



NEWSLETTER

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Naumai, Haere mai

We would like to offer a special welcome to all our new supporters.

News from the Trust

Peace and Economics

The **Trust** has received a generous donation to be used in the field of economics and peace. The donor is very concerned about how economic decisions by governments, business and individuals favour military expenditure whilst neglecting to address the disparity between rich and poor of the world.

The Trust and the Centre hope to expand this area of concern. If you would like to augment this donation, please indicate this on the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter.

Peace and Education

An Australian supporter of the **Trust** has left a very substantial bequest for the purpose of peace and education. This will in the future finance a Primary and Secondary Teacher's fellowship to enable practicing classroom teachers to study at the Centre in order to acquire and integrate the learning into their teaching.

We would like to thank all the individuals who have assisted us in the last few months. Many of our donors do not wish to be identified but we acknowledge their generosity here and are very pleased that the outcome from all donations means that the Centre can continue to expand.

[News from the National Centre at Otago University](#)

Appointment of Deputy Director

The University of Otago and the Centre have recently appointed Professor Richard Jackson as Deputy Director and he will be joining the Centre in February 2012. Richard, a returning New Zealander will be coming from Aberystwyth University in Wales where he was a Chair in the Department of International Politics. Richard is an outstanding scholar with a particular interest in Critical Terrorism Studies. For those of you who are interested, he recently discussed terrorism with Chris Laidlaw on Radio New Zealand. The interview can be found here:

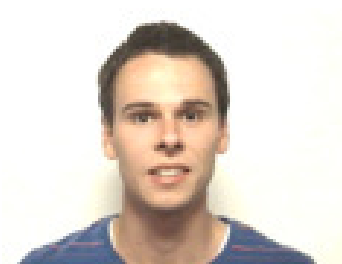
<http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/sunday/20110911>. Richard's blog can be found at <http://richardjacksonterrorismblog.wordpress.com/>

Supervisor of the Year

Congratulations to Karen Brounéus who was recently awarded the "2011 New Supervisor of the Year" by the Otago University Students Association. The annual awards recognise the contribution made by supervisors to the success of students researching and writing doctoral, Masters and postgraduate diploma theses and dissertations.

Publishing Bursary awarded to Scott-Pearse-Smith

Congratulations to Scott who is the first of the Centre students to complete his Masters thesis and has subsequently been awarded a publishing bursary. We asked Scott to provide us a summary of his studies and thesis:



"Shortly after learning of the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies and meeting with Professor Clements, I enrolled in the Centre's Master of Arts programme. I was immediately impressed by the diversity of research being conducted at the Centre, and the way it embraced interdisciplinary approaches. These qualities reflect the diverse cultural, academic and practical backgrounds of the Centre's staff and students. The Centre provides an encouraging and collaborative environment, which promotes the sharing of research, opinions and ideas.

My research investigated the impact of hydro-development on the peace and conflict environment of the Mekong Basin. More specifically, it explored how the continued development of the Mekong's water resources might drive conflict both between, and within the riparian nations. In a nutshell, I found that hydro-development is unlikely to drive violent interstate conflict, due to the shared interests of Mekong states in regional hydro-development. It is likely, however, that continued hydro-development will increasingly drive conflict within nations, as it will devastate livelihoods and increase societal tensions."

The Centre is moving

The Centre's rapid growth has meant that more room is required so in October, the staff and students will be moving to 318 & 320 Castle St, Dunedin.

The two story building is where most of the faculty will be located. The large bungalow beside it has teaching rooms, student offices, and visiting faculty rooms as well.



Other news

Vice Chancellor of Otago University resigns

Sir David Skegg has resigned from his position as Vice Chancellor of the University after nearly seven years. The Trust would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Sir David's support for the development of the Centre. We wish him all the best for his future.

We would also like to congratulate the new Vice Chancellor, Harlene Hayne on her appointment.

Me Rongo 2011 Peace Congress - Rekohu

The Hokotehi Moriori Trust is hosting a Peace Congress on Rekohu (Chatham Islands) from November 7th to 21st. Dr Heather Devere will be attending the hui as a representative of the Centre and will deliver a workshop/presentation "Ending Cycles of Revenge and the Place Called Reconciliation".

Donations to the Trust

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