Research Newsletter
Research across the CBLG

What has been going on across the college?

Townsville

Professor Peter Case

Improving Agricultural Support Services, Technology Adoption and Smallholder Livelihoods in Laos

Four inter-linked projects led by CBLG’s Professor Peter Case and closely supported by John Connell, adjunct senior research fellow, have improved the design and delivery of public agricultural extension services for smallholder farmers and helped enhance agriculture production. The projects were funded by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) to a total value of $2.5m over eight years. The application of management tools for extension delivery, co-designed with government staff, combined with innovative ways of working with smallholder farmers, resulted in an increase in gross incomes for approximately 1,350 households across 89 villages in excess of $3.6m (2012-19). The research culminated in a formal Policy Brief to the Lao Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry which has had a direct impact on national strategy (2020-30) for commercializing smallholder farmer production.

Background

The Lao People’s Democratic Republic is an under-developed, though rapidly growing, landlocked nation bounded by Vietnam, Thailand, China and Cambodia. Most farmers are still smallholders relying on subsistence production of rice and livestock raising. To build economic security and resilience, such farmers need opportunities to generate additional income and gain reliable access to markets. Laos has an established public-sector agricultural extension service which heretofore has focussed on providing piecemeal technical support through a network of District Agriculture and Forestry Offices (DAFO) based in each of its 147 districts. A series of three research projects (2012-16) were designed to improve agricultural productivity through enhancement of management and delivery of extension services. The
projects used Participatory Action Research (PAR) to engage with stakeholders from villages, districts, provinces and relevant government agencies. The outcome of this process was an Extension Management System (EMS) – consisting of a set of tools: planning, delivery, fund management and reporting on results of extension, to be used by DAFOs. The EMS was trialled over a 4-year period in five districts in two provinces, Bolikhamsai and Xieng Khuang. These sites provided a range of conditions for production and marketing (from the Mekong corridor to the highlands bordering Vietnam), as well as reflecting varied staff experience and capacity.

Economic and Wider Impacts
Direct and measurable socio-economic impacts were gained by the DAFO who piloted the EMS. Farmers and farmer organisations were connected with markets in new ways which, in turn, enabled smallholders to shift towards commercialization by expanding production and negotiating directly with traders for better prices. As a result, aggregate production of selected products increased at each site, improving farmer incomes and impacting local economies. The overall economic impact directly attributable to the projects measured in February 2020 was conservatively estimated at AUD$3.6m (at current exchange rates). This figure does not take into account multiplier effects in the local economies impacted. An independent ‘stocktake’ of participatory approaches commissioned by a consortium of the Australian Government, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank refers to the EMS as an exemplar of best practice.

An impact evaluation conducted in February 2020 showed that several pilot DAFO had secured further Official Development Assistance (ODA). In 2019 the World Bank began an initiative to support commercial rice production in Bolikhamxai province and, in the same year, the Swedish Development Corporation funded a project to assist villages in Khoun to gain higher prices from value-added processing of coffee. This on-going investment by independent ODA sponsors is testimony to both the intrinsic value of EMS and the sustainability of its impacts.

As the original EMS project drew to a close, Peter and John collaborated with CBLG’s adjunct senior research fellows, Dr Kim Alexander and Dr Garry Greenhalgh, in the design and delivery of the fourth ACIAR-funded project to improve the uptake of innovative farm technologies in Laos (2016-20). Analysis of data and impacts are still on-going and fuller details will follow in a subsequent issue of the CBLG Research Newsletter.

Following a letter of request from the Lao Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to ACIAR, Peter and John are currently exploring the possibilities of securing a further award to consolidate and develop their Extension Management System work.

Acknowledgements
Peter and John are grateful for the
support of the many Lao colleagues involved in the project and, not least, the senior leadership of partner institutions: Mr Somxay Sisanoh (Director General, Department of Planning and Finance, Ministry of Agriculture & Finance), Mr Khamphouvieng Phouisombhat (Divisional Director, Agriculture Development Fund), Professor Silinthone Sacklokham (National University of Laos), Dr Thavone Inthavong (Deputy Director, NAFRI). They also acknowledged the efforts and significant contributions of Michael Jones, Professor Natalie Stoekl, Dr Simon Foale and Dr Michelle Esparon to the EMS projects.

**Project publications to date**


**Cairns**

Evaluating the implementation of **Connect to Wellbeing (CTW): a quality improvement approach**

Dr Leigh-ann Onnis and A/Professor Jo Pryce

Since 2015, the North Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN) has been implementing programs and systems in an effort to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of health services, including how to improve access to psychological services for vulnerable population groups. Working in collaboration with researchers from The Cairns Institute (JCU) and the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), we evaluated the implementation of the newly established Connect to Wellbeing (CTW), a psychological services referral hub for North Queensland. This Participatory Action Research (PAR) project sought to determine how well CTW was improving access to psychological services based on individual client needs, and the cost-efficiencies of such a service. The evaluation used a Quality Improvement (QI) approach to better understand:

a) the process of implementing the new service;
b) the barriers and factors enabling implementation of the new service; and
c) the outcome measures that could be collected to ascertain the effectiveness of the CTW service regarding client health and wellbeing outcomes.

The evaluation highlighted aspects of the process of implementation that enabled CTW to establish itself in North Queensland, saw the waitlists cleared, and supported the rapid growth in referrals. An assessment of the potential outcome measures suitable for conducting economic analysis, such as cost-effectiveness of implementing a psychological services referral hub, and value for money, found that in general the Recovering Quality of Life (ReQoL-10), the EuroQoL Five Dimension Five Level (EQ-5D-5L), and specific questions about employment and absenteeism...
generated the necessary data to measure client outcomes and conduct economic analysis. Overall, there was evidence that CTW improved referral processes, removed waitlists, and broadened the scope and type of psychological services offered to eligible people living in North Queensland.

Singapore

Dr. Emiel Eijdenberg

Entrepreneurs’ creative responses to institutional challenges: Insider perspectives from Sub-Saharan Africa

Emiel L. Eijdenberg & Neil A. Thompson

Most of the entrepreneurship research in emerging countries uses macro level or meso level analyses of large surveys to examine institutional constraints and enablers of entrepreneurial activities. Following the call for more contextualization, dr. Emiel Eijdenberg and co-author dr. Neil Thompson from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam observed a need for more detailed understandings about what these entrepreneurial activities really mean. Voices from the ground were needed. This is how the idea for their book entitled “Entrepreneurs’ creative responses to institutional challenges: Insider perspectives from Sub-Saharan Africa” was born.

The backbone of the book is an extensive amount of self-collected data. Dr. Eijdenberg conducted four focus group interviews with 60 entrepreneurship experts and experienced entrepreneurs in Tanzania and Zambia in 2017 and 2018. Their personal experiences and stories offer a more nuanced and insider perspective of the everyday struggles of entrepreneurs in emerging contexts. The authors distinguish institutional constraints and enablers, and sustainability practices as responses to those constraints and enablers. In particular, the authors found that entrepreneurs use creative and bricolage methods of sustainability practices that contribute to social and environmental well-being. For example, creative ways of waste management, recycling and job creation, are illustrated. Besides the personal narratives, the book contains much additional socio-economic information related to entrepreneurship in Sub-Saharan Africa, relevant for academics, practitioners and students.

See link of book: https://books.emeraldinsight.com/pagination/detail/Entrepreneurs%E4%81-Creative-Responses-to-Institutional-Challenges/?k=9781839095450

See link of profile dr. Emiel Eijdenberg: https://www.jcu.edu.sg/about-us/staff-profiles/dr.-emiel-eijdenberg

Associate Professor Jacob Wood

The Sustainability of the WTO Dispute Settlement System: Does It Work for Developing Countries?

Published in the Journal of International Trade

Our study provides an econometric analysis of whether developing countries are disadvantaged by the
World Trade Organization’s (WTO’s) dispute settlement procedure. Despite the many successes of the Dispute Settlement Board (DSB), there is a need to better understand the overall effectiveness of the dispute mechanism. Using bilateral data of WTO members from 1995 to 2017, this article describes the influencing factors for developing countries’ participation in the dispute settlement process. By conducting a rare events logistic regression analysis, the results from this study show that the key factors that determine the ability for a developing country to initiate a dispute against another country include the export intensity, retaliation capability, economic power, and economic threat from potential defendant countries. This means that not all developing countries can participate in trade dispute settlement mechanisms, so the WTO dispute settlement system has relative legitimacy. In addition, we further compare and analyse the influence of these four dimensions over different time periods and in different target countries through seemingly unrelated estimations.

**Keywords:** WTO, dispute settlement system, developing country

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**Instant Messaging or Face-to-Face? How choice of communication medium affects team collaboration environments**

Dr. Chun Meng Tang and Dr. Adrian Bradshaw

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Working on team projects is a common feature in higher education as a way to foster team learning and collaboration. For a team to work well towards achieving project objectives, it is important that there is effective team communication. Conventionally, face-to-face interactions allow students to interact with each other in multiple communication channels, simultaneously sending and receiving verbal and nonverbal messages in real time. Today, modern mobile technology offers students a variety of alternative digital communication media for collaboration. Unlike a full-channel communication medium such as the face-to-face interaction, a digital communication medium like instant messaging does not normally transmit nonverbal cues. As a result, to compensate for insufficient nonverbal cues, users of instant messaging services have to put more effort and time into understanding each other. If more effort and time is required to understand each other better, then why is it that students today prefer instant messaging to face-to-face interactions for collaborative project work? To answer this question, the study analysed students’ copresence and its relationships with media satisfaction and communication effectiveness. It investigated whether these relationships differed between the students who used instant messaging and those who used face-to-face interactions. In addition, the study also examined whether media satisfaction played a mediating role between copresence and communication effectiveness. The findings show that the choice of digital communication medium, and satisfaction with that medium, has less of an effect on the perception of communication effectiveness. Instead, copresence has a greater bearing on the students’ perception of communication effectiveness and media satisfaction. The effect of copresence provides an explanation for why students choose instant messaging as a preferred medium of communication for team collaboration. This finding could help explain why different communication media facilitate teamwork in collaborative learning environments.
Online reviews have become a significant source of information for travel planning, influencing consumers purchasing decisions and behaviour. Electronic Word of Mouth (e-WOM) is perceived as a marketing tool with significant influences on hospitality industry (Li et al., 2009, Kamble et al., 2020). This chapter explores the impacts of online reviews on hotel booking intentions and its significance for entrepreneurial success. Internet provides many suitable platforms for eWOM to operate such as blog, forum, and travel websites. However, the appearance of social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram have brought about new dimensions for online reviews (Xiang & Gretzel, 2010). Consumer can post their reviews online as a part of their reaction when they feel disappointed by a service or betrayed by a hotel (Gregoire & Fisher, 2008). In addition, the motivation for posting review comes from multitude of reasons but the main reason is the concern for other consumers (Hennig-Thurau et al., 2004). As a result, customers freely discuss and exchange their experiences and comments about hotel quality and service to their peers, family, friends and potential customer. Some review website like TripAdvisor are applying algorithms to make online reviews become more trustworthy and reduce biased negative reviews rate (TripAdvisor, 2018). Therefore, the quality of reviews have improved which could increase the trust and confidence from consumers. Consumers are sensitive and tend to reduce risk by collecting other’s opinion regarding online purchase decision because independent third-party opinion are relatively unbiased and uncontrolled from hoteliers (Sparks & Browning, 2011). Findings from review of relevant literature indicates positive relationship between online review volume, valence, quality, and online booking intention. There is a significant negative impact of negative online reviews on online booking intention, whilst positive online reviews can gain positive influence. Consumer tend to be more influenced by negative reviews than positive ones. In addition, the female customer prefers to read more online review to make sure the information is correct before hotel booking decisions. The influence of online reviews on hotel performance is very significant. Hotel entrepreneurs are recommended to pay close attention to online reviews, contents and its impacts and effectively manage reviews.

New CBLG Publications

Here are the publications as listed on the research online depository over the last two months. If the first author is based in JCUA the publication is listed under the various College disciplines. Studies with a Singapore first author are listed among JCUS publications.

JCU Australia


JCU Singapore


International Tourism Webinar

Trisakti School of Tourism, in partnership with James Cook University Australia, organized an International Tourism Research Webinar on June 19, 2020. The topic of the Webinar, “Rejecting Myths: Stories from Tourism Research Journeys”, were presented by Prof Philip Pearce, Dr. Hera Oktadiana, CHE and Dr. Denis Tolkach from JCU Australia, and Dr. Walanchalee Wattanacharoenisil from Mahidol University International College. The event was attended by more than 1,200 participants from 34 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, Australasia, Oceania, and America. The numbers were based on the participants who were given the certificates (registered and attended the Webinar via Zoom and YouTube Live). There were actually more people attending the webinar who did not re-register. The YouTube link is: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5E-y-EuB1i04

The event was initiated by Dr Hera Oktadiana and Dr Myrza Rahmanita from Trisakti School of Tourism as part of an academic initiative of Trisakti’s Tourism Postgraduate program as well as to promote the collaboration between Trisakti School of Tourism and JCU which was realized with the MOU signing in March 2019. Further aim was to build the research capacity of tourism scholars.

Media Coverage

The International Tourism Webinar on June 19, 2020 was covered by Indonesian media both in Indonesian and English:

1. Suara Karya
2. Rakyat Nasional
3. Surat Kabar Indonesia Hebat
4. Pernusa News
5. Warta Nusantara

ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWS


http://www.wartanusantara.com/2020/07/the-international-tourism-research.html?m=1

INDONESIAN LANGUAGE NEWS

https://suarakarya.co.id/stp-trisakti-gandeng-james-cook-university-bahas-arah-baru-penelitian-pariwisata/23251/
International Webinar #2

WEBINAR SERIES 1

TOPIC
Sustainable Tourism & Hospitality Practice Solution - Enhancing Innovation in Pandemic Situation

DATE and TIME
Monday, July 20th, 2020 | 08.30 – 11.30 WIB

REGISTRATION

FREE REGISTRATION & E-CERTIFICATE
STREAM AT
YouTube

Professor Philip L. Pearce
James Cook University Australia

Hera Oktadiana, Ph.D., CHE
James Cook University Australia and Trisakti School of Tourism Indonesia

Denis Tolkach, Ph.D
James Cook University Cairns Campus Australia

Dr. Walanchalee Wattanacharoensil
Mahidol University International College, Thailand

Moderator
Rina Supriwati, M.Hum., M.SiPar
Trisakti School of Tourism Indonesia

Host: Graduate Program - Trisakti School of Tourism

Friday, 19 June 2020 | 13.30 - 15.30 Jakarta/Bangkok time
16.30 - 18.30 Singapore/Malaysia/Hong Kong time | 09.30 - 11.30 WIB/GMT time

Registration now at: https://bit.ly/Webinar52-TPPT
CRC Longevity Research Project

The project team involves the following 8 universities: UQ, QUT, JCU, Curtin, Swinburne, USA, Western Sydney University, and Federation University.

JCU Leads: Prof. Caryn West. (Deputy Head of Discipline Nursing and Midwifery and Dean of Research JCUS) and Prof. Martin Nakata AM (Pro VC Indigenous Education and Strategy)

CBLG Lead: Prof. Liz Spencer (Head of Law)

Stage 1: Opens 30 April 2020 – closes 29 July 2020
Stage 2: Opens late October 2020 – closes January 2021
Stage 3: Outcomes announced March 2021 – Funding starts October 2021

JCU Joint Stage 1 Submission (Key Info)
- Our submission has $26.5 million in confirmed cash contributions
- $87 million in total bid value
- Asking for $35 million from the Australian Government

For more information, please visit the new website: https://crclongevity.com/.

While a video which explains the role and importance of data for industry, researcher, Governments and NGOs can be found here: https://youtu.be/_H7Uy9VGRvk

Background
The CRC Longevity will drive economic growth across the Australian economy, specifically in organisations that require market intelligence, competitive business data and live testing environments. The CRC Longevity outputs will drive the development of new, high-quality and tailored products, services and policies that account for the social and economic impact that longevity will likely have on their customers and businesses. The immediate beneficiaries of the CRC Longevity are the end-users of the CRC Longevity research – the industry, government and NGO partners who will turn the research outputs into economic and social opportunities to benefit the Australian economy and community. Ultimately the net benefit to older Australians of the future will also be significant as the interconnected effects cascade through improved products, services and policies to meet their lifestyle, economic and wellbeing needs. The three key areas of research focus will be live well and prosper, work and learn, play and engage.
Pacific Fund 2020-2022

Dr Stéphane Le Queux

JCU and the French Embassy have just signed a Research Convention (Pacific Fund 2020-2022) towards research and collaboration between Australia and Polynesia: Smart Islands (budget 20,000 euros). This project is a cross-College initiative led by Dr Florence Boulard (Associate Dean Learning and Teaching, CASE) and Dr Stéphane Le Queux (CBLG). It follows up on a previous project (2016-2018) under the same scheme (Capacity Building in French Polynesia, Dr Le Queux, P.I., 30,000 euros).

The Smart Islands Program relates to the Indo-Pacific Plan to which both Australia and France are committed. Our project includes two streams: (i) Cross-cultural education and student exchanges with an additional $30,000 from the New Colombo Plan (DFAT) & Business relations in liaison with the French Polynesia Regional Group (Employers’ associations and the Polynesian Chamber of Commerce); (ii) Research development and transfer of expertise in focus areas of the Smart Islands program: Tourism and Sustainable Development.

In relation to research development, the French Polynesian Smart Islands program is looking at socially and environmentally friendly innovations in four areas: (1) Smart Sustainable Tourism; (2) The Circular Economy; (3) The Blue & Green Economy; (4) Innovative public services. The project addresses the first three areas involving colleagues from multiple disciplines, including JCUS: (1.1) The diversification
of the hospitality offering (with a focus on Chinese tourism), Dr Tingzhen Chen; (1.2) Culturally responsible tourism and the contribution of tourism to Indigenous people well-being (Associate Professor Laurie Murphy); (1.3) Using tourism as a vehicle for cultural education (Dr Florence Boulard); (2) Circular economy: experience and expertise from Singapore (Associate Professor Adrian Kuah); (3) Environmental marketing (Dr Breda McCarthy).

Note that if Polynesia is small in scale, still is French, hence receiving EU scientific and financial support. They recently obtained 19 million euros and 30 million euros for water management/aquaculture and tourism development, respectively. These are areas where JCU is world class. There might thus be some further opportunities ahead and the project aims at facilitating these. Also, note that JCU and Tahiti Business School have a MOU signed since 2015, we actually are the only Australian Business School involved in the region! We are hopeful that the project will help flag JCU’s engagement further.

Major changes to the Fields of Research classification include:
• Splitting Division 11 Medicine Division into two new Divisions, Biomedical and clinical sciences and Health Sciences
• Introduction of a new Division to capture Indigenous studies, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Māori and Pacific Peoples research
• Removal of the Division 10 Technology
• A number of Divisions, including Information and computing sciences, Psychology, and Law and legal studies, have been substantially updated.

Major changes to the Socio-Economic Objectives classification include:
• Removing the top ‘Sector’ level of the classification and associated letter codes
• Splitting Division 96 Environment into two new Divisions, Environmental management and Environmental policy, climate change and natural hazards
• Introduction of a new Division to capture Indigenous outcomes.

Both classifications have been completely renumbered to streamline use and reduce confusion between the old and new versions of ANZSRC.

These changes, along with numerous changes at the lower levels, result in an updated, accurate statistical classification system that reflects changes in research practices over the last decade and will support long-term usage. For further detail of the process and scope of changes please see the ANZSRC Review 2020 Outcomes Paper.

CBLG Library News

Alice Luetchford

The Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification (ANZSRC) Review – update as of 30 June, 2020

The revised Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification (ANZSRC 2020) is now available on the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Stats NZ websites.

The classification is the result of nearly two years of extensive consultations with researchers, universities, peak bodies and other users of the classification. Over 400 submissions were made by more than 300 individuals and organisations across two public consultation rounds.
The classification is available for immediate use, noting each user of the Division of Tropical Environments and classification will make their own Societies and delivers a range of determination as to when to adopt the courses in Cairns, Singapore, new classifications. The ARC intends to Townsville and Brisbane. It is led by the use the new codes for the next Dean, Professor Stephen Boyle and Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) promotes, fosters, supports and Engagement and Impact (EI) rounds administers quality teaching and in 2023–24. The ARC will consult with research across a number of areas.

universities to develop a timeline for use of the new codes for National The CBLG is inviting applications for Competitive Grants Program (NCGP) PhD Scholarships from both domestic and international students in any of the following research areas:

- Accounting
- Economics
- Governance and Management
- Law
- Marketing
- Tourism

Scholarship Opportunities
JCU Scholarships for Higher Degree by Research Candidates are awarded annually on a competitive basis to the top ranking applicants.

Though JCU accepts application throughout the year, the scholarship is only offered once per year. The competitive JCU scholarships are highly sought after and you have to be very competitive to receive the Stipend. Usually, the Stipend is around $28,000/year and will also cover your tuition fees of around $35,000/year. More information for JCU Scholarships can be found at: https://www.jcu.edu.au/graduate-research-school/hdr-candidates/postgraduate-research-scholarships.

Interested candidates should contact A/Prof Sizhong Sun, the Associate Dean of Research Education of the College of Business Law and Governance, with a copy of latest CV and a potential research topic via email (sizhong.sun@jcu.edu.au ).

The College of Business Law and Governance

ResearchOnline@JCU staff are currently assessing the outcomes of this Review and will advise on how the changes will be incorporated in due course.

Associate Dean of Research Education
Associate Professor Sizhong Sun

PhD Positions at the College of Business Law and Governance, James Cook University

The College of Business Law and Governance (CBLG), James Cook University (JCU), has a number of opportunities for PhD studies, and is calling for expressions of interest.

James Cook University

JCU is committed to achieve research excellence. In 2016, the Times Higher Education (THE) ranked JCU as the top 150 universities under 50 years old, placing JCU at the 38th place. For the past six years, the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) has ranked JCU in the 301-400 group of universities. Over that time, JCU has improved its position, while the number of recognised higher education institutions has increased from 10,000 to more than 18,000, placing JCU in the top 2% of universities worldwide.

The College of Business Law and Governance
We are very pleased to announce JCU has been successful in securing a research grant in the 2020 Queensland Reef Water Quality (QRWQ) Program. After a highly competitive tender process, the team were awarded a grant by the Department of Environment and Science (DES) of $249,546 (ex GST) in funding over an 18 month project life.

Led by JCU CASE senior political scientist, Dr Maxine Newlands, the project includes our own CBLG social media and social marketing experts Mrs Tracey Mahony and Dr Rachel Hay; in collaboration with CSIRO senior sustainability scientist, Dr Erin Bohensky.

The project entitled, ‘Understanding the influence of media and community narratives on Great Barrier Reef water quality management,’ will enlighten our mediatized world where the news media play a key role in communicating knowledge about the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) and the risks it faces. While media does not tell people what to think, it sets agendas and forges consensus by presenting the public with a range of issues to discuss. There is an underexplored role for traditional mainstream and social media to build Australian consciousness of important issues facing our society including public health and environmental policy. Research also suggests social media is particularly important in building social capital (as the basis of network formation) in rural, regional and remote communities.

This project proposes a unique opportunity to use traditional mainstream and social media in a positively framed capacity for social good through the discovery of communication preferences. We will analysing media networks and practical tools for government based stakeholders, marine park managers, media outlets and end users to align and improve water change behaviours in the GBR focal area encompassing rural, regional and remote Australia.

“On behalf of the team I would like to thank everyone at JCU who has assisted us in the grant process to date. We are a young and passionate research team committed to bringing about high quality outcomes for QRWQ from this project. We will be keeping the JCU community informed throughout with a range of interactives on offer – so watch this space!” - Dr Maxine Newlands.

THE PROJECT TEAM:
From left to right in the picture below:

JCU CASE: Dr Maxine Newlands
CSIRO: Dr Erin Bohenski
JCU CBLG: Dr Rachel Hay
JCU CBLG: Mrs Tracey Mahony
### Discovery projects

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Important dates that relate to eligibility:

- The grant commencement date for Discovery Projects grant opportunity for funding commencing in 2021 is 1 January 2021. This date is when grant funding may commence.
- The active project assessment date for Discovery Projects grant opportunity for funding commencing in 2021 is 1 July 2021. This date is used to consider project and application limits per named participant.

### CITBA Research

#### CITBA Research Workshop Series

Led by our colleague A/P Taha Chaeichi, CITBA has been developing video content for HDRs and Early Career Researchers. While the video content is currently available through CITBA's YouTube Channel we are now in the progress of working with the JCU Web Development Team to have it integrated into the CITBA website. A whole suite of workshop are now being developed and if anyone would like to make a contribution please let me know. There is a lot of research knowledge across the CBLG and I would love to be able to share that with everyone.

The two videos that have been completed so far can be seen below at. They include presentations by both Taha and A/P Jo Pryce.

https://youtu.be/E16saTFu9IU (How to Write a Persuasive Literature Review)

https://youtu.be/3ijDW2sg7iM (The Research Design - Qualitative Data Analysis)

### Shut and Write Boot Camp

CITBA organised a two-day virtual writing retreat that was open to all HDR candidates and academics across JCU. The main goal of the retreat was to turn writing from a solitary, to a virtual social experience, to help you set aside dedicated writing time, make progress, and learn from others. The retreat also offered great targeted training opportunities (mini-lessons) as part of the two-day program. Here is the list of our amazing speakers.

- A/P Taha Chaiechi
- A/P Jo Pryce
- A/P Liz Tynan
- A/P Hilary Whitehouse
- MC: Mrs Diana Castorina

The boot camp invitation was well-received by attending Academics and HDR students from across JCU campuses with the majority expressing their desire for future similar events by CITBA. In total, 72 registrations were received by the due date of Thursday 4 June 2020, with few cancellations due to other commitments. Overall, 38% of the participants were from the CBLG and 63% from other colleges and divisions from across the university. See an overview of the academic fields of participants below. Attendance was at its highest during day 1 and also during the mini-lesson sessions and debriefs with our key speakers. Here is a screenshot of our participants, below, we also provided some infographic and feedback that may be interesting to some readers. CITBA will issue the attendees with a certificate of participation endorsed by A/Prof Taha Chaiechi, the Australia Director for CITBA, and A/Prof Jacob Wood, the Associate Dean of Research, CBLG.

Feedback: Extensive feedback was collected throughout the workshop, and participants progress was
recorded against their goals. Participants found the workshop a great avenue to connect to others, expand their network, and learn about a different aspect of their research. From those who participated in the second-day feedback session, 91% requested similar future events to be organised by CITBA.
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<td>Collective Action: Participatory Action Research workshop</td>
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<td>Launch of podcast series for CITBA flagship</td>
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