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SEMINARS OF INTEREST

The Looming Water Crisis In India And The River Linking Projects - A Policy Perspective

Work in Progress Seminar

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Date & Time: Wednesday 7 April, 2.00 to 3.30 pm

Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU
(Political & Social Change/RMAP Seminar)

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

Conference Calendar

http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf_calendar.html 1. Ten Years of **Australia South Asia Research Centre (ASARC)** – An International Conference. To be held at University House, ANU, 27-28 April, 2004. <http://rspas.anu.edu.au/asarc/tenyears/>

2. **Indonesia Update 2004 – The Economic, Political and Environmental Challenges.**

The Australian National University, 24-25 September, 2004.

The challenges in using and managing natural resources in Indonesia are immense: ensuring that resource utilisation benefits most people in the country; optimising the rate of exploitation of mineral reserves, bearing in mind the interests of future generations; achieving sustainable forest and maritime exploitation; and much else. Recent rapid political change (reformasi) and decentralisation may seem to have provided opportunities for a long-term development path that embraces both resource sustainability and equity issues. However, these changes have also generated an environment of political uncertainty, weak law enforcement, increased insecurity of property rights and local conflict. This situation, together with the post-crisis imperative of restoring rapid socio-economic progress, creates an ever more pressing need to address the challenges of proper utilisation and management of natural resources.

For more details: <http://rspas.anu.edu.au/economics/ip/IU04/>

3. The University of Cambridge, the University College London (UCL), the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM) in association with UK DEFRA and DIVERSITAS announce the **Sixth International BIOECON conference on the economic analysis of policies for biodiversity conservation**. Kings College Cambridge, 2-3 September 2004. The conference will be of interest to both researchers interested in biological resources and biological processes and to policy makers interested in or working within the field of biodiversity conservation. The conference will have sessions examining the management of biological resources and biological processes as well as sessions regarding the economic analysis of policies for biodiversity conservation. Papers may be submitted for consideration for presentation within the workshops by sending copies to both Cambridge (Andreas Kontoleon at ak219@cam.ac.uk) and to UCL (Tim.Swanson@ucl.ac.uk) no later than 15th May 2004. Acceptance of papers will be notified by email by 31st May 2004. Registrations for the conference are due by 30th June 2004.

4. **19th World Energy Congress & Exhibition**, 5 - 9 September 2004, Sydney, Australia. Delivering Sustainability: Opportunities and Challenges for the Energy Industry.
<http://www.tourhosts.com.au/energy2004>

OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

Boyle, T., 2003. '**Conserving Forest Biodiversity: Threats, Solutions and Experiences**'.
UNDP/GEF.

http://www.undp.org/gef/undp-gef_publications/publications/conserving_forest_biodiversity.pdf

OTHER NEWS

1. **PIMRIS is a formal marine information networking system** (of regional institutions and Pacific Island countries) devoted to the collection, storage, retrieval and dissemination of information on fisheries and other living and non-living marine resources in the tropical Pacific.

<http://www.usp.ac.fj/library/informationcentres/pimris/pimris.htm>

2. New Guinea Craft - <http://www.newguineacraft.com.au>