

RGSSA Postgraduate Symposium



Friday November 6th 2026

Bradley Forum, Level 5, Hawke Building,
City West Campus, Adelaide University

Draft Programme

0900 – 0915 Coffee and tea available

0915 Welcome from **Prof. Guy M Robinson** (Vice-President RGSSA/Adelaide University)

The audience introduces itself Say 'hi' to participants and the audience

0940 – 1100

Meeting the challenges of climate change (chaired by TBA)

Hannah Thwaites (Flinders)

'Transforming household urban agriculture into a powerful tool for community resilience'

Lisi Ling (Adelaide)

'Green Transition of agricultural land use: Reconciling food production and planetary boundaries on the pathway to Net-Zero'

Milad Asadi (Adelaide)

'Solar energy vs. urban heat: A neighbourhood archetype framework for climate-responsive planning'

Sovia Ansar Sara (Flinders)

'Beyond the desalination plant: Household water provision, service experience, and multi-dimensional wellbeing in small islands'

1100 – 1120 Coffee Break

1120 – 1300 **Migration, Well-being and Culture** (chaired by **Associate Prof. Yan Tan**)

Christopher Hogan (Flinders)

‘Migrant capability and agency through the lens of Australia's PALM scheme’

Danang Aditya Nizar (Adelaide)

‘Beyond migration outcomes: A systematic review of family relationships in transnational settings’

Bishumna Panta (Flinders)

‘Studying far from home: A multidimensional analysis of international student wellbeing in Adelaide’

Muhammad Busyairi (Adelaide)

‘Non-financial remittances and gendered reintegration among return migrants in Lombok, Indonesia’

Tianyu Tong (Adelaide)

‘How does karaoke unfold in Melbourne? Student experiences of a cross-cultural practice and commercial form’

1300 – 1345 Lunch

1345 – 1415 **Prof. Delene Weber** (Adelaide) ‘Overcoming problems along the PhD journey’

1415 – 1555 **Interactions between social challenges, community resilience and policy**
(chaired by TBA)

Rebecca Hicks (Adelaide)

‘Around the fire: Deep mapping, yarning and relational accountability on Adnyamathanha Country’

Kira Page (Adelaide)

‘Rentvesting: Adapting to exclusion from owner occupation in an asset society’

Faris Ali Alzahrani (Flinders)

‘Sustainable regional development through entrepreneurial governance in South Australia’

Eniola Judah Ayanlowo (Adelaide)

‘Tourist types, transport modes, and tourism experiences: A systematic review and integrative framework of drivers, practices, and outcomes of slow tourism’

Morag Cook (Flinders)

“‘Getting things done’ in conservation policy’

1555 – 1655 **Development Studies** (chaired by Emeritus Prof. **Guy Robinson**)

Mirda Sylvia (Adelaide)

‘A changing land tenure system of coffee landscapes in Indonesia’

Obumneke Bob Muoneke (Adelaide)

‘The vicious cycle: How institutional and technological lock-ins subvert private investment in renewable energy in Emerging Asia’

Mathew O’Brien (Adelaide)

‘People above the water: Navigating capacities in community-led blue carbon governance - Lessons from Gili Balu, Indonesia.’

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Catering will be provided by **Sit Lo**: quality South-East Asian inspired Vietnamese food, and **The Ivy Café**: a wide selection of teas, herbal infusions, renowned for the special house-blend coffee.

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