



## RMAP BULLETIN 19 MARCH 2004

### SEMINARS OF INTEREST

#### **Australia's Engagement with the South Pacific: A Renewed Sense of Belonging?**

Maev O'Collins, Visiting Fellow, Department of Political and Social Change, RSPAS, ANU  
Emeritus Professor, University of Papua New Guinea  
Date & Time: Wednesday 24th March, 2.00-3.30pm  
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU  
(Political & Social Change seminar)

#### **Land, Custom and Conflict in East New Britain, PNG**

Keir Martin, PhD Candidate, Manchester University, UK  
Date & Time: Thursday, 25 March, 12.30 - 1.30  
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU campus  
(RMAP seminar)

#### **Avoiding the Resource Curse: Challenges to Sustaining Development in Timor-Leste**

Introductory PhD Seminar  
Jenny Drysdale, CRES/ATRF  
Date & Time: Thursday 25 March, 2.30-3.30pm  
Venue: Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies, CRES Seminar Room, 6th Floor, Building  
43A (Hancock Building), ANU  
(CRES Seminar)

### RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

#### **Conference Calendar**

([http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf\\_calendar.html](http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf_calendar.html))

#### **1. Coastal Zone Asia-Pacific Conference, Brisbane, Australia, 5-9 September 2004.**

The Conference Committee invites you to submit an abstract for consideration to be presented at Coastal Zone Asia Pacific 2004 (CZAP 04). The conference theme 'Improving the quality of life in coastal areas' follows on from the successful first international CZAP 02 conference held in Bangkok. Website for Conference: <http://www.coastal.crc.org.au/czap04>

#### **PANEL ON COASTAL ZONES POWER, POLITICS AND LIVELIHOODS**

New attention on the coastal zones of Southeast Asia and the South Pacific are driven by multiple interests in conservation, planning, security, international relations as well as economic. Power relations are involved at many different levels involving among others: governments, fishing and timber companies, non-government organisations as well as local communities and those who claim to represent their interest. This panel would be interested in issues of power and agency, policy and outcomes as well as political economy, on themes including:

coastal communities and sustainable livelihoods  
coastal planning, conservation and community participation  
gender, access and management of coastal resources

coastal zones, history and power  
epistemic communities and policy  
conservation, management and policy  
transborder conservation, nationalism and identity  
migration and the coast  
national security, coasts and the state

Objectives of the panel include:

To pull together ongoing scholarship on coastal zones of southeast Asia and the South Pacific in a way that captures contemporary dynamics of institutional power and politics and their outcomes in terms of policy, planning and management practices, natural resource use patterns, as well as community development and involvement in the policy process.

To aim towards international publication in any of Southeast Asia, Europe or Australasia, specifically publications (either in journal or books) that could combine both Southeast Asia and South Pacific scholarships.

Those interested please submit abstracts (by 1 June 2004) for consideration via email to: Fadzilah Majid Cooke, Associate Professor, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, School of Social Sciences Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, Email: [fadzilahc@hotmail.com](mailto:fadzilahc@hotmail.com), or [fadzilah@ums.edu.my](mailto:fadzilah@ums.edu.my)

Note: Those who have already submitted their abstracts to the conference organisers but who now wish to be included in my panel may do so by informing the conference organiser below of their intentions, and copy their correspondence to me by email.

## OTHER NEWS

### 1. Radio National: EARTHBEAT - **Feeding the World**

Saturday March 20, 8.30am & Monday March 22, 2.30pm, Radio National

Rice is normally associated with tropical wetlands so it may come as a surprise that rural NSW is home to the world's most productive and scientifically advanced rice growing industry. But it comes at a high price in terms of water use. This week Earthbeat (presented by Jackie May) follows rice farmers as they struggle to reconcile environmental responsibility with the demands of making a living in this International Year of Rice. <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/science/earth/>

### 2. **Resources, Energy, and Development**

Call for papers.

You are invited to submit articles for the inaugural issue of Resources, Energy, and Development. The deadline for submission is 30 April 2004. The journal will accept papers dealing with theoretical and methodological issues and case studies relating to the interrelationships between development, human activity and resource use. The journal will be particularly interested in papers addressing sustainability issues and transitions. It will provide a forum for dialogue between the scientific community and society at large. The journal will be methodologically open and include research articles, review and survey articles, short research reports, book reviews, short communications, and a calendar of future events. Its articles will sustain academic as well as policy interest

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