

BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE: PROFESSOR JON CHARLES ALTMAN

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Academic qualifications

- 1974 B.A. with majors in Economics and Philosophy, University of Auckland, New Zealand.
- 1976 M.A. (Hons) in Economics, University of Auckland, New Zealand.
Thesis title: *Export Instability and Economic Growth in Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Western Samoa.*
- 1982 Ph.D. in Anthropology, Department of Prehistory and Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, The Australian National University.
Thesis title: *Hunter-gatherers and the State: the economic anthropology of the Gunwinggu of north Australia.*

Main research interests

Aboriginal public policy research, with an emphasis on economic and political change associated with land rights and native title; economic policy formation in Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs; development studies, particularly in Fourth World contexts; hunter-gatherer studies and the hybrid economy, especially in Australia's tropical savanna; Aboriginal art production and marketing; theoretical issues in economic anthropology and political economy; economic and social impact assessment; sustainable development; Indigenous capacity building and institutional strengthening.

Present position

- 1990– Director and Professor, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, ANU.

Positions held (post PhD)

- 1982–83 Research Fellow, Department of Prehistory and Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, ANU. Project on mining royalties funded by the federal Department of Aboriginal Affairs.
- 1983–84 Post-doctoral Fellow, Department of Political and Social Change, Research School of Pacific Studies, ANU.
- 1984 On secondment from September to December to chair the review of the Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account commissioned by the federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

- 1984–88 Research Fellow, Department of Political and Social Change, Research School of Pacific Studies, ANU.
- 1988–90 Senior Research Fellow, Department of Political and Social Change, Research School of Pacific Studies, ANU.
- 1989 On secondment from 1 January to 30 June 1989 to chair the review of the Aboriginal arts and crafts industry commissioned by the federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Main consultancy clients

Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Canberra (1977), Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Canberra (1982–83), Development Studies Centre, ANU (1981), Gagudju Association (1983), Department of Aboriginal Affairs (1984), Bureau of Labour Market Research (1985), Central Land Council and Mutitjulu Community (1985–86), Northern Land Council (1985), Australian Council of Employment and Training (1987), Department of Aboriginal Affairs (1988–89), Department of Aboriginal Affairs (1990), Resource Assessment Commission (1990), ATSIC (1990–91), Australian National Audit Office (1992), Resource Assessment Commission (1993), Northern Land Council (1994), NT Office of Aboriginal Development (1994), Seisia Community Council (1994), ATSIC (1995), NLC (1996), ATSIC (1996), Gagudju Association (1996), ATSIC (1997), Senator Robert Hill/ERISS (1996–97), ATSIC (1997, 1998), John Reeves QC (1998), Woodside Petroleum (1998), Dwyer Durack (1998), Environment Australia (1998), Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation (1998–99, 2003), ATSIC (1999), NLC (1999), Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (2000), ACCC (2001), Environment Australia (2001), ACCC (2002), DOCITA (2002), ANAO (2002), Environment Australia (2002), NT Government (2003), NLC (2003), Oxfam Australia (2005).

(Most consultancy reports have been published. These do not include core contract research for ATSIC, then the Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination 1990–2005, nor for the Department of Family and Community Services 1992–2007.)

Current major Australian Research Council projects

2002–2006 (with B. E Harvey and J.P. Nieuwenhuysen) ARC Linkage Project with Rio Tinto Ltd and the Committee for Economic Development of Australia—Indigenous community organizations and miners: Partnering sustainable regional development?

2002–2006 (with A.D. Griffiths, F. Salmon [replaced by A. Kohen]) ARC Linkage Project with Maningrida Arts and Culture—Timber harvest management for the Aboriginal arts industry: socio-economic, cultural and ecological determinants of sustainability in a remote community context.

2002–2007 (with W. Sanders, D.E. Smith and M. Dodson) ARC Linkage Project with Reconciliation Australia—Indigenous Community Governance: Understanding, building and sustaining effective governance in rural, remote and urban Indigenous Australian communities.

2003–2007 (with P.J. Whitehead, D.M. Bowman and B.W. Brook) ARC Linkage Project with NT Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts—

Managing endangered Banteng in a jointly-managed national park: contested values, Indigenous aspirations and resource use.

2004–2007. (with R. Baker and P. Kanowski) ARC Linkage Project with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry—Learning from the Development and implementation of Australia’s National Indigenous Forestry Strategy.

Membership of learned societies

- 1978– Member, Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (now Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies), Canberra.
- 1994– Member, Economic Society of Australia
- 1996– Fellow, Australian Anthropological Society
- 2001– Adjunct Professor, School for Environmental Research, Charles Darwin University
- 2003– Fellow, Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia

Relevant committee/editorial activities (external to ANU)

- 1987– Approved valuer, Taxation Incentives for the Arts Scheme (since 1998 the Cultural Bequests Program).
- 1990–2005 Associate editor, *Journal of Tourism Studies*.
- 1990–94 Resource editor, *Annals of Tourism Research* (USA).
- 1990–93 Member, Aboriginal arts industry, Interdepartmental Implementation Working Group.
- 1990–94 Advisory Editor, *Encyclopedia of Aboriginal Australia*, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.
- 1991–99 Member, North Australia Research Unit (NARU) Advisory Committee.
- 1994– Member, Scientific Program Advisory and Evaluation Group, CRC for the Sustainable Development of the Tropical Savannas, NTU, Darwin (since 2001 Scientific Program Advisory Group, CRC for Tropical Savannas Management).
- 1995–96 Member, Economic Development Advisory Committee, ATSIC.
- 1996– Member, Australia/New Zealand Network of the Sustainable Use Specialist Group of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.
- 1996– Member, Commission on Anthropology of Tourism of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Studies.

- 1996–97 Independent expert, Study Advisory Group, Kakadu Region Social Impact Study.
- 1998 Member, UNESCO Kakadu Mission.
- 1999–2005 Member, Board of Key Centre for Tropical Wildlife Management, Charles Darwin University.
- 1998–2000 Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Independent Expert Reference Group developing Action Plans for Addressing Disadvantage and for Promoting Indigenous Economic Independence.
- 1999–2004 Member, Research Advisory Board, Vichealth Koori Health Research and Community Development Unit, University of Melbourne.
- 2003– Editorial Board, The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology.
- 2004– Member, International Advisory Board, Centre for Indigenous Governance and Development, Massey University, New Zealand.
- 2004– Member, Advisory Board, Globalism Research Institute, RMIT University, Melbourne.
- 2004– Member, Technical Reference Group, Turtle and Dugong Management Project, Northern Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA).
- 2005– Member, Kakadu Research Advisory Committee, Department of Heritage and Environment and Parks Australia North.

Publications

Listed at <http://www.anu.edu.au/caepr/StaffProfiles/altmanpubs.php>.

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