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FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

11-12 MARCH 2014

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ANU College of
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Asia and the Pacific Policy Society Conference 2014 program

Time: 11-12 March 2014

Venue: Molonglo Theatre, JG Crawford Building 132, ANU

Host: Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific

Partner: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

This year's conference focuses on the G20 agenda to support the Australian government and its hosting of the G20 leaders' meeting later in 2014. The Asia and the Pacific Policy Society Conference (APPS) 2014 brings together some of the world's leading scholars and practitioners from a diverse range of research fields for two days of dialogue to propose solutions to some of the region's and the world's most pressing policy challenges.

Over 20 internationally renowned scholars and practitioners will share research and insights in a program of public roundtables on critical issues including development policy; tax and transfer policy; social policy; energy security; climate change; and food policy.

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APPS 2014 program

DAY ONE - TUESDAY 11 MARCH

- 8.30am *Registration and coffee*
- 8.50am **Welcome**
Professor Tom Kompas
Director, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU; President, Asia and the Pacific Policy Society;
Editor-in-Chief, *Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies*
- 9am **Keynote speech**
A focus on impact - how the G20 Pacific Development Assistance Program can help?
Dr Colin Tukuitonga
Director-General, Secretariat of the Pacific Community
- 9.30am **Australia and the G20**
Daniel Sloper
G20 Special Representative, First Assistant Secretary,
G20 and International Economy Branch, DFAT
Jason Russo
Assistant Secretary, Economic Policy, G20 Taskforce,
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- 10am *Panel discussion*
- 10.30am *Morning tea*
- Development policy**
- 11am **Development policy: infrastructure reform**
Chair: Professor Stephen Howes, Director, Development Policy Centre, Crawford School of
Public Policy, ANU
The political economy of utility regulation: the case of Vanuatu
James Ryan
Chief Economist, Utilities Regulatory Authority of Vanuatu
The Asian experience with energy subsidies and reform
Dr Shikha Jha
Principal Economist, Economics and Research Department, Asian Development Bank
Road infrastructure maintenance: lessons from Africa and the Pacific
Sanjivi Rajasingham
Director, Pacific Regional Infrastructure Facility
- 12.30pm *Lunch*

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DAY ONE CONTINUED

Tax and transfer policy

1.30pm

Taxation reform and policy

Chair: Dr Ken Henry, Chair, ANU Public Policy Fellows program

The politics of tax reform

Dr John Hewson

Former Leader of the Federal Opposition, Australia

Taxation challenges in developing economies

Dr Michael Carnahan

Chief Economist (Development), DFAT

Tax reform, rising inequality and demographic change

Professor Patricia Apps

Professor of Public Economics, University of Sydney

International tax challenges for Asia and the G20: competition and coordination

Professor Miranda Stewart

Director, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

3.30pm

Afternoon tea

Social policy

4pm

Social policy in Asia and the Pacific: Facing the challenges of ageing, family change and inequality

Chair: Professor Peter Whiteford, Director, Social Policy Institute, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

Prospects for sustainable retirement policy in Asia

Professor John Piggott

Director of the ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR), Australian School of Business, University of New South Wales

What is the role of social pensions in Asia?

Professor Armando Barrientos

Research Director, Brooks World Poverty Institute, The University of Manchester

Population ageing and fertility and the challenges that demographic ageing pose for Singapore and the East Asian region

Dr Angelique Wei Ming Chan

Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore

5.30pm

Close

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DAY TWO - WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH

9am *Registration and coffee*

Energy security

9.30am **Energy security challenges in Asia and the Pacific**

Chair: Professor Quentin Grafton, Executive Director, Australian National Institute of Public Policy, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

Energy security in North Asia

Masakazu Toyoda

Chairman and CEO, The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan

Global energy security: prospects for the 21st century

Professor Aleh Cherp

Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Central European University

Energy security and the smart grid: Best practices and lessons for Australia and Asia

Jeannie Oliver

Senior LLM Fellow, Institute for Energy and the Environment, Vermont Law School, USA

11am *Morning tea*

Climate change

11.30am **Reducing carbon emissions: policy approaches and targets**

Chair: Associate Professor Frank Jotzo, Director, Centre for Climate Economics and Policy, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

Emissions reduction goals for Australia

Anthea Harris

Chief Executive Officer, Climate Change Authority, Australia

Energy and climate policy in China

Professor Zhongxiang Zhang

Distinguished Professor and Chairman, Department of Public Economics, Fudan University, China

Reducing emission from deforestation: policy implications for Indonesia

Professor Daniel Murdiyarto

Principal Scientist, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), Indonesia

1pm *Lunch*

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DAY TWO CONTINUED

Food policy

2pm

Food challenges in the 21st century

Chair: Professor Quentin Grafton, Executive Director, Australian National Institute of Public Policy, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

The challenge of feeding 9-10 billion people

Professor Charles Godfray

Director, Oxford Martin Programme on the Future of Food, Oxford Martin School

Meeting the Asian food security challenge

Julian Cribb

Science writer, Julian Cribb and Associates

Food security in India: The Imperative and its Challenges

Assistant Professor Sudha Narayanan

Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research

3.30pm

Afternoon tea and close

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