

2008 PUBLIC SEMINAR SERIES: DEMOGRAPHY AND THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Australia's Indigenous Population: A demographic gift?

Kim Johnstone

The Indigenous population is young compared to the population of the rest of Australia. This young age profile means Indigenous people will have significant demands on the education and health sectors, as well as increasing demand on housing and the labour market. Because the many young people born in recent years will be at the age of entering the job market at the same time as many non-Indigenous Australians are reaching retirement age there is a significant opportunity for Indigenous Australians to fill these 'job gaps' in the labour market. This seminar explores the population age profile of the Indigenous population in Australia as well as key characteristics that indicate where demographic opportunities lie, and the challenges for exploiting these opportunities.

Kim Johnstone is a Demographer, enrolled as a PhD student with the Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute. Her research is focussed on Indigenous fertility change in the NT. This seminar is drawn from recent work she has been engaged in explaining the demographic parameters of economic development to non-demographers.

Demographic change in the 21st Century: Issues and challenges

Andrew Taylor

In June this year, Charles Darwin University's School for Social & Policy Research co-hosted a major international conference on population issues for the 21st Century in Alice Springs. Key themes of the 14th Biennial Australian Population Association conference included Indigenous demography, policy responses to demographic change, and the demography of Australia's northern neighbours. In this seminar presentation, Andrew Taylor synthesises the major issues and challenges for Demography in the 21st century through his interpretation of presentations by keynote and other speakers at the conference.

Andrew Taylor is a Research Fellow with the Population Studies Theme at the School for Social & Policy Research, Charles Darwin University. Andrew explores some of the challenges confronting demographers in the 21st Century by drawing on his personal insights from the 14th biennial Australian Population Association Conference in Alice Springs in June and hosted by the School for Social and Policy Research.

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This seminar is free and open to the public.