

2ND NATIONAL COMMUNITY COHESION CONFERENCE
A National Forum to Explore Australian Answers to Global and Local Challenges to Community Cohesion
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Monday, 20 November 2017
Peter Shergold Building, Parramatta City Campus, Western Sydney University
169 George Street, Parramatta

14.00 – 18.00	Conference Registration (Level 9)
15.00 – 17.00	Workshop 1 (Level 4, Room 23) <i>Youth and Integration: Diverse Youth perspective on Social Cohesion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Dor Akech Achiek, Youth Projects Coordinator, Youth Collective, Settlement Services International
15.00 – 17.00	Workshop 2 (Level 4, Room 33) <i>High Resolves: A Theory of Change for Developing Global Citizens and Leaders</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Lee Martin, National Manager, Student Experience, High Resolves
15.00 – 17.00	Workshop 3 (Level 4, Room 55) <i>Safe Schools Anti-Bullying Initiative in South Australia</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Suzanne Grunwald, Senior Adviser, Inclusion and Wellbeing, Department for Education and Child Development, South Australia
15.00 – 17.00	Workshop 4 (Level 4, Room 68) <i>How to Promote Community Cohesion in a Multicultural Society: Key Insights from Social Psychology</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Heather Gridley, Community and Counselling Psychologist and Manager, Public Interest Team, Australian Psychological Society Ms Winnifred Louis, Associate Professor, School of Psychology, University of Queensland Ms Kate Reynolds, Professor of Psychology, Research School of Psychology, Australian National University
15.00 – 17.00	Workshop 5 (TBC) <i>Building Social Cohesion by Cultural Heritage Understanding</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Professor Leszek Korporowicz, Institute of Intercultural Studies, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland
18.00 – 19.00	Conference Opening Ceremony (Level 9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master of Ceremonies – Dr Sev Ozdowski AM, Conference Convenor and Director, Equity and Diversity, Western Sydney University Uncle Greg Simms, Aboriginal Community Elder on Campus and Gadigal Elder – <i>Welcome to Country</i> Professor Barney Glover, Vice Chancellor and President, Western Sydney University – <i>Welcome to Western Sydney University</i> Hon Stuart Ayres MP, New South Wales Minister for Western Sydney, Minister for WestConnex and Minister for Sport (TBC) – <i>Opening Address</i>
19.00 – 20.30	Reception (Level 9)

Tuesday, 21 November 2017

**Sir Ian & Nancy Turbott Auditorium, Parramatta South Campus, Western Sydney University
Corner of Victoria Road and James Ruse Drive, Rydalmere**

08.00 – 09.00	Conference Registration (Foyer)
09.00 – 10.30	Plenary Session 1: Advancing Multicultural Australia (Auditorium) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair – Dr Sev Ozdowski AM, Conference Convenor and Director, Equity and Diversity, Western Sydney University Senator the Hon Zed Seselja, Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs – <i>Multicultural Australia: United, Strong, Successful</i> Senator the Hon Richard Di Natale, Leader of the Australian Greens Party – <i>Strong Leadership Embraces our Differences</i> Mr Michael Pezzullo, Secretary, Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection
10.30 – 10.50	Break (Foyer)
10.50 – 12.30	Concurrent Session 1: Community Cohesion and Humanitarian Migrants (Auditorium) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair – Ms Pera Wells, Deputy President, Australian Council for Human Rights Education Ms Anne Hollonds, Director, Australian Institute of Family Studies – <i>Settlement Experiences of Recently Arrived Humanitarian Migrants</i> Ms Catherine Scarth, Chef Executive Officer, AMES Australia – <i>Community Cohesion in Rural Victoria: Meeting the Challenges of Resettling Refugees</i> Mr Paul Power, Chief Executive Officer, Refugee Council of Australia – <i>A Paradigm Shift towards a ‘Strengths-Based’ Refugee Settlement Approach</i> Mr Rob Sturrock, Policy Director, Centre for Policy Development – <i>Settling Better: Reforming Refugee Employment and Settlement Services</i>
10.50 – 12.30	Concurrent Session 2: Community Cohesion, the Police, the Internet (Room 36) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair – Associate Professor Nina Burridge, Co-Director, Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre, University of Technology Sydney Ms Aimee Griffin, Community Portfolio Manager, Victoria Police – <i>Victoria Police Social Cohesion Partnership Project</i> Mr Khaled Almedyab, Research Assistant, School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Western Sydney University – <i>Do Police Cultural Awareness Programs Narrow the Gap between the Government and the Muslim Community?</i> Dr Andre Oboler, Chief Executive Officer, Online Hate Prevention Institute – <i>Building Resilience and Social Cohesion by Tackling the Toxic Online Environment</i> Mr Parsu Sharma-Luitl JP, New and Emerging Communities Liaison Officer, Victoria Police – <i>Police and Grassroots Community Engagement</i>
10.50 – 12.30	Concurrent Session 3: Community Cohesion, Sport, Volunteering (Room 02) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair – Dr Paul Oliver, Director, Oliver & Thompson Consultancy Ms Tanya Hosch, General Manager, Inclusion and Social Policy, Australian Football League Dr Sean Gorman, Senior Research Fellow, School of Media, Culture and Creative Arts, Curtin University – <i>Australian Football League’s Anti-Vilification Policy</i> Ms Adrienne Picone, Chief Executive Officer, Volunteering Australia – <i>Volunteering for a Stronger, More Cohesive Australia</i> Ms Phillipa Bellemore, PhD Candidate, Macquarie University – <i>Lessons from the Good Neighbour Council Informing Intercultural Volunteer Contact</i>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch (Foyer)
13.30 – 15.00	Plenary Session 2: International Perspectives (Auditorium) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair – Hon Philip Ruddock, Special Envoy for Human Rights and Mayor of Hornsby Shire (TBC) Ms Yenny Wahid, Director, The Wahid Institute, Indonesia Professor Ted Cattle CBE, Founder, Interculturalism and Community Cohesion Foundation, United Kingdom Mr Steve Killelea, Executive Chairman and Founder, Institute for Economics and Peace – <i>A Positive Peace: A Chance for Change</i>

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15.00 – 15.30	Plenary Session 3: Bringing New South Wales Together (Auditorium) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair – Dr Kay Patterson AO, Age Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commissioner (TBC) His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales – <i>Bringing New South Wales Together</i>
15.30 – 16.00	Break (Foyer)
16.00 – 17.30	Concurrent Session 4: Nourishing Social Cohesion, Initiatives and Obstacles to Social Cohesion (Auditorium) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair – Mr Joseph Caputo OAM JP, former Chair, Federation of Ethnic Communities' Council of Australia Ms Violet Roumeliotis, Chief Executive Officer, Settlement Services International – <i>A Case for Stronger Investment in Building Social Capital</i> Dr Jan Ali, Senior Lecturer in Islam and Modernity, School of Humanities and Communication Arts, University of Western Sydney – <i>Australian Muslim Community and a Move towards a Balanced Social Divergence</i> Mr Khanh Hoang, PhD Candidate, and Dr Sangeetha Pillai, Senior Research Associate, Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, University of New South Wales – <i>Citizenship, Migration and the Production of the Australian Community</i> Dr Jioji Ravulo, Senior Lecturer in Social Work, School of Social Science and Psychology, Western Sydney University – <i>Creating Positive Pathways to Tertiary Education and Completion for Pacific Communities in Australia</i>
16.00 – 17.30	Concurrent Session 5: Community Cohesion, Gender and Sexual Diversity, Bias Motivated Crime (Room 36) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair – Dr Yin Paradies, Alfred Deakin Professor and Chair in Race Relations, Faculty of Arts and Education, Deakin University Dr Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Health, School of Health and Social Development, Deakin University – <i>Inclusion by Exclusion? Same-Sex Attracted and Gender Diverse Young People of Multicultural and Multi-Faith Backgrounds</i> Dr Ghena Krayem, Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney – <i>Muslim Women's Dress: Everyone's Business and What This Means for Social Cohesion in Australia</i> Dr Sonja Hood, Chief Executive Officer, Community Hubs Australia – <i>Engaging Women to Support Socially Cohesive Communities</i> Mr Geoffrey Steer, Director, Invisible Men Consulting Group – <i>Social Cohesion: Possibility or Pipe Dream? An Exploration through a Bias Motivated Crime Lens</i>
16.00 – 17.30	Concurrent Session 6: Community Cohesion, Our Towns and Cities, Role of Government (Room 02) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair – Helena Kyriazopoulos, Chief Executive Officer, Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia Mr Aleem Ali, Manager, Welcoming Cities Initiative – <i>The Australian Standard for Welcoming Cities</i> Dr Hazel Easthope, Senior Research Fellow, City Futures Research Centre, University of New South Wales – <i>The Decline of Advantageous Disadvantage: Why Newly Arrived Migrants Can No Longer Afford to Live in 'Gateway' Suburbs and What to Do About It</i> Associate Professor Jim Forrest, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, Department of Geography and Planning, Macquarie University – <i>Intergroup Prejudice in Multicultural and Mono-Cultural Settings in Sydney</i> Dr Eddie Jackson, Director, City Community and Culture, Liverpool City Council – <i>Dealing with Social Conflict? Defining the Role of Government</i>
18.30 – 22.00	Conference Dinner: Novotel Hotel (350 Church Street, Parramatta) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-dinner drinks from 18.30 with guests seated for dinner from 19.00 Dinner – MC: Ms Janice Peterson After Dinner Speaker – Professor Peter Shergold AC, Chancellor, Western Sydney University Entertainment

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08.00 – 08.30	Conference Registration (Foyer)
08.30 – 10.00	Plenary Session 4: Advancing Multicultural Australia (Auditorium) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair – Dr Annabelle Bennett AO SC, President, Anti-Discrimination Board of New South Wales• Hon Tony Burke MP, Shadow Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Australia• Dr Anne Aly MP, Member of the Australian Parliament for Cowan• Professor Andrew Markus, Pratt Foundation Chair of Jewish Civilization, Monash University – <i>Australians and Cultural Diversity: An Analysis of Australians' Views on the Matter</i>
10.00 – 10.20	Break (Foyer)
10.20 – 12.00	Concurrent Session 7: Community Cohesion and Religion (Auditorium) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair – Mr Hakan Harman, Chief Executive Office, Multicultural New South Wales (TBC)• Mr Edward Santow, Human Rights Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission – <i>Religious Freedom and Community Cohesion: A Human Rights Perspective</i>• Professor Adam Possamai, Director, Religion and Society Research Centre, Western Sydney University – <i>Muslim Students' Religious and Cultural Experiences in the Micro-Publics of University Campuses in New South Wales</i>• Mr Ghaith Krayem, President, Jewish Christian Muslim Association of Australia, Dr Helen Light, Jewish Christian Muslim Association of Australia, Rev Ian Smith, Executive Officer, Victorian Council of Churches – <i>Abrahamic Faiths Working Together for Community Harmony</i>• Ms Rebekkah Brown, PhD Candidate, University of Tasmania – <i>Social Cohesion in Religious Civic Spaces: The Case of a Multicultural Church</i>
10.20 – 12.00	Concurrent Session 8: Combatting Discrimination and Promoting Cohesion (Room 36) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair – Ms Clare O'Neil, Director, Corporate Affairs, Special Broadcasting Service• Dr Kay Patterson AO, Age Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commissioner• Ms Ljubica Petrov, Manager, Centre for Cultural Diversity in Ageing – <i>Ageing in Australia: A Time of Exclusion for Many</i>• Mr Atem Atem, Multicultural Officer, Fairfield City Council – <i>The Role of Local Councils in Settlement and Promoting Community Cohesion</i>• Mr Nick Tebbey, Chief Executive Officer, Settlement Council of Australia – <i>The Role of Australia's Settlement Sector in Promoting Social Cohesion</i>
10.20 – 12.00	Concurrent Session 9: Community Cohesion and Regional Australia (Room 02) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair – Ms Priscilla Brice-Weller, Managing Director, All Together Now• Dr Nancy Spencer, Director, Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet – <i>Social Cohesion and Related Strategies in Queensland</i>• Ms Gail Ker OAM, Chief Executive Officer, Access Community Services – <i>Regional Resettlement in Queensland: Enhancing Social Capital</i>• Ms Danielle Wood, Fellow, Grattan Institute – <i>Regional Politics, Migrants and Social Cohesion</i>• Ms Anelia Blackie, Mount Gambier Manager, Australian Migrant Resource Centre, and Ms Tracey Grosser, Bordertown Manager, Australian Migrant Resource Centre – <i>Facilitating Inclusion for Recent Arrivals in Regional Australia</i>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch (Foyer)

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13.00 – 14.40	<p>Concurrent Session 10: Community Cohesion, Media and the Arts (Auditorium)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – Dr B Hass Dellal AO, Chair, Special Broadcasting Commission and Executive Director, Australian Multicultural Foundation • Mr Peter Doukas, Chair, Ethnic Communities' Council of New South Wales – <i>Changing the Media Landscape: Mentorship at its Best</i> • Mr Frank Panucci, Executive Director, Grants and Engagements, Australian Council for the Arts – <i>Arts and Culture in Community Cohesion: Embedding Diversity, Embracing Complexity</i> • Ms Georgie McClean, Strategy & Engagement, Australian Film, Television and Radio School – <i>Whose Stories? Australian Diversity on Screen</i> • Ms Rocio Perri, Director, Australian Department of Human Services – <i>Multiculturalism: Our Stories – Using Storytelling to Change Hearts and Minds</i>
13.00 – 14.40	<p>Concurrent Session 11: Workplaces and Leadership (Room 36)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – Mr Evan Lewis, Group Manager, Multicultural, Settlement Services and Communities, Australian Department of Social Services • Ms Lisa Annese, Chief Executive Officer, Diversity Council Australia – <i>Advancing Cohesion through Challenging Leadership Models</i> • Ms Malini Raj, Head, Strategy for Multicultural Community Banking, Commonwealth Bank of Australia – <i>CBA's Approach to Creating an Inclusive and Supportive Environment for Multicultural and CALD Communities</i> • Ms Megs Lam, Successful Communities Program Manager, Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia – <i>Successful Communities: Building Positive Leadership</i> • Ms Grace Borsellino, Lecturer, School of Law, Western Sydney University – <i>Diversity on Boards: What Are We Hoping to Achieve?</i>
13.00 – 14.40	<p>Concurrent Session 12: Nourishing Social Cohesion, Initiatives and Obstacles to Social Cohesion (Room 02)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – Insurance Australia Group (IAG) Limited (TBA) • Dr Clarke Jones, Director, Australian Intervention Support Hub, Australian National University and Islamic Council of Victoria – <i>Improving the Health and Welfare of Young People and Communities through Grassroots Approaches</i> • Ms Alexia Derbas, Challenging Racism Project, Western Sydney University – <i>The Securitisation of Young Muslims: How 'Countering Violent Extremism' Threatens Young Muslims' Ability to Access Safe Spaces</i> • Ethnic Communities Council New South Wales Regional Youth – <i>Regional Youth from CALD Backgrounds: Our Issues and How to Address Them</i> • Ms Reem Sweid, Researcher and PhD Candidate, Deakin University – <i>The Challenges of Language and Narrative in Countering Violent Extremism Policy</i>
14.40 – 15.00	Break (Foyer)
15.00 – 16.30	<p>Plenary Session 5: Discrimination in a Multicultural Society (Auditorium)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – Dr Stepan Kerkyasharian AO, former President, Anti-Discrimination Board of New South Wales and former Chair, Multicultural New South Wales (TBC) • Professor Kevin Dunn, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Psychology and Professor, Human Geography and Urban Studies, Western Sydney University – <i>Islamophobia: An Appropriate Concept for Understanding the Racialisation of Religion</i> • Dr Tim Soutphommasane, Race Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission • Mr Evan Lewis, Group Manager, Multicultural, Settlement Services and Communities, and Ms Yvette Sims, Branch Manager, Multicultural and Communities, Australian Department of Social Services – <i>Community Cohesion and Government Policy: Through the Lens of the Australian Department of Social Services</i>
	Break

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16.30 – 17.00

Plenary Session 6: Where to From Here? (Auditorium)

- Chair – Dr Sev Ozdowski AM, Conference Convenor and Director, Equity and Diversity, Western Sydney University
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