Politics in the Pub

Politics in the Pub is a program of speakers and discussions centring around the broad theme of politics. The convenors describe themselves as ‘people who characterise ourselves as “left” and “democratic” who have established a left politico-cultural focus in Sydney to promote cross fertilisation and discussion.’

Friday 20 September 2013
O’Farrell’s Unprecedented Cuts to the Public Sector
Speakers:
Anne Gardner, Public Service Association
Chris Stone, Centre of Policy Development

Friday 27 September 2013
Whither Democracy in Egypt?
Speakers:
Dr Noah Bassil, Macquarie University
Amro Ali, University of Sydney

When: 6pm - 7:45pm (dinner afterwards in nearby restaurant)
Where: The Gaelic Club, 64 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills (across from Chalmer St exit and Devonshire St. tunnel at Central Station)
Cost: FREE (no RSVP required)
More Information: www.politicsinthepub.org.au. Enquires to Charles Bradley - odl_bradley@pacific.net.au

The China Studies Centre Distinguished Speakers Series
The China Dream
H.E. Consul General Mr Li Huaxin

Co-Hosted by The China Studies Centre and Sydney Ideas

In November 2012, for the first time, China’s new leadership elaborated the concept of the ‘China Dream’. As the economic and strategic importance of China continues to grow, discussion of this new concept has drawn international attention. The Consul General of China in Sydney, Mr Li Huaxin will deliver a keynote speech on the China Dream, in which he will explain the background and content of the ‘China Dream’, and what the Chinese Dream means to the world, particularly Australia. He will then take questions from the audience.

H.E. Consul General Mr Li Huaxin is the present Consul General (Ambassadorial Rank) of the People’s Republic of China in Sydney. His long diplomatic career includes postings in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Syria, and internal position in China as Deputy Director General, Department of West Asia and North Africa Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and Deputy Director-General, Senior Diplomats Committee, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China.

When: Tuesday 24 September 2013, 4 - 5:30pm
Where: Law School Foyer, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney
Cost: FREE (RSVP Required)
Cyber Attacks in Australia: The Threats and How To Deal With Them
Hosted by Australian Institute of International Affairs

The internet is the secret battleground of the 21st century. Unlike conventional acts of aggression, cyber attacks are generally clandestine, and it is often difficult to determine where they come from. Some of the best-known cyber attacks on Iran’s nuclear program are suspected to be the result of US-Israeli cooperation, but neither country has publicly claimed responsibility. Similar uncertainty surrounds a cyber attack earlier this year that obtained secret blueprints for ASIO’s new headquarters in Canberra; China was suspected but no proof has been publicised. Cyber attacks could conceivably have devastating impacts on civilians.

The majority of modern life depends in some way on the internet, meaning we are vulnerable in ways we could never have imagined. Stock markets, universities, and hospitals could all be targets, or just collateral damage, in a cyber attack: do current international laws do enough to protect civilians from cyber warfare?

So what is Australia doing to safeguard our cyberspace? The most recent Defence White Paper makes clear that cyber defence capabilities are a defence priority, and the Australian Government will open a new Australian Cyber Security Centre this year. Australia has also acceded to the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime, but how powerful are international instruments when dealing with this new kind of crime? As the tension between China and the US in Asia spills over onto the internet, is Australia vulnerable?

In conjunction with the NSW Young Lawyers, the Australian Institute of International Affairs presents a one-hour discussion on the solutions to secure our networks and cyberspace - issues that become even more urgent as the National broadband Network takes root. The Panel discussion will be led by Dr Alana Maurushat, senior lecturer and academic director of the Cyberspace Law and Policy Community at the Faculty of Law, UNSW, who is research fellow with the new Australian CyberSecurity Centre for Research and Education at the Australian Defence Force Academy/UNSW. Joining Dr Maurushat on the panel is Rob Hamper, Corporate Counsel for NICTA - Australia’s largest dedicated ICT research institute.

When: Tuesday 24 September 2013, 6pm
Where: The Glover Cottages, 124 Kent Street, Sydney
(located adjacent to the Kent St Fire Station)
Cost: AIIA NSW members/NSW Young Lawyer members: $15.00; seniors $10.00, Visitors: $25.00, Seniors: $15.00
RSVP: RSVP online here or by email

IDHR Lunchtime Seminar Series
University of Sydney

Wednesday 25 September 2013

Human Rights as a Way of Life: On Bergson’s Political Philosophy
Dr Alex Lefebvre, Dept. of Philosophy
Responses from Professor Nikolas Kompridis, UWS and Professor Migel Vatter, UNSW

The work of Henri Bergson, the foremost French philosopher of the early twentieth century, is not usually explored for its political dimensions. Indeed, Bergson is best known for his writings on time, evolution, and creativity. This book concentrates instead on his political philosophy—and especially on his late masterpiece, The Two Sources of Morality and Religion—from which Alexandre Lefebvre develops an original approach to human rights.

We tend to think of human rights as the urgent international project of protecting all people everywhere from harm. Bergson shows us that human rights can also serve as a medium of personal transformation and self-care. For Bergson, the main purpose of human rights is to initiate all human beings into love. Forging connections between human rights scholarship and philosophy as self-care, Lefebvre uses human rights to channel the whole of Bergson’s philosophy.

Alexandre Lefebvre is a lecturer in the Department of Government and International Relations, and the Department of Philosophy, at the University of Sydney. His teaching and research interests are in political theory and the philosophy of human rights.

At present he is working on a project titled Human Rights and the Care of the Self. The goal of this research is to undertake a basic shift in perspective in how we view human rights. His guiding idea in this project is that human rights are not only a means to protect all people against serious legal, political and social abuse, but they are also a medium of self-care and personal transformation. The aim of his project is to analyse how human rights law, discourse, and practice serve to transform the whole of one’s life or way of being. Alex is author of Human Rights as a Way of Life: on Bergson’s Political Philosophy (Stanford University Press, 2013), The Image of Law: Deleuze, Bergson, Spinoza (Stanford University Press, 2008), and co-editor of Bergson, Politics, and Religion (Duke University Press, 2012).

Where: SSPS Boardroom, Room 148, RC Mills Building, University of Sydney, 12:30 - 2:30pm
Registration: idhr@sydney.edu.au

For more information on the IDHR Lunchtime Seminar Series, please visit our website
Thursday 26 September 2013
Human Rights and the Care of the Self
Dr Alex Lefebvre, University of Sydney

In this talk Dr Lefebvre will outline his new research project, Human Rights and the Care of the Self. The point of the project is to demonstrate that a consistent and historic function of human rights is to inspire individuals to a new way of life. And more specifically, it has two aims. First, to show that throughout the human rights tradition is a belief that human rights are an indispensable means through which to improve and ultimately transform the self. And second, to identify the concrete techniques prescribed by human rights law and literature to effect this transformation. Dr Lefebvre’s hope is to provide an innovative theory and history of human rights from the perspective of a care for one’s own self.

Other GIR Colloquium Series Seminars:
Friday 11 October 2013
Dr Jana Von Stein, Victoria University of Wellington

Thursday 24 October 2013
Professor Ian Marsh, University of Tasmania
* Please note this seminar will be held in Room 397, Merewether Building

Thursday 31 October 2013
Dr Edward Wang, Sun Yat-Sen University
China’s Participation in Global Negotiation on Climate Change

When: 4 -5pm
Where: Darlington Centre Boardroom, Darlington Centre, City Road, University of Sydney
Information: More information can be found here

The Average Native and the Incommensurable Native:
Some Episodes in the Quantitative Representation of Colonised Indigenous People
Professor Tim Rowse, University of Western Sydney

Co-Hosted by Sydney Intellectual History Network and the University of Western Sydney

This seminar explores the indigenous appropriation of colonial knowledge. Talal Asad argues that modern statistical practices render phenomena commensurable even though – in other respects – they are incommensurable. He thus alerts us to two ways to think about colonised peoples – as commensurable ‘populations’ and as significantly distinct ‘peoples’, whose difference commands respect and colonial accommodation. His recent work has focused on the interplay of these two kinds of representation; that interplay is a motif of colonial knowledge practices and also of indigenous self-representation. In this seminar four statistical tables (from Canada, New Zealand and Australia) allow us to see the work of rendering ‘the native’ commensurable. Professor Rowse will present two indigenous intellectual movements that accepted the gift of colonial quantification as the empirical basis for asserting the continuing vitality of their ‘peoples’.

Professor Tim Rowse has published widely in the area of Australian and Indigenous history. His latest publications include Rethinking Social Justice: from ‘peoples’ to populations (2012), Between Settler and Indigenous Governments (with Lisa Ford, 2012) and ‘The Politics of Aboriginal Society’ in the latest issue of History Australia, 10 (13), 2013.

When: Thursday 26 September 2013, 5- 7pm
Where: History House, 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000
Cost: Free (RSVP not required)
Information: More information can be found by email.
Modern Slavery: Film Screening and Panel Discussion

Hosted by The Global Social Justice Network

Slavery still exists, despite the fact that it is illegal by global agreement. There are more slaves in the world today than ever before in human history. Trafficking, child labour, sex slavery, debt slavery and child soldiers are amongst the most common forms of modern slavery. In this film we meet slaves in Uganda, India, Moldova, Kambodia and France. Why does slavery still exist and what will it take to get rid of it?

The Global Social Justice Network (GloSo) is very proud to host a screening and panel discussion of this important, informative and hard-hitting film on the modern slavery that is still with us in many parts of the world. We are very lucky to be joined by Tina Davis, the films’ director, and Jennifer Burn, a leading scholar and practitioner in the human rights and anti-slavery field.

Speakers:
- **Tina Davis**: Director and postgraduate student, University of Sydney.
- **Jennifer Burn**: Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), specialising in Administrative Law, citizenship, immigration and social justice issues. Jennifer is also Director of Anti-Slavery Australia.

When: Thursday 26 September 2013, 4:30 - 7pm
Where: HR Carne Lecture Theatre, RMC Gunn Bld, Regimental Drive, University of Sydney - MAP
Cost: Free
RSVP: More information the film can be found [here](http://www.theglobalsocialjustice.com) or by email.

Pushing Our Luck

Co-Hosted by the Centre for Policy Development (CPD) and Sydney Ideas

What are the ten big issues that will shape this country for the next ten years? *Pushing Our Luck: Ideas for Australian Progress* tackles these issues. From school education to cultural integration, climate responsibility to economic strategy and social welfare to fairer taxation, *Pushing our Luck*, puts policy into perspective. Dust off those weary post-election brains and join us for a conversation that just might revive your zest for political debate in this country!

CPD executive director and *Pushing Our Luck* editor, **Miriam Lyons**, joins **Rebecca Huntley** and contributing authors **Geoff Gallop**, **Roy Green**, **Ian McAuley** and **Jane Caro** for a vibrant discussion and debate.

Speakers:
- **Jane Caro** is a commentator on the media and advertising, a journalist, author and lecturer with 30 years experience in the advertising industry. She has co-authored two books, *The Stupid Country: How Australia is Dismantling Public Education* and *The F Word: How we Learned to Swear by Feminism*.
- **Professor Geoff Gallop** is the Director of the Graduate School of Government at the University of Sydney. From 1986 to 2006 he was a Member of the Western Australian Legislative Assembly. He chairs the Australia Awards Board for the Commonwealth Government and from 2007 to 2011 was Deputy Chair of the COAG Reform Council.
- **Professor Roy Green** is Dean of the UTS Business School at the University of Technology, Sydney. He is a frequent contributor to *The Conversation* with a focus on management and workplace innovation, industry policy and trends in business education.
- **Rebecca Huntley** is a researcher and author and one of Australia’s foremost commentators on social and consumer trends. She is the Executive Director of The Mind & Mood Report, now in its 35th year. She is the author of numerous books, a feature writer for *Australian Vogue* and a columnist for *BRW*. She is on the board of the Dusseldorp Skills Forum.
- **Ian McAuley** is a CPD fellow and an adjunct lecturer in Public Sector Finance at the University of Canberra. His research interests are in public policy, with a specialisation in fiscal and economic policy. Ian is author or a co-author of a number of papers for the Centre for Policy Development, including ‘Reclaiming our Common Wealth: policies for a fair and sustainable future’ and ‘A Health Policy for Australia: reclaiming universal care’, ‘What Are We Complaining About? An Analysis of Cost of Living Pressures’ and ‘Private health insurance: High in cost and low in equity’.

When: Thursday 26 September 2013, 6:30 - 8pm
Where: Law School Foyer, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney
Cost: FREE (RSVP Required)
GLOBAL HEALTH AND THE LAW CONFERENCE

INCORPORATING THEORY INTO PRACTICE

MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER AND TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2013
Sydney Law School
New Law Building (F10)
Eastern Avenue
University of Sydney
(Camperdown Campus)

PRICE (gst inclusive)
Full fee: $150
Alumni/USyd staff: $120
Concession/Students: $99
Conference Dinner (optional): $99

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Professor Belinda Bennett
(University of Sydney)
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Dr Sarah Hawkes
(University College London)
Professor Emeritus Michael Freeman
(University College London)

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE
The most pressing challenges for health are not confined within national borders. The global spread of infectious diseases, the rising burden of non-communicable diseases, and the growing trend in health tourism all present important and novel challenges for the global community.

With papers addressing health and human rights, gene patenting, communicable and non-communicable diseases, health tourism, surrogacy and cross border reproduction, and the global regulation of therapeutics, this interdisciplinary conference will explore the role for law in supporting and promoting global health. A particular focus of the conference will be the consideration of practical opportunities and challenges in responding to issues in global health.

This conference will be relevant to all those with an interest in global health, health law, public health, and human rights including students, lawyers, health professionals, academics, and the public.

VENUES
The conference will take place in the New Law Building ANNEX which is located under the TASTE CAFE on Eastern Avenue at the University of Sydney (Camperdown Campus).

The Conference Dinner will be in the Faculty Common Room on Level 4 of the New Law Building.

MCLE/CPD UNITS
Attendance at the full conference is equal to 14 MCLE/CPD units for Australian Lawyers and Barristers.

CONFERENCE SPONSOR:
Australasian Association of Bioethics & Health Law

The Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law (AABHL) is Australia and New Zealand’s leading organisation concerned with issues of bioethics and health law. For further information or to become a member, visit http://aabhl.org/
IDHR Lunchtime Seminar Series
University of Sydney

Wednesday 9 October 2013

From Research to Intervention: Academic Forays into the Prevention of Torture
Associate Professor Danielle Celermajer, Department of Sociology and Social Policy

Human rights training has become one of the most popular strategies for the prevention of human rights violations by law enforcement and security personnel. Once placed under scrutiny, however, the empirical and analytical bases of training interventions is at best shallow and at worst defective. Indeed, as is the case with many human rights prevention strategies, training has in general been disconnected from empirical research on the root causes of human rights violations and has lacked the type of feedback loop that would be created by robust evaluation of its impact. When we interrogate the actual conditions under which law enforcement officers in the global south operate, we find that human rights violations emerge from a range of organisational, cultural, political and economic factors that are completely overlooked by approaches that assume that normative change can be effected by transmitting information about international law or norms. Moreover, ethnographic research on how human rights interventions 'land' for police in the global south indicate a vast gap between the 'intended' and 'received' messages.

Danielle Celermajer is currently the Director of the Torture Prevention Project a European Union funded project interrogating the root causes of torture and designing interventions for the Police and Military in Sri Lanka and Nepal. She was the founding director of the EU funded Asia Pacific Masters of Human Rights and Democratisation, a networked postgraduate human rights education program across the Asia Pacific Region. Her primary areas of research fields are human rights and political theory.

In the area of human rights, her research focuses on transitional justice and the question of how contemporary states and societies can deal with past violations, the relationship between human rights and religious norms and institutions and human rights education. Prior to entering academia, she was Director of Policy at the Australian Human Rights Commission, where she authored numerous reports on Indigenous human rights and was principal speechwriter to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner. Her book, Sins of the Nation and the Ritual of Apology, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2009.

Where: SSPS Boardroom, Room 148, RC Mills Building, University of Sydney, 12:30 - 2pm
Registration: idhr@sydney.edu.au

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Beyond WikiLeaks: From an International Whistle-Blowing Platform to a Global Political Movement

Co-Hosted by Media@Sydney, Institute for Democracy and Human Rights (IDHR) and Sydney Ideas

More than three years have passed since the 2010 release of U.S. embassy diplomatic cables that propelled the whistle-blowing website WikiLeaks into the international spotlight. Alongside its many other political revelations, including the Afghan War Diaries, the Iraq War Logs, information exposing government corruption, illegal corporate activity and the secret dealings of the financial industry, Wikileaks Cablegate publication sparked intense debate in the realms of international diplomacy, journalism, and broader society about the conduct and representation of modern politics.

Now we are seeing WikiLeaks’ continued evolution from an international platform for political disclosure to an international political movement, including the launch of the Australian political party. Given its remarkable persistence in the face of continued legal and economic challenges what lessons does Wikileaks represent for activism, social justice movements, policy and democracy?

To reflect on this question this event will bring together a select group of scholars who have observed the WikiLeaks phenomenon since its early days, together with the editors of a new edited volume, Beyond WikiLeaks: Implications for the Future of Communications, Journalism and Society, published by Palgrave in March.

MODERATOR
Professor Gerard Goggin, Head of the Department of Media and Communications at the University of Sydney

SPEAKERS
- Dr Benedetta Brevini, Lecturer Communication and Media at the University of Sydney and a Visiting Fellow of Centre for Law, Justice and Journalism at City University, London
- Professor John Keane, Director of the Institute for Democracy and Human Rights (IDHR) at the University of Sydney and Professor of Politics at the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB)
- Peter Fray, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Media and Communications and IDHR at the University of Sydney and previously editor of The Sydney Morning Herald
- Dr Arne Hintz, Lecturer at the Cardiff School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies

When: Friday 11 October 2013, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Where: Law Lecture Theatre 106, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney
Cost: FREE (RSVP Required)

Forum on Racism:
How Sydney Students and Staff Experience Discrimination and Exclusion

Co-Hosted by Racism Action Group and Sydney Ideas

In response to the widely publicised racial abuse of a University of Sydney doctoral student on a public bus, staff and students have formed the Racism Action Group. The Group’s preliminary investigation within the University has revealed that racial vilification targeting international staff, students, and public is disturbingly common.

This forum is the Group’s first major public initiative to examine strategies for understanding, confronting, and diminishing racial abuse within and outside the university. It brings together students who have suffered abuse, senior university staff whose responsibilities include confronting racism, and prominent external activists. The panellists will answer questions from a moderator and from the audience. Bring your ideas and experiences to share!

MODERATOR
Anton Enus, co-host of World News Australia for SBS TV

SPEAKERS
- Chulhyo Kim, PhD Student at the University of Sydney
- Dr Eman Sharobeem PhD, Director of Immigrant Woman’s Health Service (IWHS)
- Dr Tim Soutphommasane, Race Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission
- Dr Michael Spence, Vice-Chancellor, University of Sydney
- Professor Shane Houston, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services), University of Sydney
- Associate Professor Gaby Ramia, Graduate School of Government, University of Sydney

When: Monday 14 October 2013, 5 - 6:30pm
Where: General Lecture Theatre, The Quadrangle, University of Sydney
Cost: FREE (RSVP Required)
Refugees, Asylum Seekers and the PNG Solution
Panel Discussion with Q&A Session
Hosted by The Global Social Justice Network

The Global Social Justice Network (GloSo) invites you to attend and participate in a panel discussion on the issue of Australia’s PNG Solution. The panel will be led by a diverse group of human rights activists, social justice advocates and academics. This discussion will present a more human-focused perspective on the impact of detention for both asylum seekers and Australian society.

Speakers:
- Dr Lucy Fiske, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Sydney
- Mr Gregory Lake, former Immigration Department Official
- Dr Ryan Schram, Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney
- Dr Devorah Wainer, Institute for Democracy and Human Rights, University of Sydney

When: Monday 14 October 2013, 5 - 7pm
Where: Seminar Room 436, Old Teachers College, University of Sydney
Cost: Free
RSVP: Please RSVP by email.

Politics, Policy and Public Service
The Right Honourable Helen Clark, United Nations Development Programme
Hosted by The Graduate School of Government

In a Graduate School of Government event at the University of Sydney, Administrator of the UNDP and former Prime Minister of New Zealand, Helen Clark will reflect on her time in office and the challenges of policy making while considering political realities. In question and answer format Ms Clark will offer advice to current public servants, political advisers and policy makers. She will also discuss the importance of making strategic policy decisions which look to the future rather than focusing only on the period between now and the election.

Helen Clark is Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). She is the first woman to lead the UNDP. Prior to that appointment Ms Clark served for nine years as Prime Minister of New Zealand, serving three successive terms from 1999 to 2008. Throughout her tenure as Prime Minister she engaged widely in policy development and advocacy across the international, economic, social and cultural spheres. Forbes ranked Ms Clark 50th most powerful woman in the world in 2012

When: Tuesday 15 October 2013, 12:30 - 2pm
Where: Law Foyer, Sydney Law School, Camperdown Campus, University of Sydney
Cost: FREE

Postgraduate Research Conference:
CFP: Emergences and Convergences
The UNSW School of Humanities and Languages, 30 October 2013

Emergences involve interaction. New approaches and ideas emerge out of dynamic interchanges. By promoting connectivity, this conference will foster emergent intellectual collectivities.

Rather than ask that all participants speak to a single theme, we are issuing an open Call for Papers to see what emerges and how our diverse research programs converge. Transdisciplinary strengths animate the scholarship in the School of Humanities and Languages at UNSW. Core disciplines, like history, philosophy, and linguistics, are also well represented in our School.

A Keynote Lecture by Professor Franson Manjali whose interdisciplinary scholarship on diverse topics—from cultural theory, to linguistics, to cyber-semiotics, to contemporary philosophy—will address the diverse interests in our school.

When: Wednesday 30 October 2013
Where: Room 309 and 310, Level 3 Morven Brown Building, University of New South Wales
Cost: FREE
More Information: Please email Eben Kirksey
SAVE THE DATE:
Festival of Democracy
University of Sydney, 6 - 9 November 2013

A four-day carnival of talks, lectures, workshops, short films, art and photography exploring, explaining and debating the latest scholarly thinking and practical developments concerning the present and highly uncertain future of democracy. Open to the general public, with contributions covering the Asia and Pacific region and beyond, the Festival will examine such vital topics as climate change and environmental politics; the new 21st-century critics of democracy; ‘smart power’ in China; migration, hospitality and citizenship; the future of political representation; indigenous peoples; journalism and digital politics; state secrecy; electoral integrity and political parties; the limits of territoriality and the future of global governing institutions.

Among the Festival’s key speakers will be Anna Boucher; Benedetta Brevini; Kerry Brown; Joseph Carens; Anika Gauja; Nik Kompridis; Sarah Maddison; Giovanni Navarria; Jennifer Nedelesky; Nicola Piper; David Ritter; David Schlosberg; Simon Tormey; Tsai Ing-wen; Jan Zielonka (Oxford) and three prominent guests from Berlin: Ruud Koopmans, Wolfgang Merkel and Michael Zürn.

Support for the Festival is generously provided by the China Democracy Forum; the China Studies Centre (CSC); Greenpeace Australia; the Refugee Art Project; the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy; Thesis Eleven at Latrobe University; the University of Western Sydney; the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB); and democracy researchers at the Institute for Democracy and Human Rights (IDHR) at the University of Sydney.

The Festival of Democracy program will shortly be uploaded on the IDHR website. For further information and pre-registration, which is essential for all events, please contact: idhr@sydney.edu.au

A Call for Student Volunteers to Organise the Next Model Global Parliament

We are looking for graduate students in appropriate disciplines to help organise the next Model Global Parliament in Sydney, and recruit other participants. The MGP will take place either in September, to mark Global Interdependence Day, or October, to mark the Global Week of Action for a World Parliament. This will be a great experience, and look good on your CV!

A series of model global parliaments are being organised around Australia. The aims are:
• To give students practical experience in standing up and debating some of the vital issues concerning our global village
• To publicise the idea of democratic global governance

Two MGPs have already taken place in Melbourne, with great success, and a third one was held in Canberra on July 27th

What is a Model Global Parliament? The participants act out or simulate a democratically constituted global forum in a parliamentary setting, debating motions on how to deal with global issues and problems. The members are assigned to represent both geopolitical regions, and existing globally significant non-governmental networks to work together in identifying global problems and seeking practical and attainable solutions to them. We see it essentially as an educational platform for students to learn to think and talk together about global issues, using parliamentary procedures.

It is intended to enable students to explore new ways of addressing the evident gaps in democratic global governance arrangements and to present, contest and enact ideas about how to shape the future for the benefit of a better world for all living things.

If you are interested in helping to organise such an event, please contact Pera Wells or Andrea Booth.
**Everything Political** is an events newsletter designed to publicise details of all forthcoming research and public events in the field of politics, very broadly defined. The newsletter is not confined to events (co-)hosted by the University of Sydney; it hopes to include all interested parties who wish to publicise and promote politics-themed events. Everything Political will be published on the last Thursday of each month.

Everything Political is a new public service to all members of staff, and to interested publics outside the University. Its main purpose is to raise the level of visibility and co-operation among research and teaching staff interested in politics. The newsletter will enable people to plan their events in advance, so avoiding clashes and duplication.

**Event Submission**
Everything Political is an initiative of staff based at the University of Sydney, the University of Western Sydney and the University of New South Wales. It will be published on the last Thursday of each month. If you wish to submit details of an event for inclusion in the newsletter, please email: idhr@sydney.edu.au by the 17th of the month. We require the following information for every event:

- Brief summary of the event, including titles, speakers, relevant subject details and details of the sponsoring organisations
- When, where (maps included, where possible), cost and RSVP or further information details
- An image in JPEG, GIF or High Res format related to your event

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