

Welcome to the first edition of *Talking Politics* for 2002. *Talking Politics* is the newsletter of the Department of Political Science (including Sociology and the Centre for Public Policy) at the University of Melbourne.

The newsletter includes information about conferences and seminars being organised by the department as well as short research notes, recent and forthcoming publications, teaching innovations, community relations and student activities.

Grants

The following members of staff have been part of the department's continuing successes in attracting ARC and other grants.

Ann Capling & Kim Nossal have been awarded a Queen's University School of Policy Studies Grant (Canada) for research entitled: *The Death of Distance?*

Robyn Eckersley has been awarded a Melbourne Early Career Research Grant for research entitled: *The WTO Committee on Trade & the Environment: A Critical Investigation..*

Jacqueline Siapno has been awarded a Discovery Project Grant Scheme for research entitled: *Counter-mapping Gender and Politics: Women, Democratic Reconstitution and Sustainable Development in East Timor and the Philippines.*

New Books

Derek McDougall, *Historical Dictionary of International Organizations in Asia and the Pacific*, Scarecrow Press, Maryland, USA 2002.

New Appointments

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members to the Department, **Peter Chen, Robyn Eckersley & Ruth Habgood.**



Dr. Peter Chen

Peter Chen completed his doctorate in public policy and political science at the Australian National University in 2000 and holds a Degree from Griffith University in Commerce and Administration. Since completing his PhD he has worked as a policy advisor for the Victorian Police Force dealing with hate crime data collection issues and recruitment of people from non-English speaking backgrounds, and in information technology as an online service delivery consultant to the local government sector in Victoria. In joining the Department of Political Science as a lecturer, Peter is teaching public policy making, public administration, and practical applications of policy inquiry and research at the undergraduate and masters degree levels. His research interests include new forms of regulation and governance, censorship and liberalism, the impact of digital technologies on the policy making process, and developments in the administration and political processes of local governments in Victoria. Peter is currently working on a research project sponsored by the Australian Computer Society, ascertaining the current use of, and interest in, computer mediated communications technology by Australia's elected representatives, and an unrelated research on local government de-amalgamation in Victoria.



Dr Robyn Eckersley

Robyn Eckersley has specialised in environmental politics and political theory since 1986, after working as a public lawyer in Western Australia (working mainly in the field of constitutional law). Educated at the University of Western Australia, Cambridge University (UK) and the University of Tasmania she has taught environmental politics and political theory at Monash University from 1992-2001. Her research interests include global politics, environmental politics and political theory (particularly theories of justice and democracy). She is on the editorial boards of *Environmental Politics*; *Pacifica Review: Peace, Security and Global Change*; *Global Environmental Politics*; *New Political Economy*; *Organisation and Environment*; *Philosophy and Geography* and *Ecopolitics: Thought and Action*. She is currently writing a book on *The Green State: Rethinking Sovereignty and Democracy* and editing a book (with John Barry) on *The State and the Global Ecological Crisis*, both under contract with MIT Press. Since 1995 she has served as member of the statutory committee advising the Commonwealth Minister on the granting of import and export permits under the Hazardous Waste Act, and on Australia's obligations under the Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste.



Dr. Ruth Habgood

Dr Ruth Habgood has recently completed her PhD in Sociology at the University of Auckland in New Zealand after doing her undergraduate study in Sociology and in Physics at the University of Canterbury. She has taught at the University of

Auckland and Auckland University of Technology and been involved in alcohol research at the University of Auckland prior to joining this Department. Within the Sociology programme at Melbourne she is lecturing and tutoring this semester in the 'Love Family and Sexuality' and 'Quantitative Social Research' courses. Next semester Ruth will be lecturing a new course 'Using Computers Social Research' and coordinating the third year Sociology Research Internship program.

Her research interests include the interactions between gender, paid employment, family and personal relationships, with special interests in masculinity and fatherhood and the notion of 'emotional work'. She is also undertaken research on masculinity, social relationships and alcohol use among young men. Other areas of interest include the internet, communication and information technologies, and ethnicity and diversity. Ruth has published in Women's Studies and Sociology collections and is currently working on material drawn from her thesis which was entitled 'Commitments, Emotions and Family: A study of sources of change and stability in gendered domestic relationships'.

Department Seminar Series

Everyone is welcome to our department seminar series which are held on Thursdays in the Department Common Room East Tower, 4th Floor, John Medley Building at 1pm. Please check our website for future seminars, <http://www.politics.unimelb.edu.au/new/> or you can contact Ben Harper on 8344 6571 if you wish to be placed on an email list.

Thursday 18 April

Dr Robyn Eckersley

'Habermas has defected, critical theory has lost its way.' A critical exploration of Habermas's recent work on the state, law, democracy and the public sphere.

Thursday 2 May

Prof. Ted Morton (Senior Visiting Fellow)

'The Political Impact of the Canadian Charter of Rights, 1982-2002: A Twenty Year Assessment'.

Thursday 9 May

Jonathan Liberman (VicHealth Centre for Tobacco Control)

Title to be confirmed

Recent Chapters, Articles & Papers

Verity Burgmann, 'Green bans' in John Barry and Gene Frankland (eds), *International Encyclopaedia of Environmental Politics*, Routledge, London, 2001, p.239.

Verity Burgmann, 'Industrial Workers of the World' in Wilfrid Prest (ed.), *The Wakefield Companion to South Australian History*, Wakefield Press, Adelaide, 2001, p.280.

Mark Considine & Jenny Lewis, 'Networks and Innovation Inside Government: Explaining Differences in the Roles of Politicians and Bureaucrats', International Social Networks Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, February 2002.

Michael Crozier, 'Society Economized: T.R. Ashworth and the History of the Social Sciences in Australia,' *Australian Historical Studies*, n.118, April 2002, pp.125-143.

Robyn Eckersley, 'Ecocentrism', in John Barry & Gene Frankland (eds.) *International Encyclopedia of Environmental Politics*, London: Routledge, 2002.

Robyn Eckersley, 'Environmental Pragmatism', in John Barry & Gene Frankland (eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Environmental Politics*, London: Routledge, 2002.

Robyn Eckersley, 'Environmental Pragmatism, Ecocentrism and Deliberative Democracy: Between Problem-Solving and Fundamental Critique' in Bob Pepperman Taylor and Ben Minteer, (eds.), *Democracy and the Claims of Nature*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2002.

Leslie Holmes, 'Functions and Dysfunctions of Corruption and its Reporting in Central and Eastern Europe' in Tim Lindsey & Howard Dick (eds.), *Corruption in Asia: Rethinking the Governance Paradigm*, The Federation Press, 2002, pp.50-70.

Jenny Lewis, 'Influence and Connections: Analyzing the Structure of Health Policy Networks', *International Social Networks Association Annual*, New Orleans, February 2002.

Derek McDougall, 'Humanitarian Intervention and Peacekeeping as Issues for Asia-Pacific Security', Working Paper no. 20, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, pp. 1-25 (2001).

Philomena Murray, 'Australia's Relations with the European Union: Branch Office or Independent

Actor?' in C. Saunders & G. Triggs, (eds.), *Trade and Cooperation with the European Union in the New Millennium*, Amsterdam, Kluwer, April, 2002.

Philomena Murray, 'Integration' in P. B. Clarke & J. Foweraker, (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Democratic Thought*, London, Routledge, 2001.

Garry Woodard, 'Outside the "Liberal Tradition": Barwick in Asia', paper delivered at Conference on the Liberal Tradition in Australian Foreign Policy, Melbourne, September 2001 (proceedings to be published by MUP).

Activities involving members of the Department

Verity Burgmann was the invited speaker on 'Political Parties and Pressure Groups' to the annual Political Studies conference of the Victorian Association of Social Studies Teachers.

Verity Burgmann was interviewed about the 2001 Federal Election by the Rotterdam *Algemeen Dagblad*.

Verity Burgmann has been appointed to the panel to review the VCE Political Studies curriculum.

Ann Capling was invited to present a seminar on 'An Australia-US Bilateral Agreement?' at the Australia-Japan Centre, Australian National University, March 2002.

Mark Considine has completed a one-year appointment as Senior Research Advisor at the Brotherhood of St Laurence during which time he chaired a review of the BSL research division.

Michael Dutton was an invited speaker at a small workshop organised and funded by NYU on the issue of comparative research. His paper was on 'The Gift of the Political'.

Robyn Eckersley is an Associate Editor for the *International Encyclopedia of Environmental Politics*.

Leslie Holmes visited Uppsala, Sweden in April to present a paper on 'Corruption and Democratisation: Problems of Legitimation' at a 2-day international conference on 'Democracy in Russia'.

Jenny Lewis was an invited presenter on 'Evidence and Policy' at a VicHealth forum on 'Evidence for health promotion and public health decision making' in Melbourne, March 2002.

Philomena Murray is a member of the Board of Management of the National Europe Centre, Canberra.

Philomena Murray was invited to become a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the new journal, *Asia-Europe*.

Melbourne Journal of Politics

Looking for editors

The *Melbourne Journal of Politics* is an annual publication sponsored by the Department but edited by a collective of postgraduate students. We are currently organizing a special issue on the politics of technology. Two of our esteemed editors, however, are close to the completion of their doctoral studies and are hoping to be replaced. Any-one who would like to be involved in the production of this and subsequent issues please contact us at mjp_politics@unimelb.edu.au.

New Postgraduates

The Department like to extend a warm welcome to our new postgraduate students:

PhD:

Bernice Bovenkerk - *The Biotechnology Debate*

Kay Cook - *A Qualitative Study of the Role of Welfare on Female Single Parent Poverty*.

Adam Driver - *Colonialism in a Land of Semi-Colonialism: The Afterlife of Japanese Manchuria Within Northeast China as Exception*.

Ian Duncanson - *Law, the English Subject and the Empire*.

Debra Hartley - *Managing Change: Australian non Governmental Organisations' Responses to Official Aid Policies in the New Global Era*.

Jodie Kline - *Lesbian Culture, Community and Citizenship: Documenting Change Through the National Lesbian Conference and Festival*.

Bruno Mascitelli - *The Role of the State in Italy's Post War Economy*.

Manusavee Monsakul - *State and Business - Japan and Thailand*.

Toshiya Nakamura - *Transformation of Security Policies of Two Loser Countries After the Cold War*.

Jennifer Rice - *Women's Cultural Sadism*.

Sarjit Sidhu - *The Enlightenment and Contemporary Political Practice*.

Master of Arts

Julie Baird - *The Victorian Legislative Council - in search of its democratic legitimacy*.

Matthew Belleghem - *Microchip Microstates: An Analysis Of Sovereignty, Information Technology and Data Havens*.

William Bowe - *The Australian Referendum 1999*.

Clare Ellis - *The Growth and Impact of the Aboriginal Industry: the Problems of Generating Solutions 'For Indigenous Communities*.

Sonya Holm - *The Changing Role of the Community Sector: Part of the Solution or the Problem?*

Ralph Lowe - *The Borders of Resistance*.

Antara Mascarenhas - *Governance and Inter-Organisational Networks*.

Jonathan Symons - *Deliberative Process and Democratic Legitimacy - Exploring Democratic Accommodation with First Nations*.

Master of Arts (International Politics - shorter thesis)

Luke McInerney - *The International Relations of Russia's Integration into The World Trading System - Issues and Prospects*.

Postgraduate Student Conference

Call for Papers

The **Political Science Postgraduate Association**, has secured itself some cash from both the Arts Faculty and the School of Graduate Studies (receipt of which involves constant recognition of said sources) to hold a student conference. This we intend to do with much pomp and some grog in the Graduate Centre on July 26 2002.

The conference will be an opportunity for postgraduate students in political science to show their wares to each other and the broader academic community. Sessions will be organized thematically. The themes will, of course, depend on the presenters.

We are calling for expressions of interest by **1 May** and abstracts by **1 June**. Please forward these to Julie Connolly: j.connolly1@pgrad.unimelb.edu.au.

Further information about the conference can be found at: <http://theoretica.net/ppa>

Postgrad Seminar Series

The **Political Science Postgraduate Association** have decided to organize a postgraduate seminar series. The details remain somewhat hazy. Nevertheless, we propose that all interested postgrads get together fortnightly at say 1pm Thursdays in the Common Room, to discuss their research. The format will involve a shortish presentation and discussion. The aims are manifold: to provide us with an opportunity to discuss our research, trial papers or chapters in a reasonably informal environment; to discuss issues, about methodology or ethics, industrial relations or infrastructural support, of common concern; to act as a resource for each other; and last but certainly not least to sustain sanity.

We have started to line up presenters, but more are required. If any one is interesting in making a presentation in second semester, please contact Julie Connolly: j.connolly1@pgrad.unimelb.edu.au.

Current, Recent Graduates and Past Post-Graduates

Carole Moschetti has been awarded a grant from the Research & Graduate Studies to present a paper at the Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences (HICSS) and consulting research materials in libraries and archives in London.

Sally Young is a PhD candidate in the Politics Department studying election campaigns and political advertising. In January and February, she spent six weeks at the National Library in Canberra as a scholarship holder under the Library's Summer Vacation Scholarship Scheme.

The Scheme is designed to enable outstanding young Australian scholars, under the age of 30, to undertake research in Australian history and literature, based on the Library's collections. Scholars receive generous assistance with living expenses, return airfares and accommodation at the Australian National University. Sally spent her six weeks researching the Library's collection of political ephemera - which contains over 20,000 pieces!

Scholars are looked after extremely well. Sally received staff access to the library, a staff member assigned to help her locate material and working space and a computer in the Harold White Fellows Room. The Library also organised morning teas, a wonderful lunch with members of the Library's

executive, admission to the Treasures Exhibition and other events.

The Summer Vacation Scholarships will be advertised again this year. Sally thoroughly recommends the Scheme and suggests postgrads consider applying. Check the Library's website for details – www.nla.gov.au

Ph.D & MA Completions

Emma Gilligan, (PhD), *Sergei Kovalyov and the Defense of Human Rights in Russia*.



New Director

Mark Considine has recently been appointed the new Director for the Centre for Public Policy in 2002.

New Social Settlement Project

Future Directions in Australian Social Policy:
New Ways of Preventing Risk

In February 2002 the New Social Settlement Project, in conjunction with its industry partners CEDA and the Brotherhood of St Laurence, launched its second publication. Entitled 'Future Directions in Australian Social Policy: New Ways of Preventing Risk' the publication included articles by Valerie-Ayres Wearne, Marion Frere, Linda Hancock and Anthony O'Donnell from the Centre for Public Policy. The report assesses the impact of changes to the Australian social settlement caused by factors such as economic reform and restructuring, new employment patterns and changing household structures. In particular, it focuses on the growing numbers of young people who face increased disadvantage in accessing secure and sustainable employment, housing and other opportunities compared to previous generations.

The release of the research sparked very significant media interest and public debate. It generated lead news items (*The Age*, pg 1, *The Australian*, pg 3) as well as feature articles in *the Age*, *The Australian*, *The Australian Financial Review* and *the Sydney Morning Herald*. In addition over 10 television (ABC, Channel 9 and Channel 7) and radio interviews were held with the report authors.

Appointment of The Honourable Jim Carlton

The **Honourable Jim Carlton** AO has recently been appointed a Professorial Associate in the Centre for Public Policy.

Jim recently retired as Secretary General of the Australian Red Cross Society. He also served as a Minister in the Fraser Government and as Shadow Minister for Defence from 1989-90.

We warmly welcome Jim to the Centre and look forward to his involvement in upcoming events.

Lunchtime Seminars

Visiting Associate, **Dr Zhikai Wang** from China will be giving a lunchtime seminar on the topic: '*Journeying on the Right Track: Perspectives on China's Social Security*' on **Tuesday 7th May, 2002** in room 318, 3rd Floor, 234 Queensberry St, Carlton.

Upcoming Evening Forums

The Centre for Public Policy will be hosting three evening forums under the heading '**The Global Challenge of Cities**' in May, 2002:

Tuesday 7th May, 2002

'Globalisation and Cities: Where are the good models?'

Dr Josef is the Head of Division, Territorial Development Policies and Prospects at the OECD, which is responsible for the analysis of the core spatial, social and economic policies for territorial development.

Tuesday 14th May, 2002

'Globalisation: the Challenge of Governance'

John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development at the ILO (International Labour Organization).

Wednesday 22nd May, 2002

'Globalisation, a broader context: Urban Implications for Melbourne'

A/Prof Kevin O'Connor, from Architecture and Planning, University of Melbourne.

All forums will be held in the Public Policy Lecture Theatre, 2nd Floor, 234 Queensberry St, Carlton.

'Knowledge, Networks and Joined-Up Government' IPSA Conference

From June 3rd to 5th, the Centre for Public Policy will be playing host to an International Political Science Association Conference entitled *'Knowledge, Networks and Joined-Up Government'*.

Approximately twenty international guests will be participating including Rod Rhodes, Colin Campbell and Herman Bakvis, as well as many academics from the Department and Centre.

Volunteers are being sought to pick guests up from the airport as well as to help with ushering and tea/coffee duties, in return for tickets to this invitation-only event. Please contact the conference organiser, **Lauren Rosewarne** for more information <lrose@unimelb.edu.au>

Institute of Postcolonial Studies

2002 Panel Series - The Other Frontier

Negotiating Settlements: Indigenous peoples, settler states and the significance of treaties and agreements

Convened by: Professor Marcia Langton

All Seminars will be held at 7.30 at
The Institute of Postcolonial Studies
78-80 Curzon St, North Melbourne

Admission:

Members of the Institute: Free

Waged Persons: \$5

Unwaged Persons/Students: \$3

This seminar series aims to provide an arena for legal, historical and sociological examinations of treaties, negotiated settlements and agreements

between Indigenous peoples and settler states, drawing out the significance of agreement-making for present-day Australian circumstances. This series is intended to inform the debate on the negotiated settlement of disputes over resource use, service delivery and other citizenship entitlements in the Australian context.

In this series, presenters will discuss case studies as well as analytical and theoretical contributions to the nature of the cultural, social and legal rights encompassed by past, present and potential agreements and treaties. It is expected that the seminars will address the role played by the technique of the treaty in the historical encounter between Indigenous societies and various state formations. Some contributors will detail and analyse the negotiated outcomes of agreement-making and survey the international literature of relevance to agreement-making between Indigenous and non-Indigenous parties in Australia. It is also expected that some papers, including case studies, will discuss non-litigious pathways to recognition of rights and entitlements, especially in local and regional contexts.

The themes of the Seminar Series will include: treaties and their historical significance; race and racialising discourses in the encounters between indigenous peoples and state formations; legal issues and ramifications of agreement-making in a range of jurisdictions; native title; mining agreements; national parks; framework agreements; Indigenous Land Use Agreements under the Native Title Act; service delivery agreements; media representations and the treaty debate in Australia; customary legal systems and their implications; and Canadian, United States, New Zealand and South African settlements and agreements. As such, the seminar series will provide a forum for the examination of agreements from a variety of locations where innovative and lasting agreements have been made, and will draw on examples of different types of agreements and modes of Indigenous organisation/mobilization. It will critically explore a range of issues including the role of constitutional and/or legal contexts in the agreement process; the ways in which social rights and economic development are being addressed; patterns, themes, and parties emerging in the agreement-making process; and assess some historical and internationally comparative examples of agreement-making and their relevance for Australian circumstances.

May 2:

'Native Title and Agreement-making'

Mr Graeme Neate and Professor Doug Williams
(National Native Title Tribunal)

May 23:

'Publishers' agreements and copyright issues facing Aboriginal authors'

Ms Michele Grossman (Faculty of Arts, Victoria University)

'Locating the constituting elements of justice in our everyday discourse'

Professor Martin Nakata (Aboriginal Research Institute, University of South Australia)

May 30:

'Rio Tinto's Approach to Mining-Indigenous Agreement Making – A Global Context'

Mr Bruce Harvey and Mr Neville Tiffen (Rio Tinto)

July 22:

'The Continuing Significance of Historic Treaties and Modern Treaty-Making: A Canadian and United States Perspective'

Professor Brad Morse (Law School, Ottawa University)

August 1:

'Agreement making within a Federation: Aboriginal health and intergovernmental relations'

Assoc Prof Ian Anderson and Mr Robert Griew (Centre for the Study of Health and Society, University of Melbourne)

August 15:

'Treaty-making and the South Australian vision'

Mr Parry Agius (Aboriginal Land Rights Movement, SA), Dr Jocelyn Davies (Agronomy Department, Adelaide University) and Assoc Prof Richie Howitt (Department of Human Geography, Macquarie University)

August 29:

'Agreements and referenda: recent developments in the British Columbia treaty process'

Mr Ravi De Costa (Institute for Social Research, Swinburne University)

'Commentary: Law and the British Columbia Treaty Process'

Ms Maureen Tehan (Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne)

Contemporary Europe Research Centre

The **Contemporary Europe Research Centre** is associated with the Department. CERC stated off the year with an active list of events. Leslie Holmes stepped down after an excellent term as Acting Director of CERC at end January and Philomena Murray took over again as Director on 1 February on her return from sabbatical.

The following events took place this year:

CERC held a small reception for Mr Leonid Moiseev, Russian Ambassador to Australia, attended by CERC staff and CERC honorary appointees, officiated by CERC Principal Fellow A/Prof. Peter Shearman. A major Lecture was given by Prof. Wolfgang Benz (Technical University of Berlin), 'Political Culture in Germany between Multiculturalism and Xenophobia', co-sponsored by the Goethe-Institut Inter Nationes. There was a very good turnout for the Public Lecture and reception for Prof. Geoff Eley (Department of History, University of Michigan), 'What is Left of Utopia?: The Left in Contemporary Europe'.

Major Forthcoming events include:

a CERC/Monash University Workshop: *Russia: Ten Years of Post-Communist Reforms* (Friday 3 May) and CERC/Curtin University of Technology Workshop: *September 11 and Its Impact on Security in Europe* (6-7 June). CERC is also currently planning a conference on Immigration and Human Rights (November) and a Workshop on EU-Australia relations (late June).

CERC has had a number of Visiting Scholars, including Dr Jan Teorell (Department of Government, Uppsala University, Sweden); Prof. Axel Hadenius (Department of Government, Uppsala University, Sweden); Prof. Harald Sander (Professor of Economics and International Economics, University of Applied Sciences, Cologne) and Mr Michael Longo (Law, VUT).

Speakers in CERC's Seminar Series (so far) include:

Prof. Axel Hadenius (Department of Government, Uppsala University/CERC), 'Russian Political Parties in Comparative Perspective'.

Prof. Harald Sanders (Professor of Economics and International Economics, University of Applied Sciences, Cologne) and Dr Stefanie Kleimeier (University of Maastricht), 'The EURO and the

Emergence of a Single European Financial Market: A Success Story?'

Prof. Gudrun Biffi (Austrian Institute of Economic Research, Vienna), 'Migration Policy Developments in Europe in the Context of EU Enlargement'.

Mr Vesa Rautio (Department of Geography, University of Melbourne /Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki), 'Economic Co-operation Across the Finnish-Russian Border: Factors of Sluggish Development and Success of Enterprises'.

Mr Willem Noë (European Commission, Brussels), 'The Effects of EU enlargement on External Relations, with particular reference to Russia and the US'.

Dr S. Millicent Vladiv-Glover (Slavic Studies Program, Monash University) 'Terrorism, Modernity and Dostoevsky's Devils'.

CERC Seminars (program available at: www.cerc.unimelb.edu.au/common/semcon.htm)

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