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## 2015 MYANMAR/BURMA UPDATE: MAKING SENSE OF CONFLICT

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**5–6 June 2015, Coombs Lecture Theatre, ANU**

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As rapid political, economic and social changes continue in Myanmar ahead of the general elections anticipated for later this year, the theme for the 2015 Myanmar/Burma Update is 'Making Sense of Conflict'.

Since the last Myanmar/Burma Update conference in 2013, Myanmar has succeeded in making progress on many key economic and social reforms, and in certain areas of institution building. At the same time, political, social and armed conflict persists, and in some parts of the country has increased considerably. The continuation of longstanding conflicts in Myanmar raises questions about their persistence and the prospects of efforts to resolve them. Other non-traditional conflicts also are emerging, and are cause for significant concern.

The 2015 conference aims to address the breadth and depth of conflicts in Myanmar from a range of angles, offering perspectives of people working on the ground and those studying the country abroad. It presents an opportunity for scholars and practitioners to draw on their research and work in studying and addressing conflict in Myanmar to probe its many layers, and consider the means by which conflict might be resolved.

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## About the Update series

The Myanmar/Burma Update focuses on recent economic, political and social conditions in Burma and provides in-depth analysis on a select theme of particular relevance to Burma's socio-economic development.

The Update aims to inform government agencies, policy makers, the corporate sector, NGOs, journalists and members of the Australian community about this important country in our region. The conference features Burmese and non-Burmese professionals presenting the results of research done on recent developments and timely issues in Myanmar/Burma. People attending the conference come from diverse backgrounds: development assistance specialists, journalists, lawyers, government officials, business people, academics, and students.

The first Burma Update was organised at the Australian National University in 1990 by ANU researchers and they have been held approximately every 18-24 months since their inception. From 2004 the series has been called the Myanmar/Burma Update.

## Panel themes

### Day 1 – Friday 5 June

Morning	Keynote, Political and economic updates
Afternoon	Borderland conflicts and peace negotiations (part 1)
	Burmese language roundtable ( မြန်မာဘာသာဆွေးနွေးပွဲ )

### Day 2 – Saturday 6 June

Morning	Electoral politics and the legislature, Communal violence
Afternoon	Borderland conflicts and peace negotiations (part 2), Contentious politics

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## Keynote speaker:

### H.E. U Khin Aung Myint

Speaker, Aymotha Hluttaw (Upper House, Union Parliament, Myanmar)

## Speakers and topics include:

**Mary Callahan**, University of Washington (Political Update)

**Min Zaw Oo**, Myanmar Peace Center (Peace Negotiations)

**Chaw Chaw Sein**, University of Yangon (Electoral Politics)

**Kyaw Min**, Democracy & Human Rights Party (Communal Violence and the Rohingya)

**Bridget Welsh**, National Taiwan University (A Divided Myanmar?)

**Costas Laoutides & Anthony Ware**, Deakin University (Kachin Separatist Conflict)

**Jayde Roberts**, University of Tasmania (Power and Participation in Yangon)

**Melissa Crouch**, UNSW (Law as a Source of Conflict)

**Nicholas Farrelly**, ANU (Military Force in the Wake of New Conflict)

**Gregory Cathcart**, DanChurchAid (Landmines as Protection)

**Helal Md. Khan**, IRIB (Making Sense of Nonsense Borders)

**Michael Lidauer**, IFES (Electoral Conflict Dynamics)

**Matt Schissler**, Oxford University (Threats to Religion & Nation)

**Chit Win**, ANU (Parliament's Role in Conflict Resolution)

**Tamas Wells**, University of Melbourne (Contest of Democratic Values)

**Su Mon Thazin Aung**, University of Hong Kong (Policy Making and Conflict)

**Ricky Yue**, City University of Hong Kong (Political Economy of the Pa-o zone)

**Gerard McCarthy**, ANU (Informal Origins of Political Identity)

**Jenny Hedström**, Monash University (Gendered Responses to Conflict in Kachin State)