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State of the Pacific Conference

Time: 9am - 5pm, Tuesday 25 June and Wednesday 26 June, 2013
Venue: Coombs Lecture Theatre, HC Coombs Building 9, ANU
Hedley Bull Centre, Building 130, Garran Road, ANU

The State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program (SSGM) presents the Inaugural State of the Pacific Conference on 25-26 June 2013. The conference, which is supported by Australian Aid, AusAID, aims to bring together academics, parliamentarians, policymakers, business leaders, civil society representatives and the media to share and discuss research and policy relevant issues on and about the Pacific region.

2013 Pacific and PNG Update

Time: 9am - 5pm, Thursday 27 June and Friday 28 June 2013
Venue: Lecture Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Centre, Building 130, Garran Road, ANU

The 2013 Pacific and PNG Update provides a forum for the discussion of the latest economic, social and political developments in the region. The Update is hosted by the Development Policy Centre, and supported by: the Asian Development Bank's Pacific Economic Management Technical Assistance Project; and the *Asia and Pacific Policy Studies*, the flagship publication of the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU in partnership with Australian Aid, AusAID.

Inaugural State of the Pacific conference

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DAY ONE - TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2013

8.30 am *Registration and arrival tea and coffee – Hedley Bull Atrium*

VENUE **Coombs Lecture Theatre, HC Coombs Building 9, ANU**

9 am **Introduction to the state of the Pacific**
Nicole Haley
Convenor, SSGM, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

9.15 am **Official welcome**
Senator the Hon Matthew Thistlethwaite
Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs

9.30 am **Keynote address: The state of the Pacific**
Stewart Firth
Visiting Fellow, SSGM, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

10.15 am *Morning tea—Hedley Bull Atrium*

VENUE **Lecture Theatre 1, Lecture Theatre 2, Lecture Theatre 3, Hedley Bull Centre, Building 130, ANU**

10.30 am **State of democracy | Fiji panel**
Lecture Theatre 1 Chair: Brij Lal, Professor, School of Culture, History and Language, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

Banimarama or back to the future

Jone Baledrokadroka

PhD Candidate, SSGM, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

More spearheads: The Fiji coup and regional security reconfiguration

Steven Ratuva

Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Auckland

Cooking up a constitution: Women and constitution—making in Fiji

Tara Chetty

Program Director, Fiji Women's Rights Movement

Paradoxes of foreign policy towards Fiji

Jon Fraenkel

Professor, Victoria University of Wellington

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DAY ONE CONTINUED

10.30 am

Small island states | Aid and development

Lecture Theatre 2

Chair: Matthew Dornan, Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

Migration, aid and development: An update from RMI, FSM and Palau

Ben Graham

Consultant

Samoan beach fale (hut) and tourism: Reflections on indigenous tourism and indigenous entrepreneurship

Sa'iliemanu Lilomaiava-Doktor

Assistant Professor, Hawaiian and Pacific Studies Program, University of Hawaii West Oahu

Sovereignty, migration and material welfare in small island jurisdictions

Geoff Bertram

Senior Associate, Institute for Governance and Policy Studies, Victoria University of Wellington

10.30 am

Land | Papua New Guinea

Lecture Theatre 3

Chair: Matthew Allen, Fellow, SSGM, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

How can customary land claims get stronger and weaker at the same time

Colin Filer

Convenor, Resource Management in Asia-Pacific Program, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

The difficulties of accessing land held under customary title for private enterprise: Some lessons from Melanesia

Satish Chand

Professor of Finance, School of Business, University of New South Wales

Customary and state law conflicts in resolving land disputes

Tauvasa Tanuvasa Chou Lee

Deputy Solicitor General (State Defence) of PNG

Bougainville's customary minerals' ownership initiatives

Anthony Regan

Fellow, SSGM, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

12 pm

Lunch — Hedley Bull Atrium

1 pm

State of democracy | Papua New Guinea panel

Lecture Theatre 3

Chair: Bill Standish, Researcher, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

Role of money politics in determining election outcomes

Nicole Haley

Convenor, SSGM, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

State of democracy in the Pacific — a cursory overview

Andrew Ellis and Henry Ivarature

Director, Asia and the Pacific, and Senior Program Officer, International IDEA's

Parliament and democracy

Grant Harrison

Deputy Director, Centre for Democratic Institutions

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DAY ONE CONTINUED

1 pm

Small island states | Migration and the environment

Lecture Theatre 2 Chair: Keith Camacho, University of California, Los Angeles

Seasonal labour migration schemes and the provision of employment for Pacific Islanders in Australia and New Zealand

Richard Bedford

Professor, National Institute of Demographic and Economic Analysis, University of Waikato

The new island nations of Micronesia

Fr. Fran Hezel

Independent

Climate change and health

Colin Tukuitonga

Director, Public Health Program, Secretariat for the Pacific Community

1 pm

Land | Vanuatu

Lecture Theatre 1 Chair: Chris Ballard, Fellow, School of Culture, History and Language, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

The slow process of land reform in Vanuatu

The Hon Ralph Regenvanu

The Minister for Lands, Government of Vanuatu

One lease, many stories: Land leasing in Vanuatu

Leisande Otto

Justice for the Poor Program, World Bank Vanuatu

Land reform – why it matters

Jim Fingleton

Development Law Consultant

Masters of modernity: Explorations of authority and leasing in North Efate and the implications for land reform

Siobhan Macdonnell

PhD Candidate, School of Culture, History and Language, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

2.30 pm

Afternoon tea – Hedley Bull Atrium

2.45pm

State of democracy | The region in transition

Lecture Theatre 1 Chair: Ted Wolfers, Professor, University of Wollongong

New Caledonia, Kanaky or Kanaky-New Caledonia? Options for self-determination in the French Pacific

Nic Maclellan

Independent journalist and researcher

From being a woman to a Member of Parliament representing a male-dominated constituency – Personal reflections from Solomon Islands second woman MP

The Hon Vika Lusibaea

Member for North Malaita, Solomon Islands

Autonomy and referendum in Bougainville

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DAY ONE CONTINUED

2.45 pm

Small island states | Political stability

Lecture Theatre 2 Chair: Steve Ratuva, Senior Lecturer, University of Auckland

In dire states? Democracy, constitutionalism and the rule of law in Nauru

Katy Le Roy

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The national government, traditional political institutions, and political (in)stability in Samoa: What is their relationship?

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Lecturer, University of Otago

Practicing politics in the Pacific Islands

Jack Corbett

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The issues for small island states— according to the SIS leaders

Henry Ivarature

Senior Program Officer, IDEA International

2.45 pm

Land | Solomon Islands and Timor Leste

Lecture Theatre 3 Chair: Rebecca Monson, Researcher, ANU College of Law

Women and land governance

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Joseph Foukona

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The impact of land issues on the Timorese civil society

Meabh Cryan and Ines Martins

Land Rights Researcher and La'o Hamutuk, Timor Leste

Displacement, livelihoods and land access in rural Timor-Leste

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VENUE

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4.15 pm

Closing panel: The state of regionalism

Moderator: Jon Fraenkel, Professor, Victoria University of Wellington

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First Assistant Director General, Pacific Division, AusAID

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DAY ONE CONTINUED

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| VENUE | The Great Hall Foyer, University House |
| 6 pm | Book launch: <i>Diminishing Conflicts in Asia and the Pacific</i> Peter Varghese Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Government |
| VENUE | The Great Hall, University House |
| 6.30 pm | Conference dinner – by invitation only Keynote Address James Batley Deputy Director General, Country Programs Group, AusAID |

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DAY TWO - WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2013

| VENUE | Lecture Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Centre, Building 130, ANU |
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| 8.30 am | <i>Registration and arrival tea and coffee — Hedley Bull Atrium</i> |
| 9 am | Introduction to new directions in research Roannie Ng Shiu Research Fellow, SSGM, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific |
| 9.15 am | New directions in research component <i>Pro-poor community tourism in Vanuatu</i> Adam Trau PhD Candidate, University of Western Sydney <i>The state of tourism in the South Pacific</i> Joseph Cheer PhD Candidate, and Associate Director, Australia and International Tourism Research Unit (AITRU), Monash University <i>Mining corporations in Pacific communities</i> Emma Richardson PhD Candidate, Massey University <i>National security policy in PNG</i> Philip Mitna PhD Candidate, School of Politics and International Relations, Research School of Social Sciences, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences <i>Resource development and peace building</i> Kylie McKenna Research Officer, SSGM, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific and University of Canberra <i>Coping with climate change</i> Rosiana Lagi Graduate Assistant, University of the South Pacific <i>Community leadership and resource development in PNG</i> Francis Essacu PhD Candidate, Fenner School of Environment and Society, ANU College of Medicine, Biology and Environment |
| 10.30 am | <i>Morning tea — Hedley Bull Atrium</i> |

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DAY TWO CONTINUED

10.45 am

New directions in research component continues

Citizenship issues in New Caledonia

Scott Robertson

SSGM, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

Relegated issues of RAMSI

Kylie Evans

University of Wollongong

Church, chiefs and governance in Solomon Islands

Ross Cassells

Massey University

Communal violence in East Timor

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Constituent power in Fiji

Kirsten Pavlovic

Southern Cross University

Postconflict settlements in Timor Leste and Bougainville

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State sponsored torture in Papua

Budi Hernawan

PhD Candidate, RegNet, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

Development and conflict in indigenous communities

Sophia Close

PhD Candidate, National Centre for Indigenous Studies, ANU

12.30 pm

Lunch (Hedley Bull Atrium) and documentary film screening (Lecture Theatre 1)

E au le ina'lau a Tama'ita'i: Exploring gender equality issues in Samoa

(Includes discussion with Director Galumalemana Steve Percival)

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DAY TWO CONTINUED

- 1.45 pm **New directions in research component continues**
PACMAS baseline study
Angela Davis and Mario Muliaumaseali'i
ABC and RMIT University
- Cultural diversity in sport***
Lameko Panapa
University of Queensland
- Ni-Vanuatu workers in the RSE scheme***
Rochelle Bailey
University of Otago
- Gender participation in Samoa***
Measina Meredith
National University of Samoa
- Gender development in Solomon Islands***
Nichole Georgeou and Charles Hawksley
Australian Catholic University and Senior Lecturer, University of Wollongong
- Gender and development in PNG***
Salmah-Evalina Lawrence
School of Culture, History and Language, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific
- Measuring the impact of citizen ICT use on elections in PNG: Experimental design.***
Sarah Logan
Department of International Relations, School of International, Political and Strategic Studies, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific
- Leadership in PNG's private sector***
Karl Claxton
Australian Strategic Policy Institute
- 3.15 pm *Afternoon tea — Hedley Bull Atrium*
- 3.30 pm ***Introduction to policy and future directions breakout sessions (Hedley Bull Atrium)***
- 3.35 pm **Policy and future directions breakout sessions**
i. Land and livelihoods
ii. Women and leadership
iii. Migration, aid and development
iv. Politics, leadership and governance

| VENUE | Lecture Theatre 1 |
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| 4.45 pm | Closing remarks Nicole Haley, Convenor, SSGM, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific |
| 5 pm | Close |
| VENUE | Hedley Bull Atrium |
| 6 pm | Cocktail reception In conjunction with Development Policy Centre Launch of the Pacific Update |

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| 6 pm | Cocktail reception— by invitation only In conjunction with SSGM, State of the Pacific Conference |

THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2013

| VENUE | Lecture Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Centre, Building 130, ANU |
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| 8.30 am | <i>Registration and arrival tea and coffee</i> |
| 9 am | Official welcome Tom Kompas Director, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU |
| 9.10 am | Regional overview and launch of the <i>Pacific Economic Monitor</i> (July 2013 issue) Christopher Edmonds Senior Economist, Pacific Department, Asian Development Bank |
| 9.40 am | Panel 1a – Melanesia and Timor-Leste Chair: Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU Panel members: <i>Growth and inequality in Melanesia</i> Satish Chand Professor of Finance, University of New South Wales <i>The economy in Solomon Islands</i> Anthony Hughes Independent Consultant, Solomon Islands <i>The economy in Fiji</i> Biman Prasad Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of the South Pacific, Fiji <i>The economy in Timor-Leste</i> Helder Lopes Resident Economic Policy Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Timor Leste <i>The economy in Vanuatu</i> Odo Tevi Independent Consultant, Vanuatu |



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- 10.50 am *Morning tea*
- 11.10 am **Panel 1b – Small island states**
Chair: Ben Graham, Senior Evaluation Specialist, Asian Development Bank
Panel members:
The economy in Kiribati
Tebao Awerica
Secretary, Office of Te Beretitenti
The economy in Tonga
Siosi C. Mafi (Joyce)
Governor, Reserve Bank of Tonga
Common challenges in microstates: Nauru and Tuvalu
Seve Paeniu
Independent Consultant
The economy in Samoa
Noumea Simi
Assistant CEO, Samoa Ministry of Finance
- 12.20 pm *Lunch*
- 1.20 pm **Panel 2a – Regional trade, labour mobility and linkages**
Chair: Lachlan Straham, Assistant Secretary, Pacific Region and New Zealand Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Government
Panel members:
PACER Plus
Wesley Morgan
PhD Candidate, University of Melbourne
Evolving linkages of Pacific economies
Emma Veve
Principal Economist, Pacific Department, Asian Development Bank
Regional employment and labour mobility
Richard Curtain
Research Associate, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
- 2.10 pm **Panel 2b – Regional trade and integration**
Chair: Ron Duncan, Emeritus Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
Panel members:
The Pacific Plan and the future of Pacific regionalism
Seini O'Connor
Pacific Plan Adviser, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
Lessons in regional integration from the Caribbean
Bob Warner
Director, Pacific Research Partnerships, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
Pooled service delivery in the Pacific
Matthew Dornan
Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
- 3 pm *Afternoon tea*

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- 3.20 pm **Pacific gender update**
Chair: Tess Newton Cain, Principal, Devpacific
Panel members:
Women's disempowerment in Melanesia
Peter Forau
Director General, Melanesian Spearhead Group
Australia's Pacific gender initiative
Susan Ferguson
Acting Principal Sector Specialist Gender Equality, AusAID
Economic empowerment of woman – experiences of the Private Sector Development Initiative (PSDI)
Andrea Iffland
Regional Director, Pacific Liaison and Coordination Office, Asian Development Bank
Women's economic empowerment: Pacific lessons from the Enterprise Challenge Fund
Amanda Jupp
Project Manager, Coffey International Development
- 4.10 pm **Public management and private sector development**
Chair: Siosiu Utoikamanu, Director, Pacific Islands Centre for Public Administration, University of the South Pacific
Panel members:
Infrastructure maintenance
Matthew Dornan
Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
Public financial management
Tobias Haque
Economist, World Bank
Recent reforms to promote private sector development
Paul Holden
Lead Economist, Private Sector Development Initiative, Asian Development Bank
- 5 pm *Close*

VENUE **Springbank Room, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU**

- 6.30 pm **Official dinner – by invitation only**
Keynote address
Peter Baxter
Director General, AusAID
Launch of infrastructure maintenance in the Pacific: Challenging the build-neglect-rebuild paradigm report
John Austin
Manager, Pacific Regional Infrastructure Facility Coordination Office

2013 Papua New Guinea Update

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FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2013

| VENUE | Lecture Theatre 1, Hedley Bull Centre, Building 130, ANU |
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| 8.30am | <i>Registration and arrival tea and coffee</i> |
| 9 am | Welcome and Keynote address <i>Reforms in the higher education sector in PNG</i> Albert Mellam Vice-Chancellor, University of Papua New Guinea |
| 10 am | PNG economic and political update Chair: Michael Carnahan, Chief Economist, AusAID Panel members: <i>Economic update</i> Tim Bulman Country Economist, PNG Resident Mission, World Bank <i>Political update</i> Deni ToKunai Political commentator and blogger, <i>The Garamut</i> blog |
| 11 am | <i>Morning tea</i> |
| 11.20 am | Issues in public service delivery Chair: Satish Chand, Professor of Finance, University of New South Wales Panel members: <i>PNG budgetary trends and issues</i> Stephen Howes Director, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU <i>Public expenditure tracking</i> Colin Wiltshire and Andrew Anton Mako Research Officer, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU and Program Manager, National Research Institute, PNG <i>Solid Waste Management in PNG</i> Thomas Wangi Lecturer, Economics Department, University of Papua New Guinea |
| 12.40 pm | <i>Lunch</i> |

2013 PAPUA NEW GUINEA UPDATE CONTINUED

1.40 pm

Economic policy challenges

Chair: Bob Warner, Director, Pacific Research Partnerships, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

Panel members:

PNG's evolving trade and investment flows

Aaron Batten

Country Economist, PNG Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank

The contribution of mining companies to PNG Development

Margaret Callan

Visiting Fellow, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

Regulation of infrastructure SOEs

Billy Manoka

Commissioner and CEO, PNG Independent Consumer and Competition Commission

3 pm

Afternoon tea

3.20 pm

Gender-based violence

Chair: Dulciana Somare-Brash, Associate Director, Pacific Institute of Public Policy

Panel members:

Violence and the media

Jo Chandler

Journalist and Honorary Fellow, Alfred Deakin Research Institute

Integrated support for survivors – what is needed?

Kamalini Lokuge

Fellow, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, ANU College of Medicine, Biology and Environment

A policing perspective

Cathy Rimbao

Sargeant, Lae Police

4.30 pm

Closing remarks



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