

Australians on the Move

Symposium 21 November 2006

Debate on Australia's future population usually focuses upon issues at the national level such as the nature and levels of international migration and the declining birth rate. Periodic Australian Government reports such as the Treasury's *Intergenerational Report* also focus only upon the national level. These national level considerations are important but most economic, social and environmental planning requires population information at the local or regional level. For example, if Australia's population were to grow by 10 million people in the next forty years, the most vital information that would be needed for planning purposes is where those additional people would be living. This is the information that is required for policies related to energy supply, housing, employment, industry location, education and health services, family and community services, environmental planning, leisure and recreation, the arts, indeed almost every planning purpose that we can imagine.

Internal migration is the principal way in which local and regional populations change in Australia, yet much less attention has been given to measuring movements within the country and to understanding the causes and the dynamics of these movements. This has been recognised by the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and by the Australian Research Council through their support of a major research project entitled *Australians on the Move*. During 2006, this project has brought together the leading specialists in this field from across Australia to apply the latest available information to address a wide range of issues related to population mobility. The consolidated results of this research will be presented for the first time at the Academy's 2006 Symposium.

The Symposium addresses such important issues as the continued growth of Australia's largest cities, the depopulation of inland Australia, the rapid growth of coastal settlements, the movements of Indigenous people, the movements of the young and the old, of women and men, of international immigrants to Australia. New forms of movement are discussed as well as the implications of population mobility for labour supply, housing, social development and the environment.

The Symposium will provide important information for all those engaged directly in planning at the local and regional level and, more generally, for those interested in the changing nature of Australian society.

Cunningham Lecture

Open to the public

Professor Hilary Charlesworth



**Building Justice
& Democracy
after Conflict**

Tuesday 21 November (6.00pm -7.00pm):
Shine Dome, Gordon Street, Acton

Hilary Charlesworth is Director of the Centre for International Governance and Justice at the Australian National University where she also holds an appointment as Professor of International Law and Human Rights in the Faculty of Law. She has held visiting appointments at Washington & Lee School of Law, Harvard Law School, NYU Global Law School and in 2005 was the 24th Wayne Morse Professor at the University of Oregon. She was chair of the ACT Government's inquiry into an ACT bill of rights, which culminated in the adoption of the ACT Human Rights Act 2004. In 2005, she was awarded a Federation Fellowship by the Australian Research Council.

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Internal Migration in Australia

21 November 2006
Shine Dome, CANBERRA

- 9.00 – 9.20 Welcome, Sue Richardson, President of ASSA
- 9.20 – 9.40 **Historical overview & new forms**, Martin Bell
- 9.40 – 10.00 **Recent trends**, Dominic Brown
- 10.00 – 10.20 **Links to international**, Graeme Hugo
- 10.20 – 10.40 Discussion Chair: Peter McDonald
- 10.40 – 11.15 **Morning Tea**
- 11.15 – 11.35 **City**, Ian Burnley
- 11.35 – 11.55 **Coast**, Jeromey Temple
- 11.55 – 12.15 **Inland**, Jim Walmsley
- 12.15 – 12.30 Discussion Chair: Ann Larson
- 12.30 – 1.30 **Lunch**
- 1.30 – 1.50 **Labour force**, Tom Wilson & Phil Rees
- 1.50 – 2.10 **Housing**, Maryann Wulff
- 2.10 – 2.30 **Social**, Ann Larson
- 2.30 - 2.50 **Environment**, Graeme Hugo
- 2.50 - 3.10 Discussion Chair: Martin Bell
- 3.10 – 3.30 **Afternoon Tea**
- 3.30 – 3.50 **Indigenous**, John Taylor
- 3.50 – 4.10 **Youth**, Dianne Rudd
- 4.10 – 4.30 **Generational**, Don Rowland
- 4.30 – 4.50 Discussion Chair: Sue Richardson
- 4.50– 5.15 **Discussion & Policy Implications**,
Sue Richardson, Peter McDonald,
Phil Rees & Martin Bell
- 5.15 – 6.00 **Reception at the Dome**
- 6.00 – 7.00 **Cunningham Lecture**

Professor Martin Bell is Professor of Geography at the University of Queensland, and is currently Head of the School of Geography, Planning and Architecture. He is also Co-Director of the Australian Centre for Population Research. His research focuses on population mobility, especially the movement of people within countries, including both permanent and temporary migration. With colleagues, he has recently reviewed international practice in the collection of mobility statistics and has proposed measures that allow rigorous cross-national comparisons of internal migration.

Dr Dominic Brown received his PhD from Leeds University in the United Kingdom. He is currently appointed to the School of Geography, Planning and Architecture at the University of Queensland. Dr Brown is a population geographer who specialises in modelling population mobility, spatial and temporal inequalities in mortality both in Australia and the United Kingdom at the regional and local level and has a keen interest in the analysis of remote populations. He has authored publications on methods of population estimation and understanding temporary mobility in Australia.

Professor Ian Burnley is currently appointed to the Faculty of the Built Environment, University of New South Wales. His research interests include population studies, urbanisation and migration studies with particular reference to immigration, and urban and rural inequalities in health.

Professor Graeme Hugo is Federation Fellow and Professor of the Department of Geographical and Environmental Studies and Director of the National Centre for Social Applications of Geographic Information Systems at the University of Adelaide. His research interests are in population issues in Australia and South East Asia, especially migration. He is the author of over two hundred books, articles in scholarly journals and chapters in books, as well as a large number of conference papers and reports.

Associate Professor Ann Larson is the Director of the Centre for Rural Health at the University of Western Australia. She is a demographer who, for the past twenty years, has focused on the demographic causes and consequences of population health, particularly in rural, Indigenous and developing country settings. Her recent research interests include the relationship between migration and health, the social determinants of health and the implications of broad health and social policy on the health of rural, remote and Indigenous communities.

Professor Peter McDonald is Professor of Demography at the Australian National University. He has been elected Vice President (2006-2009) and President (2010-2013) of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, the international association of professional demographers. Besides Australia, he is frequently consulted on the issue of population futures (causes, consequences and policies) by governments around the world, especially in Europe and East Asia.

Professor Phil Rees is Professor of Population Geography at the University of Leeds. His research interests include migration in Australia and Britain, and population forecasting methods. He is a member of the Research Resources Board of ESRC and various consultative committees of the Office for National Statistics. He chairs the Population Geography Research Group of the Royal Geographical Society.

Dr Don Rowland is a Reader in Population Studies at the Australian National University, where he teaches courses in demography and sociology. His research has been concerned with Australian and New Zealand demography, especially migration, the family and ageing. He has published widely in these fields. His books include *Internal Migration in Australia*, *Population and Educational Planning*, and *Ageing in Australia*. His most recent book is *Demographic Methods and Concepts*.

Dr Dianne Rudd is a Lecturer in the Department of Geographical and Environmental Studies at the University of Adelaide. She is involved in teaching undergraduate courses in population and co-ordinating the postgraduate program. Research interests include migration, with specific interest in women engaging in internal migration within Australia and in the international context, population ageing, changing family structures, and gender and policy issues associated with the migration of rural youth in Australia.

Dr John Taylor is a Senior Fellow and Deputy Director at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, the Australian National University. For the past twenty years his major research interests have focussed on the measurement and policy implications of demographic and economic change among Australia's Indigenous peoples. He has recently co-edited the book *Population Mobility and Indigenous Peoples in Australasia and North America* (Routledge) with Martin Bell.

Dr Jeromey Temple is a Research Fellow in Demography at the Australian National University. He has written papers on health insurance, taxation reform, the expenditure and dissaving behaviour of the elderly, methods of household projection, fraud and food insecurity. In his current work, Jeromey is focusing upon spatial econometrics, probabilistic methods in demography and the construction of National Transfer Accounts for Australia.

Professor Jim Walmsley is Professor of Geography in the School of Human and Environmental Studies at the University of New England. He has published widely in the field of people-environment interaction. He is currently working on the place of leisure in advanced western society and on the role of tourism and mobility generally in rural and regional restructuring. He has a particular interest in lifestyle-linked migration.

Dr Tom Wilson is a Senior Research Fellow in Demography in the School for Social and Policy Research at Charles Darwin University. His main research interests are in the areas of population forecasting methodologies, population estimation methods, migration and mobility analysis, and regional demography. Current and recent research projects include an examination of the character and drivers of Northern Territory interstate migration, designing an Indigenous status multistate regional population forecasting model, and the development of probabilistic population forecasting models for Australia.

Associate Professor Maryann Wulff is currently appointed to the School of Geography and Environmental Science at Monash University. She is an expert in social and demographic analysis, housing, urban and regional analysis, social and housing policy. She is currently working on a research project entitled *The impact of immigration on global city housing demand: international perspectives*.