

# Child protection in Afghanistan

Thursday 15 August 2013 12.30 – 1.30pm, light lunch provided

**Kerry Boland** Consultant, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

**Brindabella Theatre** Level 2, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, ANU



Decades of conflict have eroded the physical and social fabric of Afghanistan, with severe impacts on the lives of children. Kerry Boland, consultant to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), will talk about her experience building formal and informal mechanisms to protect children in Afghanistan.

Kerry Boland will draw on her experience with UNICEF in supporting the Afghan government to set up a Child Protection Action Network (CPAN). Reflecting on her work with the Afghan government, NGOs, community and religious leaders in the provinces, she will illustrate how child protection issues are identified and dealt with

in local communities. In particular, she will give her perspective on initiatives to prevent and eradicate abuse and exploitation, with special attention to ending early and forced marriage and hazardous and exploitive labour.

Kerry has worked in a range of conflict-affected situations in Afghanistan, Chad, Sri Lanka, Turkey and elsewhere. Her work has focused on protection issues related to women and children. She is the author of *Children on the Move*, a UNICEF study on children of Afghan origin moving to western countries. She has worked for the Australian Red Cross and was a Senior Member of the Refugee Review Tribunal.

This lecture is presented by the Development Policy Centre and the Children's Policy Centre at Crawford School of Public Policy, The Australian National University.

**Further information about the Development Policy Centre:** [devpolicy.anu.edu.au](http://devpolicy.anu.edu.au)

Presented by

Development Policy Centre

Children's Policy Centre

Crawford School of  
Public Policy

ANU College of  
Asia & the Pacific

Registration required

**Registration** [crawford.anu.edu.au/events](http://crawford.anu.edu.au/events)

This event is free and open to the public

**Enquiries**

E [rspv.crawford@anu.edu.au](mailto:rspv.crawford@anu.edu.au)

T 02 6125 7922

**Further information** [crawford.anu.edu.au](http://crawford.anu.edu.au)

CRICOS# 00120C