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DAY 1		THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY			
		Wadawurrung 1	Wadawurrung 2	Gunditjmara 1	Gunditjmara 2
9:00 - 10:15	PLENARY	Welcomes & Keynote Address Development as Solidarity: stories of hopeful, creative and convivial encounters	Welcomes & Keynote Address Development as Solidarity: stories of hopeful, creative and convivial encounters		
10:15 - 10:30	COFFEE				
10:30 - 12:00	PARALLEL SESSION 1	Indigeneity & Knowledges	Theoretical Explorations 1	Practice Workshops 1 & 2 - Enhancing Research Impact / Designing Development Programs	Migration, Trade and Defining 'Developing'
12:00 - 12:45	LUNCH				
12:45 - 2:15	PARALLEL SESSION 2	Peace & Conflict 1	Health: Policy & Practice	Practice Workshop 3 & 4 - Embracing Epistemic Diversity / Co-designing urban governance	South & Southeast Asia Livelihoods and Environmental Management
2:15 - 3:45	PARALLEL SESSION 3	Pacific climate, labour laws and civic engagement	Ethics in development	Practice Workshop 5 & 6 - Arts-based everyday peace / Youth agency through arts	Refugees & The Elderly
3:45 - 4:00	COFFEE				
4:00 - 5:30	PARALLEL SESSION 4	Evaluation & Design	Emotions, Affect and Power: A research agenda for development studies	Practice Workshop 7 - Unsettling development studies: classroom as Country	Africa insights: case studies on gender, development and labour
6:30	CONFERENCE DINNER				

## Plenary (9:00-10:15am)

### Welcome Room – Wadawurrung 1 & 2

*Welcome to Country*  
Perry Wandin  
Elder of the Wurundjeri Tribe

*Welcome to Deakin University*

*Welcome to DSAA Conference*  
Tanya Jakimow, DSAA President,  
Anthony Ware, Conference Convenor

### Keynote Address Room – Wadawurrung 1 & 2

*Development as Solidarity: stories of hopeful, creative and convivial encounters*  
Uma Kothari, Professor of Migration and Postcolonial Studies, Global Development Institute,  
University of Manchester

## Coffee Break (10:15-10:30am)

## Parallel Session 1 (10:30am-12:00pm)

### Indigeneity and Knowledges Room – Wadawurrung 1

Moderator: Liz Cameron

*Entangled Knowledges for Development? Indigenous and Other Knowledges in the Context of Development Studies*  
Michael Davis, Honorary Research Fellow, University of Sydney

*Relationality: stories of a relational ethos in practice*  
Lauren Tynan, PhD candidate, Macquarie University

*Inside and Outside of Ourselves: International Development Workers in Timor-Leste on the Origins of Knowledges*  
Sam Carroll-Bell, PhD Candidate, RMIT University

*The Suppression of Aboriginal Women as Traditional Healers; Budyari Malgun, the Esoteric 'Knowledge Holders'*  
Liz Cameron, Professor & Chair of Indigenous Knowledges, Deakin University

### Theoretical Explorations 1 Room – Wadawurrung 2

Moderator: Max Kelly

*Multilateralism, challenges, and options for global development beyond neoliberalism?*  
Max Kelly, Associate Professor, Deakin University

*Child Sponsorship in the Framework of a Human Rights-Based Approach*  
Jae-Eun Noh, University of Queensland

*Extending intersectionality: assessing its possibilities for Gender and Development?*  
Maree Pardy, Senior Lecturer, Deakin University

*Gnarly problems and provocative questions: Global development and global citizenship in conversation*  
Sharon McLennan, Massey University Manawatu

### Practice Workshops 1 & 2 Room – Gunditjmara 1

*Enhancing Research Impact in International Development: a practical guide*  
Nichole Georgeou, Charles Hawksley & Philippa Smales

*Designing Development Programs*  
Tamara Haig, Nichole Georgeou & Charles Hawksley

### Migration, Trade and Defining 'Developing' Room – Gunditjmara 2

Moderator: Lan Anh Hoang

*Promises of Free Trade & Development: Thailand's Discursive Battles over the Liberalisation of Dairy Products*  
Arisarawan Tanasinsiri

*Comparing international organizations' approaches to defining the "Developing country" category*  
Deborah Barros Leal Farias, Lecturer, University of New South Wales

*Migration, debts and development: the case of contract labour migration from Vietnam to Taiwan*  
Lan Anh Hoang, Senior Lecturer, The University of Melbourne

## Lunch (12:00 - 12:45pm)

## Parallel Session 2 (12:45-2:15pm)

### Peace & Conflict 1 Wadawurrung 1

Moderator: Anne Décobert

*Security Through Sustainable Peace*

John Langmore, Professor, The University of Melbourne

*'Health as a bridge to peace' in Myanmar's Kayin State: Working encounters for community development and peacebuilding*

Anne Décobert, The University of Melbourne

*Whose conflict analysis? Critiquing the 'conflict-sensitivity' approaches of international aid agencies*

Anthony Ware, Associate Professor, Deakin University

*The impact of post-transitional justice state development on long-term peace in Sierra Leone*

Christina Mammone, PhD Candidate, Flinders University

### Health: Policy & Practice Room – Wadawurrung 2

Moderator: Adinda Tenriangke Muchtar

*Time-varying risks of trauma and post migration stressors in refugees' mental health during resettlement: Evidence from a longitudinal study*

Shuxian Wu, Andre Renzaho, Brian Hall, Lishuo Shi, Li Ling, Wen Chen, China & WSU

*Alarming anaemia rates amongst women represents a critical gender gap in Timor-Leste*

Katy Cornwell, Brian Hilton & Margy Dowling, World Vision

*Limitations and Potential of the National Childcare Policy in Cambodia*

Sambath My, PhD Candidate, The University of Melbourne

*Rural Development 4.0: Is it the panacea to improving the skills of health professionals in Indonesia?*

Adinda Tenriangke Muchtar, Executive Director, The Indonesian Institute / Victoria University of Wellington

Endah Setyaningsih, Teresa Sila Wikaningtyas.

### Practice Workshops 3 & 4 Room – Gunditjmara 1

*Embracing Epistemic Diversity: Questioning the Researcher's Role, and the Role of Research*

Stephanie Butcher, Ishita Chatterjee, Redento Recio & Tanzil Idmam Shafique

*Co-designing urban governance models using games*

Tanja Rosenqvist

## South & Southeast Asia - Livelihoods and Environmental Management Room – Gunditjmara 2

Moderator: Andreas Neef

*Indebtedness and Livelihoods in rural Nepal: Water Access and other Determinants*

David Fleming-Muñoz & Tira Foran

*Facilitating shared understanding of social-hydrology of Brahmaputra Basin for development in Assam Valley- Potential of systems thinking as a transdisciplinary heuristic*

Navarun Varma, National University of Singapore

Robert Wasson, James Cook University

Arabinda Mishra, Nepal

*Tourism, Land Grabs and Displacement: Evidence from Southeast Asia*

Andreas Neef, Professor, University of Auckland

*Coastal livelihood transition in Southeast Asia*

Michael Fabiny et al, Associate Professor, University of Technology Sydney

## Parallel Session 3 (2:15-3:45pm)

### Pacific Climate, Labour Laws and Civic Engagement Room – Wadawurrung 1

Moderator: Aidan Craney

*Reforming Labour Laws and Institutions in the Pacific Island Countries*

Sivendra Michael, PhD Candidate, University of Auckland

*Community Development through Carbon: A case study of the first Indigenous-owned forest carbon farming project in the Pacific*

Bridget Payne, master students, Victoria University of Wellington

*'Our time is now': Youth and civic engagement in Fiji and Solomon Islands*

Aidan Craney, Lecturer, La Trobe University

*Protection, climate-related displacement, and disaster risk reduction strategies in the Pacific*

Liam Moore

### Ethics in development Room – Wadawurrung 2

Moderator: Philippa Smales

*Fostering a culture of ethical inquiry in international development studies*

Philippa Smales, Network and Partnerships Manager, RDI Network

*Does size matter? Looking at the relationship between donors' volume of aid and their negotiation power in the fragile state of Afghanistan*

Safi Taye, PhD Candidate, Deakin University

*Pathways to Urban Equality: What role for the SDGs?*

Stephanie Butcher, Research Fellow, Connected Cities Lab, The University of Melbourne



Practice Workshops 5 & 6

Room – Gunditjmara 1

Arts-based pedagogy for strengthening everyday peace formation

Vicki-Ann Ware & Anthony Ware, Deakin University

“I was born to stand out!” Urban youth agency through arts-based community development

Sarah Williams, PhD candidate, Deakin University

Refugees & The Elderly

Room – Gunditjmara 2

Moderator: Stephan Goetz

Educational Experiences of South Sudanese refugees in Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT)

Gabriel Bul Yak

Negotiating masculinities in Australia: The Sudanese refugee experience

Kate Wallace

Artistic and Creative Institutions, and the Elderly

Stephan Goetz, Zheng Tian & Matthew Kaplan, Penn State Uni & Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development

Coffee Break  
(3:45-4:00pm)

Parallel Session 4  
(4:00-5:30pm)

Evaluation and Design  
Room – Wadawurrung 1

Moderator: Leanne Kelly

DFAT-World Bank design differences: lessons learnt from Indo-Pacific cases

Tamara Haig & Daniel Paez, DevDAS asnd INECA

Unpacking disconnects between program evaluation and development values

Leanne Kelly, PhD Candidate, Deakin University

A Benefits Realization Approach for International Development Projects Evaluation

Munir Ahmad Saeed & Tahmina Rashid, PhD candidate UNSW & Associate Professor, University of Canberra

Emotions, Affect and Power: A research agenda for development studies

Room – Wadawurrung 2

Moderator: Tanya Jakimow

Emotions and politics of Australian development volunteering

Susanne Schech, Professor Flinders University

Benevolent Discipline: Affect, Discourse, and Ethics in Disaster Reconstruction

Kaira Zoe A. Cañete, PhD Candidate, University of New South Wales

‘Tension Comes’: Emotional Landscapes of Gender Violence in Nepal

Sarah Homan, Research Associate, Equality Institute, Melbourne

‘The Best Day of my Life’: Temporalities of Affect in Extra-curricular development

Annie McCarthy, Assistant Professor, University of Canberra

Practice Workshop 7  
Room – Gunditjmara 1

Unsettling development studies: classroom as Country

Lauren Tynan & Paul Hodge

Africa insights: Case Studies on Gender, Development and Labour  
Room – Gunditjmara 2

Moderator: Bina Fernandez

‘Now we welcome the birth of daughters’ – the migration of Ethiopian women and the transformation of gender relations

Bina Fernandez, Senior Lecturer, The University of Melbourne

Rethinking Women’s Empowerment: Insights from Ghana

Charity Dodoo, PhD Candidate University of Melbourne

Prosperity for the Poor: Religion, Poverty and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa

Samuelson Appua & Matthew Mabefam, Lecturer RMIT & PhD candidate The University of Melbourne

“A Reasonable Negotiation?” Trade Unions, Emotional Labor and Subjectivities in Zambia’s Neoliberal Development

Thomas McNamara, Deputy Course director, Masters of International Development, La Trobe University

Conference Dinner  
(6:30-8:30pm)

Community Hub at The Dock (Multipurpose Room)  
107 Victoria Harbour Promenade, Docklands VIC 3008

DAY 2		FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY			
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9:00 - 10:00	PLENARY	Keynote Address	Keynote Address		
10:00 - 10:45	PLENARY	DSAA discussion & Announcement	DSAA discussion & Announcement		
10:45 - 11:00	COFFEE				
11:00 - 12:30	PARALLEL SESSION 5		Theoretical Explorations 2	Peace & Conflict 2	Development Studies, Pedagogies and Reflective Practice
12:30 - 1:15	LUNCH				
1:15 - 2:45	PARALLEL SESSION 6	Roundtable: Embedding Teaching and Learning into Australia & New Zealand's International Development Community of Practice	Theoretical Explorations 3	Environmental Governance: Challenges and prospects for collaboration in democratizing Nepal	Research & Communication Design
2:45 - 4:15	PARALLEL SESSION 7	Microfinance: Failures, Resistance and New Forms	Humanitarian Principles & Perspectives	Community Development Practices and Inclusion	Economics, Aid Allocation, Well-being
4:15 - 4:30	COFFEE				
4:30 - 5:30	PARALLEL SESSION 8	Economics, History and Power	Peace & Conflict 3	South Asia Economic & Political Development	Income Generation & Economic Empowerment

## Plenary (9:00-10:45am)

### Keynote Address

#### Room – Wadawurrung 1 & 2

Yvonne Underhill-Sem, Associate Professor of Gender and Development, The University of Auckland

### DSAA Discussion & Announcement

#### Room – Wadawurrung 1 & 2

Tanya Jakimow, DSAA President

## Coffee Break (10:45-11:00am)

## Parallel Session 5 (11:00am-12:30pm)

### Theoretical Explorations 2

#### Room – Wadawurrung 2

Moderator: Jonathan Makuwira

*Beyond Geography: Development Studies Associations, World Systems and Complexity Theories*

Jonathan Makuwira, Professor & Deputy Vice Chancellor, Malawi University of Science and Technology

*A researcher in the qualitative research tradition of social sciences- an active participant of the knowledge production*

Jeevika Vivekananthan, Research Assistant, Centre for Humanitarian Leadership Deakin University

*The right(s) approach to research: addressing inherent inequalities in development research*  
Loksee Leung, Sarah Homan, Stephanie Miedema, Xian Warner, Emma Fulu

*Fast Connectivity and Slow Violence: Contesting 'Connectivity as Development' Narratives*  
Kearrin Sims, Lecturer, James Cook University

### Peace & Conflict 2 Room – Gunditjmara 1

Moderator: Vicki-Ann Ware

*Arts- and sports-based spaces for exploring conflict and disempowerment in development contexts*  
*Symbol/metaphor in arts-based peacebuilding – helping build sustainable CD outcomes in conflict-affected communities*

Vicki-Ann Ware, Senior Lecturer, Deakin University

*Goals, interests and discord: Exploring the conflicts hidden in a 'Music Development for Reconciliation' project in Sri Lanka*

Gillian Howell, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Griffith University

*Playing in the Margins - Makhampom, Pang Daeng Nok, and a 22-year arts-based partnership in Northern Thailand*

Richard Barber, Director, Free Theatre

*Leveraging cultural traditions and popular pursuits for female empowerment and the Sustainable Development Goals*

Karen Shrosbery, journalist, Australian Broadcasting Commission

### Development Studies Pedagogies, Research and Reflective Practice

#### Room – Gunditjmara 2

Moderator: Tahmina Rashid

*Development studies in the Antipodes: a reflection ten years on*

Patrick Kilby, Senior Lecturer, Australian National University

*(De)Colonising pedagogies and Praxis of Development Studies - Teaching International Development to Aspiring Development Practitioners from the South*

Tahmina Rashid, Associate Professor, University of Canberra

*Reflective practice in teaching gender research*

Sonia Palmieri & Melissa MacLean, Australian National University

*Emerging trends in conflict research - Ethnographic Peace Research*

Shannon Harmer McSolvín, PhD Candidate, Deakin University

## Lunch (12:30-1:15pm)

## Parallel Session 6 (1:15-2:45pm)

### Roundtable: Embedding Teaching and Learning into Australia and New Zealand's International Development Community of Practice

#### Room – Wadawurrung 1

Moderator: Kearrin Sims



*Participants:*

Tanya Jakimow, Associate Professor, Australian National University  
Jonathan Makuwira, Professor & Deputy Vice Chancellor, Malawi University of Science and Technology  
Kearrin Sims, Lecturer, James Cook University  
Philippa Smales, Network and Partnerships Manager, RDI Network  
Rochelle Stewart-Withers, Senior Lecturer, Massey University NZ  
Susan Engel,

**Theoretical Explorations 3**  
**Room – Wadawurrung 2**

Moderator: Chris Roche

*The role of territory and space in determining power configurations: Lessons from Somalia*  
Stephanie Carver, PhD Candidate, Monash University

*How do we know that our work works? Building evidence for the Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration approach for land restoration*  
Katy Cornwell and Anne Crawford World Vision

*Learning to think and research politically: Confessions of a research institute*  
Chris Roche, Linda Kelly, Chris Adams & Danielle Campbell, La Trobe University

**Environmental Governance: Challenges and prospects for collaboration in democratizing Nepal**  
**Room – Gunditjmara 1**

Moderator: Tira Foran

*Non-state research groups and the co-production of environmental policy knowledge: Lessons from the three decades of experience in Nepal's forest and water sectors*  
Hemant R Ojha & Prativa Sapkota, Institute for Studies and Development Worldwide

*Planning in democratising river basins: insights from Nepal*  
Tira Foran, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisations (CSIRO)

*Collaborative marginalisation? The struggle of Nepal's indigenous Bote and Majhi communities in the face of modernist development*  
Krishna Shrestha, University of New South Wales

**Research & Communication Design**  
**Room – Gunditjmara 2**

Moderator: Maria Rodrigues

*Searching for the nexus between Public Relations (PR) and Communication for Development (C4D): making communication interventions relevant for communities*  
Bhupesh Joshi, PhD Candidate, University of New South Wales

*Digital Technologies for Development: Assessing Opportunities and Risks for a Case-study of internet kiosks in Uganda*  
Khadija Mohamud, PhD Candidate, Open University

*(Imagined) benefits and (real) limitations of engaging in participatory research with local disability organizations as a higher degree research student*  
Ekawati Liu, PhD Candidate, Deakin University

*Designing research to strengthen social and community development*  
Maria Rodrigues, Research Coordinator, Community Works

**Parallel Session 7**  
**(2:45-4:15pm)**

**Microfinance: Failures, Resistance and New Forms**  
**Room – Wadawurrung 1**

Moderator: Samantha Gunawardana

*Resisting microfinance debt in post-war Sri Lanka*  
Nedha DeSilva, Buddhima Padmasiri and Samantha Gunawardana

*The persistence of masculinity norms as a challenge for financial empowerment of women: a study on microfinance receiving households in rural Bangladesh*  
Tunvir Ahamed Shohel, Sara Niner & Samantha Gunawardana

*Better microfinance? Emerging and savings led models*  
Sara Niner, Saba Mebrantu & Leo Castenada

**Humanitarian Principles & Perspectives**  
**Room – Wadawurrung 2**

Moderator: Matthew Clarke

*Vale the Humanitarian Principles*  
Matthew Clarke, Alfred Deakin Professor & Head of School, Deakin University

*Routes of humanitarianism: Mapping the lives of practitioners in disaster relief, development, and activism*  
Cameron Tero, Chair for Community Development, Murdoch University

*From resettled refugees to humanitarian actors: Motivations, modalities and implications of diaspora humanitarianism*  
Louise Olliff, Sessional academic, The University of Melbourne

**Community Development Practices and Inclusion**  
**Room – Gunditjmara 1**

Moderator: Mary Ann Jackson

*Understanding Sustainable Community Development through Local Approaches toward Waste Management: The Case of Kerala Region, India*  
Pinar Temocin, PhD Candidate, Hiroshima University, Japan

*Disability Inclusion in the Built Environment at the Community level ..... How?*  
Mary Ann Jackson & Saumya Kaushik, PhD Candidate, Centre for Social Impact, Swinburne University

*Isolated Customary Community Social Empowerment Program in Aceh Province, Indonesia*  
Teuku Murdani

*Theorising collective action for sustainable development in Melanesia*  
Simon Foale, Jennifer Gabriel, Cathy Hair, Michael Wood

## Economics, Aid Allocation, Well-being

### Room – Gunditjmara 2

Moderator: Mark McGillivray

*Changing Times, Changing Priorities: Determinants of the Geographic Allocation of Australian Bilateral Aid, 1960 to 2015*

Mark McGillivray, Professor, Deakin University

Salma Ahmed, Research Fellow, Deakin University

David Lowe, Professor, Deakin University

*Education Inequality and Subjective Wellbeing: Evidence from China*

Quanda Zhang (Samuel), Research Fellow, Deakin University

Sefa Awaworyi Churchill, Senior Research Fellow, RMIT University

*Is Development Economics Insular?*

Sophie Mitra, Michael Palmer & Vu Anh Vuong

*The Effect Happiness on Innovation – A Cross-Country Analysis*

David Fleming-Muñoz & Stephan Goetz, CSIRO NERCRD and Penn State University

## Coffee Break (4:15-4:30pm)

## Parallel Session 8 (4:30-5:30pm)

## Economics, Emotions and Power

### Room – Wadawurrung 1

Moderator: Jonathan Kuttainen

*Digital Financial Scamming: Mobile Money Fraud in Uganda*

Jonathan Kuttainen, PhD Candidate, James Cook University

*Emotions and Power: Two case studies of responses to land exclusions in two Bunong villages of Mondulkiri province, Cambodia*

Sochanny Hak

## Peace & Conflict 3

### Room – Wadawurrung 2

Moderator: Lesley Pruitt

*Conflict, Resistance, and Gender Representations in Acehnese Contemporary Fictions*

Mhd. Rasid Ritonga, PhD Candidate, University of Canberra

*Dancing through the Dissonance?: Youth, Creative Movement, & Peace*

Lesley Pruitt & Erica Rose Jeffrey

*Intersection of language, literacy and development in post conflict states A Case Study of*

*Timor-Leste adult literacy/recurrent education programs*

Tahmina Rashid, Associate Professor, University of Canberra

## South Asia - Economic & Political Development

### Room – Gunditjmara 1

Moderator: Angela Croslin

*OVOP and Non-Farm Rural Development – A case study of Pakistan*

Seemab Khalid, PhD Candidate, University of Canberra

*Youth, Politics and Political Violence: Changing Characteristics and Relationships in the Political Development Processes in Nepal*

Ramesh Shrestha, PhD Candidate, University of New England

*Explore non banking financing options as alternative finance for Small and Medium Size*

*Enterprises (SMEs) in Sri Lanka*

Angela Croslin, PhD candidate, RMIT University

## Income Generation & Economic Empowerment

### Room – Gunditjmara 2

Moderator: Dolly Kikon

*Empowerment of the economically active people with disabilities: Mapping the social, cultural and economic barriers*

Debashis Sarker, PhD Candidate, University of Queensland

*Music as an income Generating Opportunity in Nagaland*

Dolly Kikon, Senior Lecturer, The University of Melbourne

*Small business in the face of disasters: understanding strategies and barriers to building resilience*

Sivendra Michael, PhD Candidate, University of Auckland



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