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## POPULATION & WATER: An Australian Dilemma

### Professor Graeme Hugo

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Thursday 17 July 2008, 6–7.30pm  
Copland Theatre, Building 25, Kingsley Street, ANU

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Professor Patrick Troy's book, *Troubled Waters: Confronting the Water Crisis in Australia's Cities* will be launched at the lecture.

The debate on population and water is a long-standing one in Australia, but it has gained a new immediacy with the recognition of the reality of climate change. In this lecture Professor Graeme Hugo will begin by describing the contemporary dynamics of Australia's changing population size, structure and distribution. He will discuss the challenges which the nation faces with respect to ageing and an increasingly unfavourable balance between its older and working age populations. He will consider future scenarios of population growth and distribution of the Australian population in the light of the changing availability of water. Professor Hugo argues that in the past population and water (indeed all environmental) policies have been developed separately and that there is a need in the current circumstances for integrating water and population policy. Australia's future population should be planned for in full recognition not only of the impacts of climate change but also economic and social considerations.



Graeme Hugo is University Professorial Research Fellow, Professor of the Department of Geographical and Environmental Studies and Director of the National Centre for Social Applications of Geographic Information Systems at the University of Adelaide. His research interests are in population issues in Australia and South East Asia, especially migration. He is the author of over three hundred books, articles in scholarly journals and chapters in books, as well as a large number of conference papers and reports. In 2002 he secured an ARC Federation Fellowship over five years for his research project, *The New Paradigm of International Migration to and From Australia: Dimensions, Causes and Implications*. He is currently working on reports on Migration and Development for the Australian Government and for the Asian Development Bank.



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