Re-democratisation or Military Consolidation?
The Divergent Trajectories of Post-Coup Societies in Southeast Asia and the Pacific

Sponsored by the Research School of Asia and the Pacific (RSAP) and the Centre for Democratic Institutions at the Australian National University

Location
Crawford School of Public Policy, Lennox Crossing, Acton ACT 0200

Thursday, 29 March 2012: Workshop

Location: Springbank Room, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, Acton, at 9:00 am

8:45 am Arrival and registration
9:00 am Introduction and welcome from the Acting Director of RSAP, Dr Andrew Walker
9:10 am Introduction by the workshop conveners
9:25 am Brief introductions from all workshop participants
9:30 am Paper 1 Concepts: Professor Aurel Croissant, with Professor Paul Hutchcroft as discussant
10:30 am Morning tea
11:00 am Paper 2 Burma: Dr Nicholas Farrelly, with Dr Andrew Selth as discussant
12 noon Lunch
1:00 pm Paper 3 PNG: Dr Ron May and Dr Nicole Haley, with Professor Ted Wolfers as discussant
1:45 pm Paper 4 Indonesia: Dr Marcus Mietzner, with Professor Ed Aspinall as discussant
2:30 pm Afternoon tea
3:00 pm Paper 5 Fiji: Professor Jon Fraenkel, followed by Professor Brij Lal as discussant
3:45 pm Paper 6 Implications for policy: Dr Stewart Firth, with Dr Benjamin Schreer as discussant
4:30 pm Concluding comments and final discussion
5:00 pm Conclusion
7:00 pm Dinner Dinner for all workshop participants and invited guests at La Scala Restaurant, Garema Place, Civic
Friday, 30 March 2012: Workshop followed by public event

Location: Springbank Room, Ground Floor, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, Acton, at 9:30 am

9:30 am Contextual comments about the first day (led by Dr Marcus Mietzner)

9:45 am Paper 7 Thailand: Dr Paul Chambers, with Dr John Blaxland as discussant

10:45 am Morning tea

11:00 am Comparative discussion of Southeast Asian and Pacific cases

12:15 am Final remarks on publication (led by Professor Jon Fraenkel)

12:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Break

Location: The public event will be held in the Molonglo Theatre, JG Crawford Building 132, Lennox Crossing, Acton, at 3:30 pm.

3:30 pm Public event

This forum will feature leading scholarly experts on the political histories of Burma/Myanmar, Fiji, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Thailand. Panelists will discuss current comparative research on post-coup transitions. The event will maximise opportunities for cross-regional discussions and provide a forum for significant audience input.

Moderated by Dr Nicholas Farrelly

Speakers include:

Professor Aurel Croissant, Heidelberg University, Germany
Dr Marcus Mietzner, Australian National University
Professor Jon Fraenkel, Victoria University, New Zealand
Dr Andrew Selth, Griffith University
Dr Nicole Haley, Australian National University
Professor Ted Wolfers, University of Wollongong
Dr Stephen Sherlock, Australian National University
Dr Paul Chambers, Payap University, Thailand
Dr Andrew Walker, Australian National University

5:00 pm Cocktail reception

6:30 pm Conclusion

Structure

On the first day, 29 March, each of the seven papers will be discussed for 45 minutes. These sessions will commence with very brief remarks by the paper author (10 minutes) followed by a longer (15 minute) reflection by a discussant. There will then be opportunities for input from other participants. This process is designed for rigorous engagement with each paper and to develop a full conversation about the comparative treatment of post-coup societies in Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

On the second day, 30 March, there will be opportunities to compare the various case-studies of post-coup societies in the Pacific and Southeast, and to clarify the expectations of the final papers to be published in a special issue of the Australian Journal of International Affairs. This will be followed, late on the second day, by a public event which will highlight many of the key workshop themes for the benefit of a wider audience.