

So you think you want to build a **LIFE-SCIENCE CLUSTER** around Perth?

a critical analysis of the opportunity for community-based innovation strategies

**Wednesday
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at 6pm**

**Geography Lecture Theatre 1
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No RSVP required**

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'Location, location, location' has become the battle cry of economic and community developers, university tech transfer offices, consultants and economic geographers around the world.

Almost everyone involved in economic planning at the community level is seeking to optimise the local spin-off benefits of public investment—Perth included. At current count, more than 250 centres around the world assert that they have built, are building or will build a life-science cluster in their community. What are the prospects for Perth?

Peter Phillips will critically examine the history and practice of clusters (where have they existed and where are clusters currently operating?), assess the politics of clustering (what do people expect them to do?) and review the economics of clusters (what can they do in theory and practice?). The lecture will offer some insights into the prospects for building a life-science cluster in Perth.

Dr Peter Phillips is a Professor of Political Studies (2004-present), Director of the College of Biotechnology (2002-5) and an associate member in the Departments of Management and Marketing and Agricultural Economics at the University of Saskatchewan. He previously was a Professor in Agricultural Economics and NSERC/SSHRC Chair in Managing Knowledge-Based Agri-Food Development (1999-2004), Van Vliet Chair Professor (1997-99), Assistant Deputy Minister, Saskatchewan Economic Development (1992-97); Director, Policy and Research, Saskatchewan Economic Diversification and Trade (1990-92); Senior Economist, Executive Council (1983-87); and, Research Economist, Royal Bank of Canada, Montreal (1981-83). He received a Ph.D. in International Political Economy (1989) and a M.Sc. in Economics (1981) from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Dr Phillips has authored and co-authored many publications.

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