



2015 Advancing Community Cohesion Towards a National Compact Conference



15-17 July 2015

Parramatta South Campus - Sir Ian and Nancy Turbott Auditorium

CONFERENCE PROGRAM Wednesday, 15 July 2015 *Welcome Reception*

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Venue	Sir Ian and Nancy Turbott Auditorium, Building EE, UWS Parramatta Campus
17.00-18.00	Registration
18.00-20.30	CONFERENCE OPENING CEREMONY
	MC: Dr Sev Ozdowski OAM, Conference Convenor Welcome to Country: Uncle Greg Simms , Aboriginal Elder On Campus and Gadigal Elder Welcome to UWS: Professor Peter Shergold AC, Chancellor, UWS Opening Address: His Excellency General The Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
	Reception Background Music: Cuban Trio with Arnie Hanna (tres), Reinaldo Portillo Castro (guitar and vocal) and Ginette Carrard (flute)

Thursday, 16 July 2015

Conference Day 1

Venue	Sir Ian and Nancy Turbott Auditorium, Building EE, UWS Parramatta Campus
From 8.00	Registration – Foyer
9:00-9.45	Plenary (Session 1) WELCOME - COMMUNITY COHESION IN AUSTRALIA
	<p>Chair: Dr Sev Ozdowski OAM, Conference Convenor</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Scott Holmes, Acting Vice Chancellor, UWS Welcome to UWS • Senator The Honourable Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social Services, officially representing the Honourable Scott Morrison MP, Minister for Social Services
9.45-10.30	Plenary Continued (Session 2) - COMMUNITY COHESION IN AUSTRALIA
	<p>Chair: Professor Denise Kirkpatrick, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Academic), UWS</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Peter Shergold AC, Chancellor, UWS <i>Multicultural Policies: Back to the Future?</i> • Professor Andrew Markus FASSA, Research Professor, Monash University <i>Social Cohesion in Australia: The Past, Current Trends and the Future.</i>
10:30-11:00	Morning Tea – Foyer
11.00-12.30	Plenary Continued (Session 3) - COMMUNITY COHESION IN AUSTRALIA
	<p>Chair: Associate Professor Farida Fozdar, Future Fellow, University of Western Australia</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Pezzullo, Secretary, Australian Government Department of Immigration and Border Protection. <i>Community Cohesion, Borders and Mobility.</i> • Associate Professor Anne Aly, Centre for Culture and Technology, Curtin University. <i>Australian Values and Participatory Citizenship: Educational Approaches in Countering Violent Extremism.</i> • Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas APM, Field Operations and Corporate Sponsor for Cultural Diversity, New South Wales Police Force. <i>Multiculturalism in Law Enforcement - Challenges and Opportunities.</i> • Dr Tim Soutphommasane, Race Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission. <i>Combating Racism and Promoting Social Cohesion.</i>
12.30-14.00	Lunch - Foyer

14.00-15.30	Concurrent Sessions		
	Room: The Turbott Auditorium	Room: EE.G.02	Room: EE.G.36
	<p>Session 4</p> <p>Topic: MULTICULTURALISM AND SOCIAL COHESION</p> <p>Chair: Ms Hanifa Deen, Author and Chair, Institute of Cultural Diversity, Editor, <i>Sultana's Dream</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Emeritus Gary Bouma AM, Monash University. <i>Australia is a Successful Multicultural Society: How We Differ from the Rest.</i> • Associate Professor Farida Fozdar, Future Fellow, University of Western Australia. <i>Bowling Together: Is Social Cohesion in a Diverse Society Possible?</i> • Associate Professor Mehmet Ozalp, Director, Centre for Islamic Sciences & Civilization (CISAC), Faculty of Arts, Charles Sturt University. <i>Barriers to Social Cohesion in Western Societies and Their Manifestations in Islam-West Relations.</i> • Dr James Jupp AM, Director, Immigration & Multicultural Studies Centre, Australian National University. <i>Advancing Community Cohesion Through the Machinery of Multiculturalism.</i> 	<p>Session 5</p> <p>Topic: COMMUNITY VOICES: OBSTACLES TO COHESION</p> <p>Chair: Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian AO, President, Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Rakshinda Kabir, PhD Candidate, Monash University. <i>Experiences of Perceived Exclusion by Migrants and Refugees in Australia.</i> • Mr Keysar Trad, Chair, Islamic Friendship Association of Australia Inc. <i>Breaking the Vicious Cycle of Minority Blame.</i> • Dr Jan Ali, Senior Lecturer, UWS. <i>Australian Muslims as Radicalised 'Other' and Their Experiences of Social Exclusion.</i> • Dr Hatice Sitki, National Myths and Symbols Consultant, SERSA. <i>Rebranding the National Myths and Symbols of Turkey.</i> 	<p>Session 6</p> <p>Topic: ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIA</p> <p>Chair: Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik, Office of the PVC Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Leadership, UWS</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Leah Armstrong, Chairperson, Supply Nation. <i>Brief Understanding of the Importance of Supplier Diversity to Building Wealth and Prosperity in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities.</i> • Associate Professor Dominic O'Sullivan, Charles Sturt University. <i>Community Cohesion: Indigeneity and the Politics of Citizenship.</i> • Ms Catherine Liddle, Executive Producer NITV Current Affairs and Co-Chair, SBS RAP Committee, Special Broadcasting Service. <i>Are There Other Issues of Special Relevance to Cohesion, such as Homophobia, or Lack of Freedom of Expression, or Other Specific Groups Experiencing Exclusion?</i> • Ms Agnieszka D. Nelson, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, Australian National University. <i>What Are Key Obstacles to Social Cohesion?</i>
15.30-16.00	Afternoon Tea – Foyer		

16.00.17.30	Concurrent Sessions		
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	<p>Session 7</p> <p>Topic: SOCIAL COHESION AND RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY</p> <p>Chair: Professor Adam Possamai, Director, Religion and Society Research Centre, UWS</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jeremy Jones AM, Director of International and Community Affairs, Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council. <i>Building Social Cohesion in a Religiously Diverse Society.</i> • Ms Husnia Underabi, PhD Candidate, UWS. <i>Mosques, Muslim Leaders and Social Cohesion.</i> • Ms Kate Eastman SC, Barrister, St James Hall Chambers. <i>Upholding the Right to Equality and Freedom of Religion – What Is the Role of The Law?</i> • Mr Mirja Sharif, Spokesperson, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. <i>Islam and Extremism – an Ahmadiyya Perspective.</i> 	<p>Session 8</p> <p>Topic: SOME AVENUES FOR SOCIAL COHESION</p> <p>Chair: Adjunct Professor Hesham Metwalli, CEO, Prosperity International Consulting and Senior Fellow, Australian Graduate School of Leadership</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Suleiman Alnaimi, PhD Candidate, Federation University Australia. <i>The Role of Intercultural Couples for Facilitating Social Cohesion in the Australian Multicultural Context.</i> • Professor Katherine J. Reynolds, Professor of Social Psychology, Australian National University. <i>Building Social Cohesion in Ethnically Diverse Communities: What Works and Why?</i> • Mr Patrick Skene, Director, Red Elephant. <i>Advancing Social Cohesion Through Major Sporting Events.</i> • Dr Klaas Woldring, former A/Prof of Southern Cross University. <i>Are Australian Governance Systems and Policies in Tune with a Multicultural Society?</i> 	<p>Session 9</p> <p>Topic: SOCIAL COHESION AS A CONCEPT</p> <p>Chair: Dr Jan Ali, Senior Lecturer, UWS</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tobias Andreasson, Senior Research Officer, UWS. <i>Belonging, Social Justice and Social Cohesion.</i> • Associate Professor Nicole Asquith, Associate Professor of Policing & Criminal Justice, UWS. <i>Critical Diversity, Social Cohesion and the Layers of Belonging.</i> • Dr Derya Iner, Lecturer, Research Fellow HDR Coordinator, Islamic Sciences and Research Academy and Charles Sturt University. <i>Attended, Unattended and Blocked Means for Social Cohesion: Homegrown Australian Muslims' Emotional, Civic and Humanitarian Experience with the Wider Australian Society.</i> • Professor Andre Renzaho, ARC Future Fellow, Professor of Humanitarian and Development Studies, UWS <i>Exclusion of Migrants in Research and the Rhetoric of Social Cohesion.</i>

Thursday, 16 July 2015

Conference Dinner

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Venue	Novotel Sydney Parramatta, 350 Church Street, Parramatta
18.30	Pre-dinner Drinks in Hotel Foyer
19.00	Conference Dinner in Lennox Ballroom MC: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr Anton Enus, Broadcast Journalist, Special Broadcasting Service Welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Professor Annabelle Duncan, Vice-Chancellor, University of New England After Dinner Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr Jamal Rifi, Muslim Community Leader Performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mr Marcus Rivera, Singer
23.00	CLOSE

Friday, 17 July 2015

Conference Day 2

Venue	Sir Ian and Nancy Turbott Auditorium, Building EE UWS Parramatta Campus
8:00 am	Registration
9.00-9.30	Plenary (Session 10) COMMUNITY COHESION IN AUSTRALIA
	<p>Chair: Professor Kevin Dunn, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Psychology, UWS</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator The Honourable Kim Carr, Shadow Minister for Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Industry and Shadow Minister Assisting the Leader for Science
9.30-10.45	Plenary Continued (Session 11) COMMUNITY COHESION IN AUSTRALIA
	<p>Chair: Associate Professor Nina Burridge, Co-Director, Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre, University of Technology, Sydney</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Michael Ebeid, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Special Broadcasting Service. <i>The Role of Media in Advancing Social Cohesion in Australia.</i> • Acting Commander Richard Stanford APM, Manager Counter Terrorism Engagement and Operations Support, Australian Federal Police. <i>The Interaction Between Police Force Challenges and Efforts to Promote Social Cohesion.</i> • Professor Kevin Dunn, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Psychology, UWS. <i>A Critical Reflection on the Link Between Racism and Disaffection.</i> • Mr Tim Wilson, Human Rights Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission. <i>Civil Liberties as Essential Part of Social Cohesion.</i>
10.45-11.10	Morning Tea – Foyer

11.10-12.30	Concurrent Sessions		
	Room: The Turbott Auditorium	Room: EE.G.02	Room: EE.G.36
	<p>Session 12</p> <p>Topic: MARGINALISATION</p> <p>Chair: Ms Faiza Rehman, Member, Australian Multicultural Council</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Hakan Harman, CEO, Multicultural NSW, NSW State Government. <i>Multicultural NSW - Harmony in Action.</i> • Ms Sky de Jersey, Executive Officer, Settlement Council of Australia. <i>Building Community Cohesion Through Inclusive Settlement.</i> • Ms Lucy Morgan, Information & Policy Coordinator, Refugee Council of Australia. <i>A Place to Call Home? The Impact of Australia's Refugee and Asylum Seeker Policies on Community Cohesion.</i> • Ms Kathleen Blair, PhD Candidate, UWS. <i>Young Adults Attitudes toward Multiculturalism in Australia: Tensions Between the Multicultural State and the Intercultural Citizen.</i> 	<p>Session 13</p> <p>Topic: KEY OBSTACLES TO COHESION – RACISM?</p> <p>Chair: Dr B. Hass Dellal AO, Executive Director, Australian Multicultural Foundation</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Oishee Alam, PhD Candidate, UWS. <i>Evaluating Bystander Anti-Racism Strategies at an Institutional Level.</i> • Ms Rhonda Itaoui, PhD Candidate, UWS. <i>Experiences of Islamophobia: Impacts on the Mobility of Young Muslims in Sydney.</i> • Dr Jacqueline Nelson, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Technology, Sydney. <i>Local Responses to 'Everywhere but Different' Racism.</i> • Ms Jen Puch-Bouwman, Lecturer in Psychology, Charles Darwin University. <i>Culture-Share: Deep Cultural Knowledge for Community Cohesion.</i> 	<p>Session 14</p> <p>Topic: CASE STUDIES IN SOCIAL COHESION</p> <p>Chair: Dr Irene Bouzo, Executive Officer, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Rivkah Nissim, Manager, Discrimination and Research, Australian Human Rights Commission. <i>Local Government Building Social Cohesion - What Good Practice Looks Like.</i> • Ms Kate Teys, Senior Project Worker, Relationships Australia. <i>Community Hubs Delivering Social Cohesion.</i> • Mr Tony Fry, Vice-President, Refuge of Hope. <i>The National Community Hubs Program.</i> • Ms Margarita Diaz, Project Officer, NSW Community Hubs. <i>Inclusion, Poverty and Capacity Building for Women from CALD Backgrounds in Western Sydney – Case Study Analysis.</i>
12:30-14:00	Lunch - Foyer		

14.00-15.30	Concurrent Sessions		
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	<p>Session 15</p> <p>Topic: YOUTH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL COHESION</p> <p>Chair: Ms Pera Wells, Vice President, Australian Council for Human Rights Education</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Lyndal Groom, Branch Manager, International Strategy Branch, Australian Government Department of Education and Training. <i>Enjoying Australia: International Students and Our Communities.</i> • Mr Peter Khalil, Director, Corporate Affairs, Special Broadcasting Service. <i>Can the Media Shift Public Opinion on Social Cohesion Issues?</i> • Dr Christina Ho, University of Technology, Sydney. <i>Social Cohesion and Segregation in Schools.</i> • Dr Irene Bouzo, Executive Officer, Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria. <i>We Belong Here But ... A Victorian Ethnic Community Perspective on Social Cohesion.</i> 	<p>Session 16</p> <p>Topic: KEY INITIATIVES TO ADVANCE COHESION</p> <p>Chair: Dr Loucas Nicolaou, Consultant</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Anthea Hancocks CEO, Scanlon Foundation. <i>Social Cohesion Requires Long-Term Commitment.</i> • Ms Jane Lewis, Senior Adviser, Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission. <i>Beyond Tolerance! Building Respect Through Inclusive Leadership.</i> • Ms Juliette Grey, PhD Candidate, Murdoch University. <i>Interpreting Tolerance.</i> • Ms Soo-Lin Quek, Senior Manager, Knowledge and Advocacy, Centre for Multicultural Youth. <i>Young People Negotiating Active Citizenship and Belonging.</i> 	<p>Session 17</p> <p>Topic: TENSIONS ON SOCIAL COHESION</p> <p>Chair: Mr Pino Migliorino, Honorary President of Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA)</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Hanifa Deen, Author and Chair, Institute of Cultural Diversity, Editor, <i>Sultana's Dream. Narrative Non-Fiction: Subverting Muslim Stereotypes.</i> • Ms Deborah Lockhart, CEO, Australian Disputes Centre. <i>Mediation for Social Cohesion: A Case Study in Community Skills Development.</i> • Dr Astrid Perry, Chief Operating Officer, Settlement Services Australia. <i>Nourishing Social Cohesion among the Newest Australians: A Third Sector Perspective.</i> • Mr John Beever, CEO, National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters Ltd. <i>Languages and Community Cohesion.</i>
15.30-16.00	Afternoon Tea – Foyer		

Venue	Sir Ian and Nancy Turbott Auditorium, Building EE, UWS Parramatta Campus
16.00-17.00	Q&A PANEL (Session 18)
	<p>Topic: HOW TO NOURISH SOCIAL COHESION AND ADVANCE THE CULTURE OF TOLERANCE AND RESPECT?</p> <p>Chair: Dr Sev Ozdowski OAM, Conference Convenor</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Kevin Dunn, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Psychology, UWS • Ms Hanifa Deen, Author and Chair, Institute of Cultural Diversity, Editor, <i>Sultana's Dream</i> • Associate Professor Farida Fozdar, Future Fellow, University of Western Australia • Professor Andrew Markus FASSA, Research Professor, Monash University
17:00-17.15	CONCLUDING REMARKS (Session 19)
	<p>Topic: THE FUTURE DIRECTIONS</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Sev Ozdowski OAM, Conference Convenor
17.15	CLOSE