



The 2023 ANU Migration Update

Wednesday 15 November 2023, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra

8.00am Breakfast and Networking

8.30am Keynote Panel

Paul Girrawah House (Ngambiri)

Prof. Brian Schmidt, 2011 Nobel Prize-Winner & Vice-Chancellor of ANU

Hon. Andrew Giles MP, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship & Multicultural Affairs

Ms. Amy Pope, Director General, International Organization for Migration

9.15am Panel 1: Update on Key ANU Migration Research Programs

Prof. Robert Breunig, Director of the Tax & Transfer Policy Institute, Crawford School, ANU

Prof. Bina D'Costa, Australian Research Council Future Fellow, Coral Bell School, ANU

Prof. James Raymer, School of Demography, ANU

11.00am Panel 2: Update on Key National Migration System Changes in Australasia

Chair: A/Prof Kate Ogg, Associate Dean Higher Degree Research, College of Law, ANU

Prof. Joanna Howe, Panel Member, Parkinson Review of Australia's Migration System

Prof. Paul Spoonley, New Zealand Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet

Prof. Alan Gamlen, RegNet, Director of Migration Hub at ANU

1.00pm Panel 3: Seasonal Work Migration Programs around the World

Chair: Prof. Stephen Howes, Director of the Development Policy Centre, ANU

Prof. Philip Martin, Global Migration Centre, University of California, Davis

Mr. Robert Falconer, London School of Economics, and University of Calgary

Dr. Charlotte Bedford, Pacific Labour Mobility Program, ANU

Dr. Richard Curtain, Pacific Labour Mobility Program, ANU

2.45pm Panel 4: Update on Global and Regional Migration Developments

Chair: Prof. Richard Bedford, University of Waikato, and Auckland University of Technology

Mr. Jagan Chapagain, Sec. Gen., International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent

Ms. Jacqueline Weekers, Chief of Mission for Australia & Coordinator for the Pacific, IOM

Mr. Adrian Edwards, Regional Rep., UNHCR Australia, NZ, PNG & Pacific Island States
Ms. Sanushka Mudaliar, Director of the Red Cross Red Crescent Global Migration Lab
Dr. Marie McAuliffe, Head of Migration Research & Publications Division, IOM

4.30pm

Vote of Thanks: Prof. Helen Sullivan, Dean of the College of Asia & the Pacific, ANU

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Robert Breunig is Professor and Director of the Tax and Transfer Policy Institute at the Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU. He is a prominent Public Policy Economist. He has shaped policy extensively through research on topics such as childcare's impact on women's labour supply, immigration's effects on the labour market, and food-stamp programs. Collaborating with government organizations and the private sector, Breunig is known for rigorous empirical analysis. He also plays a crucial role in building research capacity within the Australian public service, bridging the gap between economics and non-academic circles. Current research

interests include tax and transfer policy; child-care and labour supply; domestic violence; inequality; business assistance programs; innovation and productivity; welfare and income support.

Bina D'Costa is a Professor in the Department of International Relations, within the Coral Bell School of Asia-Pacific Affairs at ANU, and an Australian Research Council Future Fellow. Her research interests span migration, children and conflict, gender, human rights and justice. She has undertaken studies on refugees, stateless communities and IDPs, and has advised numerous Human Rights bodies, UN agencies, aid donors, and NGOs. She has worked for the UN in South and Southeast Asia, Eastern and Southern Africa, and the Middle East. In 2016-18, she built UNICEF's Research-Innocenti Program on Migration and Displacement. She has held visiting fellowships at the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies in Geneva, at Oxford University's Refugee Studies Center, and at the Global Justice Center in New York.

James Raymer is Professor of Demography at ANU and he focuses on migration's impact on population change. With a PhD from the University of Colorado, he joined ANU in 2013. James's research focuses on the study of demographic processes. He is especially interested in how migration influences population change. He has engaged in many interdisciplinary and international research collaborations on topics ranging from statistical estimation of migration to population forecasting. He is currently leading a five-year project on school enrolment analyses and projections funded by the Australian Capital Territory Education Directorate.

Joanna Howe is a Professor of Law at the University of Adelaide and a consultant with Harmers Workplace Lawyers. She holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Law from the University of Oxford where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar. Joanna is a leading expert on the legal regulation of temporary labour migration. She is the project leader on a number of significant national and international research grants on the workplace experiences of undocumented migrants, international students, and care workers. Joanna is the author of three books, and was a Panel Member of the 2023 Parkinson Review of Australia's Migration System.

Paul Spoonley is the Co-Director of *He Whenua Taurikura*, The National Centre of Research Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism, which was established in New Zealand's Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet in 2022. He is also a member of the Independent Panel advising the New Zealand Police Commissioner on a major research project investigating systemic racism and bias in policing. Paul holds the title of Distinguished Prof. Emeritus at Massey University in New Zealand, where he was Pro Vice-Chancellor for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences until 2019. He is the author or editor of 29 books, including *The Radical Right in Aotearoa New Zealand* (2022).

Alan Gamlen is the Director of the ANU Migration Hub and Professor in the School of Regulation and Global Governance at ANU. He has worked on human migration and mobility research for two decades and held related appointments at Oxford University (where he received his doctorate), Stanford University, the Max Planck Society, the Japan Centre for Area Studies, Monash University and Wellington University in his homeland, New Zealand. In 2010-2020, he was Founding Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Migration Studies* (Oxford University Press). In 2016-17, he was Director of the Australian Population and Migration Research Centre. He is currently an Australian Research Council Future Fellow and a member of the ARC College of Experts. He advises migration-related international organizations, governments, service providers, and NGOs.

Stephen Howes is a Professor of Economics at ANU's Crawford School of Public Policy and Director of the Development Policy Centre. With a rich background in international development, he has served as Chief Economist at the Australian Agency for International Development and Lead Economist for India at the World Bank. Stephen chairs Femili PNG, an NGO for family and sexual violence survivors in Papua New Guinea, and

actively participates in many high-level advisory groups, including for the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme and for Australia's international development policy.

Philip Martin is Emeritus Professor in the Global Migration Centre at the University of California, Davis. He has earned a reputation as an effective analyst who can develop practical solutions to complex and controversial migration and labor issues. In the U.S., he was the only academic appointed to the Commission on Agricultural Workers to assess the effects of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. He assessed the prospects for Turkish migration to European Union between 1987 and 1990, and evaluated the effects of immigration on Malaysia's economy and its labor markets in 1994-95. In 2001-02, he assessed the options for dealing with unauthorized migration into Thailand. He received UC Davis' Distinguished Public Service award in 1994, and was a member of the Binational Study of Migration between 1995 and 1997.

Robert Falconer is an SSHRC Doctoral Fellow and Rotary Scholar in the Department of Social Policy at the London School of Economics. He is a quantitative researcher focusing on the public policy of demography, migration, and socioeconomic inclusion. He is a Research Fellow at the University of Calgary School of Public Policy, from which he holds a Master of Public Policy. He has an established track record of peer-reviewed publications, policy briefs, and media op-eds focusing on migration to Canada and policy responses to emerging refugee crises. He has contributed publications and expertise to the Canadian House of Commons and other policy institutions. His dissertation focuses on the impact of refugee sponsorship on public attitudes towards migration.

Charlotte Bedford is a Research Fellow in the Development Policy Centre at The Australian National University, working in the field of Pacific labour mobility. Since 2007 Charlotte has been closely involved in the New Zealand Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) policy that formed the basis of her doctoral studies at the University of Adelaide. Charlotte continues to have a strong interest in the New Zealand and Australian seasonal work schemes, as well as working on broader social, economic and demographic aspects of Pacific labour mobility.

Richard Curtain holds a doctorate in Geography from ANU, with a thesis on urban migration and urban unemployment in Papua New Guinea. His research focuses on governance arrangements in sending and receiving countries for Australia and New Zealand's seasonal work programs. He has published a Devpolicy discussion paper on 'What can Papua New Guinea do to lift its numbers in the seasonal worker programs of Australia and New Zealand?' He is the Author and co-author of 22 short papers for the Devpolicy Blog, on mostly labour mobility issues. He has worked extensively as a consultant to Pacific governments and multilateral agencies, such as the International Labour Organization, based in the Pacific.

Richard Bedford is a past President of the Royal Society of New Zealand. He is Emeritus Professor at the University of Waikato, and Auckland University of Technology. He is a specialist in migration research, and since the mid-1960s he has been researching processes of population movement in the Asia-Pacific region. His MA thesis in Geography (University of Auckland) was on population issues in Kiribati and Tuvalu (1967) and his PhD from the Australian National University was on migration processes in Vanuatu (1971). Postdoctoral research in Papua New Guinea and in Fiji in the 1970s was supported by grants from the University of Hawai'i (PNG) and UNESCO (Fiji). Since the 1980s, Professor Bedford's research has had a strong applied focus, addressing critical issues in immigration policy in New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region.

Jagan Chapagain is the Chief Executive Officer and Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). He was appointed by the IFRC Governing Board in February 2020 and

is based in Geneva, Switzerland. Jagan has extensive experience in leading effective and principled humanitarian response around the world and has dedicated his life to helping empower local communities. He brings decades of experience in building and leading inclusive teams and forging trustful partnerships to address global challenges, ranging from climate to health and from migration to protection, gender, and inclusion. He has also championed policies and programmes that promote youth engagement and volunteering, and that strengthen localization and accountability in humanitarian action.

Jacqueline Weekers is Chief of Mission for Australia & Coordinator for the Pacific at the International Organization for Migration (the UN Migration Agency). Previously she was Director of the Migration Health Division at IOM Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Ms. Weekers has been working in the domain of migrant health for some twenty-five years in the Asia Pacific region and at Headquarters level.

Marie McAuliffe is the Head of the Migration Research & Publications Division at IOM headquarters in Geneva, and Editor of IOM's flagship World Migration Report. She is an international migration specialist with 25 years of experience in migration as a practitioner, program manager, senior government official and researcher. Marie has researched, published and edited widely in academic and policy spheres on migration and is on the editorial boards of scientific journals International Migration, Migration Studies and Migration and Development, and is an Associate Editor of the Harvard Data Science Review. She edits IOM's Migration Policy Practice journal in partnership with leading migration researchers and is a regular contributor to the World Economic Forum's Agenda blog series. Marie holds a doctorate in Demography from The ANU.

Adrian Edwards is the Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Canberra with geographical responsibility for the region including Australia, the Cook Islands, the Republic of Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, the Republic of Palau, the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, the Independent State of Samoa, the Solomon Islands, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu and the Republic Vanuatu. He was formerly the UNHCR Representative in Montenegro, and UNHCR's Head of Global News & Media, and has a background in human rights policy and international journalism.

Sanushka Mudaliar is the Director of the Red Cross Red Crescent Global Migration Lab. She is a public policy and government relations expert with 20 years of experience in policy advocacy, legal research and strategic programme management roles with intergovernmental organisations, think tanks and civil society organisations.