited Indonesia and Lynn also travelled to South America; Chris Lawrance was in Malaysia, South Korea and Japan; and Maurette MacLeod travelled to PNG. Partly as a result of the excellent efforts of these staff members, our international student numbers will be the highest ever in 2010 with China, Indonesia and Vietnam having the largest cohorts of new international students. We also held alumni dinners in most of the countries we visited and it was great to catch up with some of you and hear about your successful careers and family increases.

We continue to have very successful collaborative training programs for master-level students with several universities in China, notably, Renmin University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, and the University of International and Business Economics in China. We have also just signed a contract with the Beijing Forestry University and are about to sign with Nankai University and Liaoning University in China and with the National Economics University in Vietnam, also for master-level training. Apart from our recruitment efforts, we have continued to manage the AusAID, IMF and ADB scholarship programs and we are expecting 85 new AusAID funded students in 2010 – the largest cohort ever. This year we also secured funding from AusAID to train 21 Vietnamese staff of three institutions in Hanoi. They are just completing a Graduate Certificate in Public Administration (Leadership). We hope to do more training of this nature in the future.

So all is well with our team here. Please stay in touch and update your alumni details on our webpage if they have changed.

I want to wish you all you ‘best ever’ year for 2010, and we hope to catch up with you sometime, somewhere in the new year.

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New Education Director

It is a great pleasure to take on the role of Director of Education in the Crawford School following on from the marvellous work of Dr Peter Lamour. Providing an outstanding educational experience is core to the Crawford mission and all of staff, professional and academic, work together to fulfil this. From recruiting the best students, working with them in Canberra, and celebrating their achievements after they graduate, our students are important members of the Crawford Community.

In a recent review of our College it was noted that Crawford was already the best policy school in the Asia-Pacific region and well on the way being one of the best in the world. Whilst we were proud to receive such praise, we are continually striving to improve performance across education, research and policy impact to take our place amongst the best in the world. To be the best we need to maintain strong relations with our Alumni – when they graduate we want them to remember their time with us fondly, we want them to value their intellectual experience, and we want them to remain connected to us. The Crawford educational experience does not end on graduation day – we want to continue our relationship with Crawford Alumni much further into the future.

To gauge how well we are doing now, and where we can improve in the future we have undertaken a major survey of students under the expert leadership of Ms Alison Cumming Thom, the recently appointed Director of Teaching and Learning. In early 2010 the School will hold an education retreat to reflect on the results and plan new strategies to address issues and build on our great strengths. I will work particularly closely with our newly appointed Director of Research, Associate Professor Yusaku Horiuchi and Director of Teaching and Learning, Alison Cumming Thom to improve our performance in education and deliver an outstanding experience for all our students. I invite any members of our Alumni network who would like to feed into this process to contact me directly with ideas and comments.

Several members of the Crawford faculty received recognition for their outstanding teaching this year. The newly appointed Crawford School Director, Professor Tom Komnas received the ANUs highest award for teaching, the Vice-Chancellors Award for Teaching Excellence. Success was also enjoyed in the ANU College of Asia and Pacific Awards where Dr Chunlai Chen received the award for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning and Dr Janine O’Flynn received the award for Teaching Excellence. Members of our faculty were also nominated as ANUs top supervisors for 2009: congratulations go to Professor Jeff Bennett, Dr Sharon Bessell, Associate Professor Yusaku Horiuchi, and Professor Tom Komnas. We celebrate all of these individual achievements and, in doing so, recognise the amazing job our professional staff do in providing excellence in education, in particular program staff and our academic skills professionals. All of our staff, working together, make the educational experience in Crawford as great as it is.

As I write, we have just celebrated the graduation of many of our students and we welcome them as our newest members of the Alumni network! And we are just days away from moving to the new Crawford precinct overlooking Lake Burley Griffin where we will well and truly move into the next phase of our development. Please drop by in 2010.

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The good news about the Policy and Governance Program in 2009 is that Maurette McLeod remains right at the centre of things, even though there have been many changes in personnel. Alison Cumming-Thom and Mark Badger, who have carried out the major load of academic skills in this Program, have now been relocated into a central group under Alison’s leadership. Mark Badger will continue to have primary responsibility for Policy and Governance academic skills, but he will now be working as part of a School-wide academic skills unit. After a year away on other projects, Heather Radcliffe returned towards the end of 2009 to assist Maurette and the Program.

Student numbers continue to grow in Crawford’s Policy and Governance Program, which manages the graduate diploma in public administration, and the two masters degrees, one in public administration and one in public policy. The Program’s 2009 intake was up on 2008, with increases at both the graduate diploma level and also the direct-entry masters level. Graduate diploma students are typically full-time international students who complete the diploma after twelve months, then continue on in Canberra for a second year to complete a masters degree. At masters level, the numbers again increase greatly with the introduction of many direct-entry international students and substantial numbers of Australian students, usually Canberra-based public servants studying part-time.

In first semester 2009, Program director, Professor John Uhr, took study leave to spend time at Georgetown University, Washington DC in the United States. Like Canberra, Washington is a national capital in a specially-designated Territory in a federal system of government. Washington also has many schools of public policy which John Uhr visited in order to learn more about running an effective policy school. During John’s absence, Professor Richard Mulgan returned to act as Program head, even though Professor Mulgan officially retired at the end of 2008. Students valued his welcome return to the classroom as well as to the administrative office. During second semester of 2009, John resumed his role as Program head but Richard Mulgan remained on the teaching staff, taking a core course in the masters of public policy degree.

A feature of 2009 was the role of Program academic Janine O’Flynn in co-ordinating the new whole-of-Crawford masters course ‘Governments, Markets and Global Change’ which was convened by School director Professor Andrew MacIntyre. In 2010, Janine will be joined by Peter Larmour so that two of the Program’s leading lecturers will be providing the small-group workshops in the core ‘Governments, Markets and Global Change’ course.

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International and Development Economics Program

2009 has been another busy and exciting year for the International and Development Economics (IDEC) program, during which we have seen a number of new initiatives, staffing changes and additional courses to our program. We are sorry to lose Professor Tom Kompas as the IDEC Director, however, you will have already noted that he has been appointed the new Director of the Crawford School and we are very pleased that he will teach his Masters Microeconomics course in 2010 and will continue to take a special interest in IDEC. I know that you would want to sincerely thank Tom for all the great work he has done over the past six or seven years as the IDEC Director.

We are pleased to be able to introduce you to the new IDEC Director, Dr Stephen Howes. We welcomed Stephen to the Crawford School at the beginning of 2009 and he has already become an influential and important faculty member, teaching two popular new courses this year, Climate Change Policy Economics in Semester 1 and Aid and Development Policy in Semester 2. Some of our Alumni may remember Stephen as a fellow student in 1987-1988 in the Economics of Development program at NCDS and in the School of Economics here at the ANU! Stephen completed his doctorate studies at the LSE, London, and comes to us from the World Bank, where he was based in Washington and later in Delhi as Lead Economist for India. He returned to Australia in 2006 to the position of Chief Economist at the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and spent most of 2008 working on the Garnaut Review on Climate Change. His research interests lie in the aid policy, public finance in developing countries, international and climate change policy areas and he has much expertise working in India, the Pacific and PNG regions. With these credentials and experience, we are delighted to have Stephen take over the IDEC helm and continue the good work already set in place by Tom Kompas, to steer the IDEC program upward and onward. We welcome Stephen on board and wish him all the best as he takes up his new appointment in January 2010.

Many of you will remember Dr Satish Chand, who will continue his research work in the AP region but who left the Crawford School community at the beginning of 2009 to take up a position at the University of New South Wales, based at the ADFA campus here in Canberra. As both a student Alumni and ex-faculty member, we wish Satish well in his new position. In 2009 we welcomed Dr Kaliappa Kalirajan to the Crawford faculty and ANU on a full-time basis and he will continue to teach his popular Trade course.

Both our IDEC and Master of Environmental and Resource Economics (MERE) programs continue to expand and it is pleasing to see a recent growth in interest in the MERE program from international students for 2010, being already well established as a popular program of economics study with Masters students from Australia. Our twinning programs with Chinese, Vietnamese and Indonesian institutions continue with strong student interest and of course we look forward to welcoming many new ADS awardees in 2010. We are grateful to our Alumni from many different countries and organisations who we know play a big part in recommending our IDEC program to colleagues.

The Helen Hughes prize winners for being the top IDEC students for 2009 are as follows, sincere congratulations to all:

HELEN HUGHES PRIZE FOR SEMESTER 1 2009
Graduate Diploma to Viet Tuan Tran from Vietnam. Masters to Tufail Yousafzai from Pakistan.

HELEN HUGHES PRIZE FOR SEMESTER 2 2009
Graduate Diploma jointly to Hoang Thanh Tran and Trang Vu, both from Vietnam. Masters jointly to Marcel Schroder from Germany and Stephen Smith from Australia.

We do hope that you will continue to keep in contact with the IDEC program, as we will with you with visits to your country from both academic and professional staff members and we will of course continue to meet with as many of you as possible at the various Alumni dinners and functions that we look forward to continuing. Please do not hesitate to contact the program directly or via your in-country Alumni representatives with your news.

From the IDEC program staff, sincere best wishes to all for a happy festive season and successful year ahead in 2010.

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What a busy year it has been for the Environmental Management and Development program. Our very first graduates from the Master of Climate Change received their degrees in November – just in time for Copenhagen! The Master of Climate Change continues to attract a lot of interest from both Australian students and increasingly from overseas. With the environment on everybody’s mind, and every government’s policy agenda, the Environmental Management and Development program continues to grow in student numbers, new staff and scope of courses.

We welcomed Stephen Howes to our program in 2009. Stephen is teaching Climate Change Policy Economics which is a core course in the Master of Climate Change degree, but is also becoming a very popular elective with our regular EMD students.

Prior to joining us Stephen was the Chief Economist at AusAID. He worked from 1984 to 2005 at the World Bank, first in Washington and then in Delhi, where he was Lead Economist for India. He spent most of 2008 on the Garnaut Review on Climate Change. His research interests include aid policy, public finance in developing countries, international climate change policy, his geographic focus include India, PNG and the Pacific. Stephen will be particularly busy from next year after recently being appointed as the new Director for the International and Development Economic Program.

In 2009 we also had a first in offering courses online. This move to flexible delivery is particularly convenient for students who can’t come to the university due to work commitments, or who commence a degree but have to relocate before finishing. If you know of anyone who is interested in studying online please don’t forget to let them know of our new flexible delivery methods. It is hoped that before too long we will be able to offer enough courses to complete the full Master degree in EMD.

Our academic staff continue to produce high quality research and publications on a number of large funded projects including; Luca on deforestation and climate change; Jeff on Improving the Efficiency of Land Use Change Policy in China and various Hub projects; John continues with his sustainable oil palm research in Indonesia; Emma on Investments and Globalisation and the Environment; and Daniel on all things water focussed.

I encourage you all to keep in contact and we honestly love to hear of your career achievements and interesting positions you find yourselves in now. A bonus of keeping in touch is when we are in your vicinity we love to catch up at alumni events with our special EMD ‘family’.

On behalf of all of us in EMD may I wish you all the very best for the festive season and a prosperous and healthy 2010.

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Congratulations to Crawford Prize Winners

It is our pleasure to congratulate the following Crawford students who received prizes in 2009:

- **Huong Thanh Tran** and **Trang Vu** jointly received the Helen Hughes Prize for Academic Excellence in the Graduate Diploma in International and Development Economics.
- **Marcel Schroder** and **Stephen Smith** jointly received the Helen Hughes Prize for Academic Excellence in the Master of International and Development Economics.
- **Yangchen Tshogyel** received the Raymond Apthorpe Prize for Academic Excellence in the Graduate Diploma in Public Administration.
- **Lisa Nicole Staruszkiewicz** received the Raymond Apthorpe Prize for Academic Excellence in the Master of Public Policy.

“Winning this award is a huge honour. I was extremely fortunate to be taught by passionate and engaging lecturers who inspired an enthusiasm in me for the courses I studied. I was also very lucky to have friends and family that were happy to proof read essays and point out any, and all, flaws in my reasoning! Looking back, I know this award is due as much to the efforts of these people as to the hours I spent agonising over pieces of assessment.”

Lisa Staruszkiewicz,
A/g Manager, Disaster Risk Reduction, AusAID

“Winning this award is an honour. Thanks to Tom, Sue and everyone at the Crawford School for a great experience throughout the course.”

Steve Smith,
Senior Economist, Access Economics

Above left to right: Trang Vu with Prof Tom Kompas, Marcel Schroder, Stephen Smith, Lisa Staruszkiewicz with Prof Tom Kompas.
In December 2009, the Crawford School relocated from Ellery Crescent to a new mini-campus site on Acton Peninsula overlooking Lake Burley Griffin. This will be the new home to our 550 students and 100 staff and faculty members. We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful new facilities next time you visit us.

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