

## **Members: Universities-ACFID Linkage Steering Group**

### **Co Chair**

**Professor Dennis Altman**

**Director, Institute for Human Security (IHS), La Trobe University**

Dennis Altman is a writer and academic who first came to attention with the publication of his book *Homosexual: Oppression & Liberation* in 1972. This book, which has often been compared to Greer's *Female Eunuch* and Singer's *Animal Liberation* was the first serious analysis to emerge from the gay liberation movement, and was published in seven countries. Since then Altman has written eleven books, exploring sexuality, politics and their inter-relationship in Australia, the United States and now globally.

Altman is Professor of Politics and Director of the Institute for Human Security at LaTrobe University in Melbourne. He was President of the AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific (2001-5), and since 2004 has been a member of the Governing Council of the International AIDS Society. In 2005 he was Visiting Professor of Australian Studies at Harvard, and currently a Board member of Oxfam Australia. In 2007, he was made a member of the Order of Australia.

Alternatively, **Dr. Gerhard Hoffstaedter**

**Research Fellow, IHS, La Trobe University**

Gerhard Hoffstaedter has a BA in Social Anthropology and Politics, an MA in Social Anthropology from the University of Kent at Canterbury and a PhD in Anthropology and Sociology from La Trobe University.

Since finishing his PhD on Muslim Malay identity politics he has been a research fellow at the Institute for Human Security at La Trobe University working on refugee identity politics in Southeast Asia and the human security debate and its usefulness for anthropology. He has also lectured on anthropological theory at La Trobe and continues to work on Islam in Southeast Asia. Most recently he has worked on a paper on the state in development discourse with Chris Roche, Director of Development Effectiveness, Oxfam Australia.

### **Co Chair**

**Dr Susan Harris Rimmer**

**Manager, Advocacy and Development Practice, ACFID**

Dr Susan Harris Rimmer is the Manager of Advocacy and Development Practice at the Australian Council for International Development, peak body for Australian development NGOs. She is also a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for International Governance and Justice in RegNet at the Australian National University. She is the outgoing President of national voluntary NGO Australian Lawyers for Human Rights, and a board member of UNIFEM Australia.

Susan has thirteen years experience as a lawyer, researcher, campaigner and policy analyst (NCCA, ACFID, UNHCR and Parliament), most of which has been in the human rights, refugee and women's sectors. She has specialist knowledge in the fields of international law (especially transitional justice), human rights and anti-discrimination law and policy, refugee and migration law and policy, law reform and Parliamentary processes, a rights-based approach to development, social policy and the strengthening of civil society movements, especially through the promotion of women's leadership.

**Assistant Professor Matthew Clarke**

**Deputy Head of School - School of International and Political Studies**

**Acting Director - Centre for Citizenship, Human Rights and Development**

**Faculty of Arts and Education, Deakin University**

Associate Professor Matthew Clarke is the Deputy Head of the School of International and Political Studies, Deakin University. He is also the Director of the Masters in International and

Community Development program. Matthew researches various development issues, including the Millennium Development Goals, aid effectiveness, religion and development and development durability. He has published or presented over 100 academic journal papers, book chapters and conference papers. Matthew also undertakes regular evaluations for NGOs and donors.

### **Jo Crawford**

**Research and Policy Adviser, International Women's Development Agency  
Research Associate, Australian National University ARC Linkage Grant, *Assessing development: designing better indices for poverty and gender equality***

Jo Crawford has worked in government, for the not-for-profit sector, in universities and as a consultant, with a focus on international development, gender equality and public policy. Her involvement with International Women's Development Agency (IWDA) dates back to the early 1990s including as Board member and Vice-President, and Executive Director.

Jo's policy experience includes periods with the Australian Government's Office for the Status of Women, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and at AusAID. She has a Masters of Public Policy and Management, a Graduate Diploma in Strategic Studies and an honours degree in Economics.

### **Dr Tom Davis**

**School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne**

Dr Tom Davis lectures in politics at the School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne, covering subjects such as *Social Policy and Development* and *Human Rights and Global Justice*. His current research projects focus on the tension between development and foreign aid, social accountability and sustainable development, and human rights and development (especially in the Asia and Pacific regions).

He has collaborated in his research with the Australian Council for International Development, Oxfam Australia, World Vision Australia, and the Nossal Institute for International Health. Recent publications include *Human Rights in Asia* (Edward Elgar, 2010) and 'The Politics of Human Rights and Development'.

### **Amalia Fawcett**

**Policy and Learning Advisor, Plan Australia**

Amalia has focused on children's rights and their experiences in disasters and in poverty for the past 10 years. Before joining Plan, Amalia was a Child Protection advisor for UNICEF in the Solomon Islands. Initially focused on emergency recovery after an earthquake and tsunami in 2007, she then supported government ministries in applying child rights principles to their planning processes.

Amalia has worked for World Vision as a Child Protection in Emergencies specialist in the Solomon Islands and East Timor and in an advocacy role in New Zealand. She also spent time in Tanzania working as a primary school teacher. Her particular focus on child rights in emergencies began at Yale University while writing her MA thesis on the national identity of Rwandan refugee youth. This focus continued at Oxford University where she completed a second masters focused on the protection of displaced children through emergency education.

### **May Miller-Dawkins**

**Research Manager, Oxfam Australia**

May Miller-Dawkins is the Research Manager at Oxfam Australia - leading a small team to increase Oxfam's capacity to do and use research to improve program quality and influence development policy and practice. In 2009 she led the Oxfam International study on the human

impacts of the economic crisis across twelve countries. May has previously been involved in research and advocacy relating to refugee rights, native title, international trade and human rights, and GLBT rights.

### **Dr Heloise Weber**

#### **Program Director, Postgraduate Programs in Development Practice, School of Political Science and International Studies, The University of Queensland**

Since completing her PhD in December 2000 (University of Southampton, UK), Heloise has held Research Fellowships at the CSGR and Lectureships at the Universities of Warwick, Aberdeen and Sussex.

Heloise has published in journals such as *Review of International Studies*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Globalizations*, *Critical Asian Studies* and *Australian Journal of International Relations*. She is currently working on research including the *Civilizing Mission and its legacies*, *Human Security and Microfinance*, as well as on a co-authored book entitled *Rethinking the Third World*, and a monograph on the global politics of microfinance.

Her most significant contribution to the field has been to address the mutual neglect between International Relations and Development Studies: her research integrates 'global' and 'local' dimensions of development, poverty and insecurities. She has contributed to theoretical debates central to the politics of development and poverty and has engaged development and poverty reduction strategies of international development institutions.

### **Dr Juliet Willetts**

#### **Research Director at the Institute for Sustainable Futures**

Dr Juliet Willetts specialises in interdisciplinary research to influence policy and practice. Her areas of focus are sustainable water cycle management and international development aid, particularly monitoring and evaluation and gender equality.

Juliet is a founding member of the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Reference group and a member of its leadership Executive Committee (2007-present). She is currently working on awarded two competitive Australian Development Research Award (ADRA) grants from AusAID, focusing on cost-effectiveness of sanitation alternatives in peri-urban areas in Vietnam, and on gender in Pacific water and sanitation initiatives.

Finally, Juliet also plays a key role in coordinating the ISF graduate research program and supervises several doctoral students focused on innovation in international development, including development effectiveness, social sustainability and social accountability approaches.

### **Lindsay Rae**

#### **World Vision Australia**

Lindsay Rae has degrees in Asian languages, politics and education. He taught Politics at La Trobe University from 1991 to 2000 and has subsequently worked in management and strategy roles in the education and international development sectors, and as a political adviser. He joined the Advocacy department at World Vision in 2005, where he has been head of advocacy, and manager of research and education. He has also led a number of projects in organisational learning and development. He was the lead author of *Global Perspectives: a framework for Global Education in Australian Schools* (2nd edition, Curriculum Corporation, 2009), and co-author of *World Poverty for Dummies* (John Wiley, 2008). He is now Senior Strategic Advisor to World Vision's chief executive officer, and is undertaking research on religion and development.