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*Today's Challenges and Solutions*

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## **FINAL PROGRAM**

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Monday, 20 November 2017

Peter Shergold Building, Parramatta City Campus, Western Sydney University  
169 Macquarie Street, Parramatta

14.00 – 18.00	<b>Conference Registration (Level 9)</b>
15.00 – 17.00	<b>Workshop 1 (Level 4, Room 23)</b> <b><i>Youth and Integration: Diverse Youths' Perspectives on Social Cohesion</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Dor Akech Achiek, Youth Projects Coordinator, Settlement Services International</li></ul>
15.00 – 17.00	<b>Workshop 2 (Level 4, Room 33)</b> <b><i>High Resolves: A Theory of Change for Developing Global Citizens and Leaders</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Steve Moore, New South Wales Program Director, High Resolves</li></ul>
15.00 – 17.00	<b>Workshop 3 (Level 4, Room 55)</b> <b><i>Safe Schools Anti-Bullying Initiative in South Australia</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms Suzanne Grunwald, Senior Adviser, South Australian Department for Education and Child Development</li><li>Ms Kelly Treloar, Safe Schools Anti-Bullying Initiative, SHINE SA</li></ul>
15.00 – 17.00	<b>Workshop 4 (Level 4, Room 68)</b> <b><i>How to Promote Community Cohesion in a Multicultural Society: Key Insights from Social Psychology</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms Heather Gridley, Community and Counselling Psychologist and Manager, Australian Psychological Society</li><li>Associate Professor Winnifred Louis, School of Psychology, University of Queensland</li><li>Professor Kate Reynolds, Research School of Psychology, Australian National University</li></ul>
15.00 – 17.00	<b>Workshop 5 (Level 9, Room 1)</b> <b><i>Building Social Cohesion by Cultural Heritage Understanding</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Associate Professor Leszek Korporowicz, Institute of Intercultural Studies, Jagiellonian University, Poland</li><li>Dr Elżbieta Wiącek, Institute of Intercultural Studies, Jagiellonian University, Poland</li><li>Dr Marta Dębska, Society for Social Development and Intercultural Dialogue "Cooperantis", Poland</li><li>Dr Sylwia Jaskuła, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, The Lomza State University of Applied Sciences, Poland</li></ul>
18.00 – 19.00	<b>Conference Opening Ceremony (Level 9)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Master of Ceremonies – Dr Sev Ozdowski AM, Director, Equity and Diversity, Western Sydney University (Conference Convenor)</li><li>Uncle Greg Simms, Aboriginal Community Elder on Campus and Gadigal Elder – <b><i>Welcome to Country</i></b></li><li>Professor Barney Glover, Vice Chancellor and President, Western Sydney University – <b><i>Welcome to Western Sydney University</i></b></li><li>Dr Geoffrey Lee MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier for Western Sydney and Multiculturalism – <b><i>Opening Address</i></b></li></ul>
19.00 – 20.30	<b>Reception (Level 9)</b>

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	<b>Conference Registration (Foyer)</b>
09.00 – 10.30	<b>Plenary Session 1: Advancing Multicultural Australia (Auditorium)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair – Professor Linda Briskman, School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Western Sydney University</li><li>• Senator the Hon Zed Seselja, Assistant Minister for Social Services and Multicultural Affairs – <b><i>Multicultural Australia: United, Strong, Successful</i></b></li><li>• Senator Richard Di Natale, Leader of the Australian Greens Party – <b><i>Strong Leadership Embraces our Differences</i></b></li><li>• Dr Sev Ozdowski AM, Chair, Australian Multicultural Council and Conference Convenor – <b><i>Australian Multiculturalism – its Foundations, Policy and Practice in a Shifting Landscape</i></b></li></ul>
10.30 – 10.50	<b>Break (Foyer)</b>
10.50 – 12.30	<b>Concurrent Session 1: Community Cohesion and Humanitarian Migrants (Auditorium)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair – Ms Pera Wells, Deputy President, Australian Council for Human Rights Education</li><li>• Ms Anne Hollonds, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Institute of Family Studies – <b><i>Settlement Experiences of Recently Arrived Humanitarian Migrants</i></b></li><li>• Ms Catherine Scarth, Chief Executive Officer, AMES Australia – <b><i>Community Cohesion in Rural Victoria: Meeting the Challenges of Resettling Refugees</i></b></li><li>• Mr Paul Power, Chief Executive Officer, Refugee Council of Australia, and Mr Om Dhungel, Member, Refugee Communities Advocacy Network NSW – <b><i>Strengthening the Role of Refugee Communities in Policy Development</i></b></li><li>• Ms Annabel Brown, Program Manager, Centre for Policy Development – <b><i>Settling Better: Reforming Refugee Employment and Settlement Services</i></b></li></ul>
10.50 – 12.30	<b>Concurrent Session 2: Community Cohesion, Gender, Countering Violent Extremism and Bias Motivated Crime (Room 36)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair – Associate Professor Nina Burridge, Co-Director, Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre, University of Technology Sydney</li><li>• Dr Ghena Krayem, Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney – <b><i>Muslim Women’s Dress: Everyone’s Business and What This Means for Social Cohesion in Australia</i></b></li><li>• Dr Sonja Hood, Chief Executive Officer, Community Hubs Australia – <b><i>Engaging Women to Support Socially Cohesive Communities</i></b></li><li>• Ms Reem Sweid, Researcher and PhD Candidate, Deakin University – <b><i>The Challenges of Language and Narrative in Countering Violent Extremism Policy</i></b></li><li>• Mr Geoffrey Steer, Director, Invisible Men Consulting Group – <b><i>Social Cohesion: Possibility or Pipe Dream? An Exploration through a Bias Motivated Crime Lens</i></b></li></ul>
10.50 – 12.30	<b>Concurrent Session 3: Panel Discussion on Community Cohesion and Sport (Room 02)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair and Commentator – Dr Paul Oliver, Director, Oliver &amp; Thompson Consultancy</li><li>• Ms Tanya Hosch, General Manager Inclusion and Social Policy, Australian Football League</li><li>• Dr Sean Gorman, Senior Research Fellow, Curtin University</li><li>• Ms Charlee-Sue Frail, Indigenous Programs Manager, Australian Football League NSW / ACT</li></ul>
12.30 – 13.30	<b>Lunch (Foyer)</b>
13.30 – 15.00	<b>Plenary Session 2: International Perspectives (Auditorium)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair – Professor Kevin Dunn, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Psychology, Western Sydney University</li><li>• Ms Yenny Wahid, Director, The Wahid Institute, Indonesia</li><li>• Professor Ted Cante CBE, Founder and Director, Interculturalism and Community Cohesion Foundation, United Kingdom</li><li>• Mr Steve Killelea AM, Executive Chairman and Founder, Institute for Economics and Peace – <b><i>A Positive Peace: A Chance for Change</i></b></li></ul>

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	<b>Break</b>
15.00 – 15.30	<p><b>Plenary Session 3: Bringing New South Wales Together (Auditorium)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair – Hon Philip Ruddock, Lord Mayor of Hornsby Shire</li> <li>• His Excellency General the Hon David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales – <i>Bringing New South Wales Together</i></li> </ul>
15.30 – 16.00	<b>Break (Foyer)</b>
16.00 – 17.30	<p><b>Concurrent Session 4: Nourishing Social Cohesion, Initiatives and Obstacles to Social Cohesion (Auditorium)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair – Ms Mary Patetsos, Chair, Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia</li> <li>• Dr Astrid Perry, Manager Strategic Policy, Settlement Services International – <i>A Case for Stronger Investment in Building Social Capital</i></li> <li>• Mr Evan Lewis, Group Manager, Australian Department of Social Services – <i>Community Cohesion and Government Policy: Through the Lens of the Australian Department of Social Services</i></li> <li>• Mr Khanh Hoang, Associate Lecturer, Australian National University, and Dr Sangeetha Pillai, Senior Research Associate, University of New South Wales – <i>Citizenship, Migration and the Production of the Australian Community</i></li> <li>• Dr Jioji Ravulo, Senior Lecturer, Western Sydney University – <i>Creating Positive Pathways to Tertiary Education and Completion for Pacific Communities in Australia</i></li> </ul>
16.00 – 17.30	<p><b>Concurrent Session 5: Community Cohesion, Workplaces and Leadership (Room 36)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair – Mr Lee Heycox, Executive General Manager People and Culture, Insurance Australia Group Limited</li> <li>• Ms Lisa Annese, Chief Executive Officer, Diversity Council Australia – <i>Advancing Cohesion through Challenging Leadership Models</i></li> <li>• Mr Peter Doukas, Deputy Chair, Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia – <i>Changing the Media Landscape: Mentorship at its Best</i></li> <li>• Ms Malini Raj, Head of 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></li> <li>• Ms Megs Lamb, Program Manager, Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia – <i>Successful Communities: Building Positive Leadership</i></li> </ul>
16.00 – 17.30	<p><b>Concurrent Session 6: Community Cohesion, the Police, the Internet (Room 02)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair – Ms Helena Kyriazopoulos, Chief Executive Officer, Multicultural Communities Council of South Australia</li> <li>• Ms Aimee Griffin, Community Portfolio Manager, Victoria Police – <i>Victoria Police Social Cohesion Partnership Project</i></li> <li>• Mr Khaled Almedyab, Challenging Racism Project, Western Sydney University – <i>Do Police Cultural Awareness Programs Narrow the Gap between the Government and the Muslim Community?</i></li> <li>• Dr Andre Oboler, Chief Executive Officer, Online Hate Prevention Institute – <i>Building Resilience and Social Cohesion by Tackling the Toxic Online Environment</i></li> <li>• Mr Parsu Sharma-Luitl JP, Liaison Officer, Victoria Police – <i>Police and Grassroots Community Engagement</i></li> </ul>
18.30 – 22.00	<p><b>Conference Dinner: Novotel Hotel (350 Church Street, Parramatta)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-dinner drinks from 18.30 with guests seated for dinner from 19.00</li> <li>• Dinner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms Janice Peterson, Special Broadcasting Service – <i>MC</i></li> <li>○ Professor Peter Shergold AC, Chancellor, Western Sydney University – <i>After Dinner Speaker</i></li> <li>○ Entertainment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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08.00 – 08.30	<b>Conference Registration (Foyer)</b>
08.30 – 10.00	<b>Plenary Session 4: Advancing Multicultural Australia (Auditorium)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair – Ms Mary Patetsos, Chairperson, Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia</li><li>• Hon Tony Burke MP, Shadow Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Australia</li><li>• Dr Anne Aly MP, Member of the Australian Parliament for Cowan – <b><i>Social Marginalisation and Violent Extremism</i></b></li><li>• Professor Andrew Markus, Pratt Foundation Chair of Jewish Civilization, Monash University – <b><i>Australians and Cultural Diversity: An Analysis of Australians' Views on the Matter</i></b></li></ul>
10.00 – 10.20	<b>Break (Foyer)</b>
10.20 – 12.00	<b>Concurrent Session 7: Community Cohesion, Media and the Arts (Auditorium)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair – Dr B Hass Dellal AO, Director and Chair, Special Broadcasting Service, and Executive Director, Australian Multicultural Foundation</li><li>• Ms Clare O'Neil, Director, Special Broadcasting Service</li><li>• Mr Frank Panucci, Executive Director, Australian Council for the Arts – <b><i>Arts and Culture in Community Cohesion: Embedding Diversity, Embracing Complexity</i></b></li><li>• Ms Georgie McClean, Head of Strategy and Governance, Australian Film, Television and Radio School – <b><i>Whose Stories? Australian Diversity on Screen</i></b></li><li>• Ms Rocio Perri, Director, Australian Department of Human Services – <b><i>Multiculturalism: Our Stories – Using Storytelling to Change Hearts and Minds</i></b></li></ul>
10.20 – 12.00	<b>Concurrent Session 8: Community Cohesion, Our Towns and Cities, Role of Government (Room 36)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair – Mr Keysar Trad, Founder, Islamic Friendship Association of Australia Inc</li><li>• Mr Aleem Ali, Manager, Welcoming Cities Initiative – <b><i>The Australian Standard for Welcoming Cities</i></b></li><li>• Dr Hazel Easthope, Senior Research Fellow, University of New South Wales – <b><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></b></li><li>• Associate Professor Jim Forrest, Senior Research Fellow, Macquarie University – <b><i>Intergroup Prejudice in Multicultural and Mono-Cultural Settings in Sydney</i></b></li><li>• Dr Eddie Jackson, Director, Liverpool City Council – <b><i>Dealing with Social Conflict? Defining the Role of Government</i></b></li><li>• Ms Phillipa Bellemore, PhD Candidate, Macquarie University – <b><i>Lessons from the Good Neighbour Council Informing Intercultural Volunteer Contact</i></b></li></ul>
10.20 – 12.00	<b>Concurrent Session 9: Nourishing Social Cohesion, Initiatives and Obstacles to Social Cohesion (Room 02)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair – Mr Houssam Abiad, Board Member, Australian Migrant Resource Centre</li><li>• Dr Clarke Jones, Research Fellow, Australian National University, and Mr Mohamed Mohideen, President, Islamic Council of Victoria – <b><i>Improving the Health and Welfare of Young People and Communities through Grassroots Approaches</i></b></li><li>• Dr Jan Ali, Senior Lecturer, Western Sydney University – <b><i>Australian Muslim Community and a Move towards a Balanced Social Divergence</i></b></li><li>• Ms Alexia Derbas, Challenging Racism Project, Western Sydney University – <b><i>The Securitisation of Young Muslims: How 'Countering Violent Extremism' Threatens Young Muslims' Ability to Access Safe Spaces</i></b></li><li>• Regional Youth from CALD Backgrounds – <b><i>Our Issues and How to Address Them</i></b></li></ul>
12.00 – 13.00	<b>Lunch (Foyer)</b>

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13.00 – 14.40	<b>Concurrent Session 10: Community Cohesion and Religion (Auditorium)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair – Mr Hakan Harman, Chief Executive Officer, Multicultural New South Wales</li><li>• Mr Edward Santow, Human Rights Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission – <i>Religious Freedom and Community Cohesion: A Human Rights Perspective</i></li><li>• Professor Adam Possamai, Director, Research and High Degree Research, Western Sydney University – <i>Muslim Students' Religious and Cultural Experiences in the Micro-Publics of University Campuses in New South Wales</i></li><li>• Dr Helen Light and Mr Ghaith Krayem, President and Vice-President, Jewish Christian Muslim Association of Australia, and Rev Ian Smith, Executive Officer, Victorian Council of Churches – <i>Abrahamic Faiths Working Together for Community Harmony</i></li><li>• Ms Rebekah Brown, PhD Candidate, University of Tasmania – <i>Social Cohesion in Religious Civic Spaces: The Case of a Multicultural Church</i></li></ul>
13.00 – 14.40	<b>Concurrent Session 11: Combatting Discrimination and Promoting Cohesion (Room 36)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair – Ms Faiza Rehman, Council Member, Australian Multicultural Council</li><li>• Dr Kay Patterson AO, Age Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission</li><li>• Ms Ljubica Petrov, Manager, Centre for Cultural Diversity in Ageing – <i>Ageing in Australia: A Time of Exclusion for Many</i></li><li>• Mr Atem Atem, Multicultural Officer, Fairfield City Council – <i>The Role of Local Councils in Settlement and Promoting Community Cohesion</i></li><li>• Mr Nick Tebbey, Chief Executive Officer, Settlement Council of Australia – <i>The Role of Australia's Settlement Sector in Promoting Social Cohesion</i></li></ul>
13.00 – 14.40	<b>Concurrent Session 12: Community Cohesion and Regional Australia (Room 02)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair – Ms Priscilla Brice-Weller, Managing Director, All Together Now</li><li>• Dr Nancy Spencer, Director, Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet – <i>Social Cohesion and Related Strategies in Queensland</i></li><li>• Dr Mary Asic-Kobe, Director Social Services, Access Community Services – <i>Regional Resettlement in Queensland: Enhancing Social Capital</i></li><li>• Ms Danielle Wood, Fellow, Grattan Institute – <i>Regional Politics, Migrants and Social Cohesion</i></li><li>• Ms Tracey Grosser, Manager, Australian Migrant Resource Centre – <i>Facilitating Inclusion for Recent Arrivals in Regional Australia</i></li></ul>
14.40 – 15.00	<b>Break (Foyer)</b>
15.00 – 16.30	<b>Plenary Session 5: Discrimination in a Multicultural Society (Auditorium)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair – Dr Stepan Kerkyasharian AO, former President, Anti-Discrimination Board of New South Wales and former Chair, Multicultural New South Wales</li><li>• Mr Michael Pezzullo, Secretary, Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection</li><li>• Dr Tim Soutphommasane, Race Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission</li><li>• Professor Kevin Dunn, Western Sydney University – <i>Islamophobia: An Appropriate Concept for Understanding the Racialisation of Religion</i></li></ul>
	<b>Break</b>

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16.30 – 17.00

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

- Chair – Dr Sev Ozdowski AM, Director, Equity and Diversity, Western Sydney University (Conference Convenor)
- Professor Ted Cattle CBE, Interculturalism and Community Cohesion Foundation, United Kingdom
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