



## RMAP BULLETIN 29 JULY 2005

### SEMINARS OF INTEREST

#### **Earth Observation Systems for Aquatic Coastal Science & Management: Present Status and Outlook**

Arnold Dekker, Environmental Remote Sensing Group, CSIRO Land and Water and Adjunct Associate Professor, Centre for Remote Sensing & Spatial Information Science, The University of Queensland  
Date & time: Tuesday 2 August, 12.30 - 1.30pm  
Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU campus  
(RMAP Seminar)

#### **Reconstructing Decentralization, Forest and Livelihood Narratives: Land Use Benefits in Sumatra, Indonesia**

Luca Tacconi, Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government, ANU  
Date & time: Tuesday, 2 August, 12.30pm  
Venue: Seminar Room 4, First Floor, J.G. Crawford Building, ANU  
(APSEG Seminar)

#### **Escalation and Resolution of WTO Conflicts over Environmental, Health and Safety Issues**

Professor Thomas Bernauer, Centre for Comparative and International Studies, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich  
Date & time: Wednesday 3 August, 12:30- 2:00 pm  
Venue: Seminar Room A, Coombs Building, Building 9, ANU  
(Department of International Relations Seminar Series)

#### **The United States' International Aid Initiatives And the Millennium Challenge Account**

Dr. Patrick Cronin, Senior Vice President and Director of Studies, Center for Strategic and International Studies  
Date & time: Friday 5 August, 10:00 a.m.  
Venue: Office of Public Affairs, Embassy of the United States of America, Ground Floor, National Press Club Building, 16 National Circuit, Barton  
RSVP Acceptances - Essential. Telephone: 6214-5784/5790

#### **Categorical Imperatives: Biotechnology and the Democratic Politics of Novelty'**

Sheila Jasanoff, Pforzheimer Professor of Science and Technology Studies at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government  
Date & time: Wednesday, 10 August 5.30pm  
Venue: Law Link Lecture Theatre, ANU Law School, Fellows Rd, ANU  
(Social & Political Theory, RSSH)

#### **Was Climate Variation a Key Driver of Human Evolution?**

Professor Peter J. Richerson, Department of Environmental Science and Policy, University of California Davis  
Date & time: Thursday 11 August, 12.30pm  
Venue: Seminar Room, Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies, Hancock West Wing (Bldg #043), Australian National University, Canberra  
(CRES Seminar)

## OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

1. Michon, G., 2005. **Domesticating Forests: How Farmers Manage Forest Resources.** Download from [http://www.cifor.cgiar.org/publications/pdf\\_files/Books/BMichon0501E0.pdf](http://www.cifor.cgiar.org/publications/pdf_files/Books/BMichon0501E0.pdf)
2. Asbjornsen, H., et al (ed.), 2005. **Cultivating (in) Tropical Forests? The Evolution and Sustainability of Systems of Management between Extractivism and Plantations.** European Tropical Forest Research Network (ETFRN) Series No. 3: Proceedings of a workshop held 28 June – 1 July 2000 in Kræmmervika, Lofoten, Norway, organised by the Norwegian National Focal Point of ETFRN. <http://www.etfrn.org/etfrn/resource/publications.html>
3. **Climate Change: Risk and Vulnerability. Promoting an Efficient Adaptation Response in Australia - Final Report, March 2005**  
Report to the Australian Greenhouse Office, Department of the Environment and Heritage, by The Allen Consulting Group. Available at: [www.greenhouse.gov.au/impacts/publications/risk-vulnerability.html](http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/impacts/publications/risk-vulnerability.html)  
Includes: scientific developments since the IPCC 3rd Assessment Report (2001); emerging and unresolved scientific issues; vulnerable systems, incl reef systems, coastal mangrove and wetland systems.

## OTHER NEWS

### 1. Research Consultancy – International Forest Policy

The World Bank Group's Foreign Investment Advisory Service (FIAS) is accepting proposals for a research consultancy exploring global good practice in sustainable forestry and certification that will be applied to a forestry project in Indonesia. Interested candidates/organizations are asked to submit a brief proposal (no more than 5 pages) detailing how they would design and implement the tasks outlined in the terms of reference along with a CV (or set of CVs) by August 15, 2005. Terms of Reference (TOR) can be found online at: <http://globalfairness.org/asia/ifec-tor.pdf>  
Please submit these to Mr. Steven Bennett at the Global Fairness Initiative at [sbennett@globalfairness.org](mailto:sbennett@globalfairness.org)

The criteria for ranking proposals are as follows:

1. international forestry expertise / experience (40%)
2. Indonesia-specific forestry knowledge (10%)
3. public policy / government experience [i.e. policy design or reform work, past TA or advisory work with public sector (15%)
4. CSR expertise / experience (15%)
5. proposal caliber (20%)

### 2. ABC Australian Academy of Science Media Fellowships 2005

Are you an Australian scientist who'd like to find out how the media works? The ABC is giving three scientists the opportunity to spend six weeks inside the ABC. You'll receive training and spend time with programs such as Catalyst, the Science Show and The Lab. Details on what to expect and how to apply are at: <http://abc.net.au/science/fellowships/>