

Curriculum Vitae – Peter Vintila

Personal Details

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Qualifications

- 1975** Awarded BA Pass Degree in English Literature, UWA.
- 1978** Awarded Honours Degree (First Class) in History and Politics, Murdoch University.
- 2004** Completed CELTA Teaching English as a Foreign Language Course at Milner International College of English, WA.

Past and current positions

- 1979–1980** Research Assistant for 3 semesters at University Konstanz ,West Germany (funded by Goethe Institute Exchange Scholarship).
- 1981-1983** Casual tutor at Murdoch University, Western Australia
- 1984-1989** Full time Tutor, Politics, Flinders University, South Australia – teaching *Australian Institutional Politics, Political Theory and International Relations*.
- 1989-90** Project Officer, Federation of Housing Co-operatives (Homeswest housing program).
- 1991-2001** Lecturer, City Policy Master's Program and Ecology and Human Health Masters Program, Institute for Sustainability and Technology Policy, Murdoch University, WA. Designed and taught two MA courses: *Cities, Globalisation and Social Justice* and *Ecology and Human Health*; supervised Honours and MA research projects.
- 2002** Research Associate (Curtin University) – collaborating in Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute project: *Housing Problems of Recently Arrived Refugees*.
- Since 2003** independent web journalism, research, consulting and small scale land development.

Selected Publications

- 1992** *Access and Equity: Towards the Development of a Broader Transport Research Program*, with Peter Newman, published in Transport Disadvantage: Trends and Issues, prepared for Social Justice Strategy, Report No. 6. for Dept. of Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- 1992** *Transport, Housing and Urban Form*, with Peter Newman and Jeff Kenworthy, monograph commissioned by National Housing Strategy, Commonwealth Department of Housing and Community Services.
- 1992** *Markets, Morals and Manifestos: Fightback! and the Politics of Economic Rationalism in the 1990s* (1992) edited with John Phillimore and Peter Newman, ISTP, Murdoch University.

- 1992** *Markets, Morals and Manifestos and Democracy and the Politics of Counterfeit Nationhood* (1992) introductory and concluding essays in above collection.
- 1994** *Transport Services for People with Disabilities* (1994) A two volume report commissioned by ACROD (WA Division); revised and republished by ISTP, Murdoch University in 1996.
- 1995** *Can We Overcome Automobile Dependence? Physical planning in an age of urban cynicism*, with P.Newman and J. Kenworthy in *Cities*, Vol.12/1.
- 1995** *Access for All*, in *Current Affairs Bulletin* Volume 71 No 4.
- 1996** *Planning for Accessible Public Transport: Recent Australian Experience and its Lessons for New Zealand*, (1996) in *New Zealand Journal of Disability Studies*, No. 2.
- 1997** Four Background papers for the Regulation Impact Statement on the Draft Disability Standard for Accessible Public Transport - commissioned by the Department of the Federal Attorney General (1) *People with Mobility Handicaps in Australia*; 2) *Transport Patterns and Problems of People with Disabilities*; 3) *Ageing, Mobility Handicaps and the Future Market for Accessible Public Transport*; 4) *The Wider Implications of Mobility Handicaps*)
- 1998** *Paratransit: Reform Strategies for WA*; report prepared for the Department of Transport, WA.
- 1999** **A Litany of Errors** – *Draft Report on Regulation Impact Statement for Proposed National Accessible Public Transport Standard*.
- 2000** *Moving Out: Migration of Older Western Australians 1991-1996*, (report prepared for Office of Seniors Interests WA.
- 2003** *Knowledge Rich, Knowledge Poor: The Distribution of Opportunities for Higher Education in Metropolitan Perth*; Urban Policy and Research; 2003
- 2005** *Brain Drain: Higher educational opportunity in the city's north-east and the case for Midland City University* (50 page report prepared for Friends of Midland University) *Democracy* 21 at <http://www.postkyoto.org/Journal.php>
- 2006** *Reach for the Stars: CEO Salaries and the Culture of Celebrity in WA's public Service*

Climate change related publications

- 2006** ***Democracy and the Politics of Climate Change*** Democratic values and institutions are implicated in the politics of climate change in many ways. This paper reflects on the paradoxical observation that effective climate change policy calls for enhanced democratic capacities nationally and internationally even while the escalating impacts of climate change progressively undermine such capacities by moving us towards and, ultimately, compelling an authoritarian politics of emergency.

- 2007** ***Climate Change War or Climate Change Peace*** Climate change is forcing us to think again about how we conduct ourselves as material beings on the planet when we are at peace. For the same reasons we should now also be thinking again about war, about why and when we go to war and about what we do when we are at war – not just to each other, but to the planet and especially to our capacities for managing its complexities in difficult times. Yet, this appears to be widely overlooked – not just by those who think about war but by many who think about climate change as well.
- April 2007** ***John Howard's off the planet...*** Governments are just beginning to wake to the reality of climate change. It's taken just some three decades of concentrated scientific discussion and warning. The latest, just released and genuinely alarming *Climate Change 2007* summary report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) builds on a now huge body of accumulated scientific effort and the work of thousands of scientists....
- April 2007** ***Nature's economy comes first – even at the ABC...*** The press is full of climate change discussion now - following Stern and Gore last year and the IPCC a couple of weeks ago. Yes, the issue is commanding a lot of column inches and air time at the moment. But much of that space and time is actually devoted to discrediting the case for caution or those who argue for far-reaching change....
- May 2007** ***People's climate change festival – for the sake of democracy as well as the planet*** As we move into the 7th year of the new century, our democracy is becoming more uncertain. Economic globalisation, is still eroding constructive political authority everywhere and terrorism is not helping either. But now a crowded and wearying planet could make things worse. We do not hear a lot about democracy in current energy and climate change discussions – much more about rising sea levels and extreme weather or, more recently, loss of life, limb and GDP....
- May 2007** ***Postmodern or Postkyotan*** Anyone navigating their way to this essay will have a basic understanding of global warming, of the need to reduce some half dozen global greenhouse gas emissions, most notably carbon dioxide or CO₂. They will also be familiar with the Japanese city of Kyoto and the now famous but also infamously slow Kyoto Protocol agreed to in principle in 1997 – but not fully drafted or ratified until 2005....What's so special about the Protocol and why was its birth difficult?
- Oct. 2007** ***Beyond Kyoto: New directions for climate change treaty thinking***
- Dec. 2007** ***Indonesia provides the hospitality and the wit***

- Dec. 2007 ***Fiscal conservatives and other fools in Bali*** Fiscal conservatism is a miserable aspiration – and disempowering as well
- March 2008 ***Coffee, confection and the trillion dollar climate connection!*** A recent UN study calls for a \$20 trillion global investment in climate change abatement over the next 20 years <http://www.abc.net.au/unleashed/>
- July 2008 ***Bali's roadmap to nowhere...*** This paper reflects critically on the recent United Nation's Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference in Bali. It argues that the Conference served to undermine the Convention's Article 3: the principle common and differentiated responsibility. <http://www.postkyoto.org/Journal.php>
- July 2008 ***Garnaut favours internationalist strategies*** First the bad news: the human species is currently discharging 28 gigatons of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere each year. That's about twice as much as the planet can reabsorb into terrestrial and marine carbon sinks.
- Sept. 2009 ***The planet won't wait*** <http://www.onlineopinion.com.au/view.asp?article=948>
- Oct. 2009 ***But some are more equal than others*** Eminent scientist and former Australian of the Year Tim Flannery appears to have abandoned the founding principles of the UN climate change project in favour of pressurising the world's poor. Observing a recent *Lateline* appearance, Peter Vintila says that such an argument, used to prop up Australia's shameful ETS gesture, diminishes a once powerful voice. Published on <http://www.abc.net.au/unleashed/>
- Oct. 2009 ***Climate wars and climate change: a match made in hell*** argues that war is late to figure in public climate change discussion. Tim Flannery mentioned it in a *Lateline* interview. The discussion went nowhere. More recently Australian defence planning has been criticised by US and British experts for lack of attention to climate change. Is that a good thing or bad? Published on <http://www.abc.net.au/unleashed/>
- Dec. 2009 ***Birdsong, wilderness and biofuels*** Short essay on Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" and JS Mill's "Stationary State" Published on <http://www.onlineopinion.com.au>
- Jan 2010 ***Side-on to science*** Short article arguing that Australia's climate change policy is adrift. Emission targets are carelessly and petulantly disconnected from climate science. Published on <http://www.onlineopinion.com.au>

Books in Progress

The Death of Suburban Perth

The Politics of Climate Change

Interaction with Government

I have been involved in providing advice on a range of urban policy and planning matters to government at all levels in Australia and to regional and central government in New Zealand. This advice includes commissioned and invited research, expert testimony in human rights hearings and volunteered submissions to a range of official inquiries. My work with Government has focused on housing, land use and transport planning. Examples include:

- *preparation of a grant funded report - Migration Patterns of Older Western Australians and their Implications for Social Planning for Office of Seniors Interests (1999).*
- provision of ongoing advice to Western Australian Department of Transport on implementation of the recommendations of a report on community transport services for people with disabilities and compliance with Commonwealth Disability Discrimination (1999).
- provision of research management advice to the WA Ministerial Advisory Committee on Electric Wheelchairs and Scooters (1997).
- production of four technical papers for the Regulation Impact Statement for *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport* commissioned by the Office of the Federal Attorney General.
- preparation of advice and briefs for the New Zealand Human Rights Commission in landmark action against Wellington City Transit (1996).
- provision of technical assistance to WA DoT in preparation of Disability Discrimination Act Action Plan: *Going Out and Getting There* (1995-96)
- provision of advanced research support to the Human Settlements Reference Group, preparing Commonwealth State of the Environment Report (1995).
- provision of briefs and expert testimony to Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission hearing (Corcoran vs the SA Minister for Transport) (1994). Based on 1994 ACROD report noted above.
- submission to Industry Commission Inquiry: Public Housing: *Community Housing as a Strategy for Micro-economic Reform* (1993).