



## RMAP BULLETIN 5 NOVEMBER 2004

### RMAP PROGRAM NEWS

**Dr. Gopa Samanta has recently joined the RMAP Program as a visiting fellow.** She is with the RMAP Program for a period of two and half months ( 1 November, 2004 to 15 January, 2005). Gopa is the Senior Lecturer in Geography in Mankar College, The University of Burdwan, India. She has an ongoing research project in India on Women's poverty and empowerment through Self-help groups. Her other research interests are on Rural -Urban Interaction, Urban Problems and Rural Development. While at ANU she is working on 'Livelihood strategies of women and men in *char*land environment in India'. She is also writing a book on the 'River Islands of Damodar, India' jointly with Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt, Research Fellow, RMAP. Gopa is in room 5027, phone 6125 5939. Her email address is [gopa@coombs.anu.edu.au](mailto:gopa@coombs.anu.edu.au).

### SEMINARS OF INTEREST

#### **The Social and Environmental Impact of Mining in Asia-Pacific: The Potential Contribution of a Remote-Sensing Approach**

Glenn Banks and Dave Paull, Discipline of Geography, School of Physical, Environmental and Mathematical Sciences, [UNSW@ADFA](mailto:UNSW@ADFA)

Date & time: Thursday 11 November, 12.30 - 1.30

Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU campus  
(RMAP Seminar)

#### **The SPIN on a New Pacific Information Network**

Lunchtime Discussion

'Alopi Latukefu, founder of the original South Pacific Information Network (SPIN) will talk to Pacific Island researchers and others interested on developing a new information network based on the intranets.com platform.

Date & time: Tuesday, 16 November, 12:30pm

Venue: Seminar Room A, Coombs Building, ANU

Kindly RSVP by 15 November: [ccp@coombs.anu.edu.au](mailto:ccp@coombs.anu.edu.au) ; tel: (61 2) 6125 2316

(Organised by the Centre for the Contemporary Pacific)

#### **Bridge over Troubled Waters? Conflict and Cooperation in the Enclosure Movement in the South China Sea**

David Rosenberg, Visiting Fellow, Department of Political and Social Change, Department of International Relations and Resource Management in Asia and Pacific

Date & time: Wednesday 17 November, 2.00 - 3.30 pm

Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU

(Joint seminar: Department of Political and Social Change, Department of International Relations and Resource Management in Asia and Pacific)

#### **Food Security & Economic Growth: An Aisan Perspective**

Dr C. Peter Timmer, Snr Research Fellow, Center for Global Development, Washington DC

Date & time: Monday 22 November, 5.30-7.00pm

Venue: SAS Visions Theatre, National Museum of Australia, Acton

RSVP: [Karen.Nulty@anu.edu.au](mailto:Karen.Nulty@anu.edu.au), 6125 6650  
(ANU-Toyota Public Lecture Series)

## RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

### Working Papers

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

Filer, C. and Imbun, B. 2004. **A Short History of Mineral Development Policies In Papua New Guinea**. The Australian National University, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, RMAP Program (Working Paper 55).

### Conference Calendar

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

### Pacific Update

The Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government at The Australian National University is pleased to invite you to two events - in Brisbane and Canberra - on the Pacific Islands, focusing on Fiji and Vanuatu. This event is supported by the Australian government's aid agency, AusAID, and presented by the ANU's Pacific Policy Project at the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government.

BRISBANE: Pacific Update, Thursday 11 November, 10.00am-3.30pm, The Map Room, Conrad Treasury Brisbane

(Co-hosted by The Foundation for Development Cooperation)

CANBERRA: Fiji and Vanuatu Update, Tuesday 16 November, 10.30am-3.30pm, Telstra Theatre, The Australian War Memorial

Full programs are available at <http://apseg.anu.edu.au>. RSVP: [debra.grogan@anu.edu.au](mailto:debra.grogan@anu.edu.au)

## OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

Ana Rojas at BothENDS (based in the Netherlands) has recently developed an analysis on synergies between environmental policies and the development of environmental projects. The report analyzes the synergies between environmental policies and the development of comprehensive environmental projects. In this respect, the main objective of the report is to comprehend how climate change, sustainable land use, biodiversity conservation, and water management considerations can be linked to local actors' activities in order to help local communities develop comprehensive environmental projects. Special attention is also devoted to the issue of adaptation to climate change. The report can be downloaded at [http://www.bothends.org/service/Final\\_report\\_synergies.pdf](http://www.bothends.org/service/Final_report_synergies.pdf)

## OFFLINE PUBLICATIONS

New book published by the International Center for Tropical Agriculture

### 'Scaling Up and Out: Achieving Widespread Impact through Agricultural Research'

This book is based on experiences with "scaling up and out" presented at CIAT's 2002 Annual Review by the Center's scientists and partners.

More details: [http://www.ciat.cgiar.org/index.html#book\\_scaling](http://www.ciat.cgiar.org/index.html#book_scaling)

## OTHER NEWS

### 1. Riding the Wave in East Timor ABC Radio: EARTHBEAT Program

Saturday November 6, 8.30am & Monday November 8, 2.30pm, Radio National

This week on Earthbeat we explore some of the environmental challenges for the newest nation on earth - East Timor. Ethical tourism is being examined as a way of bringing the country into the 21st century. <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/science/earth/>

### 2. Solomon Islands Team Leader and Community Engagement Adviser

**Advertised by ANU Innovation.** ANU Innovation's strategic purpose is to **generate funds for research** at The Australian National University (ANU).

We are operating a number of projects in the Solomons Islands and are seeking candidates for these roles. It is an advantage for both roles if you have prior Melanesian experience and local language skills. The positions will take place in an environment of changing local community structures which are affecting clan/line/tribes composition; extended family group's importance; patrilineal and matrilineal societies; and enduring land tenure/customary rules. Community governance is a key concern and engaging communities so that they can work with effective service providers (CBO, NGO, Prov/Nat government) is essential. As such both roles require more of a facilitatory approach rather than development. Having participatory skills, being able to use participatory techniques, having other communications skills, and being a mediator/facilitator and communication-support person are essential. If you are interested please send your CV to [simon.cann-evans@anuinnovation.com.au](mailto:simon.cann-evans@anuinnovation.com.au) For more news and details on ANU Innovation: <http://www.anuinnovation.com.au>

### **3. Seminar: Marie Curie Actions – opportunity to undertake research overseas**

You are invited to a free seminar on the opportunities provided by the Marie Curie Actions. If you work as a researcher in a university, research institute or business and are interested in spending time abroad as part of an international, multicultural research team, then there is a Marie Curie Action to suit you. For information on the Marie Curie actions, see [http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/mariecurie-actions/index\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/mariecurie-actions/index_en.html).

For technical documents and information on the calls for proposals related to Marie Curie Actions, see <http://www.cordis.lu/fp6/mobility.htm>

#### Seminar details:

Wednesday 10 November 9.00 - 11.00am

Conference Room, The National Europe Centre, 1 Liversidge Street (Building 67C on map), ANU  
Advance registration to attend is essential. Please register online at [www.feast.org/register.php](http://www.feast.org/register.php). You have only 1 week to register so please do so as soon as possible.

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