

Putting Social Development on the Australia-Asia Agenda

Program

8.45 Registrations, tea and coffee

9.15 Welcome and introduction

9.30 Keynote speakers: a critical view of economic and social development in the region

- **Dr Walden Bello** *Understanding the nature of change in the Newly Industrialising Countries of Asia*
- **Professor Julian Disney** *The reshaping of the Australian economy and society and reflections on the region*

11.00 Morning tea and coffee

11.20 Workshops around the nature of social and economic change in Australia and in the following Asian countries:

- Japan Resource person: Yuki Tanaka
- Vietnam Resource people: Peter Higgs, Bui Kim Chi
- Thailand Resource person: Dr Walden Bello
- Korea Resource person: Young Suk Yi
- Indonesia Resource person: tba

12.50 Lunch (cost included in fee)

2.00 Speakers: Social development and the impact of change: views from the grass roots

- **Young Suk Yi** *Social development in practice: from grass roots to global responses*
- **Merle Mitchell** *Changing social development priorities in Australia*

3.05 Discussion groups: "Where to now?"

4.20 Final plenary: to wrap up and look forward to the World Summit on Social Development

- **Andrew Hewett** *Putting social development on the foreign affairs agenda*
- **Tricia Szirom** *The community sector and international summits*

5.00 Close

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Keynote speakers and resource people

Dr Walden Bello, is a widely published expert on Asia, especially the 'newly industrialising countries' of Southeast and East Asia. Born in the Philippines and with a PhD in Sociology from Princeton University, Dr Bello is currently a Senior Policy Analyst with the Institute for Food and Development Policy (Food First) and is working on a study of Thailand's Newly Industrialising Country strategy. He has worked as a lobbyist in Washington D.C. and has investigated the US role in global poverty and the social, environmental and other impacts of runaway development in Thailand.

Young-Suk Yi is the research director at the Korean Institute of Youth Development and has written on the situation of both women and young people in Korea. Dr Yi's research expertise is the role of liberal church leaders in social change in Korea, and her present specialisation is the role of youth. Both of these groups have been at the forefront of protest in Korea against the effects of the current development model.

Professor Julian Disney Professor of International and Public Law at ANU and a leading commentator on social welfare, tax and economic policy. He is a former President of the Australian Council of Social Service and a member of the Economic Planning Advisory Council.

Andrew Hewett is Director of Community Aid Abroad's Public Policy and Education Section. Andrew has long been involved in campaigning, having worked as an organiser and publicist for peace and disarmament organisations in both Australia and the United Kingdom. He has worked for UK groups campaigning against child poverty, and for trade unions in both Australia and Britain. Andrew has also played an active role in anti-uranium, East Timor solidarity and Vietnam reconstruction campaigns.

Merle Mitchell is the immediate past President of the Australian Council of Social Service and director of the Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau. Among many other involvements she has been a member of the Social Security Advisory Council.

Tricia Szirom is the Principal Consultant with Success Works, a management and training consultancy working in the community sector. Dr Szirom has extensive experience in both non-profit and public sector agencies, with particular involvement in women's issues. She is currently President of the YWCA, is on the Steering Committee of the Coalition of Australian Participating Organisations of Women, is involved in planning the UN Women's Conference which will take place in Beijing in 1995, and represents women's organisations on the National Consultative Committee for the Social Development Summit.

Peter Higgs has a training background in Social Work and has worked as a community worker on inner city housing estates for the past five years. In 1993 he spent 12 months in Viet Nam and is currently doing post graduate research into the social and economic changes taking place in urban Viet Nam. He is looking particularly at the social effects of the Vietnamese government's renovation program 'doi moi' and the impacts that this is having on neighbourhood participation.

Bui Kim Chi is a Vietnamese national who has trained in law and arts in Ha Noi. She worked with the Ministry of Water Resources for 13 years. During those years she travelled extensively both within and outside Viet Nam working on development projects, many of which were funded by international organisations. In 1990 she started two years of postgraduate study in International Law at the ANU. She is currently completing a PhD at Melbourne University on the topic of International Resources Management in the Law Faculty.

Yuki Tanaka works in the Department of Politics, Melbourne University.