



*Event Program: Learning about Papua New Guinea – celebrating 50 years of Ron May's contribution to research, writing and thinking*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Day 2 of this event will now take place on **1 October** (not on 17 or 24 September)

Thursday 16 September

9:00-9:15am *Opening session*

<p>9:15-10:30am</p>	<p><a href="#">The Supreme Court – in law and politics</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perspectives on the roles of the Supreme Court – <i>Sir Salamo Injia</i></li> <li>The role of the Supreme Court in PNG politics – <i>Michael Kabuni</i></li> <li>Politicking the PNG Constitution: Insights from the 2011-2012 Constitutional Crisis – <i>Bal Kama</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Discussant: Anthony Regan</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Perspectives on decolonisation</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Variations in Australian policy/ies towards Papua (and) New Guinea, 1965 to 1975: perspectives from the Australian official documents – <i>Stephen Henningham</i></li> <li>The fates of micronationalism – <i>Thiago Cintra Oppermann</i></li> <li>The anti-politic of colonial nostalgia: Development, disenchantment and the critique of the state in Papua New Guinea – <i>Richard Eves</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Discussant: Satish Chand</b></p>
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<p>11:00-12:30pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Policing and crime</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plural Policing in Papua New Guinea - More than the Sum of its Parts? – <i>Sinclair Dinnen</i></li> <li>Crime, safety and gender – <i>Judy Putt and Sinclair Dinnen</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Chair: Sonia Palmieri</b> <b>Discussant: Ali Gillies</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Perspectives on post-colonial 'development'</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'From promise to crisis': Describing post-independence Papua New Guinea – <i>Scott MacWilliam</i></li> <li>Why has it Proved so Difficult to Develop an Effective State in Papua New Guinea? The Role of Politics – <i>Mark Turner</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Discussant: Matt Morris</b></p>
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*Lunch break*

<p>1:30-3:00pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Political instability: dynamics</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governmental Instability in Papua New Guinea (1972-2017): Stability is as slippery and elusive as ever – <i>Henry Ivarature</i></li> <li>Why do so Many MPs lose their seats in PNG? – <i>Colin Filer, Terence Wood and Henry Ivarature</i></li> <li>Practising politics in a 'disorderly democracy' – <i>Kerryn Baker</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Discussant: Ted Wolfers</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Perspectives on post-colonial 'development' cont.</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Village livelihoods along a 250 km traverse in Western and Southern Highlands Provinces – <i>R. Michael Bourke and Matthew'wela B. Kanua</i></li> <li>May, Ekeh and Migdal: revisiting Ron May's early diagnosis of PNG as a weak state – <i>Stephen Howes</i></li> <li>The Struggle for a National University in Papua New Guinea – <i>Alan Robson</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Discussant: Matt Morris</b></p>
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<p>3:30-5:00pm</p>	<p><a href="#">Political instability: policy responses</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessing the shift to limited preferential voting in PNG – <i>Benjamin Reilly</i></li> <li>The Consolidation of Executive Power: OLIPPAC and Restrictions on No-Confidence Votes in Papua New Guinea" – <i>Jon Fraenkel</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Discussant: Ted Wolfers</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Papua New Guinea Defence Force</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical analysis of the Papua New Guinea Defence Force amidst deteriorating national conditions – <i>Jerry Singirok</i></li> <li>The Military in Papua New Guinea: A Culture of Instability Throughout State and Society – <i>Curtis O'Toole</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Discussant: Sinclair Dinnen</b></p>
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Friday 1 October

9:00-10:30am	<p><a href="#">Understanding changing election dynamics</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Pasin bilon bekim bek</i> (the custom of repaying debt): Elections and money politics in Papua New Guinea – <i>Theresa Meki</i></li> <li>2. Beautiful Structures: Drawing Reason out of Practice in Yangoru, East Sepik – <i>Patrick Gesch</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Discussant: Nicole Haley</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Engagement between PNG and Australia</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Papua New Guinea’s limited access to opportunities to live and work in Australia – <i>Richard Curtain</i></li> <li>2. Papua New Guinea’s dependent culture: through the lens of the Enhanced Cooperation Program – <i>Philip Mitna</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Discussant: Mark Turner</b></p>
<i>Break</i>		
11.00-12.30pm	<p><a href="#">Sub-national politics</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Decentralisation and service delivery reform in Papua New Guinea: Analysing previous trends to inform contemporary debates – <i>Colin Wiltshire</i></li> <li>2. The role of MPs in local service delivery – <i>Nicole Haley</i></li> <li>3. From Peli to Pentecostalism and the Tabernacle of David: Living in Hope in East Sepik – <i>Bryant Allen</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Discussant: Ron May</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Bougainville</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conflict prevention and recovery: Bougainville’s experience – <i>Dennis Kuiai</i></li> <li>2. International peace missions in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea, 1990–2005: Host state perspectives – <i>Ted Wolfers</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Chair: Gordon Peake</b> <b>Discussant: John Connell</b></p>
<i>Lunch</i>		
1.30-3.00pm	<p><a href="#">Papua</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. West Papua and the politics of Melanesian identity – <i>Stephanie Lawson</i></li> <li>2. Older Papuan women’s struggles and adaptations in Numbiai/Hollandia/Jayapura – <i>Jenny Munro, Yohana Baransano and Lyn Parker</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Discussant: Chris Ballard</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Bougainville cont.</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Central (PNG) Government Policy Making on Bougainville Matters and Bougainville Input to Policy-making, 1905-1977 – <i>Anthony Regan</i></li> <li>4. PNG and Bougainville: Birth of a new nation state in PNG – <i>James Tanis</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Chair: Gordon Peake</b> <b>Discussant: John Connell</b></p>
<i>Break</i>		
3.30-4.00pm	<p><a href="#">Closing session</a></p>	