



Examples of new *Discovery Projects* in 2010

Humanities and Creative Arts

Monash University (Contact: 03 9903 4840)

Light, Place and Presence in the History of Australian Photography (DP1093770)

Summary: Photography is central to Australian history and national identity. It is a powerful tool through which our identities are forged, and through photography our understanding of our place in relation to our environments, each other and the world are made visible. By grounding this research in the unique status of light as a physical agent in photography and a key symbol of identity and place in Australia, this project will develop a new approach to photography that enriches our social and cultural imagination, and propels Australian scholarship onto the international agenda.

Chief Investigator: Dr Melissa Miles

ARC funding: \$324,000 over 4 years

Charles Darwin University (Contact: 08 8946 6551)

Can there be good policy? Tracing the paths between policy intent, evidence and practical benefit in regional and remote Australia (DP1094139)

Summary: By tracking major health, housing and education reforms currently underway across regional and remote Australia, this research generates fresh perspectives on an urgent contemporary debate in Indigenous social affairs: namely, are governments best placed to drive social change or to determine policy imperatives; and if not, are there alternate ways to generate good policy? An anthropological approach will be used to observe government policy at work. The research will explore the institutional reasons behind the gap between intention and outcome in Indigenous social policy; how failure cycles in policy are replicated; and possible techniques for creating and implementing a new ethics of policy engagement.

Chief Investigator: Associate Professor Teresa Lea

ARC funding: \$775,000 over 5 years

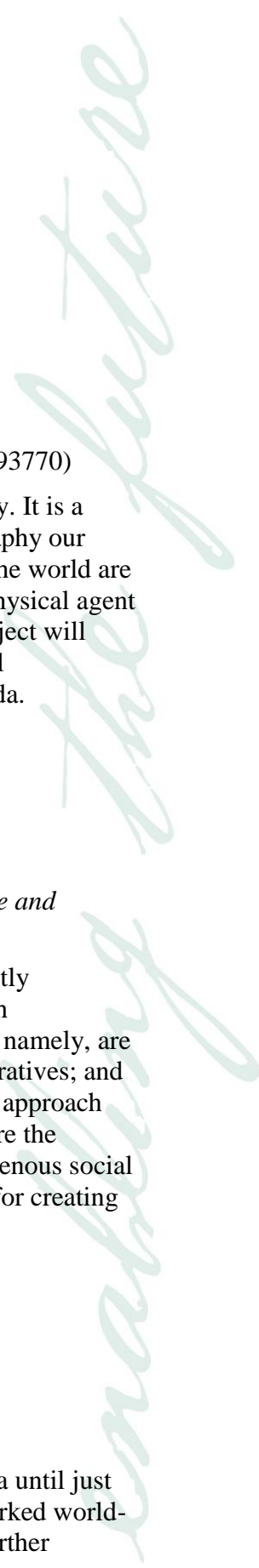
The Australian National University (Contact: 02 6125 5575)

*Who were the ancestors of *Homo floresiensis*?* (DP1096870)

Summary: The discovery of a tiny, new hominid species living in Indonesia until just 12,000 years ago, at the same time as modern humans in the region, has sparked world-wide public interest and debate. Finding the ancestors of this species will further promote Australian research as high profile, high calibre and cutting edge. Collaboration with researchers and institutions in Indonesia, USA, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa and the Republic of Georgia will strengthen our links with these nations.

Chief Investigator: Professor Colin Groves

ARC funding: \$347,000 over 3 years





The University of New South Wales (Contact: 02 9385 2864)

Redefining conceptions of child and adolescent emotional responses to music using time-series analysis (DP1094998)

Summary: The National Review of Music Education recognises the need to understand more fully how musical experiences impact on children's emotional and general development. Australian researchers are leaders in the field of continuous response to emotion in music. Our international leadership on this critically important issue will result in new ways of understanding music and teaching music to children through to adults because our explanations of affective aspects of music will be framed within a scientific perspective which moves beyond learning the purely technical and subjective aspects of music appreciation.

Chief Investigator: Dr Emery Schubert

ARC funding: \$285,000 over 4 years

The University of Sydney (Contact: 02 9114 0748)

Developing a legal framework for Indonesia's participation in an internationally sanctioned scheme for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation (and Degradation) (DP1095541)

Summary: Global climate change is projected to have serious consequences for Australia. Innovative research to provide a legal framework for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (RED(D)) schemes in developing countries, including Indonesia, is needed. As Australia is likely to be the first country in the world to recognise 'offset credits' from RED(D), under its proposed emissions trading scheme commencing in 2010-2011, the project will benefit Australia. The project will also support the Australian government's Global Initiative on Forests, including the Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership with Indonesia. It will place Australian and Indonesian legal academics at the forefront of this innovative area of legal research.

Chief Investigator: Associate Professor Rosemary Lyster

ARC funding: \$224,000 over 3 years

Deakin University (Contact: 03 5227 1301)

Vietnam: Heritage of a Nation (DP1095121)

Summary: This project will contribute to our understanding of Vietnam's cultural history and to protection of Vietnamese cultural heritage. The findings will be relevant to the work of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and national industry bodies and to professional organisations such the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS). The project may lead to the addition of new items to UNESCO and Vietnamese heritage registers (both tangible and intangible) for the benefit of the global community at large. The project will enhance Australia's reputation in the region as a producer of innovative approaches to heritage conservation and will strengthen the 'Asia literacy' of Australian heritage professionals. The project fits the ARC's research priority goal 'Understanding Our Region'.

Chief Investigator: Professor William Logan

ARC funding: \$63,000 over 2 years