

On behalf of Griffith University's Social Change and Wellbeing Strategic Research Program and the Eidos Board, you are invited to attend our next Eidos Breakfast with Mr Karma Tshiteem, Secretary of the Gross National Happiness Commission of Bhutan.

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KARMA TSHITEEM

WEDNESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2008 | THE MARQUE | 103 GEORGE STREET, BRISBANE

HAPPINESS, PROGRESS AND WELLBEING: THE VIEW FROM BHUTAN

The OECD Secretary General Angel Gurría recently noted ‘around the world a consensus is growing about the need to develop a more comprehensive view of progress – one that takes account of social, environmental and economic concerns – rather than focussing mainly on economic indicators like Gross Domestic Product.’ The people and government of Bhutan are playing a leading role in exploring this alternative definition of progress, with the Prime Minister of Bhutan, Lyonpo Jigmi Thinley recently reminding us: ‘We have to think of human well-being in broader terms. Material wellbeing is only one component. That doesn’t ensure that you’re at peace with your environment and in harmony with each other.’

This view has led the government of Bhutan to develop the goal of Gross National Happiness (GNH). Rather than measuring progress solely in terms of Gross Domestic Product, GNH aims to understand and measure four key dimensions of progress: sustainable and equitable socioeconomic development, cultural preservation, environmental conservation, and good governance.

This talk will provide a unique opportunity to hear about Gross National Happiness and the Bhutanese approach to understanding, measuring and strengthening happiness, prosperity and wellbeing. The talk will be given by the Secretary of the Gross National Happiness Commission of Bhutan, Karma Tshiteem, and will be followed by a response from a panel of local speakers, including **Associate Professor Geoff Woolcock, Griffith University; Dr Linda Selvey, Population Health for Queensland Health; Kate Hillman, Global Business Services IBM; Kathleen Noonan, The Courier Mail.**

The Eidos Institute Breakfast Series is one of Australia's foremost forums for public and private researchers and policymakers to discuss social and economic trends and challenges that are critical to the success of their organisations now and in the future. The series attracts speakers of national and international standing, sharing their insights and experiences as educational and social leaders.

EVENT DETAILS

DATE Wednesday, 17th September 2008

TIME 7.15am for 7.30am start - 8.45am

VENUE Michener's Room, The Marque
103 George Street, Brisbane

COST \$45 members
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RSVP Monday 15th September 2008

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

The talk will be given by the Secretary of the Gross National Happiness Commission of Bhutan, Karma Tshiteem. Karma Tshiteem was raised in Thimphu, the capital city of Bhutan, and received a Bachelor of Commerce from Sherubtse Degree College in eastern Bhutan.

After serving in the royal civil service, he attended the University of Canberra and obtained an MBA degree. He also worked as a volunteer with the AIDS Council of Canberra. After his return, he served with the Ministry of Finance and as an intern with the World Bank in Washington DC. In 2006, he became a researcher to the Peoples Projects Research Office of His Majesty the King and was appointed as the Secretary of the Gross National happiness Commission in 2007.

Karma is also a board member of the Central Bank of Bhutan and the Tourism Council of Bhutan.

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY'S SOCIAL CHANGE AND WELLBEING STRATEGIC RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Strategic Research Program for Social Change and Wellbeing (SRP) at Griffith University is a new initiative to bring together nearly 200 researchers to focus on contemporary global challenges to society and community wellbeing.

Rapid social change since the 1950s has created great wealth and improved health and wellbeing for many. However, other indicators suggest deteriorating trends in individual, community and societal wellbeing. This Strategic Research Program explores the nature of 'societal wellbeing'; examines the impact of social change on wellbeing; and develops interventions that promote positive change.

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For further information on this breakfast please contact Associate Professor Geoff Woolcock at g.woolcock@griffith.edu.au