

Biography: Dr Tim Scrase

Tim Scrase has been involved with Palms Australia for over 15 years. He was awarded a PhD (1989) in Comparative and International Education from LaTrobe University. Now retired from fulltime employment, he held several academic positions in Australian universities including as an Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Sociology in the Faculty of Education and Arts at the Australian Catholic University (2010-17) and as Associate Professor and Director of the ARC Key Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies (CAPSTRANS) at the University of Wollongong (2007-10).

Over a 36 year career he has published widely on development and social change in India and Asia in leading academic journals and edited collections, including five books. He has also taught and coordinated many courses on development in the Asia Pacific region, as well as supervised several Masters and PhD theses on this topic area. In 2008 he was jointly awarded an Australian Research Council Linkage Industry grant (partnered with Palms) to investigate "Australian volunteers abroad in communities in the Asia/Pacific Region". In his retirement he is an affiliated fellow at the Australia India Institute (University of Melbourne) and has also established a small development consulting agency (Asia Aware - www.asiaaware.com).