

The Human Security Program, Global Cities Institute
RMIT University, Melbourne

COMMUNITY SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN TIMOR-LESTE

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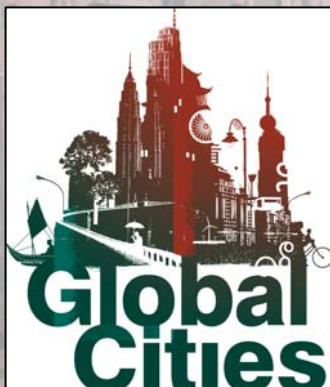
Research Lounge, RMIT University

Speakers: Carmenesa Moniz Noronha, Mayra Walsh and Damian Grenfell

Kampung Baru is a semi-urbanised community on the western outskirts of Dili. Originally built to house Indonesian civil servants, the suburb was occupied post-independence by people from across the new nation, and was the site of significant violence across 2006 and 2007. This seminar will present research undertaken in Golgota, an *aldeia* within Kampung Baru, so as to both critically appraise 'Human Security' and in turn begin to articulate an argument for 'Community Security'. To do so, the presentation will also draw analysis from research undertaken in three non-urbanised sites in Timor-Leste, namely Barikafa in Lautem district, Fatumean in Covalima district and Venilale in Baucau district. By drawing comparatively from these different sites, it will be argued in the seminar that community security allows for a consideration of security that extends in important ways beyond what either traditional or even human security doctrines have typically allowed for. Critically, such a conception provides an opportunity to consider the means by which a community is able to sustain itself and in turn its ability or otherwise to negotiate different types of threats. In terms of Timor-Leste, the idea of community security will also be used in this seminar to help understand some of the underpinning reasons for the kinds of violence that have been experienced in recent years.



Also launched at this seminar will be the English version of 'Community Security and Sustainability' report covering the two sites of Barikafa and Fatumean, completed with local research partners Concern Worldwide and Oxfam Australia.



The Research Lounge is located in Building 28, city campus. Enter Building 8 from either Swanston St or Bowen Lane, come up the stairs/escalators as if coming to the library, but turn left down the ramp opposite the library doors. For more details please contact damian.grenfell@rmit.edu.au

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