

# Invitation

Professor Edward Byrne AO, Vice-Chancellor and President of Monash University invites you to attend the launch of the World Bank's **World Development Report 2009**

**Seeing Development in 3D: Density, Distance, Division**

Friday 14 August 2009, 11.45 am – 2 pm

Monash University's City Office, Level 7, 30 Collins Street, Melbourne

The launch in Australia of the World Bank's *World Development Report 2009: Reshaping Economic Geography* is jointly hosted by Monash University, World Bank and AusAID.

There are: **1 billion** slum dwellers in the developing world's cities  
**1 billion** people in remote lagging areas  
**1 billion** people at the bottom of the global hierarchy of nations

These overlapping populations pose today's biggest development challenges. How can nations help these three intersecting billions?

Conventional wisdom prescribes responses that involve controlling growth of cities; reducing rural-urban gaps in wealth; developing programs that bring jobs to the people in lagging areas and provinces; and protecting enterprises until they are ready to compete.

In setting the agenda for approaches to development, the **World Development Report 2009** takes a provocative alternative view. The Report argues that economic development happens best when it is focused on particular geographical areas (mostly cities), and hence development is intrinsically inequitable. The Report then argues for redistributive policies to address these inequities, policies that do not compromise the primary focus on economic growth and development in high density urban areas.

This event will provide an opportunity to interact with World Bank's senior economist, Dr Truman Packard and leading thinkers on the implications of the report.

## Keynote speaker

**Dr Truman Packard, Senior Economist, World Bank**

Dr Packard is one of the Report's lead authors. His presentation will be followed by a panel discussion and time for open questions and discussion.

## RSVP

Friday 7 August 2009

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Light Lunch will be served.



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