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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to Issue 3 of RSSS Post.

We are well into our second semester for 2011 and I can feel enthusiasm and anticipation as I meet with people across RSSS, enthusiasm for our work, and anticipation of new research opportunities, anticipation of possible success in new funding rounds and of innovations that will keep RSSS at the cutting edge.

The School continues to perform well in all our disciplines. The press has run some ranking tables recently, and while we rejoice when we top the tables, we often shoot the messenger when we don’t rank as well as we might. As the Vice Chancellor, Professor Ian Young wrote on August 18, “rankings are blunt instruments. I believe that results show that the fundamentals at ANU are strong and the quality of our people and the research we conduct is central to this.” ANU is a small University both by Australian standards and by world standards, and in many of the ranking tables, size matters. When aggregating outputs of two equally productive universities, the volume of output of the larger one will necessarily be greater, and hence receive a higher place on the league table. But taking our performance discipline by discipline, we know our work in RSSS is highly regarded and in the top echelons of performance. Looking at where our staff publish, and the international collaborations we foster, the invitations we receive, and the international visitors we host (some of whom are featured on page 13), we know we are punching above our weight.

In our last issue I proposed the development of a cross-disciplinary research scheme within RSSS to bring together our four disciplines and three centres. I’m delighted to announce that we have now awarded two cross-disciplinary research grants within the School and these are featured in this issue. Gender and Feminism in the Social Sciences will break new ground on the gender profile of the social sciences disciplines, and in particular examine the tension between the goals of excellence and equity. Social Policy Evaluation will work on evaluation tools, and use “conditionality” in the provision of government benefits as the first exemplar. When I announced this to a top level meeting of government officials they were most enthusiastic and said they look forward to working with the team.

Adam Graycar
It is often thought that climate change is the province of scientists and economists, yet our social scientists have a great deal to offer in the field.

Head of the School of Sociology, Professor Stewart Lockie, is researching environmental governance in and through food production-consumption networks. The two main foci of his research are state agri-environmental programs and food commodity networks. Climate issues impact fundamentally on this.

Professor Stewart is also co-organising the annual meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Agri-Food Research Network in December (see page 15).

Dr Katherine Daniell, Research Fellow in the Centre for Policy Innovation, has recently worked in France, Australia and Bulgaria on projects related to water governance, risk management and climate change adaptation.

She is a member of the guest editorial team for a special feature in the Journal Ecology and Society on ‘Implementing Participatory Water Management: Recent Advances in Theory, Practice and Evaluation’, a compilation of papers that brings together policy, management and research lessons from the European Union’s AquaStress and NeWater Integrated Projects.

Professor John Dryzek, Australian Research Council Federation Fellow, Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance in the School of Politics and International Relations, works on deliberative global governance with special reference to climate change.

With Professors Richard Norgaard (Berkeley) and David Schlosberg (Northern Arizona) he edited The Oxford Handbook of Climate Change and Society which is being published in September 2011 (see page 16).

PhD student, Luara Ferracioli, at the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, has just completed her dissertation on the ethics of migration. She found that climate change is one of the drivers of human migration.

Professor Tom Griffiths (W. K. Hancock Professor of History) is Director, Centre for Environmental History, as well as Professorial Affiliate, National Museum of Australia and Adjunct Professor of Climate Research, University of Copenhagen. The Centre for Environmental History has a formidable track record (see page 4).

Dr Anthony Hogan, Director of the National Institute for Rural & Regional Australia, is undertaking three projects relating to climate change, including analysing the large data set he co-created on ‘Climate Risk and Adaptation’ faced by Australian farmers. He is also part of the Marden Jacobs Consortium working on the social and economic impacts of climate change and is developing a series of new projects addressing rural Australia and social wellbeing in the context of climate change.

Dr Simon Niemeyer, Research Fellow with the Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance in the School of Politics and International Relations, is involved with the Climate Change and the Public Sphere project, which interviewed over 100 participants, seeking their response to a series of climate change scenarios, which were then compared to their responses following participation in a deliberative process on climate change adaptation.

On August 19, RSSS researchers Luara Ferracioli, Dr Katherine Daniell, and Professor Stewart Lockie joined Professor Adam Graycar and other ANU researchers in a private lunch with the Secretary of the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, Mr Blair Comley.
The Centre for Environmental History, led by Professor Tom Griffths, was established in the School of History in 2009. The Centre embraces research and teaching in environmental history, history of science and public history from anywhere in the world, with a focus on the Australian experience and perspective.

The Centre has formal partnerships with a number of organisations including with the National Museum of Australia, the Federal Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, Charles Darwin University and the University of Copenhagen. Staff and PhD scholars associated with the Centre have undertaken a number of projects focussing on climate change.

The Last Millennium: What a Difference a Degree Makes!
Historical research into the last 1,000 years of human and natural history can help us to understand the social, political and environmental effects of changes in global temperature of even just 1°C. And the history of science over the last two centuries reveals that most of the foundational climate science consisted of dispersed insights generated by lone, underfunded and part-time researchers, a crucial historical insight that helps us to see through contemporary accusations that we are all in the thrall of some sinister, contemporary global conspiracy.

see Tom Griffiths, 'A Humanist on Thin Ice', Griffith Review, no. 29, August 2010.

Global Climate Theory and Dessication
Gregory Barton and Brett Bennett have launched an ARC Discovery project into the longer cultural history of climate perceptions and policy. Global climate theory of our own time has a significant precedent in ‘desiccation theory’ of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries: both involve a central role played by forests, changes in atmospheric conditions, and above all, the effects of human action on nature.

Antarctica – Continent of Ice ... and of Science
The international history of Antarctica, where 90% of the world’s land ice is to be found, reveals the rapidly changing understanding of ice in the ancient and modern history of the planet. It also elucidates an evolving global political regime where science, and increasingly climate science, is the currency of influence. Ice cores are the holy scripts, the sacred scrolls of our age.

see Tom Griffiths, Slicing the Silence: Voyaging to Antarctica, UNSW Press and Harvard University Press, 2007

Australia and the Antarctic Treaty System
Australia has had a disproportionate and very constructive influence on the governance of Antarctica. It is a neglected dimension of the history of Australian foreign policy and diplomacy.

see Marcus Haward and Tom Griffths (eds), Australia and the Antarctic Treaty System: 50 Years of Influence, UNSW Press, Sydney 2011 (forthcoming, October).

After Agriculture
The world humans had known for millennia changed radically after agriculture. Much of the history of agricultural societies and the environments in which they are embedded could be viewed as the struggle to take advantage of the benefits of agriculture while contending with the vulnerabilities that are inherent in agricultural systems. This research project examines the wider history of knowledge for agriculture and place through the story of the Darling and Macquarie River country after European agriculture first came to the semi-arid plains of inland Australia. Its early focus is on how nineteenth century ideas about biology, race and population — at once productive and generative, but often dark and unstable — played a role in shaping modern agriculture.


Top End Weather
PhD scholar, Christian O’Brien, is researching weather in the ‘Top End’ of the Northern Territory of Australia in the post-invasion period. He is interested not only in the history of weather but also in how non-Indigenous newcomers to the region understood, imagined, narrated and adapted to it. Encompassing the work of scientists, this is in part a history of meteorology in the Northern Territory. Expanding well beyond this, Chris’s PhD is also an investigation of colonial and early twentieth century Top End social and cultural history, through the lenses of weather and environment.

A History of Floods
Emily O’Gorman completed her doctoral studies at the ANU in 2009 on the subject of changing understanding of floods in the Murray and Darling river systems from 1850 to the present. This research is the basis of her forthcoming book, Flood Country: An Environmental History of the Murray-Darling Basin (CSIRO Publishing, forthcoming 2011).
Two projects received funding from the new RSSS Cross-Disciplinary Research Scheme, designed to support research collaboration within the School. The funding available was $50,000. The successful projects were:

**Gender and Feminism in the Social Sciences**
The project aims to investigate the relationship between the gender profile of the social science disciplines and their incorporation of feminist critique and knowledge in both research and education; and to investigate the influence of the University as an institution on the shape, content and practice of these disciplines, in particular the tension between the goals of excellence and equity.

The project is being led by Dr Fiona Jenkins of the School of Philosophy and includes Adjunct Professor Marian Sawer, Politics and International Relations, Dr Helen Keane, Sociology, and Professor Ann McGrath from the School of History.

**Social Policy Evaluation**
The project will investigate the use of ‘conditionality’ in the provision of government benefits and services in Australia and how this relates to attempts by government to change social norms. The researchers expect to connect strongly with pilot studies and other research into conditionality taking place elsewhere in the world, and build on the considerable expertise in social policy evaluation that already exists within RSSS.

The project is being led by Professor Matthew Gray of the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, and includes Professor Bob Goodin and Dr Christian Barry from the School of Philosophy, Professor Stewart Lockie, Sociology, and Dr Will Sanders, CAEPR. The project will use a cross-disciplinary approach to understanding and undertaking social policy evaluation.

A Summer Scholarship position within each of these projects will be made available for the coming summer. Our congratulations to the successful applicants.

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**DR NEIL HAMILTON TO HEAD INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Dr Neil Hamilton has been appointed the new Director of the Australian National Internships Program, following the retirement of Dr Robert Campbell, who served in that position for 10 years.

Dr Hamilton has a distinguished career in public policy and advocacy. Most recently he was Director of the World Wildlife Fund International Arctic Program in Oslo, Norway. Prior to that he was Executive Director of the Forum for European-Australian Science and Technology Cooperation based at the ANU.

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**DR KATHERINE DANIELL AWARDED PRIZE FOR BEST PAPER**

Dr Katherine Daniell, Research Fellow in the Centre for Policy Innovation, was awarded a prize for Best Paper Presentation at the 34th IAHR* Engineering and Research World Congress held in Brisbane for her paper entitled “Multi-level governance and Politics of Innovation Uptake in the Water Sector”.

Her attendance at the congress was supported by a RSSS conference grant.

*International Association for Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research
RECENT HONORARY DOCTORATE RECIPIENTS

THOMAS POGGE AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

The Health Impact Fund aimed to foster the development of new high-impact medicines against diseases that are neglected because innovators cannot recover their R&D costs from sales to the poor. It also promoted access to new medicines by limiting the price of any registered product to the lowest feasible cost of production and distribution, and ensured that the medicines were competently prescribed and optimally used.

Work on the HIF has continued beyond the initial ARC phase with grants from the BUPA Foundation and the European Commission. Pogge's collaboration with the ANU Law School's Centre for International and Public Law (CIPL) led to a volume, jointly edited with Kim Rubenstein and Matt Rimmer, Incentives for Global Public Health: Patent Law and Access to Essential Medicines (Cambridge University Press 2010).

You can follow the HIF initiative (and find ways to support it) at www.healthimpactfund.org.

Founded in 1640, the University of Turku is among the oldest in the world, and a doctorate there comes with a fearsome sword that, unlike the stylish hat, is rather difficult to get out of Finland.

ANN McGRATH AWARDED HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM LINNAEUS UNIVERSITY

On the 20th May Professor Ann McGrath, of the School of History, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Linnaeus University, Sweden, for her contribution to research on the history of colonialism and Indigenous history, and ‘her expertise and creativity within the area of exploring and telling multiple stories in different mediums, and their connection to place’.

‘The ceremony was quite amazing’ Professor McGrath explained, ‘and involved a local children’s choir, a brass band, and an inspiring, beautifully performed, flag-carrying procession by undergraduate students in formal dress and graduating student caps. The stage was enlivened by a yellow and black themed light show in the colours of Linnaeus University's new plant logo.’

While in Sweden, Professor McGrath was invited to present a number of workshops on themes relating to the large ARC Linkage research project Deepening Histories of Place: Exploring Indigenous Landscapes of National and International Significance which is being undertaken in partnership with University of Sydney, AIATSIS, National Film and Sound Archive, National Parks NSW, Parks Australia and Ronin Films.
AWARDS

DR DONNA SETO REFLECTS ON HER TIME AT THE ANU
by Daniel Lillicrap

Recent PhD graduate in the School of Politics and International Relations, Dr Donna Seto, has accomplished much since leaving her hometown of Vancouver, Canada: teaching the Refugee Politics course while Dr. Huynh was on leave; presenting papers at regional and international conferences, and tutoring almost every semester while all the time working on her thesis, which she completed in three and a half years.

Reflecting on her time at the ANU before returning to Canada, Dr Seto commented about how ‘personable’ the faculty and staff are within SPIR. ‘As a PhD student at the ANU, I felt as if I was an equal and a contributing member to the School.’

Dr Seto also spoke fondly of her office room-mate, Dr Karen Downing, and her thesis supervisor, Dr Katrina Lee-Koo, who were both very welcoming, inviting her to dinners, events and other activities, making it easier for her to find a healthy balance between work and leisure, something she believes is important to undertaking successful study.

Her thesis, No Place for a War Baby, focused on the often overlooked issue of children born of wartime sexual violence.

RSSS STUDENTS WIN PRESTIGIOUS PRIZES

PhD students in the School of History, Catherine Bishop (left) and Christian O’Brien, have won prestigious prizes for their conference papers.

Catherine won the Ken Inglis History Prize for the best paper presented by a postgraduate student to the biennial Australian Historical Association conference.

Christian O’Brien, of the Centre for Environmental History, won the annual National Museum of Australia Student Essay Prize, sponsored by the NMA and the Australian Academy of Science, for his essay on ‘A Brief History of the Monsoon.’

The prize is awarded to a tertiary student for original unpublished research in the fields of the history of Australian Science and Environmental History.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE RSSS TEAM

School of History
Dr Frank Bongiorno (Associate Professor)

School of Philosophy
Dr Zoe Drayson (Postdoctoral Fellow)
Dr Angela Mendelovic (Postdoctoral Fellow)

School of Politics and IR
Dr Adam Packer (Research Associate)

School of Sociology
Dr Shanti Sumartojo (Postdoctoral Fellow)
Dr Jonathan Mond (Senior Fellow)

Australian National Internships Program
Dr Neil Hamilton (Director)

Centre for Applied Philosophy & Public Ethics
Tom Stillwell (Research Officer)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT PHD GRADUATES

School of History
Dr Karen Downing

School of Philosophy
Dr Holly Lawford-Smith

School of Politics and IR
Dr Donna Seto
Dr Mary Rose

School of Sociology
Dr Shanti Sumartojo

Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research
Dr William Fogarty

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Dr John Minns
and Dr Kim Huynh, from the School of Politics and International Relations, have been awarded the Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Education 2010.

Dr Minns also won the 2010 Prime Minister’s Award for Australian University Teaching.
Outcomes of FEAST’s Symposium on Interoperability

The Forum for European-Australian Science and Technology cooperation (FEAST), at the Centre for Policy Innovation, RSSS, jointly hosted a significant symposium with the University of Queensland in Brisbane on March 24–25, to examine the issue of enhancing interoperability in the emerging global research order. Global experts on international science cooperation met to identify ways in which national research can more efficiently and effectively link to international efforts.

Attendees and presenters at the symposium comprised some of Australia’s senior research scientists, government officials, university executives, research managers, interest group representatives, diplomats and independent consultants. There were also world-leading experts in science and innovation policy from Europe, North America, and Australasia.

From the deliberations at this event, FEAST has so far released two widely circulated discussion papers, which can be downloaded from their website at www.feast.org/publications

Full details of the Symposium, including speaker biographies and presentations, further reading material, and other resources are available from www.feast.org/symposium2011

Professor Jon Altman: Visiting Fellow at University of Manchester

Anthropology. The research forms part of a UK Economic and Social Research Council project on The Domestic Moral Economy: An Ethnographic Study of Values in the Asia-Pacific Region. The project is headed by Professor Karen Sykes (University of Manchester) and is running from 2011 to 2015.

While in Manchester two departmental seminars, ‘Alternate development for difference: Refiguring Aboriginal/state relations on the Indigenous estate in Australia’ and ‘Interventions: Anthropology’s role in the politics of Aboriginal development in Australia’ (with Dr M. Hinkson) were presented. A presentation ‘Moralising economy in remote Aboriginal Australia’ to a workshop The Value Question Today: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Moral Economy and a master class ‘The hybrid economy as alternate reality-based development in remote Indigenous Australia’ were also made.

The visit, sponsored by the Hallsworth Foundation, also facilitated visits to meet colleagues in London and Oxford and to make lecture and seminar presentations to the multi-country project Scales of Governance: Indigenous Peoples, the UN and the State at the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS) in Paris, the Centre for Research and Documentation on Oceania (CREDO) at the Maison Asie-Pacifique, University of Provence, Marseille and at the Departments of Anthropology and Religious Studies at Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands.
CAEPR RESEARCHERS EVALUATING INCOME MANAGEMENT IN NT

Professor Matthew Gray and Dr Will Sanders, from the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, RSSS, and Mr Rob Bray, from the College of Business and Economics, are involved in a multi-disciplinary evaluation of the New Income Management policy in the Northern Territory.

The evaluation will assess the effectiveness of the implementation of income management in the Northern Territory, whether the program was delivered as intended to the target population in a fair and equitable manner, and the impacts of the New Income Management policy on individuals, families and communities in the Northern Territory.

The evaluation will be completed in 2014. It has been commissioned by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

HISTORIANS GATHER AT TUGGERANONG

by Samuel Furphy

In July the School of History held its annual “Tuggeranong Day”, a one-day symposium bringing together academic staff and HDR students. In recent years the event has been held at the Tuggeranong Homestead, which is an appropriate venue, as it was there that Charles Bean penned the early volumes of his *Official History of Australia in the War of 1914–1918*.

Staff and students spoke briefly about their current research projects and also addressed the day’s theme of “Opening Lines”. Participants spoke about their favourite opening lines in historical works, and about lines they had used in the past or were considering for their current project. This opened a dialogue about the importance (or otherwise) of opening lines to the way we write history. For an eclectic group of scholars with disparate research interests, the theme focussed our attention on a task we all face.

A morning tea of scones, jam and cream created a pleasant bucolic atmosphere. There was also a trivia quiz on the opening lines of past and present ANU historians. How many RSSS Post readers can identify the author of this opening line: “Civilization did not begin in Australia until the last quarter of the eighteenth century”?


CROSS-CAMPUS PROJECT EXPLORES LINKS BETWEEN POVERTY AND GENDER

Since August 2010, teams of researchers from the ANU have been exploring: (i) how people living in poverty in Fiji, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malawi, Mozambique and Angola think about what poverty consists in; and (ii) the extent to which differences in gender and age affect these understandings.

Initial results from three countries attest to the different causes of poverty, the different coping mechanisms of the poor and the diverse paths poor people see out of their poverty, as well as to an underlying commonality of unmet need and vulnerability. Differences in gender-based responsibilities for meeting the needs of household members remain sharply present in many of the research sites. But while participants often attributed different burdens of poverty to specific gender and age roles, they were much less likely to equate these discrepancies with overall differences in poverty levels.

Assessing Development: *Designing Better Indices of Poverty and Gender Equity* is a cross-disciplinary project funded by an Australian Research Council linkage grant led by Professor Thomas Pogge of the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics and Yale, and involves staff from CAPPE, the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research and the Crawford School of Economics and Government. Partners include NGOs from Australia, the Philippines and Southern Africa as well as the University of Colorado at Boulder. The project has a website at [www.genderpovertymeasure.org](http://www.genderpovertymeasure.org)
MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE STUDIES BRINGS RESEARCHERS AND PUBLIC SERVANTS TOGETHER

A programme of study commenced last year at the ANU on Multi-Level Governance has captured the attention of public servants and researchers from around the country. Led by Dr Katherine Daniell from the Centre for Policy Innovation (RSSS) and Associate Professor Adrian Kay at the Crawford School, the programme has so far resulted in a symposium (http://www.crawford.anu.edu.au/news/governance_symposium.php) and three workshops focusing on a conceptual and case study exploration of Multi-Level Governance in Australia.

Through these meetings and subsequent interactions, researchers from RSSS (School of Sociology, School of Politics and International Relations, National Institute for Rural and Regional Australia and the Centre for Policy Innovation), four other ANU colleges and a range of external research institutions (CSIRO, University of Canberra, Flinders University, ADFA, University of Melbourne and the University of New England) have exchanged understandings of theory and experiences of practice with past and current public servants from both Federal and Territory governments.

Sectors explored ranged from health, education, finance and accountability to water planning, climate change adaptation and sustainable settlements. Papers stemming from the programme will be published as an edited book. The programme has received seed funding from RSSS, the College of Asia and the Pacific and the ANU Chancelry.

Executive short courses on multi-level governance are also now being run through the Australian National Institute for Public Policy, led by Dr Katherine Daniell and Dr Trish Mercer. So far, five day-long courses have been held with participants from over 10 Federal Departments. Two more courses are currently planned for this semester: http://publicpolicy.anu.edu.au/education/courses.php

SOCIOLOGY’S MARIA HYNES SECURES ARC GRANT

Maria Hynes, in the School of Sociology, is a chief investigator in the ARC Linkage project An Exploration of the Frequency, Outcomes, Enablers and Constraints of Bystander Anti-Racism, which recently secured $149,000 in funding spread over four years.

Bystander anti-racism involves ordinary people speaking up and taking prosocial action when witnessing racism. The project will develop empirical understandings of this underexplored, yet potentially powerful, form of anti-racism, including its frequency, the outcome of action, and factors that enable and constrain bystander anti-racism.

Dr Hynes will be working on the project with Dr Yin Paradis (University of Melbourne), Professor Kevin Dunn (University of Western Sydney), Professor Bernard Guerin (University of South Australia), Dr Anne Pedersen (Murdoch University), and Dr Scott Sharpe (Australian Defence Force Academy) and partner organisations Australian Human Rights Commission, Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission and the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation.

POSTCOLONIAL SCHOLARS’ NETWORK

Dr April Biccum, in the School of Politics & International Relations, has started a cross-disciplinary post-colonial scholars’ network, in collaboration with SPIR postgraduate student Melissa Lovell. The network aims to share information, foster cross-disciplinary collaboration and consolidate a community of scholars operating in different disciplines but deploying the methodologies and sensibilities of post-colonial theory. It communicates via email list, circulating material relevant to the field, has a successful reading group that meets monthly, and is developing a web page.

Any queries regarding the network should be directed to april.biccum@anu.edu.au

RSSS EXCELS IN WORLD RANKINGS

The ANU ranked ahead of other Australian universities in Sociology, Politics, History and Philosophy in the 2011 QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University Rankings.

History ranked 12th out of the universities surveyed; Philosophy came in at 6th place; Politics and International Relations was 10th and Sociology 13th.

For a complete list of the rankings see http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-ranking.
OBITUARIES AUSTRALIA LAUNCHED

ANU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Young, launched the National Centre of Biography’s Obituaries Australia website on 14 April. A companion to the NCB’s Australian Dictionary of Biography, the site includes the full text of published obituaries of Australians, and those with strong links to the country, as well as extensive links to relevant digitised material, including items in digitised newspapers.

The obituaries are indexed using the same fields as those in the ADB so that, in time, searches may be conducted over both sites. OA also has fields for cause of death, place of education and employment, military service, awards, events associated with, and the names of organisations, rural properties and stately homes with which the subjects had an association. Awards, buildings, streets etc... named after the subjects are also listed.

The NCB aims to index 5,000 obituaries by the end of this year. The ultimate aim is to index every published obituary, producing a valuable resource of data about Australians over time.

Anyone wishing to contribute obituaries, or make use of its data, should contact christine.fernon@anu.edu.au.

Obituaries Australia can be found at http://oa.anu.edu.au/

ANUPOLL ON GAMBLING

The public sees pokies as part of the problem, and government regulation as part of the solution, according to the latest ANUpoll, released on 31 July.

The poll, Public Opinion on Gambling, found there was considerable support for at least some forms of government regulation – including pre-commitment betting limits – even among people who gamble frequently.

The poll also found the public is concerned that gambling regulation should not go too far. Two thirds of respondents believed people should have the right to gamble whenever they want, while 42 per cent believe the government has no right to restrict a person’s gambling.

Other findings from the poll are:
- Less than half the respondents thought that gambling activities are advertised responsibly, and only a third thought that gambling regulations are properly enforced.
- Problem gambling is associated, in the public mind, with alcohol abuse, suicide, marital problems, parental neglect and being less compassionate.
- Close to half of respondents (47 per cent) believed that people with gambling problems would be likely to experience discrimination from others.
- While most Australians would know where to turn to get help for gambling problems, 39 per cent said they would not know where to go.

The poll was conducted by Dr Tanya Davidson and Associate Professor Jonathan Mond from the Centre for Gambling Research, with Professor Ian McAllister from the School of Political and International Relations.


PROFESSOR AMIN SAIKAL TO SPEAK AT MELBOURNE WRITERS’ FESTIVAL

Amin Saikal, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, has been invited to join a panel discussion on Middle East: Spring or Fall? at the Melbourne Writers’ Festival in September.

Professor Saikal is a frequent commentator on radio and television and the author of numerous works on the Middle East.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PROFESSOR ANGELA WOOLLACOTT

Professor Angela Woollacott, Manning Clark Professor of History and Head of the School of History, has been promoted to Professor E2.

Professor Woollacott’s areas of research, research supervision and teaching include white settler colonialism, Australian history, British Empire and postcolonial history, women’s and gender history, and modernity and transnational histories.
Professor Adam Graycar, Director of RSSS and Dean of the Australian National Institute of Public Policy, addressed the autumn graduation ceremony at the University of New England.

The theme of his address was the technological advancements of recent decades and how they impact on students' daily lives.

‘Technical and demographic change brings contradictions which will be part of your working lives,’ he told the graduates. ‘Everything you touch will have elements of ambiguity and paradox.’

Professor Graycar also warned of the consequences of such advancement, noting ‘the hand that glides over the keyboard is the very same hand that held the stone axe. The stone axe may be gone in our brave new world, but stone age attitudes have proved more durable. We can build gleaming skyscrapers with computer controlled talking elevators, yet we can’t stop people from wanting to destroy them. In 1969 we were able to land a man on the moon, yet it was another 20 years before people figured out it was a good idea to put wheels on suitcases.’

Prof Graycar also expressed his desire for the UNE and ANU to ‘work together to tackle some of the big questions that our big city colleagues don’t focus on.’

Dr Christian Barry, Senior Lecturer in the School of Philosophy and Deputy Director of RSSS, has been made a Global Ethics Fellow by the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs (based in New York).

The Global Ethics Fellows, which include IR theorists, economists, political scientists, and philosophers, is a ‘global, interactive network sharing content and discourse.’

Dr Barry is the first (and so far only) Australian to be made a Global Ethics Fellow and will represent the RSSS at the first annual conference of Carnegie Ethics Network members in November.

Dr Barry has a longstanding interest in ethics, having edited the Carnegie Council’s journal, Ethics & International Affairs between 2003 and 2007 and directed its project ‘Justice and the World Economy.’ He also hosts Public Ethics Radio, an online audio broadcast with ethicists discussing timely and important practical dilemmas. Podcasts can be found at http://www.cappe.edu.au/media/public-ethics-radio.htm
SOME OF OUR VISITING FELLOWS

PROFESSOR SAMUEL SCHEFFLER

Samuel Scheffler, Professor of Philosophy and Law at New York University, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Social Sciences is visiting with the School of Philosophy in August.

Professor Schleffler’s research interests lie mainly in moral and political philosophy. On 11 August he delivered the annual John Passmore Lecture on ‘The Afterlife’ in which he explored not the ‘afterlife’ of the individual but the continuing life of others after our own deaths which, he argues, influences how we live, what we value, and our attitudes towards our own deaths.

PROFESSOR KIERAN HEALY

Kieran Healy, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University, North Carolina, USA, is visiting with the School of Sociology during July and August.

A graduate of Princeton University, Associate Professor Healy’s interests are economic sociology, the sociology of culture, the sociology of organizations, and social theory. He is the author of Last Best Gifts: Altruism and the Market for Human Blood and Organs.

PROFESSOR JAMES PISCATORI

James Piscatori, Professor of International Relations and Head of the School of Government and International Affairs at Durham University, UK, is visiting with the Centre for Arab & Islamic Studies in August.

Formerly a Fellow of Wadham College and the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, University of Oxford, Professor Piscatori is one of the world’s leading authorities on political Islam and the politics, history and international relations of the Middle East. In 2009 he was inducted into the Society of Scholars of the Johns Hopkins University and is a senior editor for the Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World.

He delivered the Al-Ghandi Lecture on 11 August.

PROFESSOR SIMON REICH

Simon Reich, Professor of Global Affairs and Director of the Division of Global Affairs at Rutgers University, Newark, USA, is visiting with the School of Politics & International Relations in August.

He is currently researching the structure of the global system in the aftermath of the 2007 financial crisis and its effects on the distribution of power and function in the global system with application to a human security agenda.

During his stay he gave a seminar on ‘Goodbye Hegemony: Influence, Power, and Functions in a Post-American Age’ on 9 August and a public lecture on 17 August on ‘Child Soldiers in Africa’.

PROFESSOR STUART MACINTYRE

Stuart Macintyre, Professor of History, University of Melbourne, is visiting with the School of History during August–November.

Professor Macintyre is the immediate past president of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and in 2010 published The Poor Relation: A History of Social Sciences in Australia.

During his stay he will be a keynote speaker at the conference Labour History and Its People at the ANU on 15–17 September.
SEMINARS & EVENTS

ANU SOCIOLOGIST PRESENTS KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT 2011 MOBILITIES SYMPOSIUM

Dr David Bissell, in the School of Sociology, presented the keynote address at the 2nd Annual Mobilities Symposium in New Zealand in July.

Dr Bissell’s paper explored how an appreciation of the habitual forms of mobility that make up everyday routines can help to enhance our understanding of how neighbourhoods transform and evolve. The address was broadcast live to the internationally-renowned Centre for Mobilities Research in Lancaster University in the UK.

NATIONAL HISTORY HONOURS WORKSHOP

At the end of May, the School of History organised a three-day National History Honours Workshop for History students around Australia and New Zealand, with funding provided by the Director of RSSS. Nineteen students were selected to participate.

The event had two key aims. One was to fulfil the national mission of the ANU by adding value to the teaching of History across Australasia at a key moment in honours training. The second aim was to encourage honours students to consider ANU as a place for postgraduate study. The workshop included a session featuring staff and current and former ANU postgraduate students who reflected on their training and careers.

The honours students selected brought great energy and enthusiasm to the event. Their research ranged from ancient Athens to modern Soviet politics, from Aboriginal resistance on the colonial frontier to draft resisters in the Vietnam War, and from Renaissance architectural history to the recent Bougainville conflict.

INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON CORRUPTION, TRUST, THE PUBLIC SECTOR AND PUBLIC

Wearing his hat as Director of the RSSS’s Transnational Research Institute on Corruption (TRIC), Professor Adam Graycar participated from April 27-29 in a forum/workshop held at the LKY School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. (NUS).

The theme of the forum was Corruption, Trust, the Public Sector and Public Policies. The small workshop was attended by scholars from several European, Asian and South American countries. Each participant presented a paper that will form part of a special issue of the Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis.

The themes were cross disciplinary, and papers covered themes such as Corruption, Policy making, and Public Trust: Three Uneasy Propositions; Greed or Need? The Effectiveness of Anticorruption Policy; Perceived Corruption, Citizen Trust, and Government Effectiveness in Thirteen Asian Countries; Corruption Networks: A Social Network Theory and Game Theory Approach.

Professor Graycar addressed the workshop on the practical issues involved in developing anti-corruption policies. He spoke about the importance of opportunity in facilitating corruption, about the types of controls that can be put into place, and the political contexts that shape these opportunities and controls, illustrating these with research he had conducted on corruption in New York City.

The ANU has a collaboration arrangement with the NUS and one of the aspects of Adam’s visit was to explore collaborative opportunities for staff & students from both universities.

PANEL PRESENTATION ON ‘ARAB WOMEN AMID POLITICAL CHANGE’

Dr Victoria Mason (who holds a joint appointment with the Centre for Arab & Islamic Studies and the School of Politics and Industrial Relations), along with Ms Huda Al-Tamimi, and PhD scholar Ms Raihan Ismail from CAIS, gave a presentation on ‘Arab Women Amid Political Change’, to the Women’s International Leagauae for Peace and Freedom on 12 May.

Sponsored by the Minister for Women’s Affairs, the presentation was held at the ACT Legislative Assembly. Subsequently, the group was invited to deliver their presentation to special interest groups in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Australian Agency for International Development and the Gender Institute.
SEMINARS & EVENTS

LABOUR HISTORY AND ITS PEOPLE
The National Centre of Biography, in association with the Australian Society for the Study of Labour History, is holding a conference on Labour History and Its People at the ANU on 15–17 September to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the ASLH at the university in 1961.

Speakers include ALP Senator John Faulkner, activist John Mundy and History Professors Stuart Macintyre and Patricia Grimshaw.

For further information, and to register, see http://ncb.anu.edu.au/labour-history-conference

SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN IN LATIN AMERICA
Centre for Latin American Studies

Dr Elena Azaola, Senior Investigator, Centre for Advanced Studies and Research in Social Anthropology
25 August, Theatre 3, Manning Clark Centre, 6.30 pm
For further details see http://www.anclas.anu.edu.au/event/public-lecture/sexually-exploited-street-children-latin-america

MENTION OF LABORATORY ANIMAL USE IN PUBLIC COMMUNICATION
School of Philosophy
Dr John Hadley, University of Western Sydney
7 September 2011, Coombs Seminar Room C, 4.00–5.30 pm
For further details see http://philosophy.anu.edu.au/event/john-hadley-western-sydney-mention-laboratory-animal-use-public-communication-making-good-nexus

WORKING FOR WOMEN SYMPOSIUM
School of History, School of Cultural Inquiry and the Gender Institute

A one-day multidisciplinary symposium which explores the experiences, relationships and representation of work for women in pre-industrial Europe.
20 August 2011, A.D. Hope Conference Room
For further details see: http://history.cass.anu.edu.au/research/working-women-symposium

AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
The School of Politics & International Relations is hosting the 2011 APSA Conference at Old Parliament House on 26–28 September.

The theme of the conference is Crisis, Uncertainty and Democracy. A free workshop for PhD students will be run at University House in association with the conference. The ANU is also hosting a workshop for women working in the Australian political science profession, on 29 September, to identify key issues relevant to the advancement of women in the discipline in an attempt to address the continuing underrepresentation of women in Australian political science departments.

For a copy of the program and further information see http://law.anu.edu.au/coast/events/apsa/2011.htm

AGRI-FOOD RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2011
The School of Sociology and the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, are hosting the annual meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Agri-Food Research Network on 5–8 December at the ANU.

The conference theme is Sustainabilities, Justice and Agriculture in the Asia-Pacific region. Papers will cover such issues as the impact of extreme weather events, accelerating foreign acquisitions of agricultural land, and uncertainty over the magnitude and timing of future climate change on food security and population health within the region.

For further information visit http://sociology.cass.anu.edu.au/node/83
Climate change presents perhaps the most profound challenge ever confronted by human society. This volume is a definitive analysis drawing on the best thinking on questions of how climate change affects human systems, and how societies can, do, and should respond.

Key topics covered include the history of the issues, social and political reception of climate science, the denial of that science by individuals and organized interests, the nature of the social disruptions caused by climate change, the economics of those disruptions and possible responses to them, questions of human security and social justice, obligations to future generations, policy instruments for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and governance at local, regional, national, international, and global levels.

Sunita Narain, of the Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi, said, in a review of the book, that it brings ‘a rich understanding of how society can ‘fix’ this existential challenge [of climate change] by ‘fixing’ itself first. Read it because you must.’

A decade after the US-led invasion of Afghanistan in October 2001, the country continues to face a growing insurgency and crises of governance. The Afghanistan Conflict and Australia’s Role tackles a number of critical dimensions—politics, society, military, and reconstruction—of this conflict from a range of perspectives. This book unpacks the nature and complexity of the conflict at national and international levels. It makes a critical assessment of the performance of President Hamid Karzai and his government, and the efforts made by the international community, the US and its NATO and non-NATO allies in particular, to stabilise, rebuild and secure Afghanistan as a viable state. In addition, it examines critically the role played by Australia in the conflict.

The conclusions are far-reaching, with relevance to anyone interested in the interconnectedness of many contemporary issues—governance, democratisation, development, the role of the media, and counterinsurgency.


A Concise History of the Caribbean presents a general history of the Caribbean islands from the beginning of human settlement—about seven thousand years ago—to the present. It narrates processes of early human migration, the disastrous consequences of European colonisation, the development of slavery and the slave trade, the extraordinary profits earned by the plantation economy, the great revolution in Haiti, movements toward political independence, the Cuban Revolution, and the diaspora of Caribbean people.

Written in a lively and accessible style yet current with the most recent research, the book provides a compelling narrative of Caribbean history essential for students and visitors.

Reviewers have described the book as ‘A first-rate interpretive overview that at present has no equal, by a master historian and insightful scholar’ and ‘An excellent comparative history by a leading historian of the Caribbean ... a perceptive analysis of West Indian people and their environment from ancient times to the present’.
In this volume, which arose from an interdisciplinary conference on 'Toleration, Education and the Curriculum', held at the ANU in 2007, political philosophers, lawyers, sociologists, theologians and educators explore the role of state schools in promoting tolerance within 21st century multicultural, religiously pluralistic societies. The authors address such questions as:

- How may different models of liberalism in the secular state have different outcomes in relation to religious tolerance in the education system?
- Does a state education system have a role in teaching values such as tolerance, and if so, how is this best achieved?
- How are epistemology and truth connected with tolerance?
- How does the ideal of a 'value free' secular education mask the values that the secular state teaches?

The essays are written from both theoretical and practical perspectives and engage with each other directly to address one of the significant issues of our day.

The volume is the fourth in a series under the umbrella title 'Negotiating the Sacred'.

Whaling for food has been a part of Faroese life for the past thousand years. Late in the 20th century, this community-based activity came under enormous pressure from international animal rights and environmental organisations who initiated an international boycott of Faroese fisheries and fish products to 'bring the Faroes to their knees' and end their whaling.

With some 95% of the Faroese economy based on fisheries and fish products, this action clearly threatened the economic viability of the Faroes.

The book has three aims:

- to trace the development of the grindadráp, the Faroese institution for managing whaling and distributing the products of the hunt.
- to determine the institution's performance in terms of its ability to maintain itself and sustainably manage the resource on which it is based, the long-finned pilot whale.
- to respond to the claims of the animal rights and environmental organisations to determine if these claims have any basis.

*The Faroe Islands, which have a population of 49,000 people, have been a self-governing region of the Kingdom of Denmark since 1948.*