**2017 Myanmar Update Conference (Tentative Programme)**

*(Canberra, 17-18 February 2017)*

**Day 1 - Friday 17 February 2017**

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<td>4. Special economic zones in Myanmar: the intersection of economic and political</td>
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II. State Society Relations: Welfare and Legitimacy in Transition

Panel Chair: Morten Pedersen, University of New South Wales

1. We are showing we have power: Moral citizenship & the co-production of welfare and public goods in contemporary Myanmar.
   
   Gerard McCarthy, Australian National University

2. Documenting Myanmar’s Social Transformation: Insights from Six Rounds of the Qualitative Social and Economic Monitoring of Livelihoods
   
   Andrea Woodhouse, Michael Woolcock, Matthew Zurstrassen, World Bank research team

3. Health as a catalyst for national reconciliation?
   
   Si Thura, Community Partners International

4. Social Welfare in Myanmar: A Mechanism for Political Legitimacy?
   
   Yaw Bawm Mangshyang

Burmese Language Panel and Language Learning Panel

1. Burmese Language Panel: NLD A Year in Review:
   
   Panel Chair: Chit Win, Australian National University
   
   i. Khin Ma Ma Myo, Yangon University
   ii. Ye Yint, Australian National University
   iii. Si Thura, Community Partners International
   iv. TBC

2. Language Learning Panel: Yuri Takahashi, Australian National University

Gala Dinner at the University House

- Cultural Show by the ANU Myanmar Students’ Association
Day 2 - Saturday 18 February 2017

0900 - 1030  III. Peace & Nation Building

Panel Chair: Edward Aspinall, Australian National University

1. Forming an inclusive statewide identity in Myanmar: The role of policies and institutions
   Cecile Medail, University of New South Wales

2. Mon Villagers Perception on Ceasefire
   Mya Mya Khin, Yangon University

   Lwin Cho Latt, Khin Sanda Myint and Marlar Aung, Yangon University

4. Separation and Integration on the Sino-Burmese Frontier: Wa Autonomous Areas in Yunnan Province and the Shan State in Comparative Perspective
   Naomi Hellmann, Max Planck Institute

1030 - 1100  Morning Tea

1100 - 1230  IV. Religion Roundtable

Panel Chair: Melissa Crouch, University of New South Wales

1. The Role of Church in the Political Transformation to Democracy in Myanmar
   Thawng Tha Lian, Chulalongkorn University

2. The Securitization of the Rohingyas in Myanmar
   Kyaw Zeyar Win, Center for Diversity and National Harmony

3. Transformation of State-Sangha Relations? Ma Ba Tha & the State in Myanmar
   Nyi Nyi Kyaw, National University of Singapore

4. Transforming Memory: Community Recollections of Inter-Religious Peace and Conflict in Myanmar
   Matthew J Walton, University of Oxford; Matt Schissler, University of Michigan and Phyu Phyu Thi, Myanmar ICT for Development Organization

1230 - 1330  Lunch

- Book Launch:
  Burma, Kipling and Western Music: The Riff from Mandalay
  by Andrew Selth, Australian National University
1330 1445  V. Hope & Rural Transformation

Panel Chair: Trevor Wilson, Australian National University

1. Patron Client Realties in the Central Dry Zone, Myanmar: The Case of Landless Palm Tenants and Jaggery (Palm Sugar) Brokers
   Hnin Yu Lwin, Koichi Fujita and Ikuko Okamoto, Kyoto University

2. The Role of Hope in Myanmar’s Rural Transformation: Insights from Household Survey Data from Mon State
   Kyan Htoo, Myanmar Development Resource Institute

3. Myanmar’s Mothers at a Time of Structural Change
   Sandi Win, Shinawatra University

4. Coming of Age in Hpa-an: Plong Karen Youth in a Time of Flux
   Justine Chambers, Australian National University

1445 1515  Afternoon Tea

1515 1630  VI. Justice Roundtable

Panel Chair: Helene Maria Kyed Von Sponeck, Danish Institute for International Studies

1. A Transformative Approach to Law Reform in Myanmar
   Melinda Tun, Asian Development Bank

2. Ceasefire State-Makings: justice provision in Karen and Mon controlled areas
   Helene Maria Kyed Von Sponeck, Danish Institute for International Studies and Annika Pohl Harrison, Aarhus University

3. Justice seeking strategies in everyday life: Case study among urban migrants in Yangon
   Than Pale, University of Yangon

4. Legal hybridity in everyday justice provision in a Mon village
   Lwin Lwin Mon, Yadanaing University

5. Land Disputes and Plural Authorities in Karen State
   Lue Htar, Senior Researcher, Enlightened Myanmar Research Foundation (EMReF)