

NEW GRANTS

DP0556444 Prof DA Kingsford Smith; Dr CM Williamson; **Prof S Bottomley**

Title: One Day, We'll All Invest This Way! Regulating Online Investment.

2005 : \$85,000 **2006 :** \$100,000 **2007 :** \$100,000

Category: 3901 - LAW

Administering Institution: Monash University

Summary:

This project will provide policy recommendations to promote national research priority 3: particularly goals 4 & 5. It will do this by using good regulation to increase the safety of online investing services. It will bring to Australia international expertise not available here, crucial to good regulation of online investing. If investors trust this mostly beneficial technology it will further Australians' prosperity through investment e.g. for retirement. Competitive advantage through good regulation will bring overseas investors to Australia through the Internet. It will consolidate its role as a financial centre. With 51% of adults owning shares, this research could save Australians more than \$1.6 billion per annum!

DP0556635 **Dr TA Faunce**; Prof P Drahos; Prof D Henry

Title: The Impact of International Trade Agreements on the Regulation and Provision of Medicines in Australia

2005 : \$145,000 **2006 :** \$100,000 **2007 :** \$140,000

Category: 3212 - PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES

Administering Institution: The Australian National University

Summary: This Project will provide policy makers and the community with previously unavailable detailed information and regulatory options (through scholarly publications, reports to government agencies and a publicly accessible website) concerning the effects of Australia's international trade commitments on access to medicines. It will develop a strategic modelling system and a continuing research group with unique expertise for evaluating the health impacts of future trade negotiations by Australia and other nations. The Project particularly benefits aged and poor Australians who are more reliant on medicines for health and for whom such costs represent a significant component of domestic expenditure.

DP0556531 Dr AR McWilliam; **Dr DJ Fitzpatrick**

Title: **Waiting For Law: Land, Custom and Legal Regulation in East Timor**

2005 : \$95,000 **2006 :** \$75,000 **2007 :** \$80,000

Category: 3901 - LAW

Administering Institution: The Australian National University

Summary:

The project contributes to a national research priority: safeguarding Australia. Conflicts over customary lands have played important roles in the 'arc of instability' to our North, including in relation to natural resources (Aceh, West Papua, Bougainville) and land alienated or leased to "outsiders" (Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji). Developing an effective model for regulating customary lands in East Timor will (1) safeguard our considerable aid and military assistance contributions to East Timor, (2) serve Australia's interest in regional stability and sustainable development, and (3) offer potential comparative lessons for land and resource-related conflicts in Indonesia and the South Pacific.

DP0556160 Prof VG Matheson Hooker; **Prof MB Hooker**

Title: **ISLAM AND ISLAMIC LAW IN REGIONAL INDONESIA**

2005 : \$87,000 **2006 :** \$63,000 **2007 :** \$60,000

Category: 4402 - RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

Administering Institution: The Australian National University

Summary:

This project is the first qualitative and quantitative analysis of the interpretation of Islamic law in a range of non-metropolitan areas of Indonesia. It will identify key issues of concern and analyse the directions and advice being provided by local religious leaders. The analysis of the relationship between definitions of Islamic law in the regions with State definitions will provide the basis for a more accurate assessment of the process and degree of syariah implementation in Indonesia. Only when this is understood can meaningful assessments be made about the nature of Islam in the world's largest Muslim nation.

Dr Ann Kent who is a member of the 'Asia Pacific Futures Network', recently awarded \$1.5 million over 5 years by the ARC hosted at the ANU.

Australia has an international reputation for innovative and high impact research into the states, societies, and economies of Asia. The Initiative will survey the volume, range, impact, and international status of Asian area research in Australia, identify themes with high potential for achieving significant outcomes through transnational research and research-training, and develop a strategy for maximizing national research capacity in targeted areas through a national inter-disciplinary network for Asia-area research - Network Asia.

Outcomes include a published report on the state of the field and a strategic plan for a viable and sustainable research network.