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# Program

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ABSTRACTS

Claiming and Contesting Citizenship in a Decolonising New Caledonia
Scott Robertson

The 1998 Noumea Accord created a ‘citizenship of New Caledonia’ as part of the territory’s decolonisation process. Through an interpretive analysis of interviews, archival material and documents, I examine why citizenship has emerged as a major issue and the role it plays in facilitating decolonisation. My research illuminates how decolonisation, if not leading to independence and the severance of ties with France, involves a re-conceptualisation of New Caledonia as a political community.

Assessing the World Bank’s Women in Mining Initiative at the Ramu Nickel Project
Shaun Gessler

This chapter explores how female landowners at the Ramu Nickel project express feelings of resentment and disillusionment towards the Chinese mining company, in two examples: 1) reluctantly haggling with the Chinese workers who buy their vegetables each day at the market, and 2) hosting an unsuccessful World Bank women’s economic empowerment initiative, in the form of a failed piggery. Shaun will also provide a brief update of his PhD progress.

Factors influencing Papua New Guinea’s Foreign Policy in the 21st Century
Philip Mitna

Papua New Guinea has experienced significant changes in its policy environment. Since the 2000s, the foreign policy environment in Papua New Guinea has become more fluid. Using three case studies; namely, Enhanced Cooperation Program (ECP), the Julian Moti affair, and West Papua as the baseline for analysis, Philip examines the evolving nature of Papua New Guinea’s foreign policy in the twenty-first century. He maps out the challenges and provides some ideas on the future direction for foreign policy in Papua New Guinea.

Chinese Interests in Melanesia
Peter Connolly

Chinese interests in Melanesia are diverse, multi-layered, often accidental, and at times conflicting. Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Timor-Leste, on the periphery of China’s grand strategy as it transitions to the ambitious ‘Belt and Road Initiative’, are not well understood in China. That said, the impact of Chinese influence in Melanesia is of significant gravity from a Melanesian perspective. This presentation investigates these interests and asks what they mean for the interests and agency of the Melanesian states.

Health Service Delivery in Papua New Guinea and Determinants Influencing Health Outcomes: the Case of Women and Health
Ellen Kulumbu

The purpose of my research is to investigate health service delivery in Papua New Guinea within the context of women and their health, to uncover the factors that determine health outcomes. Careful observation reveals that most health research are provider focused with experiences of health service users largely understudied. Health was observed to be narrowly defined within biomedicine and efforts to improve health outcomes the responsibility of health department and sector. My findings suggest: (i) definition of health to be broadened and resources allocated to all determinants of health; (ii) the adoption of multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary approaches to address all the determinants of health; (iii) use of other approaches of conducting health research with appropriate methods that adequately capture human experiences, (iv) the significance of including perspectives of health service users and providers of health care at facility levels in studies that aim to improve health service delivery and health outcomes.
The Costs of Relocating for Elite Athletes: an Examination of Pasifika Male Athletes Wellbeing in the National Rugby League
George Gavet

Pacific rugby league players now comprise over 45% of the Australian National Rugby League. More than half of that number are born in New Zealand. The majority of these athletes have relocated to New Zealand for rugby league opportunities. This research looks at the phenomenon of Pacific sports labour migration and mobility of those New Zealand Pacific athletes. It will examine the socio-cultural and wellbeing impacts of their relocation to Australia. The inquiry will be use a life history methodology underpinned by Pacific research approaches. The findings from this study will provide a better understanding of the benefits and costs of relocating for Pacific athletes as well as informing sporting relocation processes and policies for sports that actively recruit Pacific athletes.

Women's Political Participation and Decision-making in Papua New Guinea: Studying Which Women Can be Leaders in New Ireland
Almah Tararia

This thesis examines the opportunities and potential for women's leadership at the local-level government, ward and village level in Papua New Guinea. In order to do this, I lived in New Ireland, observed what women did and how they collaborated and negotiated to have a voice in the public domain and the structural positions and personal characteristics of women who achieved leadership status. I recorded how both women and men perceive leadership by women who had taken on active roles in village, ward and district institutions and organisations.

“Sometimes it’s Better to Stay with Your Problems”: an Alternative History of the Collegiality of Women in Kenya and its Modern Implications
Christina Kenny

Here I interrogate assumptions around the formation and success of women’s groups in Kenya and question the dominant, linear history of women's organising from the pre-colonial period through to modern women’s groups. I argue that the motivations of women joining late modern women's organisations and community groups in Kenya are much more closely related to economic imperatives and poverty, than they are to ‘traditional’ modes of women’s organisation. The expectations of these modern women’s organisations are grounded in the colonial past, but carry modern burdens.

Voices in the Village: an Inquiry into Tourism, Communities and Community-based Tourism in Cambodia
Simon Pawson

This PhD investigated community-based tourism as one viable means of sustainable development for rural communities in Cambodia. The thesis’s qualitative ethnographic study conceptualises how communities in Cambodia can utilise community-based tourism (CBT) as a mechanism for development. Following a review of tourism development in Cambodia, a longitudinal case study of a CBT at Banteay Chhmar was undertaken. The thesis concludes that social and human capital are fundamental in CBT effectiveness.