

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
MYANMAR/BURMA UPDATE CONFERENCE
17–18 AUGUST 2009**

**Venue: Hedley Bull Lecture Theatre, Australian National University
Program Order as at 13 August 2009**

Day 1: Monday, 17 August

8.45 – 9.15 am **Registration, Hedley Bull Centre, Ground Floor Atrium**

9.15am ***Chair: Professor Monique Skidmore,
College of Arts & Social Sciences, ANU***

**Opening Address: Professor Andrew MacIntyre,
Dean, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU**

9.30am **Keynote Speaker: Dr William Sabandar,
Special ASEAN Envoy for Post Nargis Operations**

***Discussant: Mr Richard Moore, Deputy Director-General (Asia),
Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)***

Morning tea 10.30 – 11.00am

11.00am -1.00pm **Political Section (Part A): Sovereignty/Rights/Governance**

***Chair: Trevor Wilson,
Department of Political & Social Change, ANU***

Presentation one: Khin Zaw Win, International Development Enterprise
"The 2010 Elections and Nation Building"

Presentation two: Jane Ferguson, Australian National University
"Sovereignty Issues in Cease-Fire Zones – Shan State"

Presentation three: Ashley South, Consultant, Thailand
"Governance and Legitimacy in Karen State"

Presentation four: Nicholas Cheesman, Australian National University
"The Incongruous Return of Habeas Corpus"

***Discussant: Dr Andrew Selth,
Asia Institute, Griffith University***

Lunch: 1.00 – 2.00pm

2.00 – 3.30pm **Economic Section (Part A) Economic Development**

***Chair: Dr David Camroux,
Sciences Po (School of Political Science) Paris***

Presentation one: Khin Maung Nyo, World Economic Journal, Yangon
"Impact of the global financial crisis"

Presentation two: Toshihiro Kudo, Institute of Developing Economies, Japan
"Border Development: Turning the Periphery into the Center of Growth"

Presentation three: Matthew Smith, Earth Rights International
"Is off-shore gas democratic?"

***Discussant: Dr Suiwah Leung,
Crawford School of Economics and Politics, ANU***

Afternoon tea: 3.30 – 4.00pm

4.00 – 5.30pm **Economic Section (Part B) Rural Economics, Rights, and Labour**
Chair: Dr John Skerritt
Deputy Chief Executive, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)
Presentation one: Sean Turnell, Macquarie University, Sydney
“Recapitalising Burmese Agriculture”
Presentation two: Nancy Hudson-Rodd, Edith Cowan University, Perth
“Farmers, Land and the Military Regime in Burma”
Presentation three: Ikuko Okamoto, Institute of Developing Economies, Japan
“Issues Affecting the Movement of Rural Labour: Rakhine Case Study”
Discussant: Professor Peter Warr,
Arndt-Corden Economics Division, ANU

7.00 – 9.30pm **CONFERENCE DINNER – FELLOWS BAR, UNIVERSITY HOUSE**
(\$30 per head, drinks extra: Please register attendance with Lyn Ning)

Day 2: Tuesday, 18 August

9.00 – 11.00am **Political Section (Part B) International Assistance and International Development**
Chair: Professor Paul Hutchcroft,
Head, Department of Political & Social Change, ANU
Opening remarks: Lyndall McLean,
Assistant Secretary, Southeast Asia (North) Branch,
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Presentation one: Priscilla Clapp, ex US Chief of Mission, Yangon
“Burma’s Political Transition: Scenarios for US Assistance”
Presentation two: David Camroux, Sciences Po (School of Political Science) Paris and Renaud Egreteau, Hong Kong University
“Normative Europe Meets the Burmese Garrison State: Policies, Processes, Blockages ... and Future Possibilities”
Presentation three: David Allan, Independent Consultant, Yangon
“Same Place, Some Changes: Positive Engagement Examples & Thoughts for the Future”
Discussant: Dr Morten Pedersen,
Regulatory Institutions Network, ANU

Morning tea 11.00 – 11.30am

11.30am – 12.30pm **Concluding Session**
Chair: Dr Nicholas Farrelly,
Department of Political & Social Change, ANU
Panel Discussion:
Speakers: Mya Than, International Security Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok and
Michael Wilson, Assistant Director-General, Southeast Asia Branch, AusAID

12.30 – 1.00pm **Open Forum**
Chair: Monique Skidmore,
College of Arts & Social Sciences, ANU