Transition, Stabilisation and Development in Asia and the Pacific

Case Studies of Afghanistan, Timor-Leste, and the Solomon Islands

Flinders University and the Defence Science & Technology Organisation (DSTO) cordially invite you to attend this International Conference

26– 28 September 2011 • Flinders University, Adelaide, South Australia

Keynote Speaker: Catherine Walker

First Assistant Director General, Africa, West Asia, the Middle East and Humanitarian Division, and the Head of Afghanistan Operations, Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)

About the conference

In the last decade and a half, Australia has become deeply involved in a range of fragile situations involving states seeking to move from conflict to stabilisation to development. This international conference will bring together a range of academics, civil society representatives, policy makers, practitioners and NGO participants to analyse the lessons learnt internationally about this most challenging and important issue. This year's conference aims to build upon the success of an international workshop on a similar theme held in 2010, which attracted participants from civil societies in various parts of the Asia Pacific, the Government of Timor-Leste, several Australian universities, the Australian Parliament, the Australian Federal Police the , Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Australian Defence Force and international development organisations. This year's event aims to bring together participants with shared interests across the following cross-cutting themes:

1) Priorities, modalities and sequencing issues across the security-development nexus.

2) Human security and people's integration into the decision-making process.

3) Justice and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

4) Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and assessment of progress.

Conference schedule

The first two days of the conference, **26 and 27 September 2011** will comprise four region specific sessions. The papers in these sessions will be presented by invited practitioners and researchers engaged in stabilisation and development within the Asia-Pacific.

The open session on the final day, **28 September 2011** will be devoted to the presentation of papers on cross-cutting themes, selected from solicited submissions.

Call for abstracts

You are invited to submit an abstract of a paper focussing on either a specific region, any one of the four themes listed above or on a topic that cuts across two or more of these themes. The abstracts will be reviewed by a panel appointed by the conference organisers and the most suitable abstracts will be selected for presentation.

Instructions for Authors

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words in length and should be prepared in Microsoft Word with 12 pt font size and single line spacing. If the paper is to be authored by more than one person, the name of the presenter must be underlined.

The abstract should follow the format given below:
- Title of Abstract followed by Name and Email Address of the author(s) at the top (centre justified).
- A brief introduction of the paper, the objective, method and materials, findings or conclusions (without any sub-headings).

Proceedings

The proceedings of this conference will be developed into a peer reviewed book publication.

Registration

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Key dates
- Submission of abstracts: latest by 5 August 2011
- Notification of acceptance of abstract: 12 August 2011
- Deadline for registration: 30 August 2011

For further information please contact:

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Authors of selected abstracts will be contacted with further details to develop a complete paper for presentation at the conference.

Registration forms will be available from:
www.flinders.edu.au/science_engineering/environment/our-school/events-activities/home.cfm

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Destination Adelaide
We're the home of the internationally famous Adelaide Arts Festival, Barossa and McLaren Vale wineries, and Haigh's chocolates produced right here on our doorstep. Stroll along North Terrace to the Museum, Art Gallery, Botanic Gardens, and National Wine Centre or catch the tram to the popular seaside Glenelg. Adelaide is compact and easy to get around and you'll be amazed at how much we can pack into one square mile – Colonel Light made it easy for tourists when he laid out the city in a grid pattern!

Workshop Venue

The three day workshop will be held at the [Flinders University city venue](), 182 Victoria Square Adelaide, which is across the road from the Medina Grand Hotel and opposite the Hilton Hotel. Victoria Square is serviced by bus and tram routes and just around the corner on Grote Street is the famous [Adelaide Central Market](), a must for foodies. Seriously, drop by early on Tuesday morning for a coffee and soak up the atmosphere as stallholders vie for trade from the early morning shoppers.

Accommodation

Any of the hotels within the Adelaide Central Business District will be within walking distance of the workshop venue. Many of our guests will be staying at the [Quest on King William]() which is moderately priced and only 5 minutes walk from the venue and is on the bus and tram routes.

Other City Hotels - [Franklin Central Apartments]() , [Hilton]() , [Hotel Grand Chancellor Adelaide on Hindley](), [Oaks Embassy,]() [Mantra Hindmarsh Square](), [Medina Grand Adelaide Treasury](), [Quest on Sturt](). Or checkout your favourite internet hotel booking site.

Seaside Hotels – [Glenelg]() is a popular seaside suburb and tourist spot and marks the start of the tram journey through city with a stop at Victoria Square. The trip takes approx 20 minutes and will cost approx $5.00 each way. [Stamford Grand Adelaide]() is at the start of the tram line.

Adelaide Airport

The airport is conveniently situated approx 6 kms to the west of the city**.** Catch a taxi to the city for aprox $15.00 during business hours or $20.00 at other times. Or take JETBUS [public transport]() for less than half the cost. Alternatively, the [SkyLink Airport Shuttle]() operates a regular scheduled service to the city, selected hotels etc for aprox $10.

Tourist information

For extensive information on what Adelaide, South Australia has to offer visit the official South Australian Government [tourist website](). For maps and the visitor information centre go to the [Adelaide Official City Guide]().

We look forward to welcoming you to Adelaide in September.

Dr Udoy Saikia
Chair of the Organising Committee

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Session Descriptions

Session 1: 26 September 2011

Priorities, modalities and sequencing issues across the security-development nexus

Gaining a mutual understanding of the terms transition, stabilisation and development is crucial to the efforts of academics and 'practitioners' such as Defence and nongovernment organizations. For some actors each of the phrases represents a distinct set of operational goals. For others, the concepts behind the words suggest a process by which we move from one phase to another, often with each phase overlapping the others. In essence, "transition and stabilisation" can be conceived as both phases and processes that the international community engages in to assist conflict affected societies to deal with immediate post conflict problems and

to build each society's capacity to pursue institutionalized non-violent political processes. Stabilisation combines humanitarian, security, economic and political interventions that address immediate assistance needs and that seek to strengthen national and local authority and legitimacy.

This session engages with the various viewpoints in order to enhance participant understanding of both the terminology and the conceptual differences in approaches to transition, stabilisation and development.

Session 2: 26 September 2011

Human security and people's integration into the decision-making process

Human security is focused on the protection and empowerment individuals. It stresses the importance of ensuring the ordinary person's access to resources and the necessities of life in conflict affected societies in an environment that protects their human rights. Women, men, children, and ethnic minorities are affected differently by threats such as economic deprivation, food, water and energy shortages, climate change, environmental degradation, pandemics, infectious diseases, discrimination, inequities, and migration. In addition population variables or population behavioural variables act as underlying or distant factors that affect human security. For example, urban migrations often resulting from conflict that change the local population balance among ethnic groups can act as another source of violent conflict over resources. Similarly, violence may arise in weak states where population growth and competition among elites results in contests for scarce resources like croplands, or, alternatively, for positions of power.

At the core of human security is the notion that traditional perceptions about state security are not sufficient to guarantee the well-being of peoples. Parallel strategies are needed to tackle people's longer-term security concerns. 'Human security' seeks to address the underlying causes of violence and insecurity and to reinforce the importance of adopting policies that promote human dignity and autonomy through encouraging the active participation of all members of a society in the development process. Particular emphasis is given to the inclusion of those who traditionally have been marginalised by the wider community.

This session will explore the multifaceted dimensions of human security and their relationship to transition and development processes in conflict affected societies.

Session 3: 27 September 2011

Justice and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms

As noted by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights 'Developing a justice system that protects human rights and promotes the rule of law is a critical aspect of securing peace and preventing future conflict.' The process of making a justice system more responsive to the needs of a particular society can be a 'long and difficult process.' (Rule of Law tools for Post-Conflict

States – Monitoring legal systems (2006)) Ensuring that the population has meaningful access to the courts or alternative dispute mechanisms is a necessary component of restoring people's trust in the transition and development process. Issues related to gender, race, income, ethnicity, geography and religion among others affect access to justice as do such fundamental aspects of the rule of law as the independence of judges, lawyers and prosecutors. Whilst customary law mechanisms may be perceived as being more attuned to the traditions and needs of a population they too can be affected by power imbalances related to the factors set out above. In addition the punishments or proposed solutions put forward by those participating in alternative dispute mechanisms may conflict with international human rights norms. This session will explore the varied issues associated with justice sector reform and the importance of such reform to transition, stabilisation and development.

Session 4: 27 September 2011

Monitoring and evaluation (M & E) and the assessment of progress

Monitoring & Evaluation is a process which enables the assessment of progress towards the achievement of defined objectives. The frameworks of the M&E process facilitate the collection and analysis of appropriate information in the form of indicators which are mapped against extant plans of action. As the complexity and tempo of assistance and interventions increases, the need to have clear objectives and determinants of progress and success is paramount. M&E synthesises and interprets the indicator signals from multiple sources about progress and then supports effective decision-making based upon accurate assessments of progress towards defined objectives. M&E is an interdisciplinary combination of qualitative and quantitative research and analysis methodologies that may reveal trends or trajectories for the effectiveness of programs as well as offer insights into the longer term impact felt in conflict and post-conflict societies. Effective M&E supports program improvements by facilitating ongoing review and revision of incremental progress against planned courses of action: it does not just rely upon hindsight for lessons learned. In addition, an integrated system of M&E can serve as an adjunct to robust planning processes, building upon insights gained from past interventions to support future activities.

Defence is not an isolated actor in these complex environments. Actions are often undertaken in concert with, or supporting any number and combination of other government agencies, host nation actors, or non-governmental organisations. Important efforts have been made to develop integrated tools which cut across the multi dimensional space.

This session will explore concepts and methodologies in M&E that take into account this "multi-dimensional" space. It will also explore ways in which the M&E process can answer not only "whether" objectives are being achieved, but "why" (or "why not").

Open sessions on cross-cutting themes: 28 September 2011

There will be two sessions on the final day of the conference. Seven papers will be selected for presentation during these two sessions. Researchers, policy makers and practitioners involved in stabilisation, state-building and development in the Asia - Pacific region are invited to submit abstracts of not more than 300 words in length and should be prepared in Microsoft Word with 12 pt font size and single line spacing. If the paper is to be authored by more than one person, the name of the presenter must be underlined. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 5 August 2011. Acceptance of abstract will be notified by 12 August 2011.

The presentation can focus on either a specific region or one of the cross-cutting themes covered in the first two days of the conference i.e.

- Priorities, modalities and sequencing issues across the security-development nexus
- Human security and people's integration into the decision-making in conflict affected societies
- Justice and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms
- Monitoring, evaluation (M & E) and assessment of progress

Each presenter will be given 20 minutes to present the paper. This will be followed by questions and discussion.

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Section A – Delegate Details

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Special Requirements (dietary/access): _____

Profile Information

A delegate list with your name, institution and email address will be supplied to all Conference attendees. Please indicate if you DO NOT want your details included in this list.

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Cheque, Money Order or Bank Draft, drawn on an Australian Bank, or Australian branch of a overseas bank, should be made payable to "Flinders University".

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID:

Check your registration

THREE DAY REGISTRATION	Includes Conference Dinner		
DAY REGISTRATION no Dinner		**DAY REGISTRATION incl Dinner**	
FULL-TIME STUDENT no Dinner		**FULL-TIME STUDENT incl Dinner**	

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Credit card	Cheque	Money order

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