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Papua New Guinea: Where to now?

Tuesday 6 March 2012 6-7.15pm, refreshments served from 5.30pm

Annmaree O’Keeffe, Sean Dorney & Dr Ron May

Law Theatre ANU School of Law, South Wing, Building 5, Fellows Road, ANU

Recent events have highlighted the fragile nature of our nearest northern neighbour, Papua New Guinea (PNG). In this National Security College public seminar, prominent experts will examine the background to recent events, and identify possible implications for Papua New Guinea and Australia. The speakers for this important and timely seminar include:

Ms Annmaree O’Keeffe AM - Ms O’Keeffe is a research fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy and also works as a strategic adviser with CRCI in Ottawa, Canada. Previously with AusAID from 1986 to 2009, her various positions included Ambassador for HIV/AIDS and Deputy Director General. She has served as Australia’s Ambassador to Nepal and was Minister-Counsellor for Development Assistance in Papua New Guinea. Annmaree has extensive experience in international non-government organisations and works actively with the Asia Pacific Business Coalition for AIDS and Pacific Friends of the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria.

Mr Sean Dorney - Mr Dorney is one of the ABC’s most experienced and respected correspondents. Sean’s long involvement with PNG began in 1974, just before independence, when he was assigned as the ABC correspondent. His subsequent roles included two secondments to the National Broadcasting Commission of PNG, and two further postings as a correspondent. Since 1999, Sean has been the ABC’s Pacific Correspondent based in Brisbane. In addition to being captain of the PNG Rugby League team, Sean has received an MBE for his services to sport and broadcasting in PNG, authored two books on PNG affairs, and won a Walkley Award for his coverage of the tsunami that struck PNG in 1998.

Dr Ron May - Dr May is an Emeritus Fellow of the The Australian National University. He was formerly a Senior Fellow in the ANU Department of Political and Social Change and held senior appointments in related areas. Prior to that he was Senior Economist with the Reserve Bank of Australia, Field Director of the ANU New Guinea Research Unit, and foundation Director of what is now the National Research Institute (NRI) in Papua New Guinea. On retiring in 2005, Ron served as Research Adviser to the NRI (under AusAID’s Advisory Support Facility) until 2008 and continues work on and in Papua New Guinea.

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