

Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network Seminar Series

From 2018–2020, the [Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network](#) Seminar Series will address each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Each seminar focuses on an individual Goal, offering an opportunity to explore the intent of the Goal, its targets, and some of the initiatives being undertaken to deliver on them. Each seminar will be accompanied a [Policy Brief](#).



SDG 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Tuesday, 30 July 2019, 12:30pm – 2pm

RMIT City Campus

Council Chamber, Level 2R, RMIT Building 1

124 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

In 2018, the UN found that ‘Too many people still lack access to safely managed water supplies and sanitation facilities. Water scarcity, flooding and lack of proper wastewater management also hinder social and economic development. Increasing water efficiency and improving water management are critical to balancing the competing and growing water demands from various sectors and users.’ Amid rising recognition of the impact of climate change on water and sanitation, and in the midst of a heated national debate about water management, this seminar will address SDG6 through the lens of both the local and the global.

Registration is essential. To RSVP, click [here](#).

Panellists

Chair: Naomi Francis

Naomi is an engineer and development consultant, working and researching in water, sanitation, hygiene and health in low-income settings. She is currently completing her PhD at the University of Melbourne’s Nossal Institute for Global Health, on water, sanitation and hygiene in remote villages in Timor-Leste. Naomi is also a research fellow at the University of Melbourne’s School of Social and Political Sciences exploring a women’s empowerment program (MAMPU) in Indonesia in partnership with the University of Gadjah Mada. She tutors and lectures in several of the International Development and Global Health subjects offered at the University of Melbourne and RMIT.

Professor Jega Jegatheesan

Jega’s research focuses on integrated water management and recently he has co-edited a book on “Urban Stormwater & Flood Management - Enhancing the Liveability of Cities” published by Springer. Jega is founder and Chairman of the international conference series on Challenges in Environmental Science & Engineering (CESE) held annually since 2008. He has over 300 publications including more than 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and five edited books.

Jega is also the managing guest editor of 30 special issues in peer-reviewed journals, an editorial board member of two Elsevier journals and one prestigious open access journal on membranes. Additionally, he is the editor-in-chief of a book series entitled Applied Environmental Science and Engineering (AESE) for a Sustainable Future published by Springer and has been instrumental for publishing 8 books since 2015.

Meredith Hickman

Meredith Hickman is Head of Strategy at WaterAid Australia. Meredith is a development professional dedicated to the global movement for clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene for everyone, everywhere by 2030. As Head of Strategy at WaterAid, she manages a team of technical experts and business development staff driving the strategic direction of WaterAid's work in Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Prior to joining WaterAid Meredith supported initiatives around governance, accountability, and decentralisation. She holds a Master of Internal Development from Sydney University.

More panellists to be announced shortly!

Accessibility Information

An accessibility/mobility access map is available to download [here](#) (please scroll to the end of the webpage). RMIT's Building 1 can be accessed via the adjacent Building 21. Gender neutral bathrooms are available at the venue. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like further information.

About the Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network

The [Jean Monnet SDG Network](#) formalises relationships amongst researchers, policy think tanks and Non-Government Organisations who share a primary interest in enhancing the effective contribution of the EU to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Asia Pacific. By strengthening collaboration amongst researchers and policy makers, the Network promotes a more effective evidence-base for EU institutions to engage with nations in the region to implement the SDGs. Its core question is: how can European Union integration be more effective in supporting the implementation of the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific than would be possible for individual Member States? How can this role be developed further?

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