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Director's report

From Banal to Fervent Globalization: 2016 in review for the Centre for Global Research

For a number of years it may have been possible to speak of a 'banal globalization, where globalizing processes had become so absorbed into structures, organisations, practices and discourses that any sense of novelty had been whittled away amongst the claims to inevitability. Of course, beneath the banality, the processes of globalization have been churning away—tearing at the tensions between nation-states and their claims to large-scale particularism on the one hand and the temporal and spatial reordering of social relations on the other. The bitter 2016 US election campaign drew debates on globalization to the fore in fervent style and any sense of future certainty has been challenged by a new political order catapulted into the White House. Key elements of both the left and the neo-liberal right have not been able to respond to the sense of loss and disempowerment of communities, including those of industrial workers whose position in the social order is often seen to be usurped by new flows of people moving across the globe. The conservative right has however been able to respond but in ways that are essentially and deeply divisive and can quickly become unsustainable. Walls, borders and airports become the domain of populist politics that challenge the hitherto dominance of neo-liberal globalization with a politics that advances national sovereignty.

One of various contradictions in all this is that the kinds of populists that fill the gap in political meaning rely on expanding globalizing processes so as to advance their economic, media, and military endeavours as well as their political success. A second is that mono-dimensional depictions of globalization mute the ways that populations On the other side of the emerging barriers braced by populist politics are millions of people living beyond precarity. Facing the consequences of acute violence, their existence only comes to be acknowledged once they challenge punctured momentarily by occasional images of immense humanitarian grief.

There are, as such, multiple globalizations and many possibilities as the flows of power contort and recalibrate social relations in different and shifting ways. Older problems are recast as new while new sets of inequities and injustices emerge. In all of this there is a role for research where, even in the instrumentalised domain of universities, there is a recognition of the ways scholarship is bound up with the flows of social power and that academics have a role in knowledge production that can have a profound effect both immediately and over the longue durée. To do this risks have to be taken—intellectual and otherwise—and research practice more than ever needs to be based on a recognition of mutuality. Perpetuating and projecting ivory tower elitism and a sense of neutrality will not see us through.

The Centre for Global Research is uniquely placed at the intersection of the local and the global, and at the broadest level inquires into the nature of the human condition as processes of globalization disrupt, exacerbate, accelerate and redefine key dimensions of social life. Still much the norm, parochialism in research limits the possibilities for understanding when the national is taken to be the 'common-sense' framing for investigation. The nation-state remains of relevance no doubt, but understanding politics and culture by assuming a priority limits understanding. Our focus areas of conflict, development and governance provide different inroads into scholarly enquiry from the streets of Melbourne to communities around the world. Some research is site focused, some thematically guided as it cuts across multiple

sites, other comparative, while other research is focused on socio-theoretical questions. Theory, policy and empirical analysis pull together as different methodological starting points. This is only possible by working as a sum, not as parts.

First of all, our sincere congratulations to those researchers who were successful in the 2016 Australian Research Council round: Caroline Norma for her DECRA on 'The wartime comfort women of Japanese-occupied New Guinea, 1942-1945'; Charlie Hunt for his DECRA on 'International policing and civilian protection in UN peace operations'; and Jock McCulloch for his Discovery 'Occupational health and social justice in South Africa'. These are outstanding researchers and we congratulate them on their success. From a Centre perspective, each speaks to different dimensions of our strategy—of supporting teaching staff in developing their research careers, of maintaining connections with researchers via a growing list of adjunct positions, and where possible drawing researchers to the Centre via fellowship opportunities. These projects sit alongside a whole range of existing and emerging projects on ending violence against women and gender equity, on social resilience, migration, religion, cultural renewal, local governance, amongst many others.

From February our research team expanded with Anne Brown joining us as a Principal Research Fellow, coming to us from the University of Queensland and bringing with her a wealth of research success and experience working with Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. For the Vice Chancellor's Research Fellowships, many CGR members worked extremely hard to locate the best possible candidates and are delighted that Nicola Henry will be joining us as a Principal Senior Research Fellow in the opening months of 2017. She will also bring a wealth of experience with her and add strength and depth to our considerable research strengths in ending violence against women and also urban security, which will be two key focus areas for the CGR across 2017-2018.

In the first half of 2016 Georgina Heydon took on the Director's position while Damian Grenfell took research leave, and we thank Kerry Mullan and Paul Battersby for also assisting with the Centre leadership over that time. More generally, the CGR continued to have a robust leadership group in its elected Executive Committee, with Georgina Heydon, Julian Lee, Paul Battersby, Kerry Mullan, Ceridwen Spark, Hariz Halilovich and Vandra Harris representing the membership on a day-to-day basis. We would like to particularly thank Julian Lee for his contributions over the last two years to this group, and welcome Larissa Sandy who was elected for 2017-2018. A reconstituted advisory committee met for the first time in July 2017, comprised of Beth Eggleston, Director at the Humanitarian Advisory Group, Panayiota Romois and Joseph Lo Bianco from Melbourne University. Partnerships were also consolidated with the Cultural Development Network and the Red Cross—both now co-located with the CGR—and we are working with both organisations to develop research opportunities.

Our Global Frictions seminar series went from strength to strength, starting the year with our visiting fellow Dr Eliseu Mabasso (University Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique) who, along with Dr Adele Murolo (Executive Director, Multicultural Centre for Women's Health), examined the disadvantages women face when reporting domestic violence. Other seminars tackled questions of culture, diaspora populations, hybridity, the US elections, the missing in the aftermath of conflict which were used to initiate broader research objectives, including publications, grant applications and the development of networks. In addition to Eliseu Mabasso other visiting fellows to work with the CGR in 2016 included, Vanessa Barolsky (Human Science and Research Council, South Africa), Klass Dykmann, (Roskilde University, Denmark) and Ravi Roy (Southern Utah University, USA).

In all of this, the shift from 2016 into 2017 marks a significant moment for the CGR as it moves well out of its renewal phase and into a clear period of growth. Our research income will return towards the million-dollar mark this year, there is strong income already in place for 2018 and 2019, and our research projects are diversified across an expanding number of researchers. An integral part of our renewal process has been the work of our two centre coordinators, Michelle Farley and Sam Carroll-Bell, and both need to be acknowledged as key to what has been achieved. At the end of 2016 Sam finished up in the coordinator's role (having first filled in for Michelle full time while she was on maternity leave, and then part time since her return), though will remain part of the CGR community, not least as a PhD candidate.

This new phase will bring new challenges, just at a time that the world lurches in contradictory political directions that draw many tensions (and potentially enormous upheaval) to the fore. The CGR is based around some simple tenets: that teaching and research are mutually part of what it is to be a scholar, that centres provide an internal mechanism for collaboration while providing the outside world with a legible point of connection, and—as mentioned above—research is bound up with the world. Accountability is as important as ever and while we are answerable within a university setting there is a need for the CGR to be answerable to its broader community. These reports are one way of doing that and are vitally important, given so much of our work is undertaken in partnership with people and communities around the world, many of whom give us the grace of their time when there are many other pressing needs in front of them. So please enjoy as you browse through these pages, and also look at this report in terms of the broader continuity of our research trajectory since the Centre was inaugurated in 2002. We look forward to your support and interest over 2017 and beyond.



Damian Grenfell

Director, Centre for Global Research

February 2017

Opposite: Members of the East Timorese substitutes bench watch on as their team take on a rest-of-the-world side during a game of eight-a-side football. Dili, Timor-Leste, September 2016. Photo by Sam Carroll-Bell.





About the Centre

The Centre for Global Research is dedicated to research excellence in the area of Globalization and Social Change with a thematic focus on Conflict and Security, Development and Humanitarianism, and Governance and Justice.

The Centre's objective is to understand and critically evaluate current directions of global change, with an emphasis on the implications of political, social and cultural transformation for communities and organizations from the local to the global. Centre research is undertaken with an emphasis on qualitative methods, taking an interdisciplinary to transdisciplinary approach. The focus of the Centre's site-based research is in the Asia Pacific, and extends to Africa, Europe and the Americas.

Based at RMIT University in Melbourne, the Centre has a close association with teaching disciplines in the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, including Global Studies (International Studies and International Development), Justice and Legal Studies, Languages, as well as Translating and Interpreting.

Our mission

At a time of acute sensitivity to questions of social dislocation, economic inequity and political upheaval, the Centre for Global Research is committed to rethinking the relationship between the global and the local. Its primary intellectual task is to understand the processes of change and continuity, and to think through political-cultural questions about how people can live in ways that are sustainable and meaningful to them. In particular, it works to facilitate and enhance activities of political and cultural dialogue across the continuing and positive boundaries of cultural diversity in the world today.

What we do

Founded in 2002 as the Globalism Institute, the Centre for Global Research:

- Undertakes engaged research into globalization, and into conflict, development and governance in a global context. It seeks to understand and critically evaluate current directions of global change, with an emphasis on the social implications of political, economic and cultural transformation.
- Builds links with other universities, industry partners and communities.
- Plays an educative role in the community, both local and global, about the difficulties and the possibilities of globalization and social change.
- Provides research consultancy to all levels of government, industry and community.
- Sponsors conferences, forums and seminars to debate and formulate critical analysis and policy for both government bodies and world and regional organizations and agencies.
- Offers a rich research milieu for postgraduate study in the areas of globalization, international politics, nationalism, identity politics, gender, conflict, security, development, humanitarianism, justice and governance, from the local to the global.

The Centre's supportive and vibrant research environment provides a strong platform for competitive grant applications and consultancies, a critical mass for interdisciplinary collaboration and problem solving, and opportunities for better promoting research findings to industry, government and non-government audiences.

Research agenda

Social change in a global world

The world in which we live cannot be understood and its issues adequately addressed without a global perspective. Everything from the most ephemeral social phenomenon to the most complex human environment interactions have clear threads that bind them into a global fabric, the shape of which they both influence and are influenced by. The study of globalization recognizes that all areas of human endeavour can be, from one view, understood within a global frame, and that whether we are to study it as social scientists, or to seek to intervene as agents of social change, a sound understanding of this global frame is key.

The necessarily broad scope of the study of globalization permits an array of emphases and foci. Thus, as a term that entered the social science lexicon over half a century ago, 'globalization' as an object of study is contested. That these debates continue, with vigour, is an indication of the importance and urgency of this study. That these debates intersect with work done in diverse fields of research within and beyond the humanities and social science is a testament to their far-reaching significance.

Research into globalization bridges disciplinary concerns to explore contemporary issues within a hybrid framework of analysis. More so than any other social science field, Global Studies takes a nascent global cosmopolis as its primary referent. Notions of national, social and cultural space are challenged by the realities of growing cosmopolitan diversity and the decoupling of geography and identity. The nation-state may not be dead but there is an evolving sphere of action beyond the state and nation that transcends established notions of the international and which increasingly engages the attention, resources and energies of many transnational non-state actors. The study of globalization brings together such concerns under a single umbrella while researchers in the field grapple with the conceptual challenge of integrating this globality into established disciplinary discourses.

In the study of our world, the capacity to conceive 'the global' and to contextualize local happenings in a global frame is increasingly prerequisite. However, at the same time, globalization at once accentuates and multiplies the connections between people and peoples, enabling hybridized cultures and identities to form, while promoting the development of local identities and the importance of place and local culture.

Understandings of the self and locality evolve in concert with the spread of ostensibly homogenizing global symbols and identities. Whether the behaviour of people seeks to participate in the global, or rootedness in place and tradition, the only constant is change. Thus, intersecting with the Centre's research on globalization is a concern for both continuity, but especially 'social change'. Adaptation, contestation, resilience and sustainability each become key areas for research as communities across different scales grapple with changing configurations of power and identity that can carry both positive and negative possibilities. We explore these themes particularly in the context of conflict, development and governance, understanding each in a period of intensifying globalization and taking them in their most localized moments and understanding them as parts of globalizing flows. From global governance to local activism, from transnational companies to petty traders, and from international celebrity to personal identities, there is not a realm of human activity that in some way is not impacted and influenced by the tensions between the local and the global.

Thematic focus areas

Conflict and security

There are times in which the world seems to be on fire. For all the assumptions of human progress and civilised refinement, conflict and its effects remain a constant in global politics. Yet in all its dimensions, conflict is changing; the patterns of warfare, the use of technology, the impact of terrorism, all evolve, driven by the political conditions in post-colonial states, shifts in power balances between superpowers, North-South relations, and the emergence of new points of contestation both locally and globally. The Centre for Global Research undertakes innovative research across the diverse dimensions of conflict and its prevention and resolution, from security and diplomacy in international relations, through to military interventions and police missions, and local, national and international practices of reconciliation, peace and transitional justice. Our approach is embedded in engaged understandings of the social, historical, cultural and otherwise specific dimensions of particular conflicts. With this, we are interested in the day-to-day subjective responses of people caught in moments of extreme violence through to critically assessing prevailing conceptual and strategic approaches to security and peace.

Development and humanitarianism

Development is ostensibly about ensuring the provision of basic material needs (food, clothing, shelter, health and education) and opportunities to live lives that are – in the words of Mahbub ul Haq – ‘long, healthy and creative’. Yet almost everything that development is understood to represent appears to be in question. A sense of crisis has emerged, prompted by changing circumstances in the Global North and South, the growing impact of global financial institutions, the changing nature of conflicts, intensifying environmental threats and ideological contestation that manifests in resistance against global capitalism in its neoliberal form. More than ever before, there is growing awareness that development demands a multidimensional, holistic approach. Researchers at the Centre work at the points of intersection between these complex tensions. Our work is framed through an examination of the relationship between the local and the global, macro and micro policies, endogenous and exogenous development, and relationships at the centre and the periphery. With more than a decade of research and policy experience across local, national and global settings, our researchers bring a critical, vibrant and applied dimension to development research.

Governance and justice

Governance is a concept increasingly understood by policy makers, governments and business to be about much more than simply ‘what governments do’. Our researchers extend conventional institutional approaches and engage with governance as the process of how things are done—the exercise of power through social systems and the patterns of social regulation. Since its inception the Centre has researched the intersection between globalization and systems of governance, and as such our research spans the local to the global, from small communities in remote Australia through to global institutions such as the International Criminal Court and the United Nations. Working between grounded research methodologies, empirical studies and social theory, our research shows for instance how indigenous people and communities in post-conflict settings negotiate multiple and sometimes contradictory systems of authority, responsibility and power that are frequently elusive to and unrecognized by governments and corporations. Understanding how these multiple governance systems intersect, and how they are changing in response to global forces and technologies, can transform policy deadlock into effective engagement and partnership, and underpin longer-term sustainability.



Above: President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, Professor Gillian Triggs, speaks to a near capacity audience at the launch of *Religion, spirituality and the refugee experience* by Dr Susan P Ennis. The writing and editing of the book was overseen by two Centre members Professor Desmond Cahill and Professor Joseph Siracusa. Melbourne, Australia, November 2016. Photo by Georgina Matherson.



Established in 1972 the Aboriginal Tent Embassy seeks to represent the diverse social, spiritual, political and legal interests of Aboriginal Australians, including land rights. The embassy does not have official diplomatic status with the Australian Government. Canberra, Australia, December 2016. Photo by Sam Carroll-Bell..

People

The Centre for Global Research is comprised of members, adjunct and honorary appointments, and associates, including colleagues from local, national and international institutions.

Members



Damian Grenfell

Director

Associate Professor, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies

Damian Grenfell is the Director of the Centre for Global Research, a Senior Lecturer in Global Studies (incorporating both International Studies and International Development), and Manager of the Timor-Leste Research Program. His research focuses on social change—particularly the impacts of modernization on identity and social integration in war-affected societies, as well as maintaining an ongoing interest in social movement contestation and the state, as well as security and globalization. He has worked as a consultant and in research partnership with a large range of funder, government and civil society organisations, as well as with communities, on issues of gender and violence, security and reconciliation.

Areas of expertise: Social change and violence, the State, nation formation, interventions, security, gender, peace and reconciliation, social movements.



Georgina Heydon

Deputy Director

Senior Lecturer, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies

Georgina Heydon is an internationally recognized expert in the field of forensic linguistics and investigative interviewing, and has published numerous academic papers and a book entitled, *The language of police interviewing*. Georgina also provides expert evidence on authorship and speaker identification, as well as on threat identification, and commercial trademark cases. She has delivered interview training and advice to police in numerous countries, members of Australian judicial colleges and tribunals as well as lawyers and corporate clients.

Areas of expertise: Police interviewing, pragmatics, forensic linguistics and language in a legal context.



Kerry Mullan

Acting Deputy Director (February–September 2016)

Senior Lecturer, Convenor of Languages, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies

Kerry Mullan is Senior Lecturer and Convenor of Languages at RMIT. She teaches French language and culture and introductory sociolinguistics. Kerry's main research interests are cross-cultural communication and the differing interactional styles of French and Australian English speakers. She also researches in the areas of intercultural pragmatics, discourse analysis and language teaching. She is currently investigating humour in French and Australian English social interaction.

Areas of expertise: Cross-cultural communication, discourse analysis, intercultural pragmatics, French and Australian interactional styles, and expression of opinion.

Paul Battersby

*Associate Professor and Convenor of Global Studies
School of Global, Urban and Social Studies*

Paul Battersby leads the Global Studies Discipline at RMIT. He teaches in the areas of global governance and international law, global crime, global risk and Asian business culture. His published research explores the multi-scale intersections between law, governance, society, crime and security. His interests extend to the complex patterns of globalization as these manifest across different discipline specializations and concerns. He has also written colonial Australia into international and global history through his studies of Australian travel, tourism and investment in Southeast Asia since 1788.

Areas of expertise: Theories and methodologies of global governance, global development practice, and the complexities of international crime.



Anne Brown

*Associate Professor and Principal Research Fellow
Centre for Global Research*

Anne Brown's work has focused on the intersection of conflict, development and governance—three core themes for the Centre for Global Research—in particular in post-colonial states. In addition to her distinguished academic career, which included a senior posting with the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland, Anne possesses a wealth of diplomatic experience and expertise, having worked for the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in China for over a decade. Anne has also worked extensively in sites such as Ghana, Liberia, Timor-Leste and Vanuatu, to name a few.

Areas of expertise: Conflict, community development, international development, international relations, global governance, human rights, peace building processes.



Desmond Cahill OAM

Professor of Intercultural Studies, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies

Desmond Cahill has been a world leading researcher and teacher in the areas of immigrant, cross-cultural and international studies for more than three decades. Over this time, his numerous publications and projects have focused on the many immigrant and refugee groups that comprise modern Australia, including the Argentinian, British, Cambodian, Chilean, Dutch, Filipino, Greek, Italian, Lebanese, Maltese, Polish, Turkish, Uruguayan and Vietnamese communities. He has also conducted research in Japan, the Philippines, Switzerland and Vietnam.

Areas of expertise: Immigrant, multicultural and international education; cross-cultural communication, bilingualism and biculturalism; ethnic minority youth; immigrant settlement; ethnic community development; world population movements; cultural diversity policy development and evaluation; intermarriage; international student; and religion and globalization.





Robin Cameron

Lecturer in Justice and Legal Studies, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies

Robin Cameron's research focuses on the intersection of security and social order. His book *Subjects of security: Domestic effects of foreign policy in the War on Terror*, examines the many forms of social control within communities perpetuated by September 11, 2001 and subsequent global counter-terrorism. An edited collection entitled *Human security and natural disasters* examines the human dimension of natural disasters and offers prospects for moving towards a more progressive politics of security.

Areas of expertise: Counter-terrorism and the war on terror, global criminology, social control, community resilience, human security, critical security studies, and international relations theory.



Sam Carroll-Bell

PhD Candidate and Research Centre Coordinator, Centre for Global Research

Sam Carroll-Bell is a PhD candidate and Research Coordinator with the Centre of Global Research. His research focuses on the framing and impact of international development activities based in the Asia Pacific. Sam's PhD research examines the epistemologies of international development workers in Timor-Leste. As the Research Centre Coordinator, Sam's work includes event and publication management, communications, financial monitoring and grant development.

Areas of expertise: International development studies, community development, and international relations.



Val Colic-Peisker

Associate Professor, Sociology, School of Global Urban and Social Studies

Before joining RMIT University in 2007, Val worked at Monash and Murdoch Universities and the University of Western Australia. Val's research interests centre on migration, mobility, globalization, cosmopolitanism and Australian immigration and settlement policies. Her research has focused on notions of ethnicity/race, identity, community and class. Val's recent publications cover topics such as labour and residential integration of immigrants in Australia, especially those from non-Anglophone backgrounds. Since January 2009, Val has been a convener of the inter-university Migration and Mobility Research Network (MMRN) based at RMIT. Val teaches in the International Studies program at RMIT.

Areas of expertise: Migration, mobility, globalization, cosmopolitanism and Australian immigration and settlement policies.



Chantal Crozet

Lecturer, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies

Chantal Crozet is a Senior lecturer in French Studies and Intercultural Communication. She completed her PhD and MA in linguistics at the Australian National University. Her main area of interest is culture and its links to language and identity. She has widely published on interculturality in language and culture education.

Areas of expertise: Intercultural language and culture education, language, culture and identity, discourse analysis, French popular culture, French songs, religions and laïcité in contemporary France.

Ana Maria Ducasse

Senior Lecturer, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies

Ana Maria Ducasse has an MA in Applied Linguistics and a PhD in Language testing. She has taught Italian Language, English as a Second Language, Adult Literacy and Academic English. Currently her role as a Lecturer in Spanish Language and Spanish Studies at RMIT is combined with Program Manager for the Diploma of Languages and Director of the Spanish Resource Centre. Her current research projects are on the connection between high stakes English tests used for university entrance and oral assessments in higher education (with ACER), persuasion in goal oriented business pitches in Spanish and English (with two Spanish Universities la UNED & UAH) and Classroom Based Assessment focusing on feedback (with La Trobe University). She is also currently supervising in the area of learning, teaching and assessment in translating and interpreting.



Tommaso Durante

Associate Lecturer, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies

Tommaso Durante is a lecturer in Global Studies in the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, and Honorary Urban scholar with the UN Global Compact Cities Programme (UNGCCP). His academic research addresses cultural-ideological change from an aesthetic perspective and through the lenses of socio-political theory to explore the link between globalization and visuality. Tommaso is also an award-winning visual artist and a freelance lecturer of Art History and Art Theory.

Areas of expertise: Aesthetics of globalization, urban ethnography, complex symbolic systems, social imaginary, visual rhetoric



Michelle Farley

Research Centre Coordinator, Centre for Global Research

Michelle's role focuses on events and publications management, financial management and reporting, and oversight of the Centre's human resources responsibilities. Michelle is also a graphic designer and supports the publishing aims of the Centre.



Kent Goldsworthy

Lecturer and PhD Candidate, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies

Kent Goldsworthy is a Lecturer in the Master of International Development program with the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies. As a PhD Candidate with the School, Kent's research focuses on neo-liberal globalization and consumer cultures by investigating Voluntourism in international development. This research uses social and political theories along with critical discourse analysis to investigate an explanation for the presence and popular support of Voluntourism.

Areas of expertise: Globalization, consumerism, commodification, civil society in development, and theories of development.





Jose Roberto Guevara

*Associate Professor and Program Manager, Master of International Development
School of Global, Urban and Social Studies*

Jose Roberto 'Robbie' Guevara's main research interests are popular and community environmental education in the Asia-Pacific region; Education for Sustainable Development; international aid and community development; and global citizenship. Robbie has successfully completed two ARC-Linkage Grants that investigated learning partnerships in connection with (i) youth-led learning for global citizenship, and (ii) school-community partnerships for sustainable development. He is the President of the Asia-South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE) and Vice-President (Asia-Pacific) of the International Council of Adult Education (ICAE). Robbie was inducted into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame in October 2012 for his contribution to adult environmental education and education for sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific.

Areas of expertise: Adult and community education, education for sustainable development, education advocacy, participatory action research, and global citizenship.



Hariz Halilovich

*Associate Professor and Vice-Chancellor's Senior Research Fellow
Centre for Global Research*

Hariz Halilovich's main research interests include place-based identity politics, forced migration, politically motivated violence, post-conflict recovery, memory studies and human rights. Most recently, his research has drawn attention to ways in which people use narratives and digital technologies to build life stories about place, migration, war, reconciliation and communal identity. Much of Hariz's work has an applied focus, and he has conducted research on migration-related issues for a range of non-governmental and governmental bodies, including the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Australia).

Areas of expertise: Post-conflict societies, refugee diasporas, reconciliation, migration, war commemorations, communal archives and the Former Yugoslavia.



Vandra Harris

*Senior Lecturer and Head of Global Studies
School of Global, Urban and Social Studies*

Vandra Harris is Head of Global Studies, teaches in the graduate program in international development and researches NGO-military interaction. Her previous work has focused on international policing, participatory development and cultural impacts of development. Vandra currently teaches courses on humanitarian assistance and on ethics. Prior to her university career, Vandra worked in local and international community development NGOs and served on the boards of a range of organizations.

Areas of expertise: Humanitarian crises and complex emergencies, particularly NGO-military interaction in these environments.

Charles Hunt

Senior Research Fellow, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies

Charles has a background in international relations and critical security studies. His research focuses on peace operations, security and justice in conflict-affected societies and evaluating the impact of peacebuilding efforts. Charles has been an Associate Investigator with the ARC Centre for Excellence in Policing and Security since 2009 and he is an Honorary Fellow at the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect. He has worked with the Australian government, think tanks and academic institutions in Africa, Asia and the Pacific and consults to the UN and a number of international humanitarian NGOs.

Areas of expertise: UN peace operations, Security and justice reform in conflict-affected societies, Responsibility to Protect and protection of civilians in armed conflict, organisational learning, impact assessment and monitoring and evaluation.



Reina Ichii

Lecturer, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies

Reina Ichii is a trained economist with significant research and industrial experience in the field of development economics. In 2008, as an academic advisor, Reina joined the Japanese Government delegation for the 52nd session of the UN Commission for the Status of Women in New York. Reina has also undertaken consultancy work for UNESCO, UNDP and JICA. Her research interests include the care economy, microfinance and intra-household resource allocation.

Areas of expertise: Public finance, development economics, gender and development, and care economy.



Elizabeth Kath

Senior Lecturer, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies

Elizabeth Kath is a Lecturer in the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, Honorary Research Fellow with the UN Global Compact Cities Programme and Co-Director of Global Reconciliation. Elizabeth has a political science background and now works within the interdisciplinary field of global studies. Thematically, she is interested in reconciliation, intercultural communication, and social inclusion / exclusion. Regionally, Kath has a long-standing interest in Latin America and the Caribbean, including Australia's relationship with Latin America.

Areas of expertise: Latin American and Caribbean society politics and culture, Australia's relations with Latin America, reconciliation, social inclusion, public health, state capacity, social capital, development.



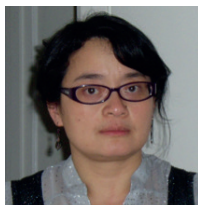


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Julian CH Lee's research focuses on civil society, gender, sexuality and multiculturalism with an area focus on Malaysia, Indonesia and Australia. He has been an Economic and Social Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Kent, and maintains an interest in public engagement through regular columns in non-academic periodicals. His published academic work includes his sole-authored books *Islamization and activism in Malaysia*, and *Policing sexuality: Sex, society, and the state*. He is also the editor of *Narratives of globalization: Reflections on the global human condition*, and co-editor with Yeoh Seng Guan of *Fringe benefits*, and with Julian Hopkins of *Thinking through Malaysia*.

Areas of expertise: Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, civil society, activism, sexuality, gender, inter-ethnic relations, religion, and identity.



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Lynne Li coordinates the Chinese Language Program at undergraduate and postgraduate levels at RMIT and teaches into its courses. She also works as a research student supervisor for both Masters by Research and Doctoral Degrees, in the areas of Chinese and English languages and cultures education. She engages extensively in cross-institutional networking and collaborative research projects with both local and international partners.

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Glenda Mejía is a Senior Lecturer in Spanish Language Studies and the Coordinator of the Spanish Program. She has published various articles in the area of women's studies in Cuban cinema such as *Dos épocas en el cine cubano*, *Madagascar: Un viaje interno*, and *Mujer transparente: In search of a woman*. She is currently researching the topics of women's representation, migration and place in Mexican cinema. Her latest article in this field is 'Impact of power domains on irregular migrants' as seen in *La vida precoz y breve de Sabina Rivas*. Currently, she is conducting an ethnographic research project: 'Transnationalism and belonging of Latin Americans in Melbourne'.

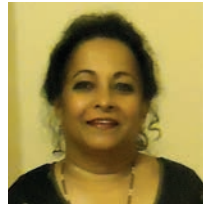
Areas of expertise: Latin American cinema, women's studies, belonging and place-making within the Spanish community, sociolinguistics (identity and language), and pedagogy (teaching and practice).

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Yaso Nadarajah's research activities are in the areas of community and development studies, society and culture and narrative research. Her recent publications include *Abiding by Malaysia: Mediating belonging through cultural contestations*, *Rebuilding communities in the wake of disaster: Social recovery in Sri Lanka and India*, and *Sustainable communities, sustainable development: Other paths for Papua New Guinea*. Yaso is also a Research Associate of the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS) at University Kebangsaan (UKM), Malaysia, and also with the Sisters-in-Islam Forum (NGO), Malaysia.

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Caroline Norma is a Lecturer in the Master of Translating and Interpreting degree in the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies. In her research, Norma applies a gender analysis to the practice of translation and interpreting, and examines the experience of migrant women in accessing sexual assault, domestic violence and child protection services in Australia from this communication perspective. Caroline's work also examines policy approaches to prostitution, trafficking and pornography in Australia and Asia.

Areas of expertise: Public policy, prostitution, pornography and trafficking in Australia, Japan and South Korea.



Peter Phipps

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Areas of expertise: Postcolonial perspectives on globalization, nationalism, development and modernity in Australia and the Asia-Pacific, Indigenous festivals, cultural politics of globalizing cultures and identities, cultural diversity.



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Larissa Sandy is a Lecturer in Criminology at RMIT University. She carried out her PhD at the ANU and has been a research analyst at the Australian Institute of Criminology where she worked on projects including intimate partner homicide and human trafficking in Australia. She was also a research fellow on the International HIV Program at the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, La Trobe University and a VC's Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Flinders University.

Areas of expertise: Sex work, labour migration, human trafficking, contract labour, sexual violence, gender and sexuality, HIV, Cambodia, and applied anthropology.





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Rajesh Sharma has twenty years of teaching and research experience in International Trade, Investment Law and Dispute Resolution. He has provided capacity building programs for government officials, judges, lawyers and businesses in Hong Kong, China, Macao, Africa and India on behalf of WTO, UNITAR, and ITC. Rajesh is the first Indian to hold a PhD in Law from China. He also has a MBL from Monash University. He has received his professional training from WIPO, Harvard Law School, ICC, CIARB and UNU-IAS.

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Rachel Sharples joined the Centre in 2012. She completed her PhD in 2012, entitled *Spaces of solidarity: Karen identity in the Thai-Burma borderlands*, which used ethnographic fieldwork to examine concepts of space (borderlands) and cultural and political identity. She has worked primarily in Burma and Thailand and has undertaken various field research trips in these sites. Rachel's research interests include borderlands; irregular migration, particularly refugees, displaced persons and stateless persons; constructions of cultural and political identity; spaces of solidarity and activism.

Areas of expertise: Refugees, borderlands, irregular migration, cultural identity, spaces of solidarity and activism, Thailand, and Burma.



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Joseph M Siracusa is Professor of Human Security and International Diplomacy and President of Australia's Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. Born and raised in Chicago, he studied at the University of Denver and the University of Vienna and received his PhD from the University of Colorado (Boulder). He is internationally known for his writings on the history of nuclear weapons, diplomacy, and global security.

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Ceridwen is a Vice-Chancellor's Senior Research Fellow with the Centre for Global Research in the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies. Since 2007, most of Ceridwen's research has focused on gender in the Pacific, particularly Papua New Guinea. She has examined cross-cultural interactions between Australians and Papua New Guineans and the interaction between gender, culture and education; women in leadership, women's economic empowerment and the impact of social and cultural change on women. Her research has entailed several fruitful collaborations including with organizations and individuals in PNG, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

Areas of expertise: Indigenous place-making, intercountry adoption, gender and education, gender and leadership, transnationalism, and community and belonging in Melbourne.

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Guosheng Chen is Honorary Professor with the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies having served as Discipline Head of Languages for several years. She also lectures in Culture and Business Practice in Asia; Chinese Language and LOTE Teacher Training. Guosheng is the Executive Director of the Chinese-Australian Studies Forum and Director of the Chinese Proficiency Test Centre. She received a Master of Education from Melbourne University.





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Kim Dunphy is the Research Program Manager of the Cultural Development Network (CDN). Kim contributes to practice and scholarship about cultural development, particularly in the local government sector. Kim's research interests are focused on the change that can be effected through engagement in cultural activity, from heritage through to creative arts participation, and how that change can be understood and measured.



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Ruchira Ganguly-Scrase was formerly Professor of Anthropology and the National Course Director for International Studies, Australian Catholic University. Her most recent books include, *Rethinking displacement: Asia Pacific perspectives*, and *Globalization and the middle classes in India: The social and cultural impact of neoliberal reforms*. Ruchira is currently completing a major study on globalization and regional development in South Asia.



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Paul Komesaroff AM

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Paul Komesaroff AM is a practicing physician and philosopher at Monash University in Melbourne. Paul's work ranges from promoting ethical standards in professional life to fostering reconciliation in Australia and overseas. In 2002, Paul created Global Reconciliation to re-establish trust and community strength in settings of stress or crisis. This non-profit organization now has projects in more than 40 countries. In 2014, he was named as a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia.



Douglas Lewis

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Douglas Lewis is a native of Texas. Educated at Rice University and Brown University, he began long-term ethnographic and ethnological research on the peoples of Sikka on the island of Flores in eastern Indonesia in 1977. His main interests are in Austronesian ethnology, kinship, alliance and social organisation, the anthropology of religion, the transition from oral to literate culture, and the evolution and neurobiology of consciousness, language and culture. Douglas is the author of numerous essays and articles, mainly on the peoples of the Regency of Sikka on Flores. His most recent book is *The stranger-kings of Sikka* (KITLV Press, 2010).



Jock McCulloch

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Jock McCulloch is an Emeritus Professor with the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies. Jock's principal interests are in the colonial history of southern Africa and the history of medicine in particular. He has conducted fieldwork in Algeria, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, Malawi and Kenya. Jock is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Social Sciences and the Australian Academy of the Humanities. In January 2012, Jock began *A history of tuberculosis in Southern Africa*. The project, which is being funded by the Australian Research Council, runs parallel with an important legal action in the Pretoria High Court against the mining conglomerate Anglo / American.



Helen Smith

Senior Research Fellow, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies

Helen Smith's recent research includes the emergence of the Australian National Training Package as a new mode of governance; national longitudinal evaluation study of the Microsoft PiL initiative. In 2009, Helen was awarded the Francis Ormond Medal for serving RMIT University with distinction. She was also made an ALTC Teaching Fellow in 2010.



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John is Director of the Cultural Development Network, funded by the Commonwealth and State governments to increase the capability of cultural development and planning in local government in Australia. He studied at the Tasmanian School of Art, the South Australian School of Art, Monash University and the Academy of Fine Art Karlsruhe, Germany. John was Director of the State Film Centre of Victoria, leading it through its development to the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) opening in 2002.



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Manfred Steger is Professor of Global and Transnational Sociology at the University of Hawai'i-Manoa and Honorary Professor of Global Studies at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia. He has served as an academic consultant on globalization for the US State Department and is the author or editor of over twenty books on globalization, global history, and the history of political ideas, including: *The Rise of the Global Imaginary: Political Ideologies from the French Revolution to the Global War on Terror* (Oxford University Press, 2008), and *Justice Globalism: Ideology, Crises, Policy* (Sage, 2013).

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The organizational form of the Centre for Global Research is intended to be co-operative and non-hierarchical. In consultation with the Advisory Committee and Membership, the Director and Executive determine, then manage, the Centre's core research activity.

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Anne Brown is interviewed by the Liberian press corps following the opening ceremony of a stakeholder workshop in Monrovia. Part of a 2-year DFAT funded initiative, the project seeks to better understand local sources of peace, security and justice in Ghana and Liberia. Monrovia, Liberia. June 2015. Photo by Charles Hunt.



Graves in the village of Tiendanite in the Northern Province of New Caledonia. The village was the home to Jean-Marie Tjibaou, a prominent leader of the Kanak independence movement. These graves are of 10 men who were ambushed on the outskirts of the village in 1984. These deaths triggered what's known as the 'events' in New Caledonia during the 1980s. The unrest ultimately led to the first agreement being put in place in 1988 to transition towards independence from France. Tiendanite, New Caledonia, July 2015. Photo by Kerry Mullan.

Key research projects

The Centre for Global Research is committed to rethinking the relationship between the global and the local with a particular focus on Conflict, Development and Governance. As a result, our research projects are structured around this core purpose and these key themes.

Analysing the effectiveness of a legislative approach to gender responsive budgeting in South Korea

Chief investigator Reina Ichii
Project sponsor Academy of Korean Studies
Total funding \$10,800

This research project examines the effectiveness of legislative approaches to gender responsive budgeting (GRB) in South Korea. To date, GRB has been undertaken as a gender mainstreaming strategy by more than 90 countries around the world. In 2006 the South Korean government included GRB implementation components into the national Financial Act. As a result, government agencies are now required to submit gender budget statements to the National Assembly. This research project examines the progress of the GRB framework and approaches in South Korea. It also examines how different approaches to GRB influence the progress of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Australia and Latin America in a global era

Chief investigators Elizabeth Kath and Raul Sanchez Urribarri (La Trobe University)
Project sponsors RMIT University and La Trobe University

Until recently, Australia and Latin America were considered remote, disconnected, and politically irrelevant to one another. Despite significant efforts from a variety of actors (including scholars on both sides of the Pacific), the prevailing perception was one of lack of awareness and the relationship was defined by little need for engagement. This has changed significantly in recent years with a noticeable increase in Australia's social, political and economic connections with the region. Scholars are catching up to these developments, but still lack a unified framework grounded in rigorous empirical analysis that can help to explain what exactly this growing interconnection is about, how it might shape Australia in the coming years, and why it should matter for academics, policy-makers, and the general public. This edited collection explores how Australia's relations with Latin America are changing in a *global era*.

Best practice interviewing for Fair Work Commission Investigations

Chief investigator Georgina Heydon
Project partner Regulatory Compliance Branch, Fair Work Commission
Total funding \$12,500

This project addressed the needs of the Fair Work Commission Regulatory Compliance Branch investigations team and provided valuable resources to the Commission for the ongoing development of effective questioning practices in investigations. This project responded to the central question: How does the investigative environment of the Fair Work Commission affect the conduct of interviewers and interviewees during an investigation by the Regulatory Compliance Branch? While the essential tools of Cognitive Interviewing, as taught worldwide in police academies, are still relevant to the Regulatory Compliance Branch investigators, consultation with staff identified the specific circumstances that arise in conducting Fair Work Commission investigations, and how these might best be dealt with by Regulatory Compliance Branch investigators.

Civilian protection and the use of force in UN peacekeeping operations

Chief investigators Charles Hunt and Alex Bellamy (University of Queensland)
Project sponsors Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Project
Total funding \$250, 887

This four-year ARC funded project seeks to evaluate the use of force to protect civilians in United Nations peacekeeping. United Nations peacekeepers are on the frontline of efforts to protect civilians from violence. More than 100 were killed in 2014. Hundreds of thousands of civilians depend on peacekeepers for their safety. To date, however, there has been little systematic evaluation of the impact of the use of force for civilian protection mandates on both immediate protection goals and the wider goals of peacekeeping. This project aims to assess the impact of the implementation of mandates to use force to protect civilians. Through a focused comparison of six missions, it plans to identify what works, what doesn't, and the factors which determine these outcomes in order to identify ways of improving performance in the future.

Culture and change: A comparative study of women's activism through coalitions in Papua New Guinea and Malaysia

Chief investigator Ceridwen Spark
Associate investigator Julian CH Lee
Project sponsors Developmental Leadership Program
Total funding \$28,200

The Developmental Leadership Program (DLP) has an emerging track record of research on the role that women's coalitions play in creating social and political change. This project seeks to consolidate existing DLP research on coalitions and to extend their reach in the Pacific. The research will deliver important lessons for policy makers and development partners conducting research and development projects in PNG, Melanesia and Malaysia.

Evaluating the impact of the Equal Playing Field for Schools Program

Chief investigator Ceridwen Spark
Project sponsors Equal Playing Fields Incorporated
Total funding \$147,785

The aim of this project is to evaluate the overall impact of the *Equal Playing Field for Schools* (EPF) Program in Papua New Guinea. Working closely with the EPF team, we will determine the impact participation has on Port Moresby students in the program and measure the effectiveness of EPF's engagement with schools and the wider community. The project will provide unique insight into the challenges and opportunities of developing *Respectful Relationships* programs in a developing context.

Evidence review of respectful relationships resources

Chief investigators Larissa Sandy and Anastasia Powell
Project sponsors Victorian Health
Total funding \$17,762

Commissioned by VicHealth this project undertook an evidence review of respectful relationship resources in order to examine new and emerging health challenges for young people. Of particular interest was to the study was the the prevalence, exposure to and influence of pornography on the mental well-being, relationships, and interpersonal skills of young people. Findings from the review will inform VicHealth's strategies and efforts to improve the mental well-being of young people and prevent violence against women.

The Helen and Geoff Handbury community fellowship program

Chief investigator Yaso Nadarajah
Advisory committee Geoff Handbury AO, Rev. Peter Cook, Anthony MacGillivray, Cicely Fenton and John Callinan
Project sponsors The Geoff and Helen Handbury Foundation, Federal Government Collaborative and Structural Regional Development Fund, and RMIT University, Research and Development.
Total funding \$300,000

Developed by Yaso Nadarajah and funded by Helen and Geoff Handbury, *The Community Fellowship Program*, supports community-led ideas and practices in Western Victoria as well as drawing links between local issues and questions of sustainability. The program encourages ideas from members of the community who might fall outside other grant processes, or who would not see themselves as capable of applying for a grant elsewhere. Projects have ranged from the development of low-cost strategies for using reclaimed water in integrated enterprise systems, to evaluating the benefit of arts festivals, to community wellbeing.

Opposite: Members of the Kukukuku tribe, a remote people living in the highlands of Papua New Guinea, gather to discuss the Kukukuku Local/Global Patea Eco-Enterprise project. Akwanje Village, Menyamya District, Morobe Province. Photo by Yaso Nadarajah.

Humour in social interactions in French and English

Chief investigators Kerry Mullan, Christine Beal (Université Montpellier III) and Véronique Traverso (Université Lyon II)
Project sponsors Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA), RMIT University, Université Montpellier III, Université Lyon II2
Total funding \$8,000

The main aim of the project is to analyse the functions of humour in French and Australian social visits within the framework of a larger joint project on social interaction in French and Australian English. Two comparative corpora of naturally occurring conversations during social visits were collected to explore conversational strategies. It is intended that this research will contribute to the growing literature on French-Australian inter-cultural studies and strengthen understanding and relations between the two cultures.

The Kukukuku local-global eco-enterprise: A rural/remote reality in Papua New Guinea

Chief investigator Yaso Nadarajah
Project sponsor The Trust Company, Melbourne
Total funding \$172,000

The Patea (Kukukuku) eco-enterprise research traces the idea of development as a ground-up, organic practice within a rural/remote tribal community. Research with the Kukukuku found that systematic ground-up approaches that respect local tribal knowledge and cultural protocols can effectively engage remote communities in development activities, with resultant economic and agricultural enterprises more likely to thrive as they draw support from individuals and the community. The key to self-sustainability and extension of such enterprises is the diffusion of key income-generating capacities through the community. Four pilot projects, including establishing a Women's Enterprise and Agricultural Hub, were mobilized to support the community's efforts at cultural preservation, local expertise development, self-governance and self-reliance. Integrated research on these projects yielded important new knowledge to inform effective remote community development strategy design and delivery.



Language, family and relationships: Supporting cultural renewal through revitalization of indigenous languages in Vanuatu

Chief investigators	Anne Brown
Researchers	Anne Brown and Mark Love (University of Queensland)
Project sponsors	The Christensen Fund, The Anglican Church of Melanesia
Total funding	\$58,000

This project aims to contribute to diversity and resilience by increasing inter-generational transmission of ni-Vanuatu vernacular languages in the home and raising awareness of the value of kastom kin-terms. It will do this through a series of dialogic workshops (storians) in Santo (an island of Vanuatu). The project will also investigate the value of the approach adopted to social resilience.

The importance of vernacular in the vitality of culture is well established. Many languages in Vanuatu are 'in trouble', although revitalization efforts in the home 'could restore transmission' (Lewis et al. 2013). Kin relations, articulated through local language terms, are a fundamental element in social order. Vernacular revitalisation can support significant areas of cultural renewal, with implications for community relationships, social order, socio-ecological resilience, positive identity and cultural expression. This project builds on previous work undertaken by Anne Brown, Mark Love and colleagues, at that time working with the Malvatumauri National Council of Chiefs (MNCC). It also continues work undertaken in Santo in 2015. The Anglican Church of Melanesia is an active partner in this project.



Above: Damian Grenfell with fellow *Nabilan: Ending Violence Against Women (EVAW)* researchers. Same, Manufahi, Timor-Leste, June 2016. Photo by Stefani Vasil.

Nabilan: Ending Violence Against Women (EVAW) program, Timor-Leste

Chief investigator	Damian Grenfell
Researchers	Stefani Vasil
Project sponsor	The Asia Foundation
Total funding	\$140,000

The Asia Foundation is implementing the Nabilan: Ending Violence Against Women (EVAW) Program in Timor-Leste under a Grant Agreement with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). The program goal is to reduce the proportion of women who have experienced violence, and to better meet the needs of women and children affected by violence. The objective is to improve outcomes for women in prevention, support services, and access to justice by building capacity in key ministries, reducing levels of violence, enhancing services, and strengthening judicial processes serving the needs of women. As a part of this program, the CI provides research advice to the EVAW program, including to staff at The Asia Foundation and associated partners, supports the team's consolidation of existing knowledge on violence against women and children in Timor-Leste, and provides support to the development of research projects commissioned via the program.

Negotiating the local-global in the Hamilton region: The Coleraine Enterprise

Research team	Yaso Nadarajah with John Kane, Jenny Kane, (Hamilton community researchers), Michael McCarthy (Southern Grampians Shire Council, Futures Director), Zainil Zainuddin (commencing PhD, RMIT Environmental Science Program) and the Coleraine Community Progress Association
Project sponsors	Handbury Fellowship Program, Victorian Department of Community Development and Planning
Total funding	\$760,000

The Coleraine Enterprise began as a combination of three Handbury Fellowship Programs and worked as a catalytic team of researchers (university and community), local government, and statutory bodies to test the scale and scope of a community-led enterprise that could be both economically and culturally vital and viable as a small town model of integration of water conservation, organic bio-remediation, and food production for a sustainable future. Initially designed to be located at the Coleraine Reclamation Plant, the project has since relocated to a farming site in the western Victorian farming town of Coleraine. Currently the group is working to complete documentation of this process.

Profiles of PNG Women in Business

Chief investigator	Ceridwen Spark
Associate investigator	Bayden Findlay
Project sponsors	Business Coalition for Women/International Finance Corporation
Total funding	\$29,735

Working with the Papua New Guinea Business Coalition for Women (BCFW) and filmmaker, Bayden Findlay, this project investigates the role of PNG women in business. This work seeks to identify and profile five PNG women in leadership roles in the PNG business community via a series of high-quality, short video and written pieces.



Above: Artists, activists and academics gather for the launch of *Places of pain*, an innovative multimedia exhibition by Hariz Halilovich and Adis E. Fejzic. Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, November 2016. Photo by Hariz Halilovich.

Recognising the pain of others: Gendered displacement, memory and identity in Bosnian refugee diaspora

Chief investigator	Hariz Halilovich
Project sponsor	Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Early Career Researcher Award
Total funding	\$375,000

This project explores and compares how pre-migration, migration and settlement factors have affected Bosnian refugee women in Australia, Austria and the USA. The project particularly focuses on the Bosnian war widows and women who have experienced violence against themselves, their families and communities during the 1992-95 war in Bosnia.

Religious visibility, disadvantage and bridging social capital: A comparative investigation of diverse localities in Melbourne's north

Chief investigator	Val Colic-Peisker and Karien Dekker
Project sponsor	Department of Premier and Cabinet (RIOS), Government of Victoria
Total funding	\$110,000

In order to test the assumption that Islamophobia is not about religion per se, but about 'religious visibility' at group and individual levels, the project gathers quantitative and qualitative data through a face-to-face survey with 300 local residents and 55 in-depth interviews with residents and service providers. The project focuses on the impact of religious visibility on bridging social capital in two relatively disadvantaged neighbourhoods with a high proportion of Muslim residents (Broadmeadows and Fawkner). The project is conducted in partnership with the Islamic Council of Victoria and Cities of Hume and Moreland.

Review of literature and previous inquiries in relation to child sexual abuse in Catholic institutions

Chief investigator	Desmond Cahill
Project sponsor	Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
Total funding	\$88,603

This project collates and examines past inquiries and reports, both Australian and international, which have addressed child sexual abuse in Catholic institutions. It reviews the literature surrounding academic and 'grey' literature concerning factors unique to the Catholic Church that may have contributed to child sexual abuse by priests and religious leaders and/or inadequate responses by members of Catholic institutions to allegations or concerns of child sexual abuse. The review also includes an assessment of the methodology, remit and standing of the relevant bodies of literature and inquiries to assist in a determination of the weight that should be given to each relevant body of literature or inquiry.

Senses of place: The experience of Catalans in Melbourne

Chief investigator	Glenda Mejía with Sarah Pink
Project sponsor	RMIT University

The economic crisis in Europe has engendered new waves of migration from Europe to more thriving economies in the South, including to Australia. This project takes a first step in exploring how these movements of people – in the case discussed here of Catalans to Australia – are constituting contemporary ways of being and experiencing for migrants in a world that is increasingly globalized. It does so through a focus on atmosphere; that is on how the affective states of attachments and a sense of belonging were generated through migrants' place-making as they engaged with the material and intangible elements of Melbourne's localities. This unique project draws on visual narratives, semi-structured interviews, and participant observation undertaken with ten Catalan migrants living in Melbourne.

A study of Muslim polygamous marriages in Peninsular Malaysia

Collaborating investigator	Yaso Nadarajah
Research intern	Bree Alexander
Project sponsor	Sisters-in-Islam Forum, Lee Foundation (Malaysia), Malaysian Universities Consortium

This research study focuses on seven areas of marriage and family law and seeks an understanding of the practice of polygamy among Muslims in Peninsular Malaysia. In collaboration with key universities in Malaysia—Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), University of Malaya (UM) and University Science Malaysia (USM)—this multidisciplinary study involves fourteen other Malaysia-based co-researchers whilst also linking with key international Islamic women movements. Yaso Nadarajah is co-editor of this edition, now in the final stages of completion. Research Intern Bree Alexander spent six months in Malaysia (June to December 2014), working at the SIS Office—assisting with copy editing and cross checking research data and tabulations.

**Towards best practice police interviewing in a post-conflict, post-colonial society:
Customary law practices and the police investigation of domestic violence in
Mozambique**

Chief investigators Georgina Heydon and Eliseu Mabasso (Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique (MZ))

Project sponsors RMIT Foundation International Research Exchange Fellowship, Eduardo Mondlane University (MZ), Mozambique Department of Justice, Police Science Training College (MZ) and the Mozambican League of Human Rights

Total funding \$10,000

In Mozambique, customary law in the form of community-based mediation is the mainstay of justice in rural areas. However, anecdotal and research evidence suggests that even in the most urban of environments, approaches to collecting evidence and testimony by police do not always follow modern expectations of objectivity and discovery. This research provides an important opportunity to conduct an analysis that leverages existing networks and government support. Though this project, CIs Heydon and Mabasso, draw on their extensive research networks in Mozambique and their experiences of working within the constraints of post-conflict administration in order to explore the response to domestic violence in Maputo.

Tuberculosis in Southern Africa: The history of a pandemic

Chief investigator Jock McCulloch

Project sponsor Australian Research Council (Discovery Project Scheme)

Total funding \$170,000

This will be the first history of the current tuberculosis pandemic in Southern Africa, a region which has the highest infection rates in the world. The project will focus on the gold mines and oscillating migration in the creation of the present crisis. It will explore the interplay between colonial policy makers, industry, medical researchers, labour, legislatures and states in the identification of risk and the provision of treatment. The resultant book and articles will illuminate key aspects of a regional public health crisis and provide evidence to support those seeking improved working conditions and legal redress.

Opposite: Commissioned by the International Community of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 1979 this monument in Monrovia commemorates the 50 year anniversary of the Geneva Conventions. Monrovia, Liberia. July 2015. Photo by Charles Hunt.





Key publications

One of the aims of the Centre is to support research that leads to relevant and socially engaged publications. In 2016, Centre members authored, edited or co-authored ten books, and thirty-five chapters. Members also contributed twenty-five articles to leading journals around the world. Here we present a number of key publications and contributions made across the year.

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Above: Peter Drew's 'Aussie' poster campaign drew significant media attention in 2016. This picture of Monga Khan was taken 100 years ago in Australia. He was one of thousands of people who applied for exemptions to the White Australia Policy. Cameleers, Hawkers and other traders were granted exemptions because their work was essential to Australian's growing economy. Melbourne, Australia, December 2016. Photo by Sam Carroll-Bell.





key events and engagement

One of the aims of the Centre is to disseminate its research findings and to engage in both academic and public discussion. To achieve this aim the Centre initiates and supports a wide range of public forums, including conferences, seminars and festivals.

In 2016, the Centre continued its Global Frictions Discussion Series, innovative panel discussions focussing on some of the most challenging social issues and drawing together a wide range of expertise from within and beyond academia. In addition to Global Frictions, throughout 2016 Centre members also contributed to public debate and education through television and radio appearances as well as exhibitions. Here we present a sample of these activities.

Global Frictions: A seminar series hosted by the Centre for Global Research

Language crimes? Does the use of community languages disadvantage women when reporting domestic violence?

Panel Dr Eliseu Mabasso (University Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique) and Dr Adele Murdolo (Multicultural Centre for Women's Health)

Convener Dr Georgina Heydon (RMIT University)

Thursday, 14 April 2016

The first Global Frictions event for 2016 examined the various tensions located at the intersection of language, tradition, family violence and formal justice mechanisms. Drawing on the observations and experiences of people living in Maputo (Mozambique) and Melbourne (Australia), Convener, Georgina Heydon, outlined how cases involving speakers of community languages are often dealt with using ad hoc justice practices and/or bilingual community members. Furthermore she noted that these practices tended to exclude the victims-survivors of family violence from accessing formal justice and support services as they are geared towards the official or national languages. Throughout the discussion that followed, panel members—Eliseu Mabasso and Adele Murdolo—provided a number of examples and presented a number of arguments relating to these two sites. The panel also discussed the various tensions that can be associated with policies that attempt to modify traditional practices as a way of curbing family violence, or policies that enshrine the national language as the only form of communication in the justice system and yet do little to provide access to justice for speakers of other languages.

The battle for the hearts and minds of highly skilled diasporas

Panel Dr Angel Calderon (RMIT University) and Dr Anand Kulkarni (RMIT University)

Convener Professor Christopher Ziguras (RMIT University)

Thursday, 26 May 2016

This edition of Global Frictions examined the ways that governments are attempting to harness the global 'circulation' of students, graduates and scholars. During his introductory remarks, Christopher Ziguras noted how the emigration of highly skilled residents had been the subject of great concern for governments over the last forty years. Initially this migratory 'outflow' had been cast as a 'brain drain', but after several countries experienced significant 'return flows', the notion of 'brain circulation' took hold. He also outlined how governments, corporations and various types of institutions have come to understand highly skilled expatriates and the diasporic networks in which they find familiarity and support. Panel members, Angel Calderon and Anand Kulkarni, then discussed the ways in which governments and education providers are endeavouring to engage with, and harness the potential of, these diasporic networks. The discussion then focused on the increasingly prominent role of diaspora populations in shaping Australia's political and economic relationships with India, Southeast Asia and Latin America. They also noted that as the strategic importance of these transnational communities increase, so does the level of competition between those vying for their loyalty.

Can Culture be 'Developed'?

Panel Mr John Smithies (Cultural Development Network and RMIT University), Ms Holly Schauble (Many Hands International, Australia and Timor), Mr Thomas Lopes (Many Hands International, Australia and Timor), Dr Christiaan De Beukelaer (University of Melbourne)

Convener Dr Kim Dunphy (Cultural Development Network and RMIT University)

Thursday, 23 June 2016

Featuring several 'culture' and 'development' scholars and practitioners from Asia, Australia and Europe this edition of Global Frictions asked: What role should culture play in the desired futures of the developing world? And how might those futures be understood and assessed? Opening the discussion, Convener, Kim Dunphy, noted that while culture is increasingly recognised as the fourth pillar of sustainable development in the 'developed world'—with international peak bodies such as United Cities and Local Government (UCLG) identifying culture as a policy domain that governments should consider and support—it is frequently overlooked in developing nations. It also tends to be omitted from global development frameworks such as the Millennium Development Goals or the more recently constituted Sustainable Development Goals. Attempting to resolve this disparity, the panel outlined how the different development trajectories of wealthy and developing nations may contributed to the differences we are seeing in policy settings and priorities. In a vibrant and engaging discussion they also outlined how various conceptual differences at a disciplinary level may be contributing to these divergent pathways. Reflecting on their own disciplinary backgrounds panellists then attempted to answer the question, can culture be 'developed'?

Questions of space and place in the Pacific

Panel Professor John Connell (University of Sydney), Associate Professor Meg Keen (Australian National University), Associate Professor David Mitchell (RMIT University), Ms Michelle Rooney (Australian National University), Mr Michael Poustie (World Vision)

Convener Dr Ceridwen Spark (RMIT University)

Thursday, 28 July 2016

This edition of Global Frictions delved into the positive and negative aspects of urbanisation in the Pacific. During her introductory remarks, Ceridwen Spark, noted that anthropologists working in the Pacific frequently omitted or bypassed the study of towns and cities in the Pacific in order to focus on the rural and remote places they perceived as being the authentic ‘heartlands’ of these locations. The pace of urbanisation is however presenting new challenges and opportunities both for the Pacific peoples who dwell in these places and for those who come to learn about them. Featuring an all-star line-up, and drawing directly from the Melanesian experience, this panel examined the various ways in which rural and urban spaces are being remade as a result of emergent social and economic structures as well as climate change. In so doing, it explored various debates around the changing face and ‘place’ of the Pacific. Panellists also responded to questions such as: what are the positives and negatives of urbanisation in the Pacific? And how can academics and policy makers think through these transformations in ways that take into account the impacts of ethnicity, gender and class on rights and belonging?

Governance and difference in post-colonial states: Doing statebuilding better?

Panel Dr Lisa Denney (Overseas Development Institute, UK), Dr Charles Hunt (RMIT University), Dr Joanne Wallis (Australian National University)

Convener Dr Anne Brown (RMIT University)

Thursday, 25 August 2016

Exploring the notion of ‘hybridity’ and the practice of peacebuilding in conflict-affected societies, this edition of Global Frictions asked: are we doing statebuilding better? During her introductory remarks, Convener, Anne Brown, noted that over the last two decades the effort to ‘build’ or ‘rebuild’ state functions after long periods of conflict has been a prominent feature of the international community’s response to war and conflict. Rebuilding the state, she said, has widely been seen as foundational to the emergence of long-lasting peace after war, while strengthening state institutions has been a major focus of international development efforts. Statebuilding, however, is an extraordinarily ambitious intervention, which carries inherent ethical, political and practical dilemmas. A lack of practical outcomes for ordinary people in recent times has also undermined the promise offered by statebuilding efforts, leading to sustained questioning and criticism. Panellists responded to a series of challenging questions, including: Can the international community and the regions involved in conflict ‘do statebuilding better’? And if so, how might this be approached? How should statebuilding even be attempted? Panel members also reflected on the notion of ‘hybridity’ and how it might shape one set of responses to these questions.

Presidential politics 2016: The race to the White House

Presenters Professor Ian Bickerton (University of New South Wales), Professor Joseph M. Siracusa (RMIT University)

Thursday, 15 September 2016

Held just seven weeks prior to the 2016 US Presidential Election, this edition of Global Frictions asked, how did we get here? How much do we really know about Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump? And what stock can we put in the convention wisdom of TV pundits and experts? Featuring two long-term observers of American politics—Joseph M. Siracusa and Ian Bickerton—the panel also discussed what each of the candidates stood for, the path to their respective nominations, and what their election might mean for the world.

The missing, truth finding, memorialisation and reconciliation in post-conflict societies

Panel Ms Nicole Batch (Australian Red Cross), Dr Damian Grenfell (RMIT University), His Excellency Mr Bakir Sadovic (Ambassador of Bosnia-Herzegovina to Australia)

Convener Associate Professor Hariz Halilovich (RMIT University)

Thursday, 20 October 2016

In the final edition of Global Frictions for 2016, the panel examined Robert Hertz’s idea of death as a social process rather than a moment and what that means for the relatives of the missing in post-conflict societies. During his introductory remarks, Convener, Hariz Halilovich, noted that we are living in a time where being a civilian during conflict is less safe than being a soldier—with civilian deaths climbing from 5 per cent at the turn of the 20th century to more than 90 per cent in those currently fought. This has resulted in both the tremendous dislocation experienced by more people than at any time since WWII—with over 60 million refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced people worldwide (UNHCR, 2016)—and a relentless number of disappearances of civilians in conflict-affected regions. Panellists then discussed the socio-cultural, political, legal and psychological effect of the missing on the relatives and communities in post-conflict societies, as well as how they extend outwards to diaspora communities. They also discussed practical dimensions of peacebuilding, healing and reconciliation, as well as the political and social effects of not doing so.

Centre colloquiums, symposia and co-hosted events

Justice after genocide: From Nuremberg to The Hague

Panel Professor Joseph Siracusa (RMIT University), Associate Professor Edina Becirevic (University of Sarajevo), Dr Iris Kucuk (Australian Bosnian Academic Forum), Dr Peter Phipps (RMIT University) and Dr Binoy Kampmark (RMIT University)

Convener Associate Professor Hariz Halilovich (RMIT University)

Wednesday, April 20 2016

Three weeks after Radovan Karadžić, the Serb war-time leader, was sentenced to 40 years imprisonment for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity; and Vojislav Šešelj, the Serb ultranationalist, was acquitted of all responsibility for the crimes his militias committed in Bosnia, Croatia and Kosovo, the Centre for Global Research in collaboration with the Australian Bosnian Academic Forum, hosted a public seminar to discuss the political, social, cultural and legal consequences of genocide, mass atrocities and crimes against humanity. Attended by almost 100 people, panellists discussed the degree to which justice is ever possible after genocide, and to what extent legal justice can act as a deterrent for preventing future genocides from happening. Panellists also reflected on the history of genocide as a modern, state-sponsored crime and its long term implications.

A forum to discuss a treaty with the Indigenous People of Australia

Panel Uncle Larry Walsh (Elder of Taunwurrung people) and Robbie Thorpe (Gunai and Mara campaigner)

Convener Anthony Amis (Friends of the Earth)

Partner Friends of the Earth

Thursday, 14 July 2016

Australia is the only country in the Commonwealth that does not have a Treaty with its Indigenous People.

In February 2016, the Victorian Government met with representatives of all Victorian Aboriginal tribes. This was the first such meeting in twenty years, and it was called to discuss the recognition of Aboriginal people in the Australian Constitution. At the end of the meeting however, it was made clear by the Aboriginal people participating that what they wanted to pursue was a Treaty. A follow-up meeting was arranged in May 2016 and once again there was widespread support amongst Aboriginal people for a Treaty between themselves and the Victorian Government. Attendees of this event also recognised the need to include the Australian public in these discussions as well as build the broad based support needed to realise this goal. This event represented the first step in this long process towards a Treaty. Featuring Uncle Larry Walsh, Robbie Thorpe and Anthony Amis, the panel discussed what a Treaty might look like, what it might include, and most significantly of all, what it would mean for Australia's first peoples.

Governance and political equilibrium in Timor-Leste: Will they survive the 2017 elections?

Presenter Dr Rui Graça Feijó (Centro de Estudos Sociais, Coimbra)

Convener Associate Professor Damian Grenfell (RMIT University)

Tuesday, 22 November 2016

Over the last 14 years Timor-Leste has fashioned a system of government that is rare in the Asia Pacific. Often referred to as 'Semi-Presidentialism', this system sees a directly elected president governing alongside a prime minister who derives legitimacy from an independently elected parliament. Based on the existence of a diarchy of powers, this system is seen by many critics as being broadly susceptible to periods of political imbalance and dysfunction, be it in the form of 'super-presidentialism'—when presidential and parliamentary majorities coincide—or through the institutionalization of conflict as political leaders influence the government's agenda by securing support across various portfolios. With the next round of presidential elections only six months away, former UN Advisor, Rui Graça Feijó argued that to date Timor-Leste has circumvented many of the problems associated with this system by electing 'independent' presidents. In so doing however, he asked how realistic is it to assume that such an equilibrium can be maintained into the future?

Approaching cross-cultural dialogues on questions of violence and social change

Panel Associate Professor Anne Brown (RMIT University) and Dr Georgina Heydon (RMIT University)

Partner Red Cross Australia

Friday, 25 November 2016

Communicating 'cross-culturally' is the norm for many of those engaged in humanitarian, emergency and development work. Even in the best of circumstances however cross-cultural exchange can lead to unanticipated outcomes, misallocation of resources, and at times resistance. Communication challenges increase as conversations move towards topics where major differences and deep divisions are present amongst participants, across the society or community in question.

Drawing from their experiences in Africa and Southeast Asia, Anne Brown and Georgina Heydon, led attendees in a conversation about engaging different actors in difficult and challenging conversations, particularly with regards to violence. To open the discussion, Georgina Heydon spoke to the patterns of dialogue and complex interplay that occurs at the intersection of customary and modern law in Mozambique. Anne Brown spoke to her work in Vanuatu, Ghana and Timor-Leste and reflected on the conflict that can emerge when differing forms of governance are brought into connection. While both speakers argued that no single 'appropriate' approach exists, they each spoke to forms of awareness that can enable productive or effective exchanges.

Primary prevention of violence against women: From local to global

Panel Dr Emma Fulu (The Equality Institute), Ms Kim Webster (Australia's National Research Office for Women's Safety), Ms Loren Days (Our Watch), Dr Damian Grenfell (RMIT University), and Dr Larissa Sandy (RMIT University)

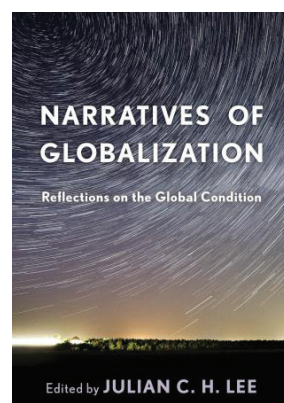
Convener Dr Anastasia Powell (RMIT University)

Partner Gendered Violence and Abuse Research Alliance (GeVARA)

Friday, 2 December 2016

What will it take to end violence against women? This question was the focus of an engaging panel discussion featuring social researchers, policy experts, educators and behavioural change specialists in early December 2016. Drawing from the experience of various initiatives both here in Australia and beyond, the panel discussed how their work is challenging the structures, cultures and practices that drive violence against women. Attended by over 180 people, audience participation was a key aspect of the event with the panel responding to questions about what is needed to create lasting social change on this vital issue.

Launch Events



Narratives of globalization: Reflections on the global human condition

Edited by Julian CH Lee

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

In March, the Centre celebrated the launch of *Narratives of globalization: Reflections on the global human condition*, an engaging collection of essays edited by Julian CH Lee.

Globalization can sometimes seem like an abstract concept, an unconscious aspect of our everyday existence. What impact does it have on the reality of our daily lives? How does it shape our experiences, perspectives and identities? In this new text Julian CH Lee and his fellow contributors explore how a range of key ideas in the

study of globalization manifest themselves in the lives of people all over the world. Each chapter explores a key theme in globalization which is explored through a narrative that draws on the contributor's own personal experience. It compiles a collection of experiences from across the globe including Chinese migration to Australia, the influence of the internet on education and the popularity of K-pop. These personal perspectives on culture, identity, development and politics attempt to better understand contemporary issues within the global frame and illustrate how ordinary people can engage with and influence processes of globalization.

Centre members feature prominently in this collection with original contributions from Marcus Banks, Chantal Crozet, Tommaso Durante, Elizabeth Kath, Julian CH Lee, Lynne Li and Aiden Warren.



Australian-Latin American relations: New links in a changing global landscape

Edited by Elizabeth Kath

Monday, 20 June 2016

In mid-June, the Centre celebrated the launch of *Australian-Latin American relations: New links in a changing global landscape*, an innovative collection of original essays edited by Elizabeth Kath.

Until recently, Australia and Latin America were considered irrelevant to one another. The prevailing perception in Australia had been that Latin America was too remote, disconnected, and politically irrelevant to warrant serious scholarly or public attention. In recent years, this perception has rapidly changed, with Australian universities seeking to attract Latin American students, new diplomatic relations emerging,

investment in mining and other business sectors expanding, and a growing fascination in Australia with Latin American food, music, dance and other forms of popular culture. These rapid developments can only properly be understood within the context of broader global transformations, including shifts in power relations between the 'Global North' and 'Global South', the rise of key Latin American economies, major technological developments, and ever-increasing global interconnectivity.

Attended by over 100 people, the book was officially launched by the Honourable Mr Telmo Languiller, Speaker of the Victorian Legislative Assembly.

Safeguarding the cultural expression and heritage of the Fataluku People: A web resource

Compiled by Many Hands International, Australia and Timor-Leste

Wednesday, 17 August 2016

Cultural practices are vital to promoting well-being and sustaining life that is meaningful. This is true for all peoples, especially those whose cultures have been impacted by negative external forces, particularly colonisation in all its forms. The people of Timor-Leste have been subject to the most extreme forms of colonisation over centuries, with its concomitant impact on culture. The Fataluku people of Timor-Leste have been proud carriers of ancient traditions that date back thousands of years. However challenges to cultural maintenance and transmission have resulted from colonisation and the recent loss of elders, globalization, migration to the city and new technologies.

This event celebrated the completion and online launch of a major research project led by the NGO, Many Hands International. Comprising video, photography and documentary information, and spanning three languages, this online resource seeks to record and preserve endangered forms of cultural expression and provide Fataluku people with opportunities to learn more about their heritage.



L'aurora Del Giappone Tra Mito E Storiografia (The dawn of Japan between myth and historiography)

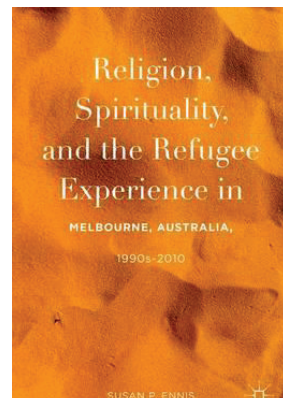
By Gianluca Caputo

Friday, 18 November 2016

In mid-November, Centre Members joined with Gianluca Caputo to help celebrate the launch of his new Italian language monograph, *L'aurora Del Giappone Tra Mito E Storiografia: Nascita ed evoluzione dell'alterità nipponica nella cultura italiana, 1300-1600* (Between myth and historiography: Birth and evolution of the Japanese alterity in the Italian culture, 1300-1600).

This innovative new text examines the birth, development and rise of the collective imagination regarding Japan in the Italian tradition, presenting a literary and cartographic itinerary in the ethnographic setting of eminent figures of Italian and European history such as Marco Polo, Ludovico Ariosto, Pietro Bembo, Giovan Battista Ramusio and San Francesco Saverio. Following the essential material configuration – meaning the name – the study examines the intertextual and interdisciplinary aspects that marked the transition of the myth of Japan from universal literary perception to the global historiographic field.

The book was launched by Dr Nicole Prunster, an Honorary Associate (Italian Studies) with the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at La Trobe University.



Religion, spirituality, and the refugee experience in Melbourne, Australia, 1990s-2010

By Susan P. Ennis

Thursday, 24 November 2016

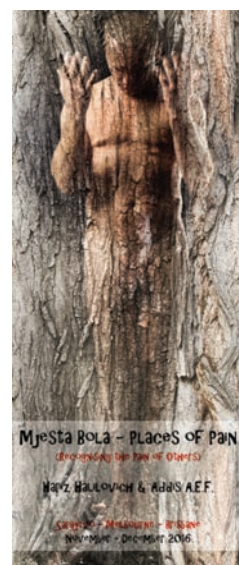
In late November over 250 people gathered to help celebrate the launch of Religion, Spirituality, and the Refugee Experience in Melbourne, an enlightening new book by Susan P. Ennis.

Ennis' work traces the lived experience of selected refugees from Ethiopia, Iraq, Somalia, and Sudan. It examines the relationship between the refugees' religious and spiritual beliefs and the refugee experience. Susan takes a closer look at the circumstances of the

refugees' flight, their asylum, and their initial period of settlement in Melbourne, Australia during the period between the 1990's and the early 21st century. She finds that a sense of religiosity seemed to aid the refugees, in some way during all stages of their journey. Furthermore, nearly half of the refugees she studied reported a shift in their religiosity over the course of their emigration. Based on her research, Susan puts forward a framework of religiosity and the refugee experience grounded in shifting typologies at each stage of their journey.

The book was launched by Professor Gillian Triggs, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, and Acting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner.

Exhibitions



Places of pain: Regarding the pain of others

Curated by Hariz Halilovich and Adis Fejzić

Sarajevo, Melbourne, Brisbane

November and December 2016

Spanning three cities, this multimedia exhibition—a creative fusion of documentary and imaginary representations of social, spatial and affective landscapes in post-conflict contexts—pushed the boundaries of subjective and objective, ethics and aesthetics, individual and collective, local and global and past and present. Mixing together graphics, photographs, text, documents, drawings, sound and video, it sought to reconstruct the fragmented realities in which people both thrive and die. The exhibition calls for a recognition of the resilience of ordinary people and an acknowledgement of 'ordinariness' and the individuality of those who have posthumously been put into collective categories, mass graves and war statistics, or elevated to the abstract status of nation's martyrs.

Cross-cultural and programmatic engagement

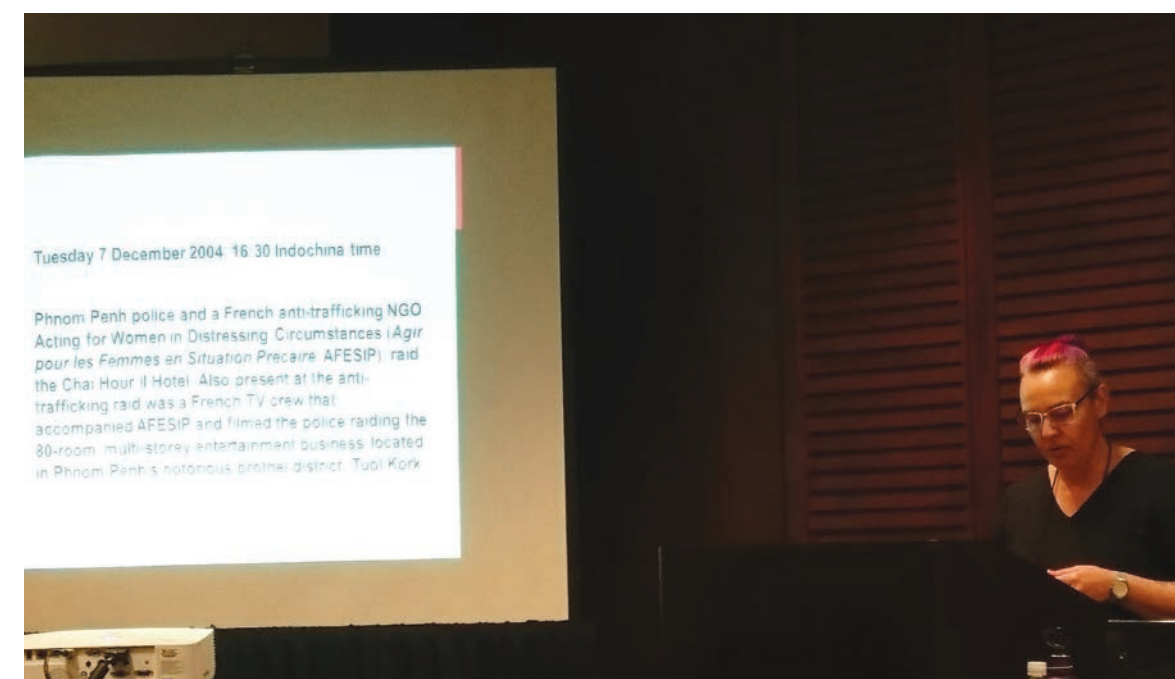


Matadalan ba Malu

Matadalan Ba Malu was established to facilitate English language scholarships for women from Timor-Leste. The program targets women working within a community context or local organisation in Timor-Leste and who would benefit from high quality English training and the experience of a cross-cultural exchange in Melbourne Australia. The learning and experience gained through the program are also designed to benefit the participant's community in a number of ways, including the transference of new found skills and knowledge, promoting mutual understanding between East-Timorese and Australian communities, and an enhanced capacity to facilitate and negotiate local development activities and opportunities on returning home. A key objective of the

program is to consider candidates who may not otherwise have had the opportunity to learn English and benefit from the experiences of living in another country for a period of time.

The work of the Matadalan Ba Malu Committee is part of the broader Timor-Leste Research Program, which is located within the Centre. The Timor-Leste Research Program has conducted a wide range of research projects and activities in Timor-Leste for over a decade. While the English training component has been successfully operating since 2005—resulting in 12 program alumni—a volunteer committee was established in 2012 to expand the program's opportunities and governance. The primary focus of the committee is to enhance the sustainability of the program via forging partnerships with other organisations, provide additional support services to candidates, and explore additional fundraising opportunities. The volunteer committee now comprises a number of RMIT academics as well as current and former RMIT students, each of whom have travelled to and been involved in various research and development projects in Timor-Leste.



Above: Larissa Sandy presents a paper at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, United States of America, November 2016..



The Indonesian island of Flores has for decades been a tourism sleeper. Over the past decade, however, the government and private sectors have brought significant tourism development to the island. This development has brought the usual deluge of trash and ecological damage to the island. The harbour at Labuan Bajo is now choking on oil slicks and plastic. Illegal miners and farmers are being forced out of the coastal fringe by five star hotel developments. Photo by Jeff Lewis.

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