

# ***Understanding Timor-Leste***

*A Research Conference*

Liceu Campus,  
National University of Timor-Lorosa'e (UNTL)  
Avenida Cidade de Lisboa  
Dili, Timor-Leste  
2-3 July 2009

This two-day conference for researchers is organised by the Timor-Leste Studies Association (TLSA). The TLSA an interdisciplinary, international research network focussed on all aspects of research into East Timorese society, including politics and history, business, communications, health, language and agriculture. The 2009 conference *Understanding Timor-Leste: A Research Conference* will be co-hosted by National University of Timor-Lorosa'e (UNTL), Swinburne University of Technology, Victoria University, and the Technical University of Lisbon.

**Call for papers:** The organisers now call for papers addressing any aspect of social science/ humanities/ scientific research related to Timor-Leste. The conference organisers welcome papers from academics, researchers, activists, community groups and policy makers. A refereed conference proceedings publication may be published. Conference sub-themes will include, but are not limited to the following:

- Politics and International relations
- History and Heritage
- Culture and Society
- Anthropology and Archaeology
- Economics, business and trade
- International Development Assistance
- Development policy
- Agriculture
- Health policy
- Gender issues
- Language and Linguistics
- Education (including a series of papers on adult and popular education)

**Conference Languages:** Papers may be presented in English, Tetum, Portuguese or Bahasa Indonesia.

**Abstract Submission:** Please send **all** proposals for 20 minutes papers, with a 150-word abstract **by Friday 27 February 2009** to:

**Dr. Michael Leach, Swinburne University of Technology:** [mleach@swin.edu.au](mailto:mleach@swin.edu.au)

***Please note that:***

- Tetum language papers should **also** be sent cc: Antero da Silva, National University of Timor-Lorosa'e. [anterob@gmail.com](mailto:anterob@gmail.com)
- Portuguese language papers should **also** be sent cc: Prof Nuno Canas Mendes, Technical University of Lisbon. [ncm@iscsp.utl.pt](mailto:ncm@iscsp.utl.pt)

- Bahasa Indonesia language papers should **also** be sent cc: Setyo Budi. [budi@infoxchange.net.au](mailto:budi@infoxchange.net.au)

**Related Events:** The *Understanding Timor-Leste* research conference will precede the *Peace, Human Rights and Sustainable Development* conference organised by Victoria University, the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, UNTL, and the Australia-East Timor Association, to be held in Dili on Monday and Tuesday 6-7 July 2009. This will be a policy-oriented conference focussing on case studies of good practice, with invited speakers and participation by the Timorese government, the National University, Timorese civil society, Members of Parliament and other interested groups. For further information about that conference, please contact Dr Helen Hill [helen.hill@vu.edu.au](mailto:helen.hill@vu.edu.au).

These are linked conferences and discounted co-registration will be available for those who attend both.

On the weekend between these two conferences (Saturday and Sunday 4-5 July) a number of Expos will take place on sustainable livelihoods, Timorese history, education, languages, literacy and literature, and other themes, open to all.

Finally, conference registrants may also be interested in the separately organised *Nation-Building across Urban and Rural Timor-Leste* conference in Dili from Wednesday to Friday 8-10 July 2009. See here for details: <http://www.timor-leste.org/events/nationbuilding.html>

These three conferences have distinct aims and audiences, but have been sequenced and co-ordinated by the respective organisers to permit maximum participation for those coming to Dili in July.

**Further Details:** Further details about registration, accommodation and travel will be available soon on the Timor-Leste Studies Association website: <http://www.etstudies-aust.org/>