

# Crisis? Networks, Resilience, Disorder

## Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre (CCS) Conference

**WHEN:** 9am – 5pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & 9am – 5pm Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009

**WHERE:** Room 230, Level 1, Building 10, UTS (B10.01.230)  
Jones Street, Ultimo (a short walk from Central Railway Station)



*Photo: Glenn Lockitch, Railway waste. Culcairn. South Western NSW. 2009*

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### ABOUT THIS CONFERENCE

Crisis is ubiquitous: state failure, global insurgency, financial collapse, climate emergency. Systemic disorder prevails. What are its dynamics and drivers? What is the role of disorderly networks? Who wins from crisis, who loses? Who is resilient, who is vulnerable? This conference aims to explore global crisis as a normal state-of-play, deeply stratified and embedded.

The conference forms part of a broader project, 'Chaos, Information Technology, Global Administration and Daily Life' at CCS:  
<http://cosmopolitancivilsocieties.com>

**Current Speakers:** Nour Dados, Mai Hansford, James Goodman, Wafa Chafic, Gregory Martin, Tony McGrew, Bronwyn Mcdonald, Melissa Edwards, Stephen Wearing, Donna Houston, Jon Marshall, Ross Morrow, Jeremy Walker, Tad Tietze, Michael Fraser & Gobinda Chowdhury, Liz Humphrys, Sai Thte Naing Oo, Peter Rogers, Marcus O'Donnell, Theresa Anderson, Greg Shapley, Didar Zowghi, Francesca Da Rimini, Bob Hodge.

*Please see the conference programme over the page for more details on each of the presentations.*

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### REGISTRATION

Please RSVP via email: [ccs@uts.edu.au](mailto:ccs@uts.edu.au). This is a free event, but places are limited, wheelchair accessible.

Contact: Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre, University of Technology, Sydney, PO Box 123, Broadway, NSW 2000. Tel: 9514 9647

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Sessions may break for coffee and tea mid-stream; lunch on both days will be served at the conference venue. Speakers on panels are expected to limit their contribution to twenty minutes (half-an-hour for 'strategy' sessions).

### MONDAY 7 DECEMBER

9.15 Registration

9.30 Welcome

Convenors: James Goodman, Didar Zowghi, Jon Marshall

#### 9.30-11.30 SOCIAL CRISIS

Nour Dados: *Australia's 'Boat People' Sagas: Crisis, Distance and Responsibility.*

Mai Hansford: *Asylum-seekers in crisis?*

James Goodman: *Humanitarian protection: a new international security order?*

Wafa Chafic: *Another Crisis! Australian Muslim Men and Agency.*

Gregory Martin: TBC.

#### 11.30-12.30 CRISIS STRATEGIES #1

Tony McGrew: *Governance and Crisis.*

#### 12.30-1.30 Lunch

#### 1.30-3.30 ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS

Bronwyn McDonald: *An Aversion to 'Climate Crisis'.*

Melissa Edwards: *(Dis)organised Mechanisms for Local Resilience.*

Stephen Wearing: *Who's Crisis are we talking about?: Managing Tourism on the Kokoda Track PNG.*

Donna Houston: *Materialising Environmental Justice: Activist Memory-Work with Things that Matter.*

#### 3.30-5.30 FINANCIAL CRISIS

Jon Marshall: *Networks and the Ongoing Crises of the Information Society.*

Ross Morrow: *The Relevance of Marx for Understanding the Global Financial and Economic Crisis.*

Jeremy Walker: *The Clash of Spontaneous Orders: From Economy of Nature to the Financialisation of Ecosystem Services.*

Tad Tietze: *'Social liberalism', the global economic crisis and the Left.*

## TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER

### 9.00-10.00 CRISIS STRATEGIES #2

Michael Fraser and Gobinda Chowdhury: *A model for a sustainable knowledge ecology.*

### 10.00-12.00 SECURITY CRISIS

Liz Humphrys: *The weight of the event: the collapse of the Global Justice Movement in Australia after 9/11.*

Sai Thte Naing Oo: *Burma: cross-border civil society, chaos, crisis and the struggle for democracy.*

Peter Rogers: *From Crisis to Resilience: Integrated Emergency Management (IEM) for 'All' or 'Any' Hazards.*

Marcus O'Donnell: *Apocalypse Now: Traumasces in the Sphere of Public Imagination.*

### 12.00-1.00 LUNCH

### 1.00-3.00 TECHNOLOGY FAILURES AND SUCCESSES

Theresa Anderson: *Disorderly information in the network: The politics of Finding and Valuing Information.*

Greg Shapley: *The Sound of Technology Failing.*

Didar Zowghi: *Augmented Reality and the Digital Divide.*

Francesca Da Rimini: *Becoming Multitude: Pier to Pier Resistance in Hong Kong.*

### 3.00-4.00 STRATEGIES #3

Bob Hodge: *Critical incidents, theory and analysis: strategies for coping with the ambiguous products of chaos.*

4.00-5.00 Closing Remarks: The Convenors