# Pacific Islands–Australia Update

**Venue:** National Gallery of Australia, Canberra  
**Thursday 7 December 2006**  
**9.30am–4.45pm**

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<td>Graeme Dobell (ABC Radio Australia), Glenn Withers (The Australian National University), Gaurav Sodhi (Centre for Independent Studies), Charles Lepani (Papua New Guinea High Commissioner to Australia)</td>
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**Welcome and Chair**  
Andrew MacIntyre  
Director, Crawford School of Economics and Government

Presented by the Crawford School of Economics and Government,  
The Australian National University
12.40–1.30  Lunch

CHAIR  Bob Cotton
Crawford School of Economics and Government, The Australian National University

1.30–2.00  Update on Fiji
Political economy
Robbie Robertson, University of the South Pacific

Political instability and the economy
Satish Chand, The Australian National University

2.00–2.20  Discussion

2.20–2.40  Update on Vanuatu
Economic survey
Timo Henckel
The Australian National University

2.40–2.50  Discussion

2.50–3.10  Afternoon tea

3.10–3.50  Australia’s recent engagement with the Pacific islands
David Hegarty
The Australian National University
Matthew Allen
The Australian National University
Sinclair Dinnen
The Australian National University

3.50–4.10  Discussion

4.10–4.30  Aid to the Pacific: part of the problem or part of the solution?
The economic impacts of aid
Satish Chand
The Australian National University

Learning from success
James Gilling
Australian Agency for International Development

4.30–4.45  Discussion and close

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