

# GovNet International Conference 2006

Transformations in Governance:  
Capacity Building in Australia and the Asia/Pacific Region

## *Third Annual Conference*

29 November to 1 December 2006

Australian National University  
Canberra, Australia

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*Call for Papers and Panel Presentations*

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# Welcome

We are pleased to invite you to this significant three-day conference on Transformations in Governance: Capacity Building in Australia and the Asia/Pacific Region, held at the Australian National University 28th November to the 1st December 2006.

The conference is hosted by the the Australia and New Zealand School of Government and the Crawford School of Economics, both at the Australian National University.

In designing the conference we have attempted to bring together national and international experts who we know to be challenging, high-quality speakers.

The eight streams selected for the conference were nominated by the Asia-Pacific network and the Public Sector Management network within the GovNet consortium (an Australia Research Council funded initiative). Delegates are welcome to attend streams of their choosing or pick and choose papers from the different streams as they occur.

We ask delegates to give an early indication of their intention to attend the conference dinner held on Thursday evening at Telstra Tower, as numbers will be limited to around 120 people.

In registering your interest in this conference, we would ask you to indicate whether you would be prepared to chair a session, be part of a panel or act as discussant.

We look forward to meeting you during the conference.

Professor Andrew MacIntyre

Professor John Wanna



Andrew MacIntyre is Director of the Crawford School of Economics and Government at ANU. His most recent book is *'The Power of Institutions: Political Architecture and Governance'* (2003), published by Cornell University Press.



John Wanna is the ANZSOG Foundation Professor for the Sir John Bunting Chair of Public Administration. His recent publications include *'Accounting to Accountability'* (2001) and *'Controlling Public Expenditure'* (2003).

# Objectives

The objectives of the conference *Transformations in Governance: Capacity-Building in the Asia/Pacific Region* are:

- developing dialogue on transformations in governance;
- bringing together research, practitioners and different disciplines to focus on topics of governance transformations; and
- building substantial research networks to engage with policy debates and influence policy directions.

This conference provides a forum for academics, researchers, postgraduate students, and representatives of the public and private sectors, and civil society, to discuss and exchange ideas on contemporary issues and new approaches to governance, focusing on transformation in governance in Australia and the Asia/Pacific region.

## *Principal Conference Venues*



John Curtin School of Medical Research

*Conference streams and events will be hosted within the leafy precincts of the Australian National University.*



Haydon-Allen Theatre (the Tank)

# Streams

## **Stream One (Wednesday)**

Anticipating Future Policy Challenges to Governments and Institutions – new ways of thinking about policy and advising governments.

*This stream investigates the possibilities for new frameworks of policy thinking and advice in democratic governance.*

### Stream conveners:

John Wanna: [john.wanna@anu.edu.au](mailto:john.wanna@anu.edu.au)

David Adams: [david.adams@dvc.vic.gov.au](mailto:david.adams@dvc.vic.gov.au)

## **Stream Two (Wednesday)**

Policy Implications of the Human Rights Agendas.

*This stream explores questions about economic and social rights, which have become part of development discourse and social policy debates in developed countries, and asks “what does ‘rights talk’ mean for those involved in policy development and program design?”.*

### Stream conveners:

Ann Nevile: [Ann.Nevile@anu.edu.au](mailto:Ann.Nevile@anu.edu.au)

Sharon Bessell: [Sharon.Bessell@anu.edu.au](mailto:Sharon.Bessell@anu.edu.au)

## **Stream Three (Thursday)**

Rethinking Regulation – Reform Agendas.

*This stream assesses the outcomes of the first wave of Australian regulatory reform and proposed reforms, particularly those associated with the National Reform Agenda and the recommendations of the ‘Rethinking Regulation’ (Banks), Report.*

### Stream convener:

Peter Carroll: [Peter.Carroll@utas.edu.au](mailto:Peter.Carroll@utas.edu.au)

## **Stream Four (Thursday)**

Futures of Aid Management in the Asia-Pacific Region.

*Australia has recently adopted a more interventionist approach to the governance problems of its neighbours. At the same time Australia has tried to adopt a ‘whole of government approach’, in which AusAID has been joined by Treasury, Customs, the AFP and so on. How are these new approaches faring? How are they being received, in Australia as well as in the region? How does Australia’s policy compare with that of other donors? What does research tell us about how aid should be managed in the future?*

### Stream conveners:

Peter Larmour: [Peter.Larmour@anu.edu.au](mailto:Peter.Larmour@anu.edu.au)

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## **Stream Five (Thursday)**

Parliament and International Conflict  
– what can parliaments contribute to decisions about war-making and peace-keeping?

*This stream aims to open up public and academic debate on the role of parliaments in the management of war and peace. It examines the ways in which executive governments have excluded, or marginalised, parliamentary involvement in government decisions relating to the conduct of international relations.*

### Stream convener:

John Uhr: [John.Uhr@anu.edu.au](mailto:John.Uhr@anu.edu.au)

## **Stream Six (Friday)**

Partnerships, Collaborative Relations and Enhanced Capacities in Policy-Making  
– the partnership state as a new form of governance?

*This stream investigates the evolution of policies of mutual responsibility and partnership as vehicles for the management of risk in modern democratic polities. It will focus on principles and practice for collaboration in areas such as education, health, social protection and infrastructure provision.*

### Stream conveners:

Glenn Withers: [Glenn.Withers@anu.edu.au](mailto:Glenn.Withers@anu.edu.au)

Bruce Chapman: [Bruce.Chapman@anu.edu.au](mailto:Bruce.Chapman@anu.edu.au)

## **Stream Seven (Friday)**

Assessing Anti-corruption.

*There has been an explosion of international interest in corruption since the mid 1990s and anti-corruption has become a central plank in Australia's aid policy. Interest in corruption has become linked to new international concerns about terrorism and transnational crime. But there are concerns about the effectiveness and unintended consequences of campaign strategies, and new interest in how to measure and assess the performance of anti-corruption agencies.*

### Stream conveners:

Peter Larmour: [Peter.Larmour@anu.edu.au](mailto:Peter.Larmour@anu.edu.au)

## **Stream Eight (Friday)**

Knowledge Regimes and Institutional Competitiveness in Small Open Economies.

*Knowledge regimes describe how individuals, organisations and institutions co-ordinate, create and disseminate policy relevant ideas and information. Knowledge regimes are the principal learning and coordinative mechanisms in modern political economies. They are central to the processes through which political economies adapt to globalisation and become more or less institutionally competitive.*

### Stream convener:

Ian Marsh: [i.marsh@gsg.usyd.edu.au](mailto:i.marsh@gsg.usyd.edu.au)

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# Other Events

***In addition to the main conference there will be two associated events:***

## ***Building Policy Capacity in the Public Sector***

This one day forum by the International Comparative Policy Analysis group will be held on Tuesday 28th November 2006. Organised by John Wanna and Claudia Scott on behalf of the Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis, the forum will explore the possibilities of comparative policy analysis as a vehicle for understanding the nature of, and solutions to real, or perceived problems of declining capability and capacity in the public sector.

For further details, contact Professor John Wanna: [john.wanna@anu.edu.au](mailto:john.wanna@anu.edu.au) or Professor Claudia Scott: [Claudia.Scott@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:Claudia.Scott@vuw.ac.nz)

## ***Dialogue Across Difference: Governance in a Multicultural Era***

This two-day conference will be held from Monday 4 December to Tuesday 5 December, 2006, at the ANU. The conference will focus on the implications for governance of different political and legal systems, innovative conflict resolution mechanisms, decentralized governance networks, the larger public sphere, and transnational interaction.

For further details contact Professor John Dryzek: [john.dryzek@anu.edu.au](mailto:john.dryzek@anu.edu.au) or see <http://deliberativedemocracy.anu.edu.au/dadconference.php>



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# Key Speakers

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Prof David Adams (Strategic Policy and Research, Department of Victorian Communities)

Mr Tom Bentley (ANZSOG, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victoria)

Prof Mark Blyth (Johns Hopkins University, USA)

Prof Peter Carroll (University of Tasmania, Australia)

Prof Hon S. Chan (City University, Hong Kong)

Dr Chris Eichbaum (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand)

Prof Louis Fisher (Library of Congress, USA)

Iris Geva-May (Simon Fraser University, Canada)

Dr Ian Holland (Parliament of Australia)

Prof Michael Howlett (Simon Fraser University, Canada)

Prof Evert Lindquist (University of Victoria, Canada)

Prof David Marsh (University of Birmingham, UK)

Prof Ove Pedersen (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

Prof Beryl Radin (Public Affairs, American University)

Prof Rod Rhodes (ANU, Australia)

Prof Claudia Scott (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand)

Prof Paul 't Hart (ANU, Australia)

Prof Patrick Weller (Griffith University, Australia)

The Governance Research Network (GovNet) seeks to tackle issues of institutional governance, from small firms to national institutions to global institutions - recognising both common governance issues and radically differing contexts. GovNet is concerned with understanding the ways institutions can be structured to ensure, as far as possible, that they further the values that justify their existence through innovative interdisciplinary solutions involving ethical standard setting, legal regulation and institutional reform. Researchers in the Network are also interested in learning from institutional failure and cases of poor governance (from ineffectiveness to maladministration, corruption and state failure). Further information on GovNet and becoming a member can be obtained from the following website: <http://www.griffith.edu.au/govnet/>

# Registration

## **Registration**

Registration forms will be available from 15 September 2006. Registration to the conference will be free for speakers and members of GovNet PROVIDED they register on the required form by 17 November 2006. The registration fee for non-members is \$200. For further information on becoming a GovNet member please see the GovNet website: [www.griffith.edu.au/govnet](http://www.griffith.edu.au/govnet).

## **Important Dates**

Abstracts Due:	15 October 2006
(Acceptance decisions will be emailed to presenters)	
Full Paper Due:	4 November 2006
Refereeing Process:	4 November – 10 November 2006
Papers available on-line:	17 November 2006
Conference Dates:	29 November – 1 December 2006

Further information on the conference can be obtained from:

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