



# Timor-Leste Health and Development Research Forum

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008; 9am – 5pm

Arcade Room, UNSW Kensington Campus – Sydney, Australia

## Invitation

*GlobalHealth@UNSW* and the UNSW School of Public Health and Community Medicine, with support from the Asia Pacific Futures Research Network, invites you to Sydney in October 2008 to attend the Timor-Leste Health and Development Research Forum. The Forum is designed to present an opportunity for upcoming and established scholars with an interest in health and development in Timor-Leste to network and share ideas in an environment conducive to professional collaboration. The Forum will bring together diverse academic communities to reflect on current health, development and social science research in Timor-Leste. One major strand within this year's Forum will focus on exploring the cultural determinants and other influences on health care seeking in Timor-Leste. Early insights from the Timor-Leste Health Care Seeking Behaviour Study, led by a team from the University of New South Wales, in collaboration with the Timor-Leste Ministry of Health, Timor-Leste National Statistics Directorate and Fundacaun Alola, and funded by AusAID, will be presented for discussion. The rest of the Program will be based around papers offered by participants, reflecting research across a range of health, development and social science domains.

## Program Overview

A broad range of papers will be welcomed on any aspect of health and development research of relevance to Timor-Leste. The Forum will provide researchers with an opportunity to present research and scholarly enquiry on health issues at the interface of culture and development.

The objectives of the Forum are to:

- Facilitate inter-disciplinary and inter-institutional exchange around health and development research, with a particular emphasis on culture and health;
- Facilitate conversation and dialogue between academic, government and non-government sectors working in health and development in Timor-Leste; and
- Debate research challenges across the disciplines of public health, development studies, international relations, social policy, anthropology, economics and politics.

## Call for Abstracts

Abstracts are invited for oral presentations relating to the overall themes of the forum within the following topics:

- Culture and Health
- Post-Conflict Health System Development
- Psychosocial and Mental Health in Fragile States
- Community Participation in Development
- Disability in Post-Conflict Areas
- Health and Development Policy and Planning
- Research for Development

Submissions for presentations must be original. Current students and recent PhD graduates are especially encouraged. Abstracts are to be no longer than 200 words, and submitted on the Participant Application Form. Successful presenters will be notified at the same time as Registration Acknowledgement.

## Registration

1. Complete the Participant Application Form.
2. Submit application and register by Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008:
  - **EMAIL:** s.north@unsw.edu.au
  - **FAX:** 02 9385 1036

- **MAIL:** ATTN: Stephanie North  
Timor-Leste Health and Development Research Forum  
School of Public Health and Community Medicine  
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3. Your Registration will be acknowledged within five working days.

Please note there are no costs involved in Forum registration and participation. A limited number of scholarships to facilitate travel are available and will be directed primarily at PhD students or recent postgraduates seeking to present research. Timorese students currently in Australia are especially encouraged. Places are limited and will be prioritised for those who have submitted papers.

**Important Dates**

- **Closing date for Scholarship Application:** Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008
- **Notification of Successful Scholarship Applicants:** Friday, 3<sup>th</sup> October 2008
- **Closing date for Registration and Abstracts:** Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008
- **Timor-Leste Health and Development Research Forum:** Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008; 9:00-5:00pm

**Forum Location**

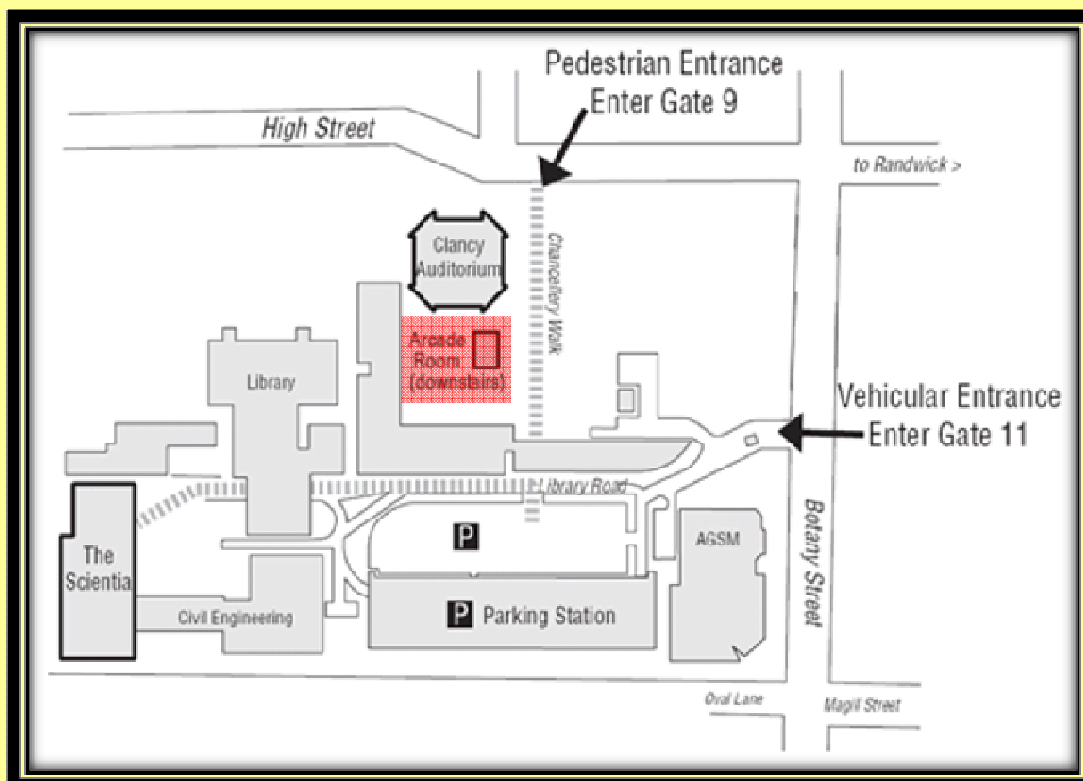
The Timor-Leste Health and Development Research Forum is to be held in the Arcade Room on the Ground Floor of the Mathews Arcade on the Kensington Campus of The University of New South Wales, Sydney. If travelling to the Forum by car, entry is via Gate 11 of the University of New South Wales Kensington Campus on Botany St. Limited parking is available at a fee in the Botany St Car Park on the left-hand side after entering through Gate 11. Half and full day "pay and display" ticket machines are available on the top 2 levels of the parking station. From the parking station, the Mathews Arcade is the second building on the left on the Chancellery walk.

Alternatively, the University is reasonably serviced by public transport, with approximately ten bus routes servicing the campus on a weekday from the following locations:

Departing From	Routes
City - Elizabeth St	390-2, 394, 396-9
Central Station - Eddy Avenue	395
Circular Quay - Alfred St (Stand E)	390-2, 394, 396-9
Bondi Junction and Burwood	400
Coogee, Newtown, Leichhardt	370

For detailed public transport information, please call 131 500 or visit <http://www.131500.info>.

The Registration Desk will be located in the courtyard adjacent to the Arcade Room. The desk will be open from **8:30am on Friday, 24<sup>st</sup> October 2008**.



# PARTICIPANT APPLICATION FORM

**Closing Date: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 5:00pm**

**[Scholarship requests to be submitted by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008]**

## Contact Details

Title:             Prof     Dr     Mr     Ms     Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Title and Name for Name Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contact Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Special Requirements

Access: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Abstract Submission for Presentation

Paper Abstract (max. 200 words): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Return completed Participant Applications by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 5:00pm to:**

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