From the President

Fifty years ago on this date US President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas. While most of the recent commentary has focused on his undelivered speech (which was clearly a product of its time and a recognition of the cultural and political geography of central Texas in which he sought acceptance), I want to focus on arguably his most famous line.

In his inaugural speech in 1961, Kennedy implored the American people to “ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” Perhaps fittingly, he is alleged to have rephrased these words from his former headmaster at Choate School in Connecticut and up-scaled them to the whole country.

In a similar vein, I wish to link these sentiments to the Institute of Australian Geographers. It is worth asking what the IAG does for you. After all, you pay your annual membership – or as many of you have done, taken advantage of our new three year membership offer.

The IAG provides national level representation for geographers. It works with a host institution to deliver an annual geography conference (the 2013 Perth IAG Conference was a great success, and I look forward to seeing everybody at the 2014 IAG/NZGS Joint Conference in Melbourne). We provide financial and other support for eight study groups, provide funding for postgraduate student activities, maintain a website and a Facebook page, recognise outstanding geographers through our awards, provide financial support for emerging geographers to attend the IGU Congress, publish three issues of this newsletter per year, promote the work of undergraduate students through GEOView and publish a very successful geography journal called Geographical Research – all of which help to achieve our aims to promote the study and practice of geography in Australia and to advance the study of Australian geography internationally.

Now, let’s move on to what you can do for your Institute. I will start with the basics – please pay any overdue annual memberships. The IAG Council has been working very hard to fix any problems relating to the online membership. We will continue to do so if we are notified of any issues.
Second, recruit a friend or colleague for the IAG. We are growing in membership, but a little encouragement to an established geographer or an emerging young geographer may be the difference between somebody joining the IAG or simply thinking about it. The personal approach often works very well.

Third, be active and support your study groups. There are eight existing groups. There is also potential for two new groups to be officially recognised in the near future provided they demonstrate viability without harming the capacity of the existing groups.

Fourth, contribute ideas for sessions and participate in IAG conferences – the 2014 conference will be larger because it is a joint Australian and New Zealand conference and there will be many opportunities for both human and physical geographers to showcase their research and advance geographical knowledge.

Fifth, consider running for election to the IAG Council and taking a leadership role in your organisation. Finally, take the time and make the effort to nominate a colleague for the IAG Awards.

There are currently many geographers who are contributing in various ways to the development of the IAG and to the future of geography. I have nothing but praise for the current IAG Council and to the people who edit our various publications, manage our website and provide administrative assistance to support the IAG. This is not a new phenomenon. The current leadership of the IAG stands on the achievements of many people who have devoted time, skills and energy in the past. When the call for IAG awards is made, I am confident that you will think of potentially worthy colleagues from your study groups or your university who you believe the IAG should recognise.

Before signing off, I want to make two points about the success of geographers and challenges for the future. First, congratulations to those geographers who were successful in the recent ARC DP14 funding round – Kate Lloyd, Sandie Suchet-Pearson, Sarah Wright, Robyn Dowling, Lesley Head, Natascha Klocker, Gordon Waitt, Heather Goodall, Libby Porter, Xuan Zhu, Francisco Sabatini and Bill Pritchard come to mind, and apologies if I have omitted other successful geographers or associates.

Second, linking high school geography with tertiary enrolments in geography resonates with me as one of our greatest challenges. In some Australian states high school geography is weak, or is in decline. Hopefully the new national curriculum will address some of the causes of this malaise. My understanding of tertiary geography, drawn from experience at my own institution and from talking with geographers and geography students elsewhere, is that unless they experienced an inspiring geography teacher at the high school level, students drop geography and almost by happenstance re-discover geography at university. They often find it very different from what they experienced earlier in their studies. Of course, many potential geographers drift into other fields of study. This is a challenge, but an area of great potential to strengthen the future of geography.

I wish everybody a safe and happy holiday, and a very successful start to 2014.

Phil McManus,
The University of Sydney, phil.mcmanus@sydney.edu.au
Call for Nominations - Awards of the IAG 2014

The Council of the Institute of Australian Geographers calls for nominations for the following awards:

- AUSTRALIA-INTERNATIONAL MEDAL
- DISTINGUISHED FELLOWSHIP OF THE INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHERS (DFIAG)
- FELLOWSHIP OF THE INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHERS (FIAG)

Please consider nominating your colleagues for these awards.

The Australia-International Medal is for contributions by Australian geographers to geography worldwide, or by geographers outside Australia to the geography of Australia.

Distinguished service to the IAG is recognised by the award of a Distinguished Fellowship, while contributions to the profession of geography are recognised by a Fellowship.

Further details of the three awards being considered for 2014 are available from:

The closing date for ALL nominations is **Friday 28 March, 2014**.

Please note that the the Griffith Taylor Medal is only awarded every second year. Nominations will next be called in 2015.

Nominations should be sent to the IAG Secretary, Dr Robyn Bartel, at rbartel@une.edu.au.

For enquiries about these awards, please contact either Professor Steve Turton at steve.turton@jcu.edu.au or on (07) 4042 1292, or the Secretary, Dr Robyn Bartel, at rbartel@une.edu.au or (02) 6773 2904

IAG Website Survey

The IAG Council is interested in how you use and view the IAG website. If you have a few minutes please consider completing the survey: [Click here to take survey](#)
The National Committee for Geography

The National Committee for Geography is a committee of the Australian Academy of Science. It represents geography nationally and internationally, and has members drawn from academic geography, school geography and the public geographical societies. One of the functions of a national committee is to produce a decadal plan, reviewing the state of the discipline, its potential contribution to society over the next decade, and the challenges to be overcome in order to fulfil this contribution.

The plan is addressed at policy makers rather than the profession. It will examine the position of geography in schools and in public life as well as in research. Geography has not yet produced such a plan, but several other disciplines have, and the Committee has decided that a decadal plan for geography must be its priority over the next year.

We have commenced developing a proposal that will outline the objectives of the plan, how it can be produced, and what funding may be needed. This will be done in consultation with the Institute of Australian Geographers, the Australian Geography Teachers Association and other key organisations.

The National Committee for Geography has also started discussions with the Academy of the Social Sciences to see what joint activities could be undertaken to link the science and social science academies through geography.

Alaric Maude
Chair, National Committee for Geography, Academy of Science

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Wiley (publishers of Geographical Research - The Journal of the IAG) have a twitter account dedicated to all things geography. To date more than 2200 people from around the world (including quite a large number of Australians) have subscribed to the Wiley Geography Twitter page. If you would like to get involved, follow this link for more information

https://twitter.com/WB_Geography

Wiley Geography Spotlight App

Interested.... follow this link http://appshopper.com/education/geography-spotlight
Canada Denies IGU President Visa

Excerpt from IGU E-Newsletter New Series 8 October 2013 Pages 21-22

International Geographical Union President Vladimir Kolossov was denied a visa to enter Canada to participate in the 10-12 October 2013 General Assembly of the International Social Science Council (ISSC) in Montréal. Knowing that visa application processing was lengthy (six weeks), Kolossov applied for the visa well in advance of his planned journey to Canada. In addition to the payment of a nonrefundable application fee of €125.00, Kolossov was interviewed at the Embassy after waiting outside in a lengthy queue for more than two hours.

Kolossov was informed on 2 September that his application was denied. The reason given by the Embassy for the denial was an alleged lack of evidence that Kolossov would leave Canada at the end of his visit, a conclusion allegedly supported by his failure to provide evidence of employment in Russia and of possessing financial resources sufficient for his expenses in Canada. I have personally examined the papers Kolossov submitted with his application. They include a document from the Russian Academy of Sciences (translated into French as required) certifying Kolossov’s employment and salary, and a letter from IGU Secretary General Michael Meadows certifying that IGU would pay Kolossov’s expenses in Canada. The letter and reasons for refusing the visa are wholly at odds with the contents of Kolossov’s application.

The IGU and the ISSC mounted a vigorous protest over the visa denial with the assistance and support of colleagues in Canada, some of whom enlisted the help of their respective members of Parliament. The only response of the Canadian Foreign Service was to suggest that Kolossov re-apply for the visa, a response that came much too late to be feasible, given the time needed to obtain a visa in Moscow. Hence the IGU was represented at the ISSC General Assembly by former IGU Vice President Ruth Fincher, a member of the ISSC Executive Committee, the IGU having withdrawn from the meeting in protest against the Canadian action. The ISSC General Assembly passed a resolution protesting the denial of a visa for Kolossov that will be transmitted to Canadian authorities and to other international scientific organizations.

The free exchange of scientists among countries of the world is a fundamental principle subscribed to by all international scientific organizations, especially the ISSC and the International Council for Science (ICSU). The IGU has brought this egregious example of the violation of that principle to the attention of the ICSU Committee on Freedom and Responsibility in the conduct of Science (CRFS), in hopes that similar arbitrary and unreasonable denials of free scientific exchange will not recur. The case will also be widely publicized among other member organizations of ICSU and ISSC.

The IGU is grateful for the energetic assistance of scientists in Canada and elsewhere in protesting the denial of a visa to Kolossov, and especially the support of Professor Gordon McBean of the University of Western Ontario, President-Elect of the International Council for Science. We regret that their efforts appear to have had little or no effect on the Foreign Service of Canada, but their collegial solidarity in the cause of the open and free exchange of scientists and of IGU President Kolossov is deeply appreciated.

Ronald F. Abler
Past President, IGU
News from Australian Geographer

Discerning readers (as all members of IAG are) will have observed several recent changes in Australian Geographer as we seek to continually improve its standing, status and significance, and simply make it more interesting and invaluable. Three themes are important.

Book Reviews

No journal is really relevant without book reviews. We have sought to increase their number and relevance. To do that (a) we need to have good books. Ideally we would like to review all books published on Australian geography, by Australian authors or relevant to Australian geographical themes. That means that authors should encourage (demand to) their publishers to ensure that Australian Geographer gets a review copy. (b) We also need good, reliable reviewers with a gift for literary flair and deep, insightful and timely analysis. If that sounds like you please let me know areas in which you would be happy to review.

Thinking Space

Since June 2012 Australian Geographer has introduced a new feature – Thinking Space – which seeks to encourage geographers - and others – to contemplate the contemporary issues that affect our world and write about them – op eds on a slightly larger scale (around 2500 words long) but not polished or lengthy research papers. We simply seek creative, challenging, topical, relevant and informed thinking. Ideally we would like to have a Thinking Space in every issue. Please contact me if you have ideas and would like to contribute.

Film Reviews

In the first issue of 2014 Australian Geographer will for the first time have a film review. It analyses the recent film The Rocket, filmed in Laos (and now banned there), and how the film contributes to and links in to understandings of development. Once again we would like to make this an occasional feature and would welcome suggestions, films, and aspiring and inspiring authors. Let Australian Geographer know.

Welcome

The IAG Council welcomes the following new members of the IAG

Tim Frewer, University of Sydney; Kristine Garcia, University of the Philippines; Daniel McDonald, University of Newcastle; Amelia Thorpe, UNSW; Lily Hirsch CQ University Australia; Seimeng Lai UNSW; Sarah Rogers, University of Melbourne; Elizabeth Adamczyk, University of Newcastle; Matalena Tofa, Charles Darwin University; Jason Beringer, Monash University; Matthew Weatherby, University of Queensland; Constance Kourbelis, The University of Adelaide; Derek Ruez, University of Kentucky; Shaun Lin, University of Wollongong; Owen Kassulke, Foresight Partners
Grant and Award Opportunities

Griffith Taylor Medal
The medal is awarded for distinguished contributions to geography in Australia. No more than one medal is to be awarded in each two year period.

Distinguished Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographers
The Fellowship is awarded for distinguished service to Australian geography through furthering the aims of the Institute. The award was called the ‘Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographer’ prior to 2008.

Australian-International Medal
In recognition of either outstanding contributions by Australian (or Australia-based) geographers to the advancement of Geography worldwide or of outstanding contributions to the understanding of the geography of Australia by geographers permanently residing outside Australia. No more than one medal is to be awarded each year.

Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographers
Is awarded for sustained service to the geography profession in Australia

Past Winners
Griffith Taylor Medal
- Mrs Ann Marshall 1989 (citation)
- Dr Les Heathcote 1997 (citation)
- Dr Joe Gentilli 1998
- Professor Fay Gale 2001 (citation)
- Professor Bruce Thom 2004 (citation)
- Emeritus Professor John Holmes 2006 (citation)
- Professor Joe Powell 2008
- Professor Michael Webber 2011 (citation)
- Professor Jim Walmsley 2013 (citation)

Australia - International Medal
- Professor Janice Monk 1999
- Professor Reginald Golledge 2000
- Professor Tom McKnight 2001
- Emeritus Professor Harold Brookfield 2005 (citation)
- Emeritus Professor Ian Douglas 2006 (citation)
- Professor John Connell 2009 (citation)
- Professor Katherine Gibson and Professor Julie Graham 2010 (citation)
- Associate Professor Louise Johnson 2011 (citation)

Recipients of the former Fellowship of the IAG
- Professor Murray McCaskill 1989 (citation)
- Professor Bruce Thom 1992 (citation)
- Professor John Holmes 1997 (citation)
- Associate Professor Arthur Conacher 1998 (citation)
- Mr Laurie Olive 1999
- Dr Morgan Sant 2001
- Associate Professor Richard Howitt 2004

Distinguished Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographers
- Dr Peter Smailes 2008 (citation)
- Emeritus Professor Bob Fagan 2009 (citation)
- Professor Ruth Fincher 2009 (citation)
- Professor Jamie Kirkpatrick 2009 (citation)
- Associate Professor Alaric Maude 2009 (citation)
- Emeritus Professor Roger McLean 2009 (citation)
- Mr Alex Lyne 2010
- Emeritus Professor Roy Jones 2013 (citation)

Fellowship of the Institute of Australian Geographers
- Professor Iain Hay 2008
- Associate Professor Tony Sorenson 2008
- Professor Arthur Conacher
- Professor Kay Anderson 2009
- Adjunct Associate Professor Patrick Armstrong 2009
- Mr Terry Birtles 2009
- Professor Bill Boyd 2009
- Professor Robert Freestone 2009
- Professor Roy Jones 2009
- Professor Brian G. Lees 2009
- Professor Richard Le Heron 2009
- Emeritus Associate Professor Bob Loughran 2009
- Professor Pauline McGuirk 2009
- Professor Phil O’Neill 2009
- Associate Professor Elaine Stratford 2009
- Emeritus Professor Murray Wilson 2009
- Professor Hilary P.M. Winchester 2009
- Dr Robert Burne 2010
- Dr Jocelyn Davies 2010
- Dr Ruth Farmer 2010
- Ms Julie Kesby 2010
- Emeritus Professor Bruce Ryan 2010
- Dr Robin F Warner 2010
- Professor Robyn Dowling 2012
- Dr Ashley Webb 2012
- Professor Chris Gibson 2012
- Associate Professor Deirdre Dragovich 2012
- Professor Jim Forest 2012
- Associate Professor Neil Argent 2012
- Dr Hugo Bekle 2012
- Professor Jim Walmsley 2012
- Dr Scott Mooney 2012
- Dr Ashley Webb 2012
Grants and Awards Received

The following have recently received the award of PhD:

**Laurence Troy** (Sydney) for his thesis entitled ‘Cloaked in Green: Growth Politics and Sustainability’.

**Mattijs Smits** (Sydney) for his thesis entitled ‘Electricity, modernity and sustainability: A critical scalar analysis of energy transitions in Thailand and Laos’.

**Oulavanh Keovilignavong** (Sydney) for his thesis entitled ‘Private investment in the resources sector and the poverty-environment nexus (PEN) in Laos’.

**Chem Phalla** (Sydney) for his thesis entitled ‘Integrated catchment management and irrigation development: the role of hydrological analysis in improved water governance in Cambodia’.

*Dr Laurence Troy and Dr Mattijs Smits celebrating receiving their PhDs*
Michele Lobo (Deakin) was awarded the Vice Chancellor’s Early Career Researcher Award for Research Excellence.

Phil McManus (Sydney) has been awarded the Fellowship of the Geographical Society of NSW (GSNSW) for his “outstanding contribution to geography, the University of Sydney, the Geographical Society of New South Wales and the Institute of Australian Geographers”. The award was presented at the GSNSW Prize Night on 2nd December.
Owen Powell (University of Queensland) has been awarded a grant from the Council of Arab Australian Relations (CAAR), through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). The grant is to expand knowledge of the Nubian Sandstone Aquifer of Egypt and conduct an extensive survey documenting artesian spring activity and decline.

The springs emerge in the hyper-arid regions of the Western Desert and have been adversely affected by groundwater extraction over the last decades. The project mirrors work in Australia by Queensland Herbarium and University of Queensland researchers, focusing on the spring activity and ecology of the Great Artesian Basin springs, many of which have disappeared due to groundwater development over the last century.

The work in Egypt will involve collaboration with plant specialists and geomorphologist from Al-Azhar and Damanhour Universities. Among the strategic objectives of CAAR is to "promote productive partnerships between Australia and the Arab world on contemporary issues of shared interest, particularly in the fields of science, technology, the environment and social development initiatives such as health and sport."
Robyn Dowling (Macquarie) was awarded an ARC Discovery Grant 2014-16; $165000 - Beyond the Private Car: Personal Mobility Futures in Australia


Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt (ANU), Bill Pritchard (Sydney), Stewart Lockie (ANU) and Patrick Kilby (ANU) received $300,000 for an ARC Discovery Project ‘Farmers of the Future: the Challenges of Feminised Agriculture in India’. This research project will investigate, at multiple geographical scales in India, the patterns, causes, and multi-faceted implications of feminisation in agriculture. It will also explore women farmers’ abilities, needs and interests in order to identify practical suggestions that facilitate policy-transition towards gender-sensitive delivery of extension services.

Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt (ANU) and Keith Barney (ANU), both of Resource, Environment & Development (RE&D) Group of Crawford School of Public Policy of ANU College of Asia and the Pacific received $ from the Australian Research Council on a Linkage Project with the Adelaide-based company, Minelab. The project is titled: Going for Gold: Safe Livelihoods for Informal Gold Miners in South and Southeast Asia. The overall objectives of this two-year project (2014-’15) are to explore the mineral-based livelihoods and the social meanings of poverty, to characterize the evolving production and trading practices in gold, investigate the specific political economy that gold gives rise to, and the varying roles that the mining of gold plays in the lives of the rural poor. The project has three specific aims: a) research, b) capacity-building, and c) knowledge-networking. The research will be undertaken in three selected gold mining areas in three countries: India, Indonesia and Laos, where Drs Lahiri-Dutt and Barney will work with national researchers to enhance collaboration, and with grassroot actors such as Civil Society Groups to explore if access modern technology can reduce the speculative and tiresome aspects of the work by informal gold mining communities.

Libby Porter and Xuan Zhu (Monash) were successful in a 3-year ARC Discovery grant commencing in 2014 called “Who owns the sustainable city? Urban redevelopment, sustainability and the politics of property rights in Australia, Chile and Brazil”. The project will explore how a radical interpretation of property rights might link to sustainable urbanisation. They will partner with Professor Francisco Sabatini at the Catholic University of Chile, and colleagues at the University of Sao Paulo.

Peter Kershaw and Simon Connor (Monash) were successful in a 3 year ARC Discovery grant to study the role of prehistoric humans in transforming Northern Australia’s savanna country. The project is led by Prof. Simon Haberle of the Australian National University and includes international collaborators from the Netherlands and New Zealand.
Peter Kershaw (Monash) was also part of a successful multi-university submission of an ARC-LIEF grant for Australian membership of the International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP).

Lesley Head, Natascha Klocker, Gordon Waitt and Heather Goodall (Wollongong) were successful in gaining funding for an ARC Discovery Project which will commence in 2014. This project will apply geographic and historical methods to explore the environmental engagements of diverse migrant groups in urban, peri-urban and rural Australia. This work will contribute Australian scholarship to international sustainability debates, and will inform climate change mitigation and adaptation policy approaches at all government levels within Australia.

Jeffrey Neilson (University of Sydney) has just been awarded a new 4-year, $1.1 million research project from ACIAR (2013-2017), titled ‘Evaluating smallholder livelihoods and sustainability in Indonesian coffee and cocoa value chains’. The project applies action-research methodologies to assess the effectiveness of various value chain interventions for development. International development agencies are increasingly adopting a value chains discourse to development programming, and this project explores: the i) effects of certification programs for sustainability on producer livelihoods; ii) the effectiveness of Geographical Indications in the Indonesian coffee sector; iii) action-research to facilitate value chain linkages between coffee smallholders and specialty coffee roasters; and iv) industrial policy interventions for functional upgrading within the value chain. He has advertised a new PhD scholarship linked to the project: [http://agile2.ucc.usyd.edu.au/ro/opportunities/scholarships/1366](http://agile2.ucc.usyd.edu.au/ro/opportunities/scholarships/1366)

Suchet-Pearson, S., Lloyd, K. and Wright, S. (Macquarie) were awarded an ARC Discovery Grant 2014-2016: $220000 - Closing other gaps: Yolngu perspectives on and proposals for two-ways learning to improve intercultural communication and policy.
Conferences

8th International Conference on Urban Regeneration and Sustainability
3-5 December 2013, Putrajaya Malaysia
http://www.wessex.ac.uk/13-conferences/sustainable-city-2013.html

Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting
19-22 March, 2014, San Antonio, USA
http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/conference/conference2014/

Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers
8-12 April, 2014, Tampa, USA
http://www.aag.org/cs/annualmeeting

12th International Conference on Thai Studies
22-24 April, 2014, University of Sydney.

51st Annual Meeting of the Association for the Tropical Biology and Conservation
20-24 July, 2014, Cairns
http://www.atbc2014.org

Quarantine: History, Heritage, Place
14-16 August, 2014, The Quarantine Station, Sydney
email for further information peter.hobbins@sydney.edu.au

Peri-Urban Landscapes: Water, Food and Environmental Security
8 - 10 July, 2014, University of Western Sydney, Parramatta Campus
http://periurban14.org/

Australian and New Zealand Map Society / New Zealand Cartographic Society joint conference
3 – 5 September, 2014, Auckland, New Zealand

Australian Regional Development Conference
http://regionaldevelopment.org.au/
Every four years a joint Trans-Tasman geography conference is held between the IAG and our sister organisation the New Zealand Geographical Society. The exciting news is that this joint IAG/NZGS conference is being held in Melbourne between Monday June 30th and Wednesday July 2nd, 2014. The main conference will be held in the beautiful cloisters of the University of Melbourne, but the event is being organised by the geographical community of Melbourne from Monash, Deakin, Victoria and RMIT Universities.


Already on the program are a pre-conference post-graduate day (held on Sunday 29th of June), book launches, and a field trip to the Yarra Valley. A range of excellent key-note speakers are being invited. You will also be happy to know about affordable accommodation options! We know that capital cities are expensive places, so we have been able to secure inexpensive accommodation at University colleges, as well as good deals in nearby hotels. The cost of the conference will be kept at around the same price as the excellent 2013 conference in Perth.

**Call for sessions**

This year we invite you to propose conference sessions in which research groups or individuals can suggest any geographical themes that they think could attract a minimum of four presenters. Please immediately go to the conference website [http://iag-nzgs2014.org/](http://iag-nzgs2014.org/) and suggest sessions. The call for sessions closes **February 1st, 2014**.

The key date to remember for now is **February 15, 2014**. On that day we will advertise the sessions, call for abstracts (some of which will fit within the proposed sessions), and open registrations. Early registration will close **March 1st**, with all registrations closing June 1st. The final program will be posted soon thereafter.
Pre-conference Postgraduate Day

The postgraduate day will this year take place on Sunday June 29th. It will involve career development activities, followed by the opportunity for a geographical tour of the lanes and icons of central Melbourne. Planning is still progressing, but possible sessions could include: a panel discussion on grant submissions and DECRA applications (involving past assessors); presentations from geographical journal editors on publishing ‘dos & don’ts’; geographical department leaders who have been part of recent hiring panels (to discuss job applications for ECRs); and a presentation by a ‘networking’ specialist.

Students will then have lunch with the IAG Council to meet some established academics before the conference. Following lunch, post-doctoral researchers from the human and physical sciences will discuss their experiences. Finally, there will be a walking tour of Melbourne, where we will visit, and learn about, some of the famous laneways, landmarks, and historical sites of Melbourne – whilst getting to know each other better.

We welcome any suggestions for activities for the conference (e.g. people are suggesting things like book-launches), offers of sponsorship, and we also gratefully accept any offers of help in organising any aspect of the conference.

Should you have any suggestions or questions please contact either Ian Rutherfurd (idruth@unimelb.edu.au) or Brian Cook (brian.cook@unimelb.edu.au).

We look forward to hearing about your session ideas, and we particularly look forward to seeing you in Melbourne in 2014.
Law, Space, Bodies, Forces: An Antipodean Dialogue

In January 2014 the IAG Legal Geographies study group will hold its yearly 3-day workshop. This year the workshop ‘Law, space, bodies, forces: an antipodean dialogue’ will be held at UTAS in Hobart.

The Legal Geographies study group are delighted to be hosting two stellar international scholars in law and in geography, respectively: Prof Andreas Philippopoulos-Mihalopoulos (Westminster) and Prof Phil Hubbard (Kent).

If interested, you can see websites for Andreas at http://www.westminster.ac.uk/about-us/our-people/directory/philippopoulos-mihalopoulos-dr-andreas and Phil at http://www.kent.ac.uk/sspssr/staff/academic/hubbard.html.

On the workshop, Stewart Williams (Tasmania) writes ‘The material to be covered both in our guests’ keynote presentations and then through a series of discussions will be diverse and compelling, and will be worked up for subsequent publications. It will link theory and practice, ideal and material worlds, as we examine law’s roles in constituting identity, sexuality, colonialism, Indigeneity, embodiment, environment, place and belonging’.

‘Work being progressed by study group members is similarly eclectic and fascinating, and looks at the legal geographies of all sorts of subjects and objects. Among other things, they concern drugs, biopiracy, prostitution, urban land use planning, industrial regulation, environmental management, community groups, land ownership and property rights’.


You are invited to join the study group and can find out more about us at: http://www.iag.org.au/study-groups/legal-geography-study-group/. The study group has over 50 members employed in academic and professional practice across Australia and beyond, and aims to further scholarly collaboration in this area.

The study group gladly receives financial support from the IAG with annual events sponsored in part also by hosting institutions.
This two-day conference casts its net wide to examine the roles of sense and movement in contemporary cultural geographical and sociological thought. It builds on the success of the New Critical Theory Group’s workshop Enculturating Forces in 2013, a joint venture of geographers based at UNSW Canberra and the University of Bristol, and sociologists at the Australian National University. Cultures of Sense, Cultures of Movement develops the synergies between geography, sociology and cognate disciplines, recently explored in the Cultural Geography Study Group conference Bodies In Situ-Bodies Ex Situ in 2011 and numerous CGSG sponsored sessions at IAG conferences, together with affect themed sessions at The Australian Sociological Association conferences.

From debates that show how the sense of a place can be most critically grasped through its myriad complex movements, to debates on how these movements are themselves are constituted through sense, relations of sense and movement have been at the heart of cultural geographical and sociological thought. Sustained interest in relations of sense and movement over the past two decades have sought to remedy the cognitive tendencies in geography, sociology, cultural studies and cognate disciplines by exploring how knowledge is generated through the immediacy of sensuous experiences of movement rather than distanced cogitation. In doing so, much research has sought to show how the human body is a locus of sense making, focusing on how we come to know and understand the world through the senses of touch, taste, smell, sight, sound, and their interrelationships.

Yet questions of knowledge are only part of the story. Recent work in has sought to explore how it is through relations of sense and movement that human and non-human bodies, objects and places are created and transform. From the sensing and moving body at the heart of the ‘affective turn’, to the role that sense and movement play in the aesthetic appreciation of spaces, cultures and cultural activities, our lifeworlds are beset by relations of dynamism and adynamism, sense and nonsense that demand our critical attention. In the context of the pressing need to more sensitively understand the processes, durations, technologies and experiences of social transformation, we welcome contributions that speak to the broad themes of cultures of sense, cultures of movement. These could include, but are not limited to, work on the ideas of mobilities; corporeality; materiality; affect; emotion; vitalism; becoming; belonging.

This conference is jointly organized by the Australian National University School of Sociology, the Canberra New Critical Theory Group and the IAG Cultural Geography Study Group. This event is sponsored by the ANU School of Sociology and the Institute of Australian Geographers.

Abstracts
Please forward enquiries and abstracts (no longer than 250 words) to David Bissell (david.bissell@anu.edu.au), Maria Hynes (maria.hynes@anu.edu.au) and Scott Sharpe (S.Sharpe@adfa.edu.au) by COB Friday 20 December 2013.
Reflections on IGU 2013 Kyoto Regional Conference
by Dr Christine Eriksen, Australian Centre for Cultural Environmental Research, University of Wollongong.

For ten days in August, I had the privilege of visiting Japan with the assistance of ECR Travel Grants awarded respectively by the Institute of Australian Geographers (IAG) and the International Geographical Union (IGU), and in my capacity as a research fellow funded by the Australian Research Council (ref. FL0992397).

The purpose of my travels was to participate in the IGU 2013 Regional Conference in Kyoto, a conference that had attracted me with its theme Traditional Wisdom and Modern Knowledge for the Earth’s Future, together with the many scheduled sessions and papers on Indigenous knowledge, gender and risk resilience – the three main themes of my own research.

I was immediately immersed into the theme of the conference upon arrival into Sapporo, Hokkaido where I joined up with the other participants of the pre-conference fieldtrip organised by the Indigenous Peoples Knowledges and Rights Commission (IPKRC) of the IGU. The IPKRC has an established protocol of engaging with the local Indigenous communities of the country hosting any given IGU conferences, which this year was an enriching visit with the Ainu who shared insights into their political and environmental struggles as well as programs for the retention and revival of Ainu culture (for further reflections see ‘Journeys to Japan’ at www.uowblogs.com/ausccer).

The conference theme was also reflected in the traditional and modern features incorporated into the brutalist architecture of the dramatic Kyoto International Conference Centre, which achieved a place in history as the site of the signing of the Kyoto Protocol in 1997. Over the course of four days packed with themed sessions and plenaries there were many highlights but key take-away messages worth singling out were: Paul Robbins’ reflections on the moral dilemma of ecosystem science and Lantana camera as a prime example of ecological novelty; the introduction by Kepa Morgan and colleagues to the ‘mauriometer’ as a tool to bridge world-views in poster-disaster response; Richie Howitt’s cautionary note on the cleaver shifting of the world “we” to exclude or include in land rights and governance disputes; Linda Peake’s argument that the “collective forgetting” of pioneering female geographers is reflective of the ongoing sexism and racism of the geography discipline; along with the many stimulating discussions that played a central role in all of the IPKRC organised sessions.

The latter include the conversations that followed my own presentation based on collaborative work with Dr Don Hankins at California State University, Chico on the impact of agency fire fighting on the retention and revival of Indigenous fire knowledge.

I returned from Japan enriched by experiences and insights that I would not have been privy to without the financial support of the IAG – thank you.
Enculturating Forces Workshop

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With support from the School of Physical, Environmental and Mathematical Sciences, UNSW at Canberra the Enculturating Forces workshop was organised by UNSW Rector’s Visiting Fellow J-D Dewsbury, (Bristol), Scott Sharpe, and The New Critical Theory Group. The workshop was held at UNSW Canberra from the 18th to the 19th September 2013.

By enculturating forces we meant those forces that speak of the distributed agencies of human and non-human materialities, the challenges to a sovereign nature of the will, and the affective passions and inclinations of bodies.

This workshop staged reading groups and conference papers that opened up interdisciplinary conversations on the conceptually and empirically inventive ways debates in cultural geography are being staged around the role of embodiment, performance and technical/natural materialities.

Day 1 discussed works form authors such as Hasannah Sharp, Claire Colebrook, Catherine Malabou, Bruno Latour, Gilles Deleuze and Felix Guattari. A range of papers were presented on Day 2 of the workshop developing themes such as ethico-aesthetics and its relation to human and non-human animals. Papers also focussed on habitual performances in relation to urban mobilities, healthcare and interactions with technology.
JCU Masters of Development Studies Visit Indonesia

The second year cohort of JCU’s Masters of Development Practice (MDP) recently spent two months in Indonesia working on a range of development practice issues in three provinces: 1) Western Nusa Tenggara (Lombok), 2) North Sulawesi and West Kalimantan.

A key component of the MDP program is developing research and teaching linkages with Indonesian Universities. During the 2-month field program JCU staff and students interacted with staff and masters students the University of Mataram in Lombok, Western Nusa Tenggarra and Sam Ratulangi University in Manado, North Sulawesi.
News From The Universities

James Cook University

Amy Dietrich has joined the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences (JCU) in Townsville, as a lecturer in natural resource and protected areas management. Amy hails from Spain but has worked in the USA and Panama.

Peter Valentine has retired from JCU after 38 years service, but continues to undertake teaching and consulting roles in the School from his new home base on the sub-tropical Atherton Tablelands.

Deakin University

Michele Lobo has been promoted to Senior Research Fellow.

University of Tasmania

The School of Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Tasmania is amalgamating with the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA) to form a new School of Land and Food from January 2014. This move is part of a university-wide process (reducing the overall number of schools by almost half) that is hoped will yield administrative efficiencies and financial savings, and promote greater cross-disciplinary collaboration in teaching and research.

The governance arrangements have not been finalised, aside from the appointment of Prof. Holger Meinke (former Head of TIA) as Head of School. It is likely to include the designation of formal Disciplines and the appointment of Heads of Discipline. Disciplines will have some degree of autonomy and will retain a stand-alone presence on the UTAS website. We have been arguing for a model in which Geography and Spatial Information Science will be two of four Disciplines in the new school, although it may be that Geography will be one of two disciplines. Either way, Geography will retain its distinct identity. No existing staff within GES will lose their position as a result of the move and the existing undergraduate and teaching programs of GES will remain unchanged in 2014, with the potential addition of a new degree integrating agricultural science, nature conservation and environmental management in 2015.

Macquarie University

Macquarie geographers were involved in the following publications:

- Dowling, R., J.Irwin and I.Faulks, 2013, Pilot Trial of Personal Mobility Devices on the Macquarie University Campus Report Prepared for City of Ryde and Centre for Road Safety, Transport for NSW
Vanessa Wong has been promoted to Senior Lecturer.

Christian Kull gave an invited plenary lecture at the Sep. 30-Oct.5, 2013 conference on Interdisciplinarités entre Natures et Sociétés held at the Centre Culturelle Internationale de Cerisy, Cerisy-la-Salle, France. The event was held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the journal Natures, Sciences, Sociétés, a uniquely interdisciplinary journal in the Francophone context. He presented a paper entitled "Political ecology and resilience: post-paradigmatic or new disciplinary dogmas?". Event information and links to the talk podcast at: http://www.ccic-cerisy.asso.fr/interdisciplinaires13.html

The School of Geography and Environmental Science at Monash University is hosting one of four interdisciplinary research teams which collectively comprise the Wealth from Waste CSIRO cluster research project. Wealth from Waste explores the feasibility of advanced metals recycling in Australia, anticipating future change in how value is derived along the production-consumption chain and identifying opportunities and positioning for Australia. At the heart of the project is an appraisal of the relative environmental consequences of sourcing metals from mining compared with advanced recycling. To do this, new data is needed on current and future urban stocks of key metals, along with research into incentives and logistics for collection, technological systems that facilitate recycling, and incentives for manufacturers to shift their supply chains from virgin to recycled metals. With overall funding of $3million, and a three-year time frame commencing in October 2013, it involves researchers from four Australian Universities and Yale University in the US, with overall coordination through the Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF) at UTS. The Monash project focuses on characterising and mapping the potential resource of recyclable materials in Australia, identifying current social, economic and logistical challenges for collection and proposing realistic measures for addressing these. It has a budget of $538,000 over three years and data collection is based around case studies of specific types of products and specific types of materials. This project is led by Ruth Lane, a human geographer with expertise in waste and recycling. GIS mapping expertise is provided by Xuan Zhu.

For further details see http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/wfw/

Monash geographers attended the Australian National University’s "Rethinking Environmental Futures in Asia and the Pacific" (14-15 November 2013) organised by the Research School of Asia and the Pacific. The conference had a distinctly multidisciplinary flavour, with sessions on past environmental changes, biodiversity in the Asia-Pacific region, socio-political borders and boundaries, indigenous land management, and gender and poverty in a changing environment.

Monash palaeoecologists (Peter Kershaw, Cassandra Rowe and Simon Connor) were invited to the inaugural Northern Australia Palaeo1000 workshop at the Australian National University’s Coastal Campus at Kioloa (17-21 November 2013). The workshop produced a detailed analysis of vegetation changes in Northern Australia over the last 1000 years, highlighting the changes wrought by European occupation of Australia’s Top End.
For the second straight year, UNSW Canberra third year Geography Research Methods students participated in a Field School based in Samoa, from 29 September to 6 October. Alec Thornton and Scott Sharpe supervised 25 students, as they conducted group research projects on a wide range of topics in biophysical, cultural, social, political and economic geography in a developing country context. Student activities also included the following visits and activities: 2009 tsunami impact sites on the southeast coast of Upolu island; Geography Student presentations to staff and students at the National University of Samoa; A traditional welcome ‘ava’ ceremony from village matai (chiefs) Women in Business Development Inc (WIBDI): virgin coconut oil production, export commodity certified by National Association of Sustainable Agriculture, Australia (NASAA) organic certifiers; Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa (SROS): experiments into suitable non-edible feedstock for biofuels and blight resistant taro and value-added crops; Lecture tour of Samoa’s interior at O Le Pupū Pu’e National Park, Upolu Samoa; Various Samoan Government Ministries (Education; Natural Resources; Women, Community and Social Development); Secretariat of the Pacific Region Environmental Programme (SPREP); Lectures at the Australian High Commission, at Apia.
High cliff coastal walk, O Le Pupu Pu’e National Park, Upolu Samoa

Lalomanu Beach, southeast coast of Upolu Island, Samoa
University of Wollongong

Following a university-wide restructure, from the beginning of 2014 human geography will become part of the Department of Geography and Sustainable Communities in the new Faculty of Social Sciences. Physical geography will remain as part of the School of Earth & Environmental Sciences in the new Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health. We anticipate strong ongoing relationships between the two parts of the discipline, particularly as we will remain co-located in the same building.

Three books will be launched by the Australian Centre for Cultural Environmental Research (AUSCCER) in December:

- Household Sustainability: Challenges & Dilemmas in Everyday Life by Chris Gibson, Carol Farbotko, Nicholas Gill, Lesley Head and Gordon Waitt.
- Gender and Wildfire: Landscapes of Uncertainty by Christine Eriksen.

Chris Gibson also made a significant and important contribution to the recently released United Nations Creative Economy Report 2013. The report explored how creative industries contribute to social and economic development, and can improve employment, foreign trade and competitiveness in developing countries (http://www.unesco.org/new/en/culture/themes/creativity/creative-economy-report-2013-special-edition/).

Noel Castree will be joining the University of Wollongong in 2014.

Natascha Klocker has been promoted to Level C Senior Lecturer in the recent promotions round at UOW.

Catherine Phillips is leaving AUSCCER at the end of this year to take up a position with the University of Queensland.

Two AUSCCER honours students received awards at the Geographical Society of NSW Honours Student Conference for 2013:

- Ryan Frazer received the Jim Rose Award for his paper “It’s the need that brings me back”; ageing bodies and volunteer tourism.
- Carrie Wilkinson received the Award in Human Geography for her paper Understanding the embodied geographic knowledge of people who watch birds; an exploration of encounter, performance and becoming.

You can follow what AUSCCER researchers are up to on the AUSCCER blog (http://uowblogs.com/ausccer/)
Two PhD theses have been awarded in 2013: Dr Miriam Williams for her thesis Cities of possibility: performing care-full urban justice; and Dr Adam Tyndall for his thesis A mall, a mosque and Martin Place: publics, publicness and urban space. Professor Pauline McGuirk was the principal supervisor of both candidates.

A workshop for all RHD candidates in geography was held in November 2013 and this included a discussion with Professor Richie Howitt (Macquarie University) on working successfully with supervisors. While in Newcastle, Richie also presented at the University’s launch of two books co-authored by University of Newcastle geographers and published in 2013: Take Back the Economy: An Ethical Guide to Transforming our Communities (by J.K. Gibson, Jenny Cameron and Stephen Healy, and published by University of Minnesota Press), and Welcome to my Country (by Laklak Burarrwanga, Ritjilili Ganambarr, Merrkiyawuy Ganambarr, Banbapuy Ganambarr, Djawundil Maymuru, Sandie Suchet-Pearson, Sarah Wright and Kate Lloyd, and published by Allen and Unwin, Melbourne).

Welcome to my Country was also launched at Yirrkala Arts Centre in the Northern Territory in July 2013 (where copies of the book sold out). In October 2013, Gleebooks in Sydney hosted a panel event based on Take Bake the Economy. The panel was hosted by media personality Julie McCrossin and featured Kurt Iveson (geographer from the University of Sydney and member of the Sydney Alliance), Melina Morrison (CEO of the Business Council of Cooperatives and Mutuials), and co-authors Jenny Cameron and Katherine Gibson.

From July to December 2013, Dr Lesley Instone has been on Sabbatical based in the Canberra region. In the first half of 2014, Pauline McGuirk will be on Sabbatical to the National University of Ireland, Maynooth. In November 2014, Pauline spoke on the Opening Plenary Panel on Australian Cities: Retrospect and Prospects at the State of Australian Cities Conference (SOAC), Sydney. PhD candidate, Elizabeth Adamczyk attended the SOAC PhD Research Symposium.

PhD candidate Matthew Coxhill presented on his work at the IGU Regional Conference in Kyoto in July 2013, and his paper was entitled ‘Making Peace with the Orange Roughy’. Earlier in the year, Rhyall Gordon presented on his work at the AAG Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, and his paper was entitled ‘Economic Justice, Ethics and Asturian Food Sovereignty’. Rhyall’s presentation was part of a series of five paper and panel sessions based on Take Back the Economy that included presentations from academics and community activists (from organisations such as The Bicycle Kitchen, LA; Llano Del Rio Collective, LA; and The League of Urban Canners, Boston). In July 2013, Rhyall Gordon and Jenny Cameron also participated in a twelve-day Community Economies Theory and Writing Retreat funded in part by the Julie Graham Community Economies Research Fund. In September 2013, Jenny was a keynote presenter at the Wild Law conference in Brisbane.

Finally, in November 2013, PhD candidate Thomas Baker was awarded one of the Faculty of Science and IT’s Outstanding Achievement Awards.
University of Sydney - Natural Hazards Research Group

Successful PhD completions include:

Cameron Tarbotten, cosupervised by Dale Dominey-Howes (USyd), James Goff and Ian Turner (UNSW) successfully completed his PhD entitled: Developing probabilistic models for predicting tsunami induced building damage. Congrats Cam!

The following two Edited books were published with staff at the Hazards group as Co-Editor:


Staff from the Hazards group, together with colleagues from across Australia, led or were part of presentations at a variety of domestic and international conferences. These included:

- Brander, R., Dominey-Howes, D., Drozdzewski, D., Shaw, W., Roberts, A. & Sherker, S. Experiences of swimmers caught in rip currents. World Conference on Drowning Prevention 2013, Potsdam, Germany, October 2013. (This presentation was based on new research data being collected as part of an ARC Linkage project awarded to Rob Brander (UNWS) and Dale Dominey-Howes (University of Sydney) and colleagues in partnership with Surf Life Saving Australia).
- Dall’Osso, F., Summerhays, S., Withycombe, G., Moore, C. & Dominey-Howes, D. Sydney’s first probabilistic multi-hazard assessment of extreme coastal inundation. Presentation given at the 2013 NSW Coastal Conference, Port Macquarie, NSW, November, 2013. (This presentation was based on new research data being collected as part of a National Disaster Resilience Progam project awarded to Dale Dominey-Howes (University of Sydney), Filippo Dall’Osso (UNSW) and the Sydney Coastal Councils Group, Sydney).
- Dominey-Howes, D., Gorman-Murray, A., McKinnon, S., Invisible histories – on the need to explore LGBTI experiences of natural disasters. Presentation given at the Australian Homosexual Histories Annual Conference, Melbourne, November, 2013. (This presentation was based on new research data being collected as part of an ARC Discovery project awarded to Andrew Gorman-Murray (UWS) and Dale Dominey-Howes (University of Sydney))

In November 2013, Dale Dominey-Howes (University of Sydney) and Filippo Dall’Osso (UNSW) were invited by the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), the European Commission and the Australian Federal Government (AusAID and Geoscience Australia) to participate as Expert Contributors to a UNISDR Regional Workshop on the Development of Structural Vulnerability Models in support of the 2015 UNISDR Global Assessment Report (GAR 2015). The GAR is the UN flagship publication on disaster risk and is a major instrument that provides evidence on global risk for national governments. Participation was fully funded by the United Nations. Dale and Filippo appeared as Expert Contributors with responsibility to assist in developing new structural building vulnerability/fragility curves for tsunamis in the Asia-Pacific region – a global first for such an effort.
The ICS’s ARC project ‘Cool Living Heritage in Southeast Asia’ has been featured as a case study in the Government’s newly published Australian Innovation System Report 2013.

Katherine Gibson’s co-authored article, Queer(y)ing Capitalism in and out of the Classroom (co-authored with Julie Graham), made it to the “20 must-read queer theory texts” on critical-theory.com, beside Sedgwick’s Epistemology of the Closet and Butler’s Gender Trouble.


HDR candidate Jen Li received an award from the Institute of Australian Geographers (IAG) for ‘outstanding presentation by a postgraduate students’ following her presentation at the 2013 IAG Conference, titled ‘Spaces for books: curating, browsing and reading in public libraries’.

Jessica Weir joined ICS in the capacity of Senior Research Fellow in October. Jessica worked previously at the University of Canberra, where she was Senior Research Fellow in the Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre. She is a human geographer who has a long-held interest in the framing of ecological and social justice issues.

Sarah Barns joined ICS as a Research Fellow in early November. She is recipient of an Urban Studies Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship for a project titled ‘Platform Urbanism: The role of city labs, data infomediaries and open government experiments in urban governance’. Sarah chose UWS as host institution and Professor Donald McNeill as her project mentor and was selected for the Fellowship following an international call resulting in four projects being awarded globally. Sarah’s fellowship which will include specific case studies of digital city initiatives in New York, Shanghai and Christchurch, is also supported by UWS through McNeill’s Governing Digital Cities ARC Futures Fellowship.

Jessica Weir and Katherine Gibson will both give presentations at the Thinking Through the Environment: Unsettling the Humanities workshop, hosted by the Environmental Humanities at the University of New South Wales on 4-6 December. The workshop will include two days of papers and discussion followed by an urban rivers ‘walking workshop’ on the third day.

A conference organised by Anna Tsing called Anthropocene: Arts of Living on a Damaged Planet, and it will be held in Santa Cruz 8-10 May 2014, where Jessica Weir will be one of the speakers.

Jessica Weir is on the Editorial Board of the Routledge Environmental Humanities Series.
Researchers of the ICS have been involved in the following publications:


-Multi-media

Professor Donald McNeill authored an article in The Conversation: http://theconversation.com/beyond-silicon-valley-start-up-hubs-in-australias-backyard-16187

Professor Kay Anderson presented a lecture on ‘decentring the human in human geography’ at the 2013 Association of American Geographers conference in Los Angeles: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpPAZViKcXI

Professor Deborah Rose interviewed Professor Katherine Gibson about her new collaborative book, Take Back the Economy: An Ethical Guide for Transforming Our Communities: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJHAdzye4hw


Oznur Sahim has joined ICS as a PhD candidate. Oznur’s thesis is titled ‘Istanbul Waterfronts: Spaces for Urban Imagery and City-zenship’, and will be supervised by Professor Deborah Stevenson and Professor Donald McNeill (co-supervisor).
The National Library of Australia is currently hosting the Mapping our World exhibition. The exhibition opened on 7 November and will run to 10 March 2014. Highlights of the exhibition include the magnificent Fra Mauro Map of the World; the remarkable Boke of Idrography presented to Henry VIII; an intricate world map by the Benedictine monk Andreas Walsperger (1448); a fifteenth-century Ptolemy manuscript; magnificent and controversial ‘Dieppe’ charts; one of only four surviving copies of Mercator’s groundbreaking 1569 projection, and original manuscript charts by Pacific navigators including Louis de Freycinet, James Cook and Matthew Flinders.

The Library has some great images and videos from Mapping Our World: Terra Incognita to Australia on their Media Zone site here. They are all high-res and available for you to download.
In September, **Bill Pritchard** (Sydney) and fellow authors from Australia and India released their book ‘Feeding India: Livelihoods, Entitlements and Capabilities’ (Routlege, http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415529679/) with coordinated launches in Sydney and New Delhi. The book applies livelihood and capability-based perspectives to the question of why food and nutrition outcomes in India remain persistently below the expectations of mainstream development economists, despite recent rapid economic growth. The New Delhi launch generated considerable local media coverage, including an invited op-ed in the Hindustan Times, one of India’s largest circulation English language newspapers. Following the launch, Bill was invited to Chair the food security and climate change panels at the Commonwealth Peoples Forum which accompanied the CHOGM meeting in Sri Lanka, from 10-14 November.

**Christine Eriksen** (University of Wollongong) has recently released her new book ‘Gender and Wildfire: Landscapes of Uncertainty’. In the book Dr Eriksen examines bushfire awareness and preparedness amongst women, men, households, communities and agencies at the interface between city and beyond. She does so through an examination of two regions where bushfires are common and disastrous, and where how to deal with them is a major political issue: southeast Australia and the west coast United States. The book follows women’s and men’s stories of surviving, fighting, evacuating, living and working with bushfire to reveal the intimate inner workings of bushfire response – and especially the culturally and historically distinct gender relations that underpin bushfire resilience. Bushfire is revealed as much more than a “natural” hazard – it is far from gender-neutral. Rather, bushfire is an important means through which traditional gender roles and power relations are maintained despite changing social circumstances. (Published by Routledge, November 2013).

**Peter Kershaw** and **Simon Connor** (Monash Geography) attended the "Ramsar Wetlands: Understanding Change in Ecological Character" held at the Vue Grand Hotel in Queenscliff (5-8 November 2013). The workshop was organised by the Ramsar Secretariat and the University of Ballarat and represents the first attempt to incorporate environmental changes into the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (ramsar.org). The workshop brought together ecologists, wetland managers, palaeoecologists and conservation biologists from all over the world, including Colombia, Tanzania, Vietnam, Nigeria, China, India, USA, Thailand and Australia, to produce a policy document that will determine how internationally important wetlands are managed into the future.

**Peggy James** (Tasmania) recently completed her new book ‘Cosmopolitan Conservationists: Greening Modern Sydney’ (Australian Scholarly Publishing, 2013). The book is a work of historical geography that adopts a relational approach to the history of Sydney’s regional landscape and the city’s network of conservationists and planners in the first half of the twentieth century. It is written as a series of interlinked biographies of influential individuals in the network and the urban region itself to show how the individuals in the network and the landscape interacted to shape the Sydney region over time.
Iain Hay (Flinders) is working with Jonathan Beaverstock (Bristol) on a new book for Edward Elgar Publishers entitled International Handbook on Wealth and the Super-Rich. He has also recently joined the Editorial Boards of:

- Human Geographies

Iain delivered keynote addresses at the 3rd International Conference on Tourism Research Langkawi, Malaysia (October) and Geography Teachers Association of Queensland (July).

He also recently received funding from the China State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs’ High-end Foreign Experts Program to visit Nanjing University’s School of Geographic and Oceanographic Sciences. While based at Nanjing University and Beijing Union Universities as a visiting fellow, he led ‘master classes’ on qualitative research methods in human geography and delivered public talks on ‘Plutonomy, changing geographies of the middle class and tourism futures in the 2nd Gilded Age.’

Roy Jones (Curtin), since becoming Emeritised has been appointed as a (0.2) Visiting Professor at the University of Gloucestershire for one year to September 2014; has been made a non-member director of the Wadjuk Boodja Gateway Aboriginal Corporation; has been appointed to the Steering Committee of the IGU’s Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems 2012-2016, and; was interviewed by John Doyle (aka Rampaging Roy Slaven) for the “Weekender” episode of the TV series “Building Australia”. This was broadcast on the History Channel in August.

Also, after co-organising the IAG Conference in July, he attended the IGU-SRS Colloquium at the University of Nagoya and the European Rural History Organisation Conference at the University of Bern where he presented papers on planning and heritage issues at the ‘Shackie’ settlements on the coast north of Perth.

John Connell (Sydney) gave a keynote address to the Annual Medical Tourism Association Conference in Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, in November, marching on stage to a wondrous musical accompaniment, and the more distant jangle of a thousand poker machines. He found it to be “Not at all like an IAG Conference”.

Libby Porter (Monash) completed her ESRC-funded project “Planning with Indigenous Customary Land Rights”, the practitioner dissemination report is available on Libby’s webpage at: http://profiles.arts.monash.edu.au/libby-porter/

Amanda Davies (Curtin) has accepted a secondment to the Planning and Transport Research Centre (PATREC), a collaborative research centre between Curtin University, The University of Western Australia and Edith Cowan University. Amanda will remain based at Curtin during this one year secondment and her research will focus on issues of rural and regional development and population change in Western Australia. For more information on PATREC see http://www.patrec.org/
Frank Vanclay (University of Groningen, The Netherlands) (previously at the University of Tasmania) and Deanna Kemp (Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining, University of Queensland) co-edited a special issue of the journal, Impact Assessment and Project Appraisal 31(2), June 2013 on “Human rights and impact assessment”. With the endorsement of the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, human rights are becoming a hot topic in all project development activities. The special issue addresses a range of topics including an overview of the field of business and human rights, the concept of ‘free, prior and informed consent’, gender and human rights and more.

In a later issue of the same journal 31(4), he co-authored two papers on the application of social research ethics in impact assessment. Because of institutional ethics committees, academics are well aware of research ethics, but most impact assessment practitioners are not. These papers are therefore likely to be quite significant in practitioner circles. They also present a concise summary of the ethical research principles as well as a discussion why ethics is important in social research.


Finally, Frank Vanclay has been appointed the Book Series Editor for the ‘Research Handbooks on Impact Assessment’ series published by Edward Elgar. The series will comprise edited volumes on any topic in the broad field of impact assessment. They are meant to be critical, cutting-edge commentaries in the field. People wishing to submit proposals to edit a handbook are invited to contact Frank on frank.vanclay@rug.nl

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2013 Books


**Salim Momtaz** (Newcastle) and **Kabir, SMZ** 2013. *Evaluating Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in Developing Countries*, Elsevier, New York.


**Lesley Instone** and **Kathy Mee** (Newcastle) with **Palmer J, Williams M, Vaughan N.** 2013. Rental housing, climate change and adaptive capacity: a case study of Newcastle, NSW. Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, University of Newcastle.


2012 Books


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**Frank Vanclay** (University of Groningen) and Ana Maria Esteves (eds.) 2011. *New Directions in Social Impact Assessment*. Edward Elgar. Available from: [http://www.e-elgar.co.uk/Print_product_detail.lasso?id=13943](http://www.e-elgar.co.uk/Print_product_detail.lasso?id=13943)