



# Christians for an Ethical Society

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2014 Forum Series on  
Responsible Citizenship

## Blinded by vision - overseas aid as shared learning

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Are rising inequality, poverty and human suffering really part of someone's vision?

You would hope not.

However, greater visions of budget surpluses seem to have captivated people's imagination, resulting in significant cuts to overseas aid.

On the road to end poverty, there is more to responsible global citizenship than just waiting for governments to act. Instead, we need to reframe the overseas aid debate as a shared learning about how we live on the same planet. There is much to learn from each other.

This requires leadership to move away from just solving technical problems to instead focus on increasing our global problem-solving capacity.

Paul is a thought-provoking leadership theorist and practitioner whose experience includes as Senior Adviser to the President of Madagascar, visiting faculty at Harvard Kennedy School and representative to numerous international organisations.



**Tuesday 13 May 7.30 pm**

**at Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture  
Blackall St (corner Kings Ave), Barton, ACT**

The forum will seek to encourage discussion from the floor - \$5 Donation requested to cover hall costs  
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