



# Timor-Leste at 20: money from abroad, dreams of the island

Thursday 2 December

9:30–11:45am (AEDT) / 7:30–9:45am (TLT)

## Academic panel

### Chair:

#### Mark Notaras

Founder and Director, Timor-Leste Food Lab and Agora Food Studio

### Panellists:

#### Michael Rose

Research Fellow, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University

#### Annie Wu

Assistant Researcher, University of Technology Sydney

#### Andrew McWilliam

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(Workforce Development Program Timor-Leste)

In 2018 remittances from abroad became Timor-Leste's largest non-fossil fuel related source of income, before coffee but after aid.

With producing gas and oil fields almost dry and the development of new ones still uncertain, it seems likely that in Timor-Leste's third decade labour sending will take on a degree of economic and social importance it has never had before.

This online seminar brings together work on this distinct and largely unanticipated new stage in the growth of Southeast Asia's youngest nation.

How will development fuelled by money earned by Timorese workers and remitted directly to Timorese households look different from that occasioned by foreign donors and local bureaucrats based in Dili? An academic panel will present three papers related to this question, followed by a participant panel which will provide first-hand insights from workers who are in or have been to Australia as part of its Seasonal Worker Programme (SWP) and Pacific Labour Scheme (PLS).

*This online seminar is free and open to the public. It will be recorded, and the recording will be available after the event on the Development Policy Centre website (<https://devpolicy.crawford.anu.edu.au/>).*

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