



## RMAP BULLETIN 9 JULY 2004

### SEMINARS OF INTEREST

#### **The Place of Agricultural Intensification in Sepik Foothills Prehistory**

Bryant Allen, Senior Fellow, Department of Human Geography, RSPAS  
Date & time: Monday 12 July, 3.30pm - 5.00pm  
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, Fellows Road, ANU  
(Human Geography Seminar)

#### **Current Issues of Politics and Development in Solomon Islands**

Honorable Bartholomew Ulufa'alu, MP  
Date & time: Thursday 15 July, 11:00am - 12.30pm  
Venue: Seminar Room A, Coombs Building, ANU  
(SSGM Seminar)

#### **Community Engagement in Literacy: Implications for Education, Training, Employment and Governance in a Remote Indigenous Community**

Inge Kral, Ph.D. research scholar, CAEPR  
Date & time: Wednesday 14 July, 12.30 - 2.00pm  
Venue: CAEPR Seminar Room G058, Ground Floor, Hanna Neumann Building #21  
(Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research Seminar)

#### **Participation of the Landless Poor in the Rural Economy Through the Non-farm Sector: A Case Study in Bangladesh**

Rie Makita, PhD Student, Department of Human Geography, ANU  
Date & time: Monday 19 July, 3.30pm - 5.00pm  
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, Fellows Rd, ANU  
(Human Geography Seminar)

#### **Transaction costs analysis of alternative greenhouse policy instruments in the Australian transport energy sector**

Albert Ofei-Mensah, Policy Officer, Energy and Environment Division, Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources, Canberra  
Date & time: Monday, 19 July, 12.30-1.30pm  
Venue: Seminar Room 1, 2nd floor, J.G. Crawford Building, NCDS  
(APSEG Seminar)

#### **Water Issues for the Rice Industries of Australia and California**

Dr Laurie Lewin and Dr Cass Mutters  
Date & time: Wednesday 21 July, 5.30-7 pm  
Venue: Plant Industry Lecture Theatre, CSIRO, Black Mountain (Building 1; near the Barry Drive and Clunies-Ross St corner. **Not** the Crop Adaptation Theatre)  
(Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology Seminar)

#### **Insights on Sustainability, Policy Challenges, Institutional Barriers and Political Poxes** (with apologies, and thanks, to Stephen Jay Gould)

Paul J Perkins, Adjunct Professor, CRES ANU, former CEO ACTEW

Date & time: Thursday 22 July, 12.30-2.00pm

Venue: Seminar Room, 6th Level, WK Hancock Bldg West, Bldg 43, Biology Place, ANU  
(Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies Seminar)

## RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

### Working Papers

(<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/workingpapers.php>)

Foale, S. and M. Macintyre, 2004. **Fujichrome Green: The photographic fetishization of biodiversity by environmentalists.** The Australian National University, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, RMAP Program (Working Paper No. 54).

### Conference Calendar

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

#### 1. The East – West Dialogue, Barcelona, 1-3 July, 2004.

The East – West Dialogue is organized by the FORUM BARCELONA 2004, under the auspices of UNESCO, along with CASA ASIA ( The Asia House) and will take place in the Centre de Convencions Internacional de Barcelona ( CCIB). For further information: <http://www.casaasia.es/forum>.

**2. ICAS 4 (International Conference of Asian Scholars)** is hosted by the Shanghai Academy for Social Sciences (SASS) and will be held from 20 to 24 August 2005. The conference is expected to draw more than 1500 specialists in the field of Asian Studies. New features of ICAS include the Lifetime Asian Studies Award, the ICAS Book Prizes for the best studies in the fields of the Social Sciences and Humanities, and ICAS PhD thesis in Asian Studies. Information and Registration: <http://www.icassecretariat.org/>

**3. International Conference on Sustainable Transportation in Developing Countries.** 30 January – 2 February, 2005. To be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. See website for further details: <http://www.ee-uae.com/conference/index.html>

## OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

1. The first-ever set of **standards certifying land use projects that reduce global warming** while conserving the environment and alleviating poverty will be opened up for global peer review and comment next week by the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Alliance. All parties interested in reviewing and commenting on the standards can do so online at [www.climate-standards.org](http://www.climate-standards.org).

2. A new study by the Worldwide Fund for Nature and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has found that the world could establish a **global network of marine parks** for less than half of what Americans and Europeans together spend on ice cream each year. See <http://www.panda.org/downloads/marine/balmfordetalproofs.pdf>.

**3. PPGis.net** is an **informal network of development/GIS practitioners and researchers** operating in developing countries, First Nations and elsewhere. We share common interests in participatory spatial information management, community mapping, and participatory GIS practice and science. You are welcome to join our discussion group and collaborative space via [www.ppgis.net](http://www.ppgis.net).

## OTHER NEWS

**1. Position available.** Opportunity for an applied anthropologist to do a socio-economic baseline survey in four sites in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia. Probably start in August and involve at least two trips for maybe six weeks work in total? Preferably someone with experience in community-based marine resource management and MPAs, experience in Micronesia and/or other Pacific countries; experience on documenting customary tenure, rules etc, conducting demographic questionnaires and training some local people to assist.

Contact: Dr Natasha Stacey, Community Assessment and Participation Specialist, International Waters Programme, South Pacific Regional Environment Programme, PO Box 240 Apia SAMOA. Tel: (685) 21929; Fax:(685) 20231, Email: [natashas@sprep.org.ws](mailto:natashas@sprep.org.ws). Website: [www.sprep.org.ws/iwp](http://www.sprep.org.ws/iwp).

**2. Herbage** Fourth Edition, is a nexus of useful plant information. It provides hyperlinked access to the data underlying the use of plants worldwide . It is an information resource, both for researchers and general public. Many universities, botanists, chemists, and other professionals involved in the study of plants, herbal medicine and natural products use Herbage for educational and informational purposes.

Herbage Fourth Edition contains 30,523 Plant Species, 18,200 Common Names, and 312,079 links to current internet resources, including 9,341 links to scientific abstracts on PubMed. All of the internet resources, which are new in this edition, were compiled in April of 2004. Herbage was first initiated in 1992. Herbage may be previewed online at <http://www.herbage.info/>

**3. Technical Assistance Consultancy** for the Support of the Development of a Web-based Sulawesi Mini GIS. The main tasks of the consultancy will be to develop a detailed implementation plan and detailed budget for the mini-GIS; work with the Development Section of the Canadian Embassy to identify the local host partner and network partner organizations and establish the modalities of this shared knowledge partnership in information management; provide in-house support and TA to the local host partner in the development, quality control and continuous updating of the mini-GIS; provide in-house support and TA to the local host partner in the development, management and future maintenance of the web site; and to ensure that project risks are managed and develop a sustainability plan

For further details contact: Angela Keller-Herzog, Development Section, Canadian Embassy - Ambassade du Canada, World Trade Center, 6th Floor, Jl. Jend. Sudirman Kav.29-31, P.O. Box 8324 / JKS.MP, Jakarta 12084, Indonesia. Fax (62-21) 2550-7813.

#### **4. Australian Aid Resource And Training Guide (AARTG)**

This newsletter is a window into which the aid practitioner can plug into the humanitarian and development world. It consists of four main sections: advice for those seeking overseas work; useful Australian contacts in the aid field; useful overseas or international contacts related to the aid field; the main aid-related training courses on offer in Australia.

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