INTRODUCTION

Our ability to develop and sustain valuable resources relies on how well we respond to major issues, such as climate change, ageing population, migration, social diversity and inclusion, social factors which impact on health outcomes, changes in media and technologies, performance of global financial infrastructure, energy demands, access to natural resources, food security, and regional politics.

These challenges intersect with the research capabilities of the University of Adelaide, which continues to enhance its research performance by investing in excellence, attracting high quality researchers and providing training, opportunities and industry engagement for the next generation of researchers. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in particular, continues to lead in provision of research for evidenced-based social innovation.

I welcome this opportunity to give you an insight into concentrations of research excellence within the Faculty. The examples below illustrate a proven track record of industry engagement undertaken by researchers currently at the University of Adelaide in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences understands the key role played by informed decision making in social policy and planning and the advancement of communities.

Our clients and partners are faced with challenges in a range of areas, including environmental needs and access to natural resources, integrated planning for urban renewal and housing, infrastructure provision and related impacts on regional economies and potential social outcomes, provision of suitable health services, and managing social inclusion in times of change.

While facing these challenges, people can also be confronted with uncertainties arising from a lack of available and purposeful information. We provide flexible, holistic research services to develop data, and analyse and clarify issues with balance, objectivity, passion and expertise.

Whether looking for information to help set strategic direction, refine or reaffirm policy, develop service delivery programs, understand important emerging trends or wanting to add to a body of knowledge, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences facilitates the process through provision of relevant, high quality research and judicious problem solving support.

Each insight describes applied research undertaken for clients and partners in the fields of:

- demography, population and migration
- housing, urban and regional planning
- workforce and industry trends
- regional and global governance
- public health information
- geographical and environmental studies
- media and communications in health, social change and development
- linguistics of endangered and migrant languages
- sustainable communities and socio-economic impact assessment
- native title and heritage assessment
- gender studies
- social inclusion
- creative practice

We do this by bringing your needs together with:

- Highly regarded researchers equipped with global knowledge networks and best practice analysis methodologies
- Contract management and project development frameworks
- A tradition and culture of customer satisfaction and quality service delivery
- A supportive environment of professional development, inquiry and interaction
POPULATION AND MIGRATION

Population issues and migration are fundamental to the nation’s economy, society and security. Our research provides an evidence base for better practice in population management needs, immigration and development and to provide insight into national and international policy development.

We analyse population issues and their implications, migration theory and spatial information regarding:

- International migration and linkages to population policy
- Population, ageing and workforce development
- Migration in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region
- Adaptation and infrastructure
- Regional economic integration

“Obesity in Australia is greater among baby boomers than other groups and if not reduced will compromise their ability to remain in the workforce and increase per capita demand for health services in old age.” Prof. Graeme Hugo

KEY RESEARCHERS
Prof. Graeme Hugo, Dr Dianne Rudd, Dr Douglas Bardsley, Dr Kelvin Harris, Dr Kelly Parker, Assoc. Prof. Chris Beasley, Dr Rob Cover, Dr. Megan Warin, Dr Peter Mickan

KEY CLIENTS/PARTNERS
Federal and State Government Departments, Global Food Companies, International Statutory Authorities, Aid Agencies and International Development Banks

“"Our multi-disciplinary team is identifying behaviour influencing the eating and exercise patterns of baby boomers using a high quality set of quantitative and qualitative data. The emphasis is on potential key intervention points and providing policy makers with evidence and guidance for targeted interventions.

Prof. Graeme Hugo
Director, of the National Centre for Social Applications of Geographical Information Systems

KEY PROJECTS
- International Migration to and from Australia, Dimensions, Causes and Implications
- Australia’s Baby Boomer Generation Obesity and Work Patterns, Causes and Implications
- Preventing Obesity Among Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Women and Children
- International Population Movements in the Asia-Australia Region
- Addressing climate change in Asia and the Pacific: Climate change and Migration
- Media representations of population, globalisation and climate change
- Representations of minorities and ageing
- Biopolitics, identity/subjectivity and population concepts
- Climate change and migration in China: theoretical, empirical and policy dimensions
Empowering leadership is fundamental to the growth and revitalisation of regional and urban communities, playing an important role in encouraging innovation and the growth of new industries.

Prof. Andrew Beer
Director, Centre for Housing, Urban and Regional Planning

Our work supports decision making for addressing housing market imbalances and inefficiencies and reducing homelessness. We also examine the contemporary imperatives and challenges for regional economic development, and its relationship with international growth processes.

We deliver needs analysis, evaluation and recommendations for:

- Regional governance frameworks for economic development
- Regional needs, leadership, strategic planning and innovation
- Regional capability and economic development strategy
- Regional programs evaluation
- Low income household energy programs
- Migration pressure on housing in urban environments
- Homelessness and new arrivals housing policy and programs

- Urban planning and development
- Housing for older Australians
- Housing for persons with a disability
- Housing, health and the human environment
- Indigenous housing tenure and management
- Sustainable accommodation and support programs including rental assistance
- Sustainable accommodation and civic participation

**KEY RESEARCHERS**
Prof. Andrew Beer, Dr Emma Baker, Dr Selina Tually, Dr Debbie Faulkner, Dr Jennifer Bonham, Dr Susan Oakley, Dr Doug Bardsley, Dr Melissa Nursey-Bray, Prof. Barry Burgan, Assoc. Prof. Alaric Maude

**KEY CLIENTS/PARTNERS**
State and Commonwealth Government Agencies, Industry and Regional Development Groups and Boards, Community Information Service, Community Associations, an Economic Development Authority and Local Government Associations

**KEY PROJECTS**
- Land Capability Audit for the Mid North of South Australia
- Delivery of Property, Planning and Economic Development Information to Regional South Australia
- Economic and Infrastructure Audit of the Central and Western Murray Region Governance and the Organisation of Economic Development in Five Nations
- Interim South East Development Strategy
- Effectiveness of State Frameworks for Delivering Local Economic Development
- Stimulating innovation in regional economies: the roles of local and central agency
- Evaluation of the Northern Advanced Manufacturing Industry Group’s ConceptsCreation Program
- Urban and regional growth amongst Australia’s regional cities
- Social Inclusion, Disability and Housing
- The Housing Markets of Rural and Regional Centres in Australia
- The Drivers of Supply and Demand in Rural and Regional Centres

**KEY PROJECTS CONTINUED**
- Human Dimensions of Environmental Decision Making
- A Regional Climate Change Decision Framework for Natural Resource Management
- The Health and Wellbeing Impacts of Different forms of Housing Policy
- The Housing Of Older South Australians
- Disability and Homelessness in Australia
- Creating better pathways into civic participation for young homeless people through sustainable accommodation and support program models
Through successful partnerships between research, industry and government we are better modelling and anticipating workforce supply and demand needs and pressures facing specific sectors, such as mining or teaching, or facing specific regions.

Dr Kate Barnett
Deputy Executive Director, Centre for Labour Research
Within political and policy communities there is growing awareness that effective responses to complex social, economic, and technological issues now depend on the formulation and implementation of new forms of governance. Our analysis of regional and global governance needs, develops understanding of the drivers for change.

We provide research and recommendations regarding:

- Coastal governance and science uptake in coastal cities
- Global distributive and political justice
- Global financial regulatory challenges
- Human, environmental, food and water security
- Population and migration pressures, and the governance of migration
- Climate change and adaptation (especially in relation to coastal, freshwater and land management systems)
- Policy frameworks to develop and maintain resilience within social-environmental systems
- Australian relations with Asia and the resulting political and economic challenges for governance in the “Asian Century”
- Legal and governance reform
- Transport (e.g. shipping), energy needs and resource allocation
- Regulation for new technologies and eGovernance
- Gendered modes of governance, policies and modes of governance in community and institutional contexts
- Gender equality and institutional reform
- Health and governance
- Social inclusion, social policy and governance

**KEY RESEARCHERS**
Prof. Kanishka Jayasuriya, Prof. Nick Harvey, Dr Tiziana Torresi, Dr Andrew Rosser, Prof. Tim Doyle, Dr John Tibby, Prof. Carol Johnson, Prof. Graeme Hugo, Dr Douglas Bardsley, Assoc. Prof. Rachael Ankeny, Assoc. Prof. Christine Beasley, Assoc. Prof. Mary Griffiths, Dr Andrew Skuse, Ms Jane Kurniot, Prof. Purnendra Jain, Prof. Margaret Allen, Prof. Gregory McCarthy, Dr Rob Cover, Dr Alison Dundon

**KEY CLIENTS/PARTNERS**

**KEY PROJECTS**
Challenges to Global Co-operation and Security in the 21st Century
Energy and Nuclear Security in Iran and the Indian Ocean Region
Global Fisheries Management and Security in the Middle East
Water Security in the Indian Ocean Region
Climate Change Policies for the Global South
The politics of pro-poor basic services in Indonesia
Leaders, elites and coalitions: the politics of free basic services in decentralised Indonesia
Timor Leste’s Vulnerability to the Resource Curse: An Assessment
Corporate Social Responsibility in Indonesia: Options and Constraints
Addressing climate change in Asia and the Pacific: Climate change and Migration
A regional climate change decision framework for natural resource management
A comparative study of in situ agro biodiversity conservation in Switzerland, Turkey and Nepal
Modes of health governance in hospitals
Modes of sexual health policy and service delivery

The emphasis of our research agenda is on transformation and innovation in political and social governance, where new governance solutions underline the complexities of providing public goods in a multi-layered global order.

Prof. Kanishka Jayasuriya
Director, The Indo Pacific Governance Research Centre
PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

The University develops and produces publication of integrated health information, systems and indicators for a broad range of health determinants and targeted area statistics for:

- monitoring inequality in health and wellbeing
- underpinning social inclusion policy
- use of services
- socio-economic policy needs (in education, labour force, housing, etc)

“We are committed to the development of an integrated health information system in Australia that can provide information on a broad range of health determinants across the life course.”
Assoc. Prof. John Glover

KEY RESEARCHERS
Assoc. Prof. John Glover,
Dr Diana Hetzel, Dr Fearnley Szuster

KEY CLIENTS/PARTNERS
Commonwealth Department

“The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences also actively researches more broadly in public health fields such as sexual health, youth mental health needs, and eating disorders. For example, refer herein to sections regarding 21st Century Workforce, Gender, and Media and Communications in Health, Social Change and Development.
MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS IN HEALTH, SOCIAL CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT

We need to use new communication technologies and better understand the role and potential of communication to assist in preventative health care, community empowerment and development, especially to help those who are most vulnerable in society.

Our research influences the potential and effectiveness of media and communications in relation to:

• Preventative health care
• Health and behaviour change
• Socio-economic development
• Poverty and social change
• Conflict and culture
• Digital media, intellectual property, governance, citizenship and rights

“The world is witnessing an ongoing transformation in which access to and the use of communication technologies is playing a fundamental role in reshaping societies and in driving rapid social, economic and political change.”

Dr Andrew Skuse

KEY RESEARCHERS
Dr Andrew Skuse, Dr Mike Wilmore,
Dr Sal Humphreys, Dr Alison Dundon,
Assoc. Prof. Christine Beasley, Dr Rob Cover,
Dr Ros Prosser, Dr Mandy Treagus

KEY CLIENTS/PARTNERS
State Government Agency and Hospital,
Australian and International Aid Agencies
and Health Organisation, Australian and
International Media Corporations, bilateral
and multi-lateral agencies

KEY PROJECTS
‘Tuning-in’: Diasporas at The BBC World Service with a focus on its role as a global producer of drama for development
Review and redesign of AusAID Pacific Media Assistance Scheme (PACMAS)
Assessing Communication for Social Change with a focus on the role of social change media in Nepal
E-health communication strategy and design: evaluating the influence of new media interventions on the health of patients from vulnerable populations

Increasingly, the world’s poor are taking part in this information and communication revolution. The development benefits associated with it are both immediate and unequivocal.

Dr Andrew Skuse
Senior Lecturer, Anthropology and Development
LINGUISTICS AND ENDANGERED LANGUAGES

Our research focuses on language, society and identity, analysing cultural interaction as manifested in language, and the ways in which languages emerge and evolve.

We conduct applied research regarding:

- Communicating western health concepts in Indigenous languages
- Indigenous language revival
- Linguistic and cultural tourism
- Place names and multilingual signage
-Pidgin, Creole and contact languages
- Teaching Indigenous languages in schools and communities
- Immigrant language maintenance
- Assessment of language proficiency
- Inter-cultural communication
- Language and natural environment, traditional ecological knowledge
- Reclamation, modernisation and development of endangered languages
- Language legislation and policy
- Language exhibitions
- Languages education – first and second languages acquisition

KEY RESEARCHERS

Prof. Peter Mühlhäusler,
Prof. Ghil’ad Zuckermann,
Dr Rob Amery, Dr Peter Mickan

KEY CLIENTS/PARTNERS

Indigenous Community Organisations,
Commonwealth, State and Local Government Agencies, Tourism Agencies

KEY PROJECTS

Indigenous Culture Support Program
Language of Norfolk Island (Norf’k)
Impact of German Missionaries on the Indigenous Languages of Australia
Ngarrindjeri language: Ngarrindjeri Community, Murray Bridge
Teaching Far West Coast Languages (Varangu, Gugada, Mirning)
International studies on IELTS

We are leaders in contact language research, undertaking work that strengthens social and economic fabric, sustaining community cohesion and sense of identity through language revival, teaching, and underpinning activities such as cultural tourism.

Prof. Peter Mühlhäusler
Professor of General Linguistics
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Nations are presented with significant opportunities and challenges in continuing to grow industries while addressing major economic, environmental, technical and social issues.

We provide cross-disciplinary research and analysis of the socio-economic dimensions and implications of change and new technologies, regarding:

- Sustainable communities and the development of mining and resources
- Human dimensions of climate change and climate change adaptation
- Socio-economic implications of renewable energy technologies

“The economic impact from changes in the accessibility of resources such as water, not only affects industry directly, but also challenges the provision of community services as flow on effects impact the revenues of service providers.”
Assoc. Prof. John Spoehr

KEY RESEARCHERS
Assoc. Prof. John Spoehr, Dr Kate Barnett, Mr Simon Molloy, Dr Ann-Louise Hordacre, Dr Deane Fergie

KEY CLIENTS/PARTNERS
Large Australian Mining and Resources Companies, a Federal Government Regional Program, Regional Local Government Councils

KEY PROJECTS
Aboriginal People of Central North South Australia and increased mining activity
Climate change impact assessment and adaptation in the Murray Darling Basin of SA (in collaboration with the Environment Institute - Human Dimensions of Climate Change)
Drought Impact Study

We support communities with research that helps planning for the potential impacts of resource availability and creating opportunities to adapt to change.

Assoc. Prof. John Spoehr
Executive Director of the Australian Institute for Social Research and the Centre for Labour Research
RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORKS

Our experience in the field, cultural expertise and knowledge means we bring the right people to the table in mixed culture, rural and remote communities, to successfully conduct applied social research with respect to:

- Heritage assessment and management
- Native title claims and management framework
- Aboriginal and mixed culture community negotiations
- Ethnographic evaluation
- Rural and remote communities
- Community development frameworks
- Equity and diversity issues
- Downstream social impacts of development
- Indigenous language speakers’ communication in medical contexts
- Overseas trained doctors’ communication in rural settings

**KEY RESEARCHERS**

Dr Deane Fergie, Dr Rod Lucas, Dr Yvonne Ellinghouse, Mr Tim Cuthbertson, Ms Celia Frank, Dr Alison Dundan, Dr Peter Mickan, Ms Nayia Cominos

**KEY CLIENTS/PARTNERS**

Native Title Corporations, Aboriginal Corporations, State Government Departments, Legal Firms, Aid Agencies and the Federal Court

**KEY PROJECTS**

Expert reports – Dieri Native Title, Gawler Ranges Native Title, Arabuna Native Title, Ngarrindjeri Native Title, South West Victoria Native Title,

Heritage surveys and work area clearances

Social impacts of mining in downstream villages in Papua New Guinea

Our research builds on strong networks and core strengths to help ensure respectful community consultations, and that communities can share opportunities for greater prosperity, wellbeing and sustainability.

Dr Deane Fergie

Manager, Locus of Social Analysis and Research
Gender relations are deeply embedded in all aspects of everyday life across social justice, equality and diversity in the community and workplace. We bring together experts from a number of disciplines to produce cross-disciplinary research into health outcomes and social consequences arising from gender dynamics and social constructs, with respect to:

- Food and eating in the social context and in policy terms
- Food and eating disorders
- Social class, gender and obesity
- Sexual health and sex education policy analysis
- Reproductive health
- Men in migration
- Gender/sexuality in institutions and service provision
- Domestic and sexual violence and implications for policy
- Social innovation: Resistance to change and activism
- Emotions, intimacy and relationships
- Masculinities, group identity and group sexual behaviour/violence

“In spite of many apparent advances in the position of women, gender disadvantage remains one of the most intractable dimensions of social exclusion and inequity – for instance in terms of access to financial resources, housing, paid labour and leisure time. Hence addressing gendered inequities in their many forms – economic, spatial, social, and cultural – must be a crucial goal in the pursuit of any model of social inclusion.”

Assoc. Prof. Christine Beasley

KEY RESEARCHERS
Assoc. Prof. Christine Beasley,
Dr Megan Warin, Assoc. Prof. Rachel Ankeny,
Dr Rob Cover, Prof. Carol Bacchi,
Prof. Carol Johnson, Dr Ros Prosser,
Dr Mandy Treagus, Prof. Chilla Bulbeck

KEY CLIENTS/PARTNERS
Federal and SA Governments; Health Networks and National Peak Bodies and Council; Health Insurance Companies, National Charitable Organisations, Sporting Bodies, Clinical Health Providers

KEY PROJECTS
International students and sexual health
Heterosexuality and sexual health policy and service provision
Men, masculinities and migration
Perpetrator’s accounts of domestic violence: The routine management of identity and morality in assigning blame
Arranging care from a distance: A study of home-care service calls for the elderly
Men’s use of a relationship counseling telephone helpline
Men’s use of the health helpline, healthdirect Australia
Interactions with callers to a cancer information and support helpline
Elite athletes and achievement: Recruitment, learning and communication
Boy’s underachievement in education
Women and research at the university
Early life influences on obesity and fat patterning in children: critical periods, environmental determinants, and socio-cultural context

In terms of citizenship, thinking gender encourages us to ask about who is recognised as a member of the community, whose voices are heard, and what empowerment involves in particular contexts. Gender and health are deeply implicated in one another. There are ongoing gender patterns in who accesses health services and in how they are treated as patients.

Assoc. Prof. Christine Beasley
Co-Director, Fay Gale Centre for Research on Gender
THE EMERGING FIELD OF MANAGING DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IN A TIME OF CHANGE

Our research measures and tracks social inclusion and impacts through social capital initiatives to inform development of policies and programs by policy makers.

Our applied research regarding diversity issues, equity, social inclusion and adaptation to change, underpins recommendations for:

• Identifying and addressing new challenges for managing diversity, equity and social inclusion that arise from the impact of economic, social, technological and environmental (e.g. climate) change

• Developing human capital and building diverse, inclusive, innovative communities that can adapt to and profit from change

• Developing new models of institutional governance and policy development

• Managing the social impact of new bio and information technologies and supporting the take up of new technologies

• The role of marginalised communities and industrial sectors in the future of Australia

“Economic, social, technological and environmental change pose new challenges for managing equity issues but they also open up new opportunities.”

Prof. Carol Johnson

KEY RESEARCHERS

Prof. Carol Johnson, Prof. Margaret Allen, Dr Douglas Bardisley, Dr Deane Fergie, Assoc. Prof. John Spoth, Assoc. Prof. Christine Beasley, Assoc. Prof. Rachel Ankeny, Dr Rob Cover, Dr Kate Barnett

KEY CLIENTS/PARTNERS

State Government Agency

KEY PROJECTS

Environmental change and secondary education;
Social implications of biotechnology;

Our research aims to assist in the building of diverse, inclusive and innovative communities that will not only adapt to, but also profit from change.
CREATIVE PRACTICE

The literary, musical and visual arts industries continue to enjoy global growth. Our research investigates the creative process, and how creative processes impact on resultant works of art.

In exploring the nature of creative collaborations, our research provides analysis regarding:

• Narrative practice: how a literary programme/story is shaped by cross-disciplinary creative processes
• Theories of creativity: including how melancholy feeds inspiration; the relationship between music and text; creativity and collaboration
• Compositional processes in creative writing and music
• Performance and literary pedagogy
• Interactive digital technologies and their impact on narrative and musical structures

KEY RESEARCHERS
Assoc. Prof. Mark Carroll,
Prof. Brian Castro, Mr Carl Crossin,
Dr Eva Hornung, Ms Jill Jones,
Prof. Nick Jose, Prof. Graeme Koehne

KEY CLIENTS/PARTNERS
Major National Performing Arts Companies and Institutions

There are few research centres dedicated to creative practice. We aim to bring together practitioners and researchers through multi-disciplinary projects to forge new partnerships in the exploration of creativity.

Prof. Brian Castro and Assoc. Prof. Mark Carroll
Co-Directors, The J M Coetzee Centre for Creative Practice

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