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CAN DEMOCRACY WORK IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION?

Democracy is often held out to be the best political model available and the most effective at modernising a nation. However is democracy really suited to the Asia-Pacific region? Does democracy conflict with Asian values or its social and institutional frameworks? This ‘Q and A’ session will explore democracy in the Asia-Pacific region by tackling a multitude of thought-provoking questions head on. Should democracy be adopted by states in Asia? Can it work in this context? Does the potential exist for successful implementation? And finally, is there a better alternative?

**Professor Peter Drysdale AM**  
Emeritus Professor of Economics Peter Drysdale is the Head of the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research and East Asia Forum at the Crawford School of Public Policy at the ANU. He is widely recognised as the leading intellectual architect of APEC and has authored numerous papers and books on international trade and Economic policy in East Asia and the Pacific.

**Dr Susan Harris-Rimmer**  
Dr Susan Harris-Rimmer is the Director of Studies at the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy at the ANU. She was previously the Manager of Advocacy and Development Practice at the Australian Council for International Development (AFCID) and has also worked for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Susan authored *Gender and Transitional Justice: The Women of Timor Leste* (2010) and was awarded the Audre Rapoport Prize for Scholarship on the Human Rights of Women for 2006.

**Dr Ben Reilly**  
Dr Ben Reilly is a Professor of Political Science and the Director of the Policy and Governance program at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. Ben’s research focuses on comparative government and politics, Government and politics of Asia and the Pacific and international relations. His current projects focus on democratisation and political engineering in the Asia-Pacific and post-conflict democracy.

**Dr Stephen Sherlock**  
Dr Stephen Sherlock is the Director of the Centre for Democratic Institutions. Stephen’s research interests include Southeast Asian politics and history, particularly the political economy of development, political parties, electoral systems and parliaments in Indonesia. He has published extensively on Indonesian legislatures, electoral and political affairs and governance. Stephen has previously worked in the Australian parliamentary service as an analyst on Indonesia, East Timor and the Pacific and also as an independent consultant to a wide range of Australian and international organisations such as the World Bank, United Nations Development Programme, Asian Development Bank, and AusAID among many others.

**Associate Professor Ronald Holmes**  
Associate Professor Ronald Holmes of De La Salle University is the President/ Managing Fellow at Pulse Asia Inc, Manila Philippines. Ronald has a research focus in comparative politics, political economy of development, ethnicity and identity politics, conflict and conflict management and civil society. He has previously worked as a project proponent for the UNDP Philippines as well as taken on the role of Acting Executive Director at the Philippine Social Science Council.
COUNTERFACTUALS

Often dismissed as frivolous, counterfactuals are actually a powerful tool for examining the impact of the past on the present. Using counterfactuals forces us to confront our assumptions about the relative importance of the forces that have shaped the present. They help us to understand the contingency of seemingly immutable features of the present order (especially international borders). They also allow us to hold to account those who romanticise history's losers. Examining counterfactuals is not so much asking 'What if?' as 'Did it have to be?'

Academics Hugh White, Robert Cribb and Li Narangoa will outline the techniques for using counterfactuals before turning the delegates loose on a selection of juicy possibilities.

Professor Robert Cribb – Chair
Professor Robert Cribb grew up in Brisbane, Australia, and spent much time as a child wandering the bush and the Barrier Reef with his botanist parents. After completing his undergraduate studies in Asian History at the University of Queensland, he took his PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, with a thesis on Jakarta during the Indonesian revolution, 1945-1949. After graduating, he taught at Griffith University and the University of Queensland (both in Brisbane) and was a guest lecturer at the University of Leiden in The Netherlands. He held research positions at the Australian National University, the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study and the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, where he was also director for two years. He returned to academic life at the ANU at the beginning of 2003.

Professor Li Narangoa
Professor Li Narangoa specialises in modern Japanese and Mongolian history, culture and politics. Before she joined the ANU as a member of staff she was a researcher at the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (Copenhagen). She teaches courses in Japanese history and language, Mongolian history, and broader thematic courses including 'Lies, Conspiracy and Propaganda'. Her current research interests include Japan’s relations with other Asian countries, Japan’s colonial history, religion and military, Mongolian history, identity and cities. Her interests also cover borders and empires, as well as international relations in Northeast Asia.

Professor Hugh White
Professor of Strategic Studies at the Australian National University, Hugh White’s work focuses primarily on Australian strategic and defence policy, Asia-Pacific security issues, and global strategic affairs as they influence Australia and the Asia-Pacific. He has served as an intelligence analyst with the Office of National Assessments, as a journalist with the Sydney Morning Herald, as a senior adviser on the staffs of Former Defence Minister Kim Beazley AC and Former Prime Minister Bob Hawke AC GCL, and as a senior official at the Department of Defence, where from 1995 to 2000 he was Deputy Secretary for Strategy and Intelligence, and first Director of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI). In the 1970s he studied philosophy at Melbourne University and Oxford University.
ETHNIC CONFLICT

With the fall of the Soviet Union, the number of deaths in battle that have been recorded has rapidly declined. Yet in Asia and the Pacific, internal conflicts continue to fester around the region. While often framed as a struggle between two ‘sides’, it is evident ethnic conflict is complex and involves multiple actors with different interests. This session will explore the multiplicity of ethnic conflict in the Asia Pacific context.

At the ANU, our academics are at the forefront of research on ethnic conflict within our region across different disciplinary backgrounds. Dr Sandy Gordon, Dr Nicholas Farrelly, Professor Brij Lal and Mr Anthony Regan will explore these issues with a personal and intimate account of conflict around the region, with particular focus on the Assam state, Bougainville, Fiji and Myanmar.

Dr Sandy Gordon
Dr Sandy Gordon is a Visiting Fellow with CEPS, RegNet. He is an India, South Asia and Indian Ocean security specialist. He has previously worked in the Australian Government as an analyst with the Office of National Assessments, head of the China program in AusAID, executive director of the Asian Studies Council and head of intelligence, Australian Federal Police. As an academic he has published works on security in the Asia-Pacific region (including terrorism, transnational crime and intelligence) and South Asia.

Dr Nicholas Farrelly
Dr Nicholas Farrelly’s research stretches across the Southeast Asian region and focuses on relationships between government control, spatial organisation and political conflict. He has examined these themes in Myanmar, northeast India and southwest China. While studying these borderland areas he has also continued to research, write and lecture about Thailand, a country at the heart of some of his oldest academic interests. In 2006 he co-founded a website on mainland Southeast Asia called New Mandala, offering regular analysis of social and political issues in Thailand and Burma, and other countries in the region. His research is taking on an increasingly comparative flavour as he develops field sites outside the parts of mainland Southeast Asia that he knows best. In his current capacity he convenes the University’s new undergraduate program in the study of peace, conflict and war, as well as providing commentary for the Australian and international media, particularly at times of acute public interest in Southeast Asia and its conflicts.

Professor Brij Lal
Professor Brij Lal is currently working on a large scale project about Australia’s engagement with the South Pacific from the 1940s to the 1980s, focusing on the Solomon Islands, Fiji and Vanuatu. His research on Fiji continues with a historical dictionary and a general interpretative volume for the University of Hawaii currently in preparation, along with a series of essays on the politics and culture of the Indian indentured diaspora. On the side, he continues to wrestle with the problems of writing about societies with unwritten and hidden pasts.

Mr Anthony Regan
Mr Anthony Regan is a constitutional lawyer specialising in constitutional development as part of conflict resolution. He has lived and worked in Papua New Guinea for 15 years and in Uganda for over 3 years. In PNG he advised government on decentralisation policy and law, taught at the UPNG Law Faculty, and was involved in the Bougainville peace process. He has been an adviser to Bougainville parties in the Bougainville peace process since 1994, has been involved in the Solomon Islands and Sri Lanka peace processes, and the constitution-making process in East Timor. He has also been a constitutional adviser to the Government of Uganda.

Mr Nathan Montgomery
Nathan Montgomery is a delegate from Bloomington, USA. Being born to an Irish family and moving between continents when young, confronting different cultures and borders was inevitable. Nathan is a student of Arabic, Chinese and Spanish, who has had experience living in those regions as well as working among indigenous groups in Brazil. He has undertaken four years of graduate study in Sociology at Nanjing University, is able to translate Uyghur into Chinese, and has conducted conference presentations at Indiana University. These rich and diverse experiences have in his own words, brought a cultural canonisation and interaction between Islam and the Sinosphere to the forefront of Nathan’s research and life.
MASTERBLOGGER

Academics and delegates will go head to head for the Asia Pacific Week 2013 Masterblogger crown in this electrifying contest. Drawing upon the strength of social media and the rise in the popularity of internet, blogging competitors will advance their own views in front of a live audience through their blogs. Asia Pacific Week delegates will then vote on the contestant’s creativity, and how well they use the medium to carry their message in a timed battle in order to select a winner.

The competitors will be given one topic to elaborate on, with certain criteria that must be fulfilled. With panellists from a myriad of cultural backgrounds, the results produced are sure to be varied, and provide delegates with a number of perspectives and differing points of view on the issues raised.

The winner is to be decided through popular choice by the audience consisting of APW delegates, and all entries will be posted online on the Masterblogger website.

The contestants in this year’s Masterblogger contest are Dr Nicholas Farrelly, Professor Andrew Walker, Ms Natalie Sambhi, Mr Hamish McDonald, and Mr Edward Walsh.

Dr. Nicholas Farrelly
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Professor Andrew Walker
A well-seasoned Masterblogger, Professor Andrew Walker returns this year to once more to contest the title. Andrew is the Associate Dean of Education and a Senior Fellow at the Department of Political and Social Change in the School of International, Political and Strategic Studies at the ANU. Andrew also co-founded New Mandala, one of the world’s leading blogs discussing mainland Southeast Asia.

Ms Natalie Sambhi
Ms Natalie Sambhi is currently an analyst at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute as well as the editor of The Strategist and co-editor of the Security Scholar. Natalie research interests include Australian defence and foreign policy, Southeast Asian Security, and Indonesia and the Indonesian Military.

Mr Hamish McDonald
Having worked in Beijing as a correspondent for The Age and as Foreign Editor for the Sydney Morning Herald, Hamish has extensive first-hand knowledge and experience in the Asia-Pacific region. He has also worked in Jakarta, Tokyo, Hong Kong and New Delhi. In 2005, Hamish won the Walkley Award for excellence in Australian journalism in the category of Newspaper Feature Writing with his article titled “What’s Wrong with Falun Gong”.

Mr Edward Walsh
Mr Edward Walsh is this year’s wild card. Eddie is a delegate in this year’s Asia Pacific Week. As a senior foreign correspondent with works published in Al Jazeera, The Washington Times and The Huffington Post, he is no less qualified than any of our guest contestants, and will no doubt be a competitor to watch.
GENDER & SEXUALITY

How do we understand gender and sexuality within the bigger picture of social change and economic development? This panel will explore gender and sexuality in the Asia-Pacific region, looking closely at misperceptions of gender and sexuality within ideas of agency, work, modernity and development. The discussion will challenge static perspectives, and draw on delegate responses to illuminate key issues and redefine how we engage with concepts of gender and sexuality. The role of gender and sexuality in the labour market, in social mobilization and in economic modernization will be some of the themes discussed.

Dr Tamara Jacka
Dr Tamara Jacka is a Senior Fellow at the Department of Political and Social Change, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. Tamara’s research interests focus on gender relations, social change in contemporary China and women in rural-urban migration. Her publication Rural Women in Urban China "Gender, Migration and Social Change (2006) won the American Anthropological Association’s Francis Hsu prize for best book in East Asian anthropology in 2007.

Dr Ruth Barraclough
Dr Ruth Barraclough is a Senior Lecturer at the ANU School of Culture, Language and History. Ruth has published Factory Girl Stories: Sexual Violence in Korea's Industrialisation and co-edited Gender and Labour in Korea and Japan: Sexing Class (2009). Her research interests include Korean labour history and gender studies, the factory girl in Korean literature, kisaengang and the politics of bonded labour. Ruth is currently working on a biographical history of Korea’s Early Communist Women.

Dr Katherine Lepani
Dr Katherine Lepani is a Senior Research Assistant at the ANU School of Culture, History and Language. As a long-term resident of Papua New Guinea, Katherine has extensive community-based and public sector work experience in primary health care, HIV, gender and development and theatre arts. She has been involved in HIV policy and program work in PNG since the mid-1990s. Her book Islands of Love, Islands of Risk: Culture and HIV in the Trobriands received the Norman L. and Roselea J. Goldberg Prize for the best project in the area of medicine. Katherine’s current research interests include gender and sexuality, gender and development, critical medical anthropology and HIV and culture among many others.

Mr David Gilbert
Mr David Gilbert is a PhD candidate at the ANU Department of Political and Social Change. David is researching ways in which regulation bear on gender and sexuality in Yangon everyday life. His current thesis examines ways in which trans* Burmese construct and practice modes of belonging in the city. The asterisk is used here as an inclusive way to refer to the range of non-gender normative identities.

Ms Maya Buser De
Maya Buser de is a PhD student at the Graduate School of International and Area Studies, of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul. Maya holds an MA in religion Science, Hindi and Social Sciences and a specialised multidisciplinary Masters in Asian Studies. Her current PhD research focuses on rural migrant communities in New Delhi and will draw on her MA thesis on the livelihoods of women street vendors in New Delhi. Maya spent the last two years in New Delhi working with NGOs on women’s issues and will bring an Indian dimension to the panel.
WARGAMES

This session will introduce Asia Pacific Week delegates to Wargame simulation exercises. Wargaming is a methodology that has been employed for several decades at the highest levels of government and in the corporate world. The aim is to as closely mimic the key strategic questions and challenges that would need to be confronted in a real life situation. The Strategic and Defence Studies Centre periodically runs Wargame exercises as a teaching tool in the classroom.

Admiral Christopher Barrie AC
Admiral Chris Barrie will be running this year’s Wargames simulation. Having previously served as Australia’s Chief of the Defence Force, Admiral Barrie is more than qualified to lead delegates in this simulation.
AMBASSADORS PANEL

One of the highlights of Asia Pacific Week, the Ambassador’s Panel provides delegates with the invaluable opportunity to hear high-ranking diplomats speak candidly about their concerns and issues facing the Asia Pacific. This session will focus on the topic of ‘Assimilation and Changing Demographics in the Asia Pacific region’ and will examine how this issue affects respective nations.

This year Asia Pacific Week is inviting their Excellencies: the High Commissioner of India, the High Commissioner of the Solomon Islands, the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia and the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to participate in the session. Delegates will be able to submit questions to the High Commissioners/Ambassadors prior to commencement of the panel, which will be subject to the joint approval of all panelists. The Chancellor of the ANU, The Honourable Professor Gareth Evans AC QC will chair the panel discussion. The Ambassador of Korea, Ambassador of Indonesia, High Commissioner of India and High Commissioner of the Solomon Islands are expected to be in attendance.

Professor Gareth Evans AC QC
The Hon. Professor Gareth Evans is the Chancellor of the ANU. With an incredible background in politics, law and international relations, Professor Evans has held the positions of deputy leader of the Opposition, Australia’s Foreign Minister (1988 - 1996) and has also been the Attorney-General.
SOCIAL MEDIA & CURRENT AFFAIRS

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READY, STEADY, WRITE!

We live in the age of self-publication, and it is no longer enough to have great ideas; you need to get them out into the public domain. This writing workshop will help you take your research ideas and turn them into content that informs and shapes public debate.

The workshop will be led by the former Asia-Pacific Editor for Fairfax media and long-time Asia foreign correspondent Hamish McDonald, together with Asia-Pacific Editor for the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, James Giggacher.

During the conference, delegates with the best articles will have the opportunity to write and be published on the College of Asia and the Pacific’s website and many regional blogs at the ANU and beyond. Below are some examples of the publications where delegates may have their papers published and recognised:

- http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/newmandala/
- http://www.eastasiaforum.org/

Mr Hamish McDonald
Mr Hamish McDonald has been a long time Asia foreign correspondent, having worked in Jakarta, Tokyo, Hong Kong, New Delhi and Beijing. He has twice won the Australian Walkley Awards for excellence in journalism, and had a report on Burma read into the record of the US Congress. He is the author of books on Indonesia and India, and was made an inaugural Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs in 2008. Hamish has extensive first-hand knowledge and experience of the Asia-Pacific region as well as writing skills, and the ability to engage with the Australian public.

James Giggacher
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GREAT DEBATE

One of the highlights of Asia Pacific Week, the Great Debate will be held in the informal and relaxed atmosphere of the ANU Bar, and will pit ANU academics against their alumni counterparts. This year’s topic will be ‘Who are the change-makers in the Asia-Pacific region – academics or alumni?’. One team will consist of ANU academics and the other will comprise graduates of the ANU. This is sure to be an exciting event, as both sides try to out-do each other with their knowledge, expertise and impact on the Asia Pacific region.

Unlike most other debates, emphasis in the Great Debate will be placed on enjoyment and entertainment – while debating skills may come in handy, more points (and favour with the crowd) will flow from quick thinking, humour, wit, and unconventional lines of reasoning. Contestants in this event include DVC Marnie Hughes-Warrington, Professor Robert Cribb and Mr Galvin Chia.

DVC Marnie Hughes-Warrington
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Marnie Hughes-Warrington will be moderating the Great Debate. With research interests in historiography, philosophy of history, history education and philosophy of education, Marnie will be perfectly suited to the role of moderating this year’s topic of: “Who are the change-makers in the Asia-Pacific region – Academics or Alumni?”.

Professor Robert Cribb
Professor Robert Cribb grew up in Brisbane, Australia, and spent much time as a child wandering the bush and the Barrier Reef with his botanist parents. After completing his undergraduate studies in Asian History at the University of Queensland, he took his PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, with a thesis on Jakarta during the Indonesian revolution, 1945-1949. After graduating, he taught at Griffith University and the University of Queensland (both in Brisbane) and was a guest lecturer at the University of Leiden in The Netherlands. He held research positions at the Australian National University, the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study and the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, where he was also director for two years. He returned to academic life at the ANU at the beginning of 2003.

Mr Galvin Chia
Mr Galvin Chia is a delegate at Asia Pacific Week 2013. Having campaigned as president in last year’s ANU Student Association elections as part of the ‘Naked ANUSA’ campaign, and considering his significant involvement in university life, Galvin is certainly not one to shy away from the limelight.
SMALLNESS IS A STATE OF MIND

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Professor Stewart Firth – Chair
Professor Stewart Firth has been a Visiting Fellow at SSGM since 2005. His qualifications are in History and Politics, and his doctoral research focused on the history of German colonial rule in Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia. He subsequently wrote books on the Germans in New Guinea and on nuclear testing in the Pacific Islands. He was Professor of Politics at the University of the South Pacific, Fiji, 1998-2004. Stewart’s present research focuses on development outcomes in the Pacific’s territories and small states, and on changing international relations in the Pacific.

Dr Keith Barney
Dr Keith Barney has conducted research on the political ecology and political economy of forestry and land issues in Southeast Asia for the past 14 years, including fieldwork in Lao PDR, Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia and Vietnam. Keith has also conducted policy-based research with a number of organizations, including Forest Trends, Rights and Resources Initiative, and the Centre for International Forestry Research, on issues relating to Asian forest markets and sustainable trade, and the implications of China’s resource demand for local communities and ecologies in Southeast Asia. From January to July 2012, Keith was a post-doctoral research fellow with the Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, Japan.

Professor Satish Chand
Professor Satish Chand is Professor of Finance at the University of New South Wales as well as Adjunct Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy at the ANU. He has published works on international trade, economic growth, labour markets, and development. He has also worked as a consultant for the Asian Development Bank, the International Monetary Fund, The World Bank, and the Governments of Australia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Marshall Islands, and Vanuatu. His research interests include: economics of peacekeeping, international trade, economic growth, economic development, economic problems faced by small island states, and financial and public sector reforms.

Professor Grant McCall
Professor Grant McCall is the President of the Small Island Studies Association. He has researched and taught anthropology at various universities, including the ANU, Oxford, Cambridge, University of New South Wales, University of the South Pacific, Copenhagen, Berkeley, Chile, and Provence, as well as having been a visitor for various periods of time at other places. His first research and writing was about migrant populations, especially the Basques in the Americas, but his interest has been in the peoples and cultures of the Pacific Islands, with a focus on the eastern part of that vast region.

Dr Ying Qian
Dr Ying Qian is a graduate of Harvard University. She is currently working on a manuscript on history of non-fiction filmmaking in China, and exploring a number of new research directions on filmmaking and exhibition in China’s border regions. She is a Post-doctoral Fellow at the Australian Centre for China in the World at the ANU. Her research interests include: the history of cinema and media in China, and memories and legacies of the Chinese revolution and socialism.
Q&ASIA

Asia Pacific Week’s longstanding tradition of Q&Asia will be continuing in 2013. This event will be broadcasted on national television and radio. Similar to other question and answer shows, the panel will feature some of ANU’s top academics who will take questions from the audience. This is a fantastic opportunity for delegates to hear a wide range of views on specific topics they may have in mind.

Mr Paul Barclay
Mr Paul Barclay is an Australian writer, journalist radio presenter and producer. He is currently a regular host and presenter for ABC's Radio National and his other shows include Australia Talks and Big Ideas. In 2005, Paul won the Walkley Award for Radio Feature, Documentary or Broadcast Special for his work titled “Bundaberg’s Dr Death”.

Mr Andrew Ellis
Mr Andrew Ellis is the Director for Asia and the Pacific at the Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), an organisation with a mission to support sustainable democracy worldwide. Prior to his role with IDEA, Andrew was also a Senior Advisor in Indonesia for the National Democratic Institute.

Professor Sharon Friel
Professor Sharon Friel chairs the Asia Pacific health Global Action for Health Equity Network, a network of health experts in the Asia-Pacific region. Sharon has previously worked for the World Health Organisation and regularly works with health ministers and stakeholders across Asia.

Dr Susan Harris Rimmer
Dr Susan Harris-Rimmer is the Director of Studies at the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy at the ANU. She was previously the Manager of Advocacy and Development Practice at the Australian Council for International Development (AFCID) and has also worked for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Susan authored Gender and Transitional Justice: The Women of Timor Leste (2010) and was awarded the Audre Rapoport Prize for Scholarship on the Human Rights of Women for 2006. Her areas of interest include: gender specific studies, human rights law, international law, international relations and government and politics of asia and the pacific.

Professor Peter Whiteford
Professor Peter Whiteford of the Crawford School of Public Policy at the ANU was recently described by The Australian as Australia's foremost expert on income distribution. He has previously worked at the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of New South Wales and also as a Principal Administrator in the Directorate of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris.
ENGLISH AS AN ASIAN LANGUAGE

Asia’s rise is changing the world. It is the most populated region in the world, and in a few years Asia is set to become not only the world’s largest producer of goods and services, but also its largest consumer of them.

With the rise of Asia, there has been a renewed push for Australian students to study and learn an Asian language. Is this necessary? The English language has moved into every region of the world. With around half a billion users of the English language between China and India alone, Asia may well be the heaviest consumer of English around the globe. Is English then the lingua franca of Asia? Can people understand the region without speaking a local language?

Six ANU academics will come together to debate these questions and much more on this topical and contested question.

Dr Assa Doron – Chair
Dr Assa Doron obtained his BA in History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and PhD in social anthropology from La Trobe University, Melbourne (2005). He is the current Director of the South Asia Research Institute (SARI) based at the ANU. His research interests include: the anthropology of contemporary India and South Asia; development studies and contemporary health practices; urbanization; modernity and identity politics; religion; tourism studies; ethnographic practice and new media.

Dr Meera Ashar
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