



Draft Agenda
Conflict and Peace-building in the Pacific Island States

DATES: Wednesday 21 May 2008
TIME: 11.00am-13.00pm (Aust EST)

LOCAL TIMES: Fiji: Wednesday 21 May, 13.00pm-15.00pm (Suva local time)
Timor Leste: Wednesday 21 May, 10.00am-12.00am (Dili local time)
Papua New Guinea: Wednesday 21 May, 11.00am-13.00pm (Port Moresby local time)
Vanuatu: Wednesday 21 May, 12.00pm-14.00pm (Port Vila local time)
Solomon Island: Wednesday 21 May, 12.00pm-14.00pm (Honiara local time)

VENUE IN AUSTRALIA:
Canberra: GDLN-Australia, Crawford Building, GDLN room
VENUES IN FIJI: University of South Pacific
TIMOR LESTE: Dili Distance Learning Centre
PAPUA NEW GUINEA: PNG Distance Learning Centre
VANUATU: University of South Pacific, Port Vila
SOLOMON ISLAND: University of South Pacific, Honiara

CONTENT:

The aim of this seminar, delivered in five sessions each of two hours, is for participants to understand the deep and underlying causes of conflict in the region, some of the consequences of conflict, and how conflict can be resolved and the causes of conflict addressed. The focus of discussion will be on examples of conflict, conflict-resolution and peace-building from the region, notably from Timor Leste, Fiji, Solomon Islands and Papua New. Presenters of the sessions are all persons with extensive experience in the region, who have undertaken conflict analysis and conflict resolution work of various kinds in the countries in question.

The **third session**, on **Wednesday 21st May**, will deal with **Peace-Making and Building – Domestic Attempts and ‘Soft’ Interventions** (including development aid, civil society, conflict analysis and prevention). The session will begin with a short discussion of the distinction between peace-making and peace-building. It will draw examples and ‘lessons’ from the region (Fiji, Bougainville, Timor, Solomon Islands and the Australian Government’s Enhanced Cooperation Program in Papua New Guinea). It will begin by considering conflicts where mainly domestic peace-making and peace-building initiatives have been attempted (notably Fiji before 2006, Bougainville in 1988-89 and at some points thereafter) and Solomon Islands in the early stages of the conflict there. It will examine some of the reasons why international interventions are added to domestic initiatives, and the mixture of domestic and international actors and initiatives that generally occur particularly in situations of ‘soft’ interventions. In such cases domestic actors tend to play significant roles, with the international community actors more in supporting roles.

PRINCIPAL PRESENTERS:

Anthony Regan

Anthony Regan is a constitutional lawyer whose research interests include the law and politics of constitutions, conflict and reconciliation, and the design of the state as part of post-conflict political settlements. He has lived and worked in Papua New Guinea (1981-1991, 1994-1997, 2002-2004) and Uganda (1991-1994). He has been involved in conflict resolution work in Bougainville, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka and Nagaland (northeast India), and has undertaken post-conflict constitution-making work in Uganda, Timor Leste and Bougainville. He has been legal advisor to the Bougainville parties in the Bougainville peace process since 1998, and was a full-time legal advisor in the post-conflict Bougainville constitution-making process, 2002-04. He has been constitutional advisor to the Autonomous Bougainville Government since it was established in 2005. He is a Fellow in the State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program in the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at The Australian National University.

David Hegarty

David Hegarty has been Convenor of SSGM since 1999 and has combined an academic and public policy career specialising in governance, politics, development and security of the Pacific Islands region. From February to July 2001 he undertook an assignment as leader of the International Peace Monitoring Team in the Solomon Islands, which assisted disarmament and confidence-building in the peace process there. His work as convenor of the SSGM project involves organising outreach activities including conferences on politics and development in PNG, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. SSGM continues to build linkages between academic and policy communities throughout the Pacific region, including Australia and New Zealand.

RUNNING ORDER:**Conflict and Peace-building in the Pacific Island States**

Session 3, Wednesday 21 May, 2008

Peace-Making and Building – Domestic Attempts and ‘Soft’ Interventions

Time Timor Leste	Time Aust (Canberra) PNG	Time Fiji (Suva)	Time in Vanuatu and Solomon Island	(Mins)	Speaker	Activity	Site
10.00-10.10	11.00-11.10	13.00-13.10	12.00-12.10	10	Anthony Regan & David Hegarty	Introduction of speakers (Anthony Regan and David Hegarty) INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW – distinguishing peace-making and peace-building, and outline of main cases considered (Fiji, Bougainville, Timor, Solomon Islands, the ECP in PNG)	Canberra Fiji Timor Leste Papua New Guinea Vanuatu Solomon Island
10.10-10.25	11.10-11.25	13.10-13.25	12.10-12.25	15	Anthony Regan & David Hegarty	1. Domestic peace-building initiatives in the absence of international initiatives (actors and roles played) & reasons to add international initiatives.	Canberra
10.25-10.40	11.25-11.40	13.25-13.40	12.25-12.40	15	Anthony Regan & David Hegarty	Q & A time	Canberra & other sites
10.40-10.55	11.40-11.55	13.40-13.55	12.40-12.55	15	Anthony Regan & David Hegarty	2. International initiatives in ‘soft’ intervention situations (actors & roles played, in relation to providing security, facilitating negotiation, mediating, managing ‘DDR’ programs, humanitarian and development assistance, state-building etc.)	Canberra
10.55-11.10	11.55-12.10	13.55-14.10	12.55-13.10	15	Anthony Regan & David Hegarty	Q & A time	Canberra & other sites
11.10-11.25	12.10-12.25	14.10-14.25	13.10-13.25	15	Anthony Regan & David Hegarty	3. Domestic initiatives in ‘soft’ interventions (actors & roles played in relation to negotiation, reconciliation, constitution-making processes, constitutional power-sharing arrangements etc.)	Canberra
11.25-11.35	12.25-12.35	14.25-14.35	13.25-13.35	10	Anthony Regan & David Hegarty	Q and A Time	Canberra & other sites
11.35-11.45	12.35-12.45	14.35-14.45	13.35-13.45	10	Anthony Regan & David Hegarty	4. Interaction & management of domestic and international initiatives & of disparate domestic & international actors in ‘soft’ interventions	Canberra
11.45-11.55	12.45-12.55	14.45-14.55	13.45-13.55	10	Anthony Regan & David Hegarty	General discussion	Canberra & other sites
11.55-12.00	12.55-13.00	14.55-15.00	13.55-14.00	5	Anthony Regan & David Hegarty	5. Wrap up – trends and ‘lessons’ from the region?	Canberra
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