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The School of Social Sciences at UNSW Australia is committed to being a valued partner, having an impact on contemporary and social issues, providing expertise and thought leadership, and contributing to public debate.

Our disciplines are:

- Criminology
- Development Studies
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Social Research & Policy
- Social Work
- Sociology & Anthropology.

In addition, the following research centres and networks are located within the School and these provide further opportunities for inter-disciplinary, cross-faculty and external collaboration:

- Centre for Refugee Research
- Biopolitical Studies Research Network
- Gendered Violence Research Network
- Globalisation and Governance Research Network.

Contact the School of Social Sciences:

- to learn more about our existing collaborations and to explore new ones
- find out how you can help the School of Social Sciences grow the next generation of social scientists and researchers through donations, endowments, scholarships, recruitment, internships and other types of support
- take advantage of the School of Social Sciences' rapidly expanding alumni network.

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Introduction

UNSW's School of Social Sciences has a long and proud history of partnering with external organisations for greater social engagement and global impact. Indeed, for many of us in the social sciences, such collaborations are integral to our core purpose and strategic intent.

Working with external partners helps drive the currency and application of our research and supports the relevance of our learning and teaching programs. External engagement also provides a direct connection with the world of practice for many students enrolled in our undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

This publication aims to capture how we partner with a wide range of external audiences including the business, government and community sectors, as well as the media. It highlights what we do in the area of engagement – for example, through integrated study and work experience opportunities – and demonstrates our strength and capability to do more with partner organisations across the social sciences.

We hope you will also enjoy reading about each of our seven disciplines, as well as the specific ways that our scholars stay connected to the 'real world' and engage productively with its challenges and find solutions.

More detailed information about each of the disciplines and our academic staff can be found on the School's website socialsciences.arts.unsw.edu.au/ where you can also subscribe to the School of Social Sciences' e-list for updates on our activities.

We welcome all inquiries about engagement and partnership opportunities, and we look forward to hearing from and working with you in future.



Dr. Christopher Walker

Head of School, School of Social Sciences



Integrating Study & Work Experience

UNSW's School of Social Sciences aims to provide every student in undergraduate and postgraduate coursework programs with the opportunity to undertake a placement, internship or practicum. We refer to this as 'work integrated learning' and it is an integral part of our engagement with external organisations.



Placements as part of Social Work/Social Research & Policy studies

Field education placements and work placements are provided as part of the core courses for the Bachelor of Social Work and the Bachelor of Social Research & Policy, respectively. These evolve from the School's ongoing discussions with industry partners, practitioners and students, and facilitate a supportive transition into the workplace by providing the best fit for all parties involved. Most students report increased motivation to continue their studies or enter the workforce, and many have received job offers upon graduation.



Internships with Jubilee Australia focused on global justice issues

The School's Master of International Relations program provides internships for some of its highest-achieving students with Jubilee Australia, a non-government organisation fighting for global justice. This gives students an appreciation of the role played by NGOs in the international relations arena, and a chance to put their research skills into action in a real-world situation. In turn, this support has increased Jubilee Australia's capacity to release a range of detailed reports that have formed the basis of its advocacy efforts.



Internships supporting refugee and asylum seeker service providers

UNSW's Centre for Refugee Research, located in the School of Social Sciences, offers internships which allow students to put theory into practice and further develop their skills while giving valuable support to service providers. A recent example involved liaising with the Community Development team in the Auburn City Council to design and implement the 'Refugee Camp in my Neighbourhood' project, a simulated tour of the hardships faced by people, ranging from fleeing their home through to arriving in Australia.

Business & Industry

UNSW's School of Social Sciences is engaging with an increasing number of private sector and corporate entities, professional associations and multilateral organisations on research programs and linkages, consultancy services, student internships and graduate placements.



Australian Council of Trade Unions

A long-term collaboration between researchers from the School of Social Sciences and the ACTU has already led to domestic violence clauses for around 1.6 million workers in Australia. Currently, the partners are conducting an online survey of employer experiences of the implementation of domestic violence clauses. This will provide evidentiary material for a case which the ACTU will take to the Fair Work Commission in 2015 for the inclusion of domestic violence paid leave in modern awards.



IFC and the Business Coalition For Women

Researchers from UNSW's Gendered Violence Research Network, located in the School of Social Sciences, are partnering with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, along with the Business Coalition For Women and Pacific Adventist University in Papua New Guinea (PNG) to examine the effects of family and sexual violence (FSV) on the workplace in PNG. This includes the development of culturally-appropriate, gender-sensitive and gender-equitable strategies for employers to address the effects of FSV on their employees and organisations. The team has created PNG's first 'Model Policy on Family and Sexual Violence' based on international good practice and participatory research in PNG. The current phase involves providing implementation support for local employers through research, training and advisory services, as well as building the capacity of local trainers.





UNSW's School of Social Sciences is a valued partner to National and State government departments, agencies and other public sector entities through our extensive research, as well as our involvement in advisory committees and other government-appointed bodies.



NSW Department of Housing

Since 1995, the UNSW Community Development Project has developed strong relationships between UNSW, public housing tenants in Sydney and the NSW Department of Housing, and provided resources and support to build the capacity of the local community for neighbourhood improvement/ community renewal. The Project's management committee includes UNSW academics and representatives from the Department of Housing, stakeholder organisations and tenants.



NSW Department of Justice

The School of Social Sciences has been instrumental in UNSW's 20-year relationship with the NSW Department of Justice through continuous ARC (Australian Research Council) and Category 2/3 grants involving divisions such as Juvenile Justice, Corrective Services, Legal Aid and the Police. In addition to building expert research and knowledge in key areas, our staff members contribute to the Department's role through numerous ministerial, law reform and advisory committees.



NSW Health

The School of Social Science's longstanding relationship with the NSW Ministry of Health has resulted in ARC and NHMRC (National Health and Medical Research Council) research projects to measure, understand and catalogue best practice responses to intimate partner violence. This has included the development of close working relationships with rural and urban Local Health Districts and Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health services.



Community

UNSW's School of Social Sciences engages with a wide cross-section of civil society including international and local non-government organisations, philanthropic foundations, community-based and grassroots organisations, and corresponding multilateral bodies.



Barnardos Australia

Collaboration between **Professor Elizabeth Fernandez** from UNSW's School of Social Sciences and Barnardos Australia on ARC-funded research on outcomes for children in care has progressed to research commercialisation benefiting the child welfare sector nationally through initiatives such as the Practice Development Centre, the Looking After Children (LAC) project, and the Supporting Children and Responding to Families (SCARF) model.



Ted Noffs Foundation

Academics from UNSW including the School of Social Sciences are partnering with the Ted Noffs Foundation on a 2014–2017 ARC Linkage project to examine the benefits of life management development for young people using alcohol and drugs who are caught up in the criminal justice system. This vital research will inform the Ted Noffs Program for Adolescent Life Management (PALM) in assisting young people to get their lives back on track.



United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)

Our Centre for Refugee Research has collaborated with UNHCR on research and advocacy initiatives for over a decade. This has led to significant improvements in protection for refugee women and girls at risk of gender-related violence. UNSW is one of the few international universities to have a MOU with UNHCR. In addition, staff and student interns are actively involved in UNHCR's Annual Consultations with NGOs in Geneva, and other high-level UNHCR meetings.



UNICEF Vietnam

Professor Richard Hugman from UNSW's School of Social Sciences has worked closely with UNICEF Vietnam for over a decade to advise the Vietnam Government on the development of professional social work. These efforts were instrumental in the government's decision in 2010 to formally establish social work as a profession, and the project continues to examine the implementation of social work services in Vietnam.

News & Media

The academic staff at UNSW's School of Social Sciences are active contributors to domestic and international media through commentary, feature articles and opinion pieces. This is just a selection. Links to the full articles and many more examples can be found via our online newsroom socialsciences.arts.unsw.edu.au/newsroom/

ABC – The Drum

Dr Mark Rolfe comments on why politicians are often quick to level accusations of dishonesty at each other: *'When is a lie not a lie in politics?'*

The Age

Professor Elizabeth Fernandez discusses the critical need for data about the lifelong impacts of growing up in institutional care: *'Finding the forgotten Australians – UNSW research project into children's homes'*

Australian Financial Review

At a recent KPMG/AFR defence and national security roundtable, **Professor Alan Dupont** defined the new security challenges for Australia and the US: *'Australia's importance as US ally increasing, says professor'*

The Conversation

Dr Anthony Billingsley comments on the likelihood of continued violence in Gaza unless Israeli governments and Palestinian resistance groups realise the rest of the world is serious about the rule of law: *'The Gaza bloodshed demands a proper process of accountability'*

Daily Life

A study by **Associate Professor Jan Breckenridge** and **Dr Jesse Cale** provides keen insight into young Australians aged 16–25 and their views towards gender stereotypes and violence in Australian society: *'Five things we know about young people's view on domestic violence'*

The Guardian

Dr Aminath Didi and **Associate Professor Leanne Dowse** share report findings which show that the discussion around domestic violence has so far excluded the experience of victims living with a disability: *'Domestic violence more severe against women with disabilities, research shows'*

Nikkei Asian Review

Dr Monika Barthwal-Datta explains why there is still cause for concern despite the recent slide in global food prices: *'Low prices aren't a food security panacea'*

SBS

Dr Claudia Tazreiter highlights how Australia's treatment of asylum policy is influencing other countries, such as Indonesia and Malaysia: *'UNHCR 'extremely alarmed' at reports of boat turnbacks'*

The Sydney Morning Herald

Dr Siobhan O'Sullivan cautions that proposed laws are designed to ensure activists could not let the community know about the abuse of animals: *'New laws could stop revelations of animal abuse'*



Criminology



UNSW Criminology partners with a wide range of government, non-government organisations and community organisations, and regularly engages with law enforcement agencies. Many of our staff have been appointed to National and State ministerial and departmental advisory committees, Law Reform Commission references, as well as government/community evaluation and inquiry committees to share insights from our research and to work on improving policy and its implementation. We also frequently provide media commentary on current criminal justice matters.



Eileen Baldry,
Professor of
Criminology and
Interim Dean,
Arts & Social
Sciences

Eileen has played a pivotal role in UNSW Criminology's engagement with a large number of key stakeholders, including UNSW's 20-year collaboration with NSW Family and Community Services (FACS). This important relationship has been further strengthened recently by a MOU agreement with FACS South Eastern Sydney. In addition, 'Indigenous Australians with mental and cognitive disability in the criminal justice system', an ARC Linkage project led by Eileen has produced a series of educational and advocacy packages in partnership with Aboriginal communities.



David Bright,
Deputy Head of
School (Research)
and Senior Lecturer
in Criminology

David is leading an ARC Discovery grant to investigate the strengths and vulnerabilities of criminal networks and the impact of various law enforcement interventions against criminal networks. This project has involved consulting with law enforcement agencies across Australia and hosting a forum on 'Organised Crime and Criminal Networks' at UNSW which was attended by researchers and police agencies such as the Australian Crime Commission, Australian Federal Police, and NSW Police.



Sanja Milivojevic,
Senior Lecturer
in Criminology

Sanja is actively engaged in a number of civil rights and professional associations in Australia and internationally, and she is the NSW representative on the Committee of Management of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology. Sanja's research has made a significant contribution to anti-trafficking policies. Her current work involves developing mechanisms to prevent trafficking through the enhanced protection of refugees, undocumented migrants and migrant workers.

Development Studies



UNSW's Development Studies academics are engaged with a wide variety of community and professional networks and activities. In addition to the extensive advocacy work undertaken by the Centre for Refugee Research, members of our staff support a range of civil society bodies. Several personnel are also engaged with in-field training and provide advisory services for government and non-government organisations. We welcome opportunities to connect and collaborate – whether in developing research partnerships, placing interns and volunteers, or working together on advocacy and educational events.



Linda Bartolomei,
Senior Lecturer
and Director,
Centre for Refugee
Research

Linda has been actively engaged in refugee-related research since 2000 and has extensive links with refugee groups and advocacy networks in Australia and internationally. She is currently implementing a community-based protection project with refugee communities in partnership with UNHCR and NGOs in New Delhi, India. In addition, Linda leads a student internship program which provides work-based learning opportunities through engaging with refugee communities in a number of overseas projects.



Tanya Jakimow,
Senior Lecturer,
School of
Social Sciences

As part of an ARC DECRA research fellowship, Tanya is investigating the consequences of decentralised development programs in India and Indonesia. This project involves significant engagement with local social welfare organisations, government agencies and non-government organisations in Medan, Indonesia. In Dehradun, India, Tanya is working with PRAGATI to explore the experiences of urban ward representatives elected into seats reserved on the basis of caste and gender.



Anthony Zwi,
Professor
of Global
Health and
Development

Anthony has been a longstanding member of the ACFID-Universities Partnership and has participated in the Faculty of Public Health's Human Resources Group to develop a strategy for enhancing training in global public health. He is a member of the Health and Fragile States Network, and also President of SHARE Australia, an NGO which seeks to promote awareness of and support social justice and health equity-oriented initiatives in the Asia-Pacific.

International Relations



Academics in the International Relations discipline at UNSW are engaged in a range of community and professional activities that seek not only to contribute to greater understanding of the challenges facing our globalised world, but also to suggest better ways of managing them. Our scholars sit on various bodies which focus on Asia, gender issues, Australian foreign and defence policies, and security issues, among others. They actively promote scholarly research on international relations issues and also provide policy inputs and guidance to governments and international organisations.



Monika Barthwal-Datta,
Senior Lecturer,
School of Social Sciences

Monika is a Director and Steering Committee Member of the Australia India Youth Dialogue which provides a sustainable platform for young leaders in Australia and India to foster stronger ties between the two countries. She actively contributes to policy discussions on Australia-India relations and her research expertise on Food Security in Asia is widely sought by media and policymakers in Australia and elsewhere.



Shirley Scott,
Associate Professor,
School of Social Sciences

Shirley is the Research Chair, and member of the National Executive, of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) – an independent, non-profit organisation committed to the promotion of informed discussion among members of the Australian public on international issues and Australian foreign policy. Shirley is also the founding Australian member of the executive council of the Asian Society of International Law and is actively involved in fostering the study of international law in Asia.



Laura Shepherd,
Deputy Head of School and Associate Professor of International Relations

Laura was awarded an ARC Discovery grant to investigate gender and peacebuilding at the United Nations, which involved multiple UN agencies including UN Women and the UN Peacebuilding Commission. She is also co-founder of the Women, Peace and Security Academic Collective, which was formed to provide expert advice on the UN's Women, Peace and Security agenda to the Australian government during the term of office on the Security Council.

Political Science



UNSW's Political Science scholars are significant contributors to public debate across a wide spectrum of important contemporary political issues such as gender justice, multiculturalism, electoral reform and biopolitics. Our staff engage with governments in Australia and internationally, professional bodies and civil society through research partnerships, as well as their leadership of and membership in a large number of international networks and associations and their active participation in conferences and other forums.



Louise Chappell,
Professor, School
of Social Sciences

Louise works in the areas of gender justice, women's rights, and comparative gender and politics and policy. She is a member of the Australian, British and American Political Studies Associations, and a co-director of the Feminist Institutionalism International Network. Louise has coordinated a number of panels and symposia, and co-convoked an international conference at UNSW entitled 'Justice for All? The International Criminal Court – a 10 year review of the ICC'.



Carolien van Ham,
Lecturer
in Politics

Carolien is leading an ARC grant entitled 'Getting elections right' investigating why and under what conditions electoral reform in electoral democracies and electoral autocracies is successful. This includes engaging with electoral management bodies in Chile, El Salvador, Niger, the Philippines and Azerbaijan, as well as practitioner organisations involved in supporting electoral reform. This research is connected to the Electoral Integrity Project and the Varieties of Democracy Project.



Miguel Vatter,
Professor
of Politics

Miguel is the co-founder and director of the UNSW-sponsored international network, Biopolitica, dedicated to the study of biopolitics from interdisciplinary perspectives, and also leads the Biopolitical Studies Research Network located in the School of Social Sciences. In addition, Miguel is a recurrent visiting professor at Wuhan University of Technology (China) and Universidad Adolfo Ibanez (Chile).

Social Research & Policy



Social Research & Policy at UNSW has a major impact on practice and policy in various policy domains. Our staff work in research, consultancy, training and policy development with a wide range of Local, State and Federal Government departments. We also pro-actively engage with local and international NGOs, community organisations and multilateral bodies. These partnerships have contributed to ground-breaking developments in practice and policy in relation to welfare reform, refugees and asylum seekers, people with disabilities, international development, natural disasters and complex humanitarian emergencies.



**Sonia
Graham,
Lecturer,
School of
Social Sciences**

Sonia is an environmental geographer who engages with a range of rural government agencies and agricultural bodies. She is currently leading a project funded by the NSW Department of Primary Industries, which is investigating the weed hygiene practices of landholders, weed contractors and transport companies across NSW. The project steering committee comprises representatives from the NSW Department of Primary Industries, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, and Great Lakes Shire Council.



**Charlotte
Smedley,
Lecturer,
School of Social
Sciences**

Charlotte engages with a large number of community-based organisations and arranges regular guest speakers for her classes on media representations of asylum seekers and refugees. These speakers comprise refugees and asylum seekers from different countries and include school students and NGO representatives. She is also actively involved with the development of a symposium on public attitudes to asylum seekers and refugees.



**Kim Spurway,
Lecturer,
School of
Social Sciences**

Kim has brought many years of experience as a humanitarian worker to her work at UNSW and has a wide network of contacts with international organisations involved in disaster risk and humanitarian practice. She has led a systematic review in the effectiveness of community-based approaches to disaster risk management. Kim is currently working on a project in the Kimberley region on the intersection of disability, disaster and Indigeneity.



UNSW's Social Work scholars and staff work in research, consultancy, training and policy development with a wide range of State and Federal Government departments in the areas of health and human services, as well as with local and international NGOs, community organisations and multilateral bodies. These partnerships have contributed to ground-breaking developments in practice and policy in relation to child welfare, refugees and asylum seekers, family and gendered violence, people with disabilities, international social work, professional ethics, and social development.



Jan Breckenridge,
Associate
Professor, School
of Social Sciences

Jan has been actively engaged with the social services sector related to domestic violence and child/adult sexual assault for 25 years and has had extensive involvement nationally with domestic and family violence agencies and workers. Recently, as the Co-Convener of UNSW's Gendered Violence Research Network, Jan was the Co-Chair of the 'Inaugural Asia-Pacific Conference on Gendered Violence and Violations' which brought together 330 stakeholders from 20 countries.



Jung-Sook Lee,
Senior Lecturer,
School of Social
Sciences

Jung-Sook's research focuses on the wellbeing of children and family. With Elizabeth Fernandez, she is a Chief Investigator of an ARC Linkage Grant on the 'Long-term Outcomes of Forgotten Australians Study' (with six Australian industry partners and two international partners). In partnership with the Centre for Refugee Research, Jung-Sook also undertakes an evaluation of a project that aims to prevent sexual abuse among children with disabilities in Burundi, Africa.



Jo Spangaro,
Lecturer,
School of Social
Sciences

Jo is leading a National Health and Medical Research Council research project in partnership with NSW Health to understand decisions by women who have experienced intimate partner violence to disclose that abuse during their antenatal care. Recognition of Jo's expertise in the area includes membership of the Cabinet-appointed NSW Domestic Violence Council and the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's Working Group on Domestic Violence Screening.

Sociology & Anthropology



The first ethical principle of Sociology & Anthropology at UNSW is that our insights necessarily emerge from and feed back into the broader society. Therefore, engagement is an intrinsic part of the dialogue and argument that is the social and cultural process. Our recent work, for example, has drawn out and changed thinking and policies on issues of educational reform, migration, scientific research, media and cultural policy, ecological debate, human rights, social justice, Indigenous experience, community and religious life, philanthropy, development, family and aged policy.



**Alex Broom,
Professor of
Sociology**

Alex engages with a wide range of partners such as hospitals, community organisations, and professional organisations related to health, illness and medicine, with a focus on improving people's experiences of illness and healthcare delivery. His most recent work addresses improvements in the delivery of cancer and palliative care, as well as protecting antibiotics for future generations, and these projects involve close collaboration with key health providers across Australia.



**Amanda
Kearney, Senior
Lecturer in
Anthropology
& Sociology**

Amanda has extensively engaged with Indigenous families in the Northern Territory to document emotional geographies and the effects of settler colonialism. She has also worked closely with students at Tranby Aboriginal College in Sydney to gain a better understanding of Indigenous life experiences and an emerging sense of Aboriginality among younger generations. In turn, Amanda has contributed to policy developments concerning Indigenous education, intangible cultural heritage, and inter-generational knowledge exchange.



**Andrew Metcalfe,
Professor of
Sociology &
Anthropology**

Andrew Metcalfe, with his colleagues Ann Game and Demelza Marlin, has recently written a book *On Bondi Beach*, concerning the experience of ecological belonging in a modern cosmopolitan community close to UNSW. This was based on collaboration with many local groups, such as the Bondi and North Bondi Life Saving clubs, Chapel by the Sea, Norman Andrew House, Bondi Boardriders and Waverley Council, and hundreds of interviews with local residents and tourists and beach-goers.





Cover image: Yanyuwa Country, southwest Gulf of Carpentaria – courtesy of Dr. Amanda Kearney (p.15) whose engagement with Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory has included flying with the li-Anthawirriyarra Yanyuwa Sea Rangers to learn about places of importance and map country for Indigenous sea and land management plans.



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