NATIONAL PLAN CONSULTATION PROJECT
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The National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 (National Plan) is Australia's overarching strategy to address domestic, family and sexual violence. The Australian Government, with support from state and territory governments, is leading the development of the next National Plan, which will take effect from mid-2022. This project aims to identify key issues to be considered and priority areas for action in the successor National Plan. The project team will undertake key elements of the Australian Government’s consultation to inform the next National Plan.

PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF THE LIFE’S WORK OF JOHN DARLING COLLECTION
Sharyn Davies (LLCL)
Anonymous Donor
The project aims to complete the conservation of John Darling’s Indonesian film and audio collection, as well as its digitisation, preservation, cataloguing and publication. These steps will be augmented by the synthesis, analysis and dissemination of research findings distilled from the collection.

CITIZEN PERSPECTIVES ON PUBLIC SERVICES DURING LIFE EVENTS
Steven Robert, Ben Lyall, Brady Robards, Dharma Arunachalam (SoSS) and other colleagues
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
The project will explore the lived experience of life events, how they relate to public services, and how these experiences shape both citizen satisfaction with, and trust in, Australian public services (APS). The project builds upon the core team’s previous work with PM&C around young people’s experience of the APS, with the former and present projects both geared towards optimising service provisions to the needs of Australian citizens and for aiding PM&C in realising their aspiration to achieve “1 APS”.

AUDITING THE SCHOOL LEAVERS INFORMATION SERVICE (SLIS)
Steven Roberts, Ben Lyall, Brady Robards (SoSS), Verity Trott (MFJ) and other colleagues
Department for Education, Skills and Employment
The project will use a multi method approach to investigate young people’s perceptions, experiences and motivations for accessing careers related services. In particular the project will help the Department better understand and capitalise on the drivers of using such services, and design strategies to overcome the barriers to ensure wider take up of the SLIS initiative.

FEELING SAFE IN PUBLIC PLACES: CO-DESIGNING COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGIES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA
Rebecca Wickes, Alex Piquero, Silke Meyer, Charishma Ratnam, Rebecca Powell (Monash Migration and Inclusion Centre, Criminology Program and MGFVPC, SoSS) and other colleagues
Department of Justice and Community Safety Victoria
This 2-year project will develop innovative place-based strategies that enhance feelings of safety and inclusion and prevent crime and victimisation in public spaces for women and migrants in Victoria. The project centres on a co-design approach, bringing together representatives from local government and community sectors, including representatives from Melton City Council, Monash City Council, Wyndham City Council, Welcoming Cities, local business owners and local community members including women and migrants, who have deep community knowledge, understandings and experiences of safety and inclusion in public places. Through collaboration with these different stakeholders, the project aims to create an evidence base of women and migrant’s experiences of safety that can lead to effective crime prevention practices that are place-based and socially and culturally relevant. An accessible toolkit will be developed for all Victorian councils and community organisations with recommendations on the process of working with diverse groups to understand and improve safe and inclusive neighbourhood spaces.
EXPERT REVIEW OF RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION MATERIAL
Naomi Pfitzner, Asher Flynn, Kate Fitz-Gibbon (MGFVPC and Criminology Program, SoSS)
Department of Education, Skills and Employment
The project includes a review of bespoke Departmental resources for Years 7-12. The review will enable the team to provide advice to the Department on any content that ought to be amended, identify any gaps in resources and areas in need of development of new materials, ensuring the Respect Matters program and its website remain a dynamic resource for Australian school students.

GENDER ANALYSIS OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON PEACE AND SECURITY IN ASEM: EVIDENCE-BASED RESEARCH FOR POLICY RESPONSES
Jacqui True, Alexandra Phelan, Irene Hirawari Gayatri, Yolanda Riveros Morales and Jasmine Mead (Monash Gender, Peace and Security (GPS), SoSS)
United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
The project builds on the long-standing partnership between GPS and UN Women. The GPS team will partner with other ASEAN country experts in Indonesia, Thailand and Philippines to examine the key changing trends and dynamics of violent extremism in the context of COVID-19, including recruitment, propaganda, and spread of misinformation and disinformation to fuel misogynist and hostile beliefs to justify and legitimize violence against women in the ASEAN region. This will build knowledge and evidence to inform the implementation of gender-responsive prevention of violent extremism strategies, and support ongoing regional efforts and collaboration in ASEAN countries, addressing a variety of cross-border challenges from pandemic response to rising intolerance and extremism.

KRONHILL PROGRAM FOR EUROPEAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE
Rebecca Margolis, David Slucki, Nathan Wolski, Daniel Heller, Daniella Doron, Noah Shenker, and Paula Michaels (SoPHIS)
Jacob Kronhill Fund
The project will support a program of collaborative research initiatives in the area of European Jewish culture. It will bring together scholarship and cultural output at the Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation (ACJC) with international partners for outcomes that are oriented towards the Jewish and broader cultural communities of Melbourne and beyond. The project will provide opportunities to build and showcase local and international research partnerships in areas such as the exploration of Jewish culinary traditions, the creation of new musical interpretation of Jewish texts and others. The Program will dovetail with the ACJC’s new Master and PhD stream in Jewish Cultural Practice by integrating the next generation of scholars, researchers and practitioners.

PREVENTION OF FINANCIAL ABUSE WORKSHOP
Kate Fitz-Gibbon, Jasmine McGowan and Jasmine Mead (MGFVPC, SoSS)
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Australia)
In July 2021 Monash Gender and Family Violence Prevention Centre team members facilitated a virtual workshop for the Office for Women on the ‘Prevention of Financial Abuse’. The workshop was an invite only event organised by the Office for Women and attended by a range of relevant stakeholders from across Australia. The workshop was a related activity undertaken to inform the Stakeholder Consultation for the next National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2010 - 2022, also being undertaken by the MGFVPC. 50 individuals participated in the workshop over the course of the day and a Summary Report was produced by the Monash Facilitation Team.

A NATIONAL STOCKTAKE AND GAP ANALYSIS OF RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION (RRE) MATERIAL AND RESOURCES
Naomi Pfitzner, Asher Flynn, Kate Fitz-Gibbon (MGFVPC and Criminology Program, SoSS) and other colleagues
Department of Education, Skills and Employment
This project will utilise a multi-methods and phased approach to undertake a national stocktake and gap analysis of RRE resources while also undertaking national engagement to better understand RRE program implementation, delivery and outcomes across government, non-government, independent, Catholic school settings.
IMPROVING DECISIONS ABOUT ACCESS TO STEM CELL INTERVENTIONS

Alan Petersen, Claire Tanner (SoSS) and other colleagues

Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF), Department of Health (Category 1 funding)

Led by the University of Sydney, the project addresses a crucial social, ethical and policy question: how can we assist regulators, clinicians and patients in making decisions about access to stem cell-based interventions (SCBIs)? The project will generate principles, guidelines, and recommendations for determining when access should be confined to clinical trials, when interventions should be offered as a type of clinical innovation, and when they should be offered as standard clinical practice. It will also generate principles for education and communication to help patients understand their options. The outputs of this research will facilitate governance decisions about access to SCBIs that are fair, transparent, evidence-based, accountable, economically sustainable, and that promote the welfare of both individuals and the community. It will also facilitate research and ensure that patients make decisions about modes of access that are informed, autonomous and truly reflective of their values, needs and healthcare goals.

DEVELOPING CYBERCRIME ROADMAP: CHALLENGES FACING THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (FSM)

Lennon Chang (SoSS) and other colleagues

Oceania Cyber Security Centre Limited

This project aims to identify trends in cybercrime in the FSM and evaluate the laws and regulations of the FSM by comparing them with international standards such as the Budapest Convention. In collaboration with the FSM Government, Oceania Cyber Security Centre and Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, the project will produce a national cyberlaw roadmap for the FSM. This roadmap will be used by the FSM government as a guide to development of their cybercrime related laws and strategies.

FAMILY VIOLENCE RESEARCH PROJECT

Kate Fitz-Gibbon, Ellen Reeves and Silke Meyer (MGFVPC, SoSS)

Department of Education and Training (Victoria)

The project will examine the impacts of family violence and practice developments in relation to children and young people with a focus on Victorian early childhood and education sector. The project outcomes will be used to assist with accessing current research and to inform family violence policy, practice, Family Violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management (MARAM) Framework implementation, and to provide advice into health, wellbeing and inclusion and other relevant areas.

VISUAL PROPAGANDA IN MAINLAND CHINA

Jonathan Benney (LLCL)

Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation

This project aims to strategically interpret forms of visual propaganda in China — for example, the political posters seen everywhere in China — to ascertain the deeper significance of their design and text. The communication strategies examined in this project — in particular, the indoctrination/signalling debate — will help observers understand the motivations and value systems underpinning China’s political statements. This will help governments, businesses, and NGOs develop economic, diplomatic, and social policies which take China’s underlying beliefs and values into account.

SOCIAL COHESION MAPPING

Andrew Markus (SoPHIS)

Scanlon Foundation

Since 2006, the annual Scanlon Foundation survey has been providing Australia’s leading survey data on attitudes to immigration and social cohesion issues. In 2021, the Foundation has provided funding to conduct analysis for 2021 Scanlon Foundation National Social Cohesion Survey. A report will be delivered to provide high reliability findings of mapping social cohesion at the national level.

PRECARITY IN THE AUSTRALIAN CULTURAL LABOUR FORCE - BODIES OF WORK PROJECT

Ben Eltham (MFJ)

Vitalstatistix

This project will map structures of precarity in the Australian cultural labour force and present a qualitative and quantitative overview of labour market precarity for the Australian cultural workforce. The project aims to explore the broad territory of labour, labour organising, artists as workers, and the future of work.
FRAGMENTATION AND DEFRAGMENTATION OF THE LAW ON BIOMEDICAL INNOVATIONS

John Gardner (SoSS) and other colleagues
Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)

European law on biomedical innovations (BI) involves two contrasting processes: fragmentation and defragmentation. At the crossroads between social and human sciences and biomedical sciences, this project aims to explore and explain these legal processes and provide histories of successive developments of both processes in European law on biomedical innovations. This will elaborate some practical recommendations to improve on the existing framework, which can notably inform legal theory and future policy for a coherent European law on BI.

EXAMINING SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN THE MUSIC CITY OF MELBOURNE

Andrea Baker (MFJ)
City of Melbourne and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DHHS) (Victoria)

This pilot project aims to track incidences of sexual violence and quantify that based on gender, ethnicity, disability or sexuality. It will uncover the extent and scope of sexual violence that women from diverse backgrounds and non-binary people experience in urban music spaces of Melbourne, including sexual harassment, assault and rape. The project findings will have economic and health benefits for the music industry and society, by producing industry-specific data and offering the opportunity for policy reform suggestions within the music industry.

SUPPORTING THE ETHICAL APPLICATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Joshua Newman (SoSS)
Institute of Public Admin Australia

This project aims to chart awareness, concerns, and strategies for dealing with ethics in the use of artificial intelligence across the Australian public administration. The outcomes will contribute to our understanding of how artificial intelligence can be employed in a way that preserves equity, inclusion, and democracy, and what resources decision makers have to address these concerns.

IDENTIFYING STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT AND SUSTAIN HEALTHY BEHAVIOUR AS PART OF ACTIVE AGEING IN AUSTRALIAN VETERANS

Narelle Warren, Barbara Barbosa Neves, Kate Burns and David Colon-Cabrera (SoSS)
Department of Veterans’ Affairs (Australia)

This project will seek to identify the best practice strategies, programs and interventions aimed at supporting the development of healthy behaviours in people, especially veterans, during their middle and later life. The project adopts a focus on active ageing and healthy ageing through adopting a holistic and contextual approach. The outcomes will assist the Department to build up knowledge/evidence base to design future policies and programs to improve health and wellbeing of ageing veterans.

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEAVE REVIEW

Kate Fitz-Gibbon and Naomi Pfitzner (MGFVPC, SoSS)
Fair Work Commission

This project aims to provide high-quality qualitative analysis that will assist the Commission in its review of the family and domestic violence leave entitlements in modern awards. The research project will examine Australian employees’ experiences of family and domestic violence by exploring their interaction with the various workplace support services and systems, including access to leave entitlements.