
Social Capital in Australia – A Symposium
Monday 29 August 2005
Venue: Australian National University
(Details will be emailed to registrants)

- 9.00-9.15am** **COFFEE & REGISTRATION**
- 9.15-9.30am **Andrew Leigh, Australian National University**
Chair's Welcome
- 9.30-10.30am **Robert Putnam, Harvard University**
Social Capital and Diversity
- 10.30-10.45am** **MORNING TEA**
- 10.45-11.45am **Michael Woolcock, Harvard University & World Bank**
Social Capital and Development
- 11.45-12.45pm **Paul Frijters, Australian National University**
Social Capital as Relational Capital
- 12.45-1.00pm **Bob Gregory, Australian National University**
Closing Summary
- 1.00pm** **LUNCH**

This event is particularly suited to policymakers and experts working on issues related to social capital and civic engagement.

About the Speakers

Robert Putnam is the Peter and Isabel Malkin Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University. He is the world's leading authority on social capital, and has written numerous books including the best-selling *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community* (2000), a collective volume *Democracies in Flux: The Evolution of Social Capital in Contemporary Society* (2002), and more recently *Better Together: Restoring the American Community*, a study of promising new forms of social connectedness. His work has been the focus of seminars hosted by Bill Clinton at Camp David and Tony Blair at 10 Downing Street. He is now conducting research on the challenges of building community in an increasingly diverse society.

Michael Woolcock is a Lecturer in Public Policy at Harvard University and a Senior Social Scientist with the World Bank's Development Research Group in Washington, DC. His teaching and research uses interdisciplinary theories and methods to address two major themes, namely social institutions (how kinship systems, social networks, and community organizations shape the survival and mobility strategies of the poor) and political economy (the role of governments and civil society organizations in managing globalization). He is the author of numerous articles and chapters on social development, including three forthcoming books, and has had his work translated into seven languages. He has worked in India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, St. Lucia, Jamaica, Colombia, and Romania.

Paul Frijters is the Fred Gruen Fellow in the Research School of Social Sciences at the Australian National University. He has written over 50 papers, and two forthcoming books, on many different topics including econometrics; duration models; labour markets; social capital; institutions; creative destruction; trade models; happiness; health; mass-murders; fashion; business cycles; and the theory of the firm. His work regularly appears in major international journals, including the *American Economic Review*, the *Economic Journal*, and the *Journal of Human Resources*.

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible as places are limited. Payment is required by **15 August**.

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