

- 8.30-9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00-9.05 Welcome - Jill Wilson
President of Social Education Victoria

- 9.05-10.00 **Keynote presentation**
Dr Paul Monk
Australia's security challenges and the rise of China



Dr. Monk appears regularly on ABC radio and television as a commentator on international security affairs, especially with regard to China. He is an essayist of some note and a prolific author. With Tim van Gelder, he co-founded Austhink in 2000. In 2006, Austhink created a subsidiary, Austhink Software, which has successfully developed two outstanding software tools to facilitate clear and critical thinking.

The recent history of China embodies the change from nation state to market state. There are however security issues that flow from this change. As a former Defence Intelligence Organization officer on East Asia and highly regarded China analyst Paul will outline these security issues and share his thoughts as to whether sufficient analytical thinking been given to these security issues.

- 10.00-10.30 **Resource Showcase**
FUSE
Peter Maggs, Senior Project Officer, KnowledgeBank: Next Generation, DEECD

FUSE is DEECD's new online portal of quality assured teaching and learning resources. It allows teachers to access quality-assured educational resources from the one spot. Teachers can easily build and share 'packages' of FUSE resources with students and other teachers. This short FUSE presentation will walk teachers through ways to easily find, use and share digital resources that will add value to their teaching.

Australian Children's Television Foundation (ACTF)

The Australian Children's Television Foundation has some wonderful multimedia resources for all curriculum areas. In this session ACTF staff will highlight some resources relevant to themes and topics in civics & citizenship education and social education.

- 10.30-10.50 **Morning tea**
Exhibitors: Australian Children's Television Foundation
Victorian Electoral Commission

- 10.50-11.20 **National curriculum update**
Pat Hincks, Curriculum Manager, Humanities, Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority
In this session Pat will provide:
- an update of developments in the National Curriculum and
 - an outline of the review process for the 2010 Review of International Politics (National Politics and International Studies) and Sociology courses

- 11.20-12.35 **Session A Workshops**

- 12.35-1.20 **Lunch**

- 1.20-2.20 **Keynote Presentation**
Associate Professor Sharon Pickering, Monash University
The international, national and local ramifications of global mobility



Sharon Pickering lectures in Criminology at Monash University. She is Editor of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology, Convenor of the Prato International Roundtable on Transnational Crime and author of several books on refugees. She has researched areas of policing, criminalisation, human rights and mobility in Australia, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, the United Kingdom, Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Thailand and the Thai-Burma border. She has previously held positions at Charles Sturt University and visiting appointments at the University of Oxford, University of Westminster and University of New South Wales.

This presentation will consider the international, national and local ramifications of global mobility. It will focus on the ways nation states such as Australia have sought to exclude populations who present as anomalous to routine, albeit elaborate, systems of border and migration management. It will specifically consider the ways refugees confound the capacity of many Western nations to develop and sustain rational policies for the protection of people fleeing from persecution. The talk will focus on recent events and how the operation of border protection has been effectively outsourced to other parts of the region and the implications for human rights, international relations and community cohesion.

- 2.20-3.35 **Session B Workshops**

Two workshop sessions are running at this conference.

Please nominate first and second preferences for each session on the preference sheet and fax or email it back to the SEV office.

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SESSION A: 11.20 - 12.35

Workshop 1

Global Perceptions of Islam and Muslims

Dr. Eeqbal Hassim, consultant academic and Islamic educationist, director of Opus Magnum

There is no doubt that Islam and Muslims influence local and global events to a large degree. By suggesting curriculum approaches and pedagogical techniques, this workshop will help equip VCE teachers with the know-how to effectively introduce discussion on perceptions of Islam and Muslims, both positive and negative, into the classroom.

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Workshop 2

The implications of Australia's foreign policy on Timor Leste's struggle for independence

Dr Clinton Fernandes, Senior Lecturer in Strategic Studies at the Australian Defence Force Academy campus of the University of New South Wales

Australia and Timor Leste have a significant combined history. Australia's foreign policy, since 1941, has had a dramatic affect on the lives of the Timorese and their struggle towards independence. This unit will explore the history of Australia's relationship with Timor Leste and will examine the role Australia's foreign policies have played in the Timorese road to self-determination. The impact of post World War 2 global and regional forces, such as decolonization,

the rise of communism, the rise of authoritarian regimes to crush communism, the cold war etc will set the scene for this study.

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Workshop 3

Climate Change and International Development

James Ensor, Director of Public Policy and Associate Director of International Programs, Oxfam Australia

This workshop examines the impact of climate change on poor people in developing countries and Oxfam's approach to addressing what is the real inconvenient truth of global warming: the deep injustice at the heart of climate change.

The victims of this injustice are the hundreds of millions of poor people who now bear the consequences of more than a century of rampant carbon emissions largely from the industrialised world. Whether they are Pacific Islanders forced from their homes due to storms and sea-level rise, or rural African communities, who face ever-worsening droughts and food shortages linked to climate change. The people affected first and worst are those least responsible for carbon emissions.

Climate impacts such as these highlight the urgent need for a fair and adequate global climate deal. However Oxfam's assessment is that UN negotiations towards a fair and adequate climate deal are seriously off track.

Unless a mechanism to achieve the necessary scale of emissions cuts is designed and agreed to, a fair and low-risk agreement at the UN climate change conference in Copenhagen in December is highly unlikely.

This workshop will explore the aims and structure of Oxfam's proposed Global Mitigation and Finance Mechanism.

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Workshop 4

National Politics

Nick Economou, lecturer in politics, School of Political and Social Inquiry, Monash University

The election of Barak Obama to the presidency of the United States roughly coincided with the election of a Labor federal government in Australia headed by the party's leader, Kevin Rudd. The coincidence of two government-changing elections provides a brilliant opportunity to compare and contrast the electoral systems of the US and Australia and the rather different way in which these two systems try to incorporate a practical application of what we understand 'democracy' to be. Along the way, we shall consider the allegation that the Australian system is being subjected to 'presidentialisation' while the advance of new technology allowed Australians to follow the rise of Obama to an extent not before experienced.

National Politics

Workshop 5

Creating an on-line teaching and learning environment in Social Education

Lisa Hayman, Manager - Curriculum Support, Student Learning Division, Department of Education & Early Childhood Development

Web 2.0 technologies allow us to easily create an online learning and teaching environment for students to access learning 24/7. From Wikipedia on the global stage to Wikispaces in our classrooms the opportunity to create learning activities that engage students, develop deeper understandings and provide opportunities for students to communicate, collaborate and create are endless. This session will provide participants with a range of strategies for their classroom to support 21st century learning.

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Workshop 6

New teachers to Sociology

This workshop is designed to provide an opportunity for new or inexperienced teachers to Sociology to discuss course planning, SACs, and share useful resources. The workshop will be hosted by an experienced Sociology teacher.

Sociology

SESSION B: 2.20-3.35**Workshop 1****Teaching North Korea as a case study for Power in the Asia Pacific**

Stuart Harridge, International Studies teacher, Mazenod College

While the rise of China has arguably transformed regional politics in the past generation, the Korean Peninsula remains one of the most dangerous places on the planet. The North's aggressive pursuit of nuclear weapons and missiles, the US's beefy military presence in South Korea and Japan, and China's increasingly prominent diplomatic role, make this an excellent case study for the Unit 4, 'Power in the Asia Pacific'.

This workshop will include notes and relevant newspaper articles, as well as ideas for teaching the unit.

International Studies

Workshop 2**Creative teaching ideas for the politics classroom**

Sophie Fenton, Ballarat Grammar

International Politics is a dynamic and engaging subject that draws an intrinsically interested student cohort. Despite this, there are days when your mind can go blank as to how to teach a particular topic in an interesting or different way. In this workshop, I will share activities and ideas that include using music in the classroom, running a 'US Presidential election', SALT races, student-led lessons and alternative styles of assessment. I will provide a range of related resources to use in class.

This is an opportunity for you to share some of your ideas too. Please bring along one or two lesson ideas or assessment tasks that have worked for you on a USB and we will create a pool of creative teaching ideas for the politics classroom.

*Please note that in order to receive the combined CD Rom of teaching ideas, you will need to contribute one or more of your own teaching ideas.

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Workshop 3**Australian Foreign Policy**

Dr Michael O'Keefe, Convener-Bachelor of International Relations, Politics and International Relations Program, La Trobe University

This workshop will focus on current issues in Australian foreign policy, such as climate change and unauthorised arrivals. It will provide frameworks for interpreting and contextualising them, such as strategic culture and the 'national interest'.

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Workshop 4**The "Politics of Suffering"?
Current Issues in Policy
Development for Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Peoples**

Dr Robert Phillpot, Humanities Teacher, Hallam Senior SC

Our relationship with the ATSI people continues to be a challenge for Australian society. Robert Phillpot worked as an adviser at the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership in Far North Queensland for almost two years. A starting point for this workshop is a case study of the remote Indigenous communities of the Cape York Peninsula in Far North Queensland.

The Institute's goal is freedom for the people of Cape York through the development of capabilities and the rebuilding of social norms in the communities. The current Northern Territory Emergency Response is a version of the model designed and being trialled at the Institute. The workshop will also provide some background to the current debate between some leaders who advocate a strongly "rights" based approach to Indigenous policy and others, like Noel Pearson, who wish to shift the focus to "responsibility

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Workshop 5**Understanding our Pacific neighbours**

Lindy Stirling, State Advisor, Studies of Asia, Multicultural Unit, Targeted Programs Branch, DEECD

Diane Mansour, Social Education Victoria

This workshop will explore a new resource from AusAid and The Asia Education Foundation -*Pacific Neighbours: Understanding the Pacific Islands*

We'll explore ways of engaging students in contemporary Pacific issues such as the

- impacts of climate change on the well being and security of island nations.
- Pacific nations progress on the millennium development goals.
- impact of globalisation and links between Pacific Island countries and Australia.

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Workshop 6**New teachers to International
Politics/Resource sharing
workshop.**

David Mallia, Aquinas College

This workshop is designed to provide an opportunity for new or inexperienced teachers to International Politics to discuss course planning, SACs, and share useful resources.

Workshop 7**Globalisation: Globalisation for all
the world's people?**

Megan Bourke, Global Education Project

The challenge of globalisation remains much as it was ten years ago. Inclusive globalisation requires a broad effort to create a shared future for all citizens. Australia has benefited from globalisation – our responsibility, as a good neighbour must ensure that the benefits of globalisation are felt in our region. In this workshop a range of resources will be presented to aid in the study of globalisation from a number of perspectives: Unit 4 Sociology (citizenship and globalisation), International politics Unit 3: International Studies (AOS1 globalisation and internationalism), Unit 4: International relations (AOS1).

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