

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2009

11.00am Registration

12.30pm Lunch

1.00pm Performance by Scimitar Moon Belly Dance Centre

1.10pm **Welcome** - Townsville Intercultural Centre Chairperson, Dr Suniti Bandaranaike

Keynote Presentation

Intercultural Dialogue and Inclusive Museology

Professor Amareswar Galla - Professor of Museum Studies, The University of Queensland

2.00pm **Plenary Session: Social Inclusion & Diversity**

1. *Transitions to Work: Supporting refugee settlement*

Susan Chou Allender - General Manager Settlement, AMES Victoria

2. *Private Practice: The partial citizenship of temporary migrant workers in Australia*

Laurie Berg - Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Technology, Sydney

3. *Darwin's Lakeside Drive Community Garden Provides Refugees Room to Grow*

Ron Mitchell - Policy & Projects Director - Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory

Chair - Peter Forday - Chief Executive Officer, MultiLink Community Services Inc

3.00pm Afternoon Tea

3.30pm **Keynote Presentation**

Enlarging the Boundaries of Compassion: Inclusive strategies for an exclusive world

Professor Kevin Clements - Director, The National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago, New Zealand

4.00pm **Concurrent Sessions: Peace, Harmony & Human Rights**

Session 1

1. *Education for Peace and Unity - A Bahá'í perspective on wisdom education*

Dr Tahereh Pourshafie - Lecturer, Student Learning Centre, Flinders University

2. *Not in My Backyard? Human rights and Migration Issues in Townsville*

Bill Mitchell - Principal Solicitor & Registered Migration Agent, Townsville Community Legal Service

Chair - Conrad Gershevitch - Director, Education & Partnerships, Race Discrimination, Australian Human Rights Commission

Session 2

1. *Lexicon of Terrorism*

Dr Hussein Tahiri - Research Analyst, Victoria Police

2. *Moving Forward Through Partnership*

Enaam Oudih - Manager Peace Multicultural Services, Relationships Australia

Dr Dianne Rogers - Centacare Catholic Family Services

Chair - Len Horner - Chancellor, Catholic Diocese of Townsville

Session 3

1. *Building Harmony in Local Communities Through Cultural Activities*

Dr Shashidhar Venkatesh Murthy - Associate Professor, School of Medicine & Dentistry, James Cook University

2. *Development and Encounter of Cultures*

Felora Sherafat - Director, Institute for Development of Human Nobility, Brazil

Chair - Dr Suniti Bandaranaike - Chairperson, Townsville Intercultural Centre

5.00pm **Program End**

Complimentary Buses available to Cultural Fest for Bollywood Concert

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST 2009

8.00am Registration

8.30am Official Opening Ceremony

1. Welcome
2. Welcoming Ceremony & Blessing by Indigenous Elders
3. Australian National Anthem by Sarangan Keethesan
4. Welcome by other dignitaries
5. Welcome by Conference Convenor -Dr Farvardin Daliri OAM
6. Performance by William and Delmae Barton

9.15am Keynote Presentation

Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood - Bindal Aboriginal Elder & Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Indigenous Issues, James Cook University
Mr Jim Gaston - Indigenous Elder

10.00am Morning Tea**10.30am Plenary Session: Indigenous Issues**

1. *Maintaining Indigenous Culture in a Correctional Environment*
Dean Saunders – Cultural Development Officer, Townsville Correctional Complex
2. *Building Confidence and Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone: Getting connected with Indigenous and remote prospective JCU Students*
Dr Sue Muloin – Student Equity Officer, James Cook University
3. *Journey of Emancipation*
Jackie Madua- Chairperson, Malaruch Aboriginal Corporation
Chair – Dr Suniti Bandaranaike – Chairperson, Townsville Intercultural Centre

11.30am Keynote Presentation

Social inclusion – Youth Campaign: helping someone find a way back from anxiety and depression
Rita Butera – Program Director, Beyond Blue

12.00pm Concurrent Sessions: Youth Issues & Empowerment**Session 1 - Discussion Forum / Workshop****1. Social Networks, Belonging and Active Citizenship among Migrant Youth in Australia**

Professor Zlatko Skrbis – Dean – Graduate School, University of Queensland
Carmel Guerra – Chief Executive Officer - Centre for Multicultural Youth
Melinda Chiment – Research Fellow - University of Queensland

Chair – Dr Lal Wadhwa, Former head of Civil & Environmental Engineering, James Cook University

Session 2**1. Bridging the Cultural Gap in Mental Health.**

Rita Butera – Program Director, Beyond Blue
Jo Abbatangelo – Social Inclusion Program Manager, Beyondblue

Chair – Linda Daliri

Session 3**1. Breaking Down the Barriers: New & Emerging Communities and the Emergency Services.**

Con Patralis - Diversity & Communications Coordinator, Metropolitan Fire Brigade

2. Tagged and the Expression of Emerging Individual and Group Identities: case study of Bankstown.

Dr Kay Donovan – Manager, UTS Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre, University of Technology, Sydney

Chair – Peter Forday - CEO, Multilink Community Services

1.00pm Lunch

- 1.30pm **Plenary Session: Education, Culture & Religion**
1. *Growing Between Cultures, Religions and Competing Expectations*
Dr Farvardin Daliri OAM – Director, Townsville Intercultural Centre & Event Organiser, Townsville Cultural Fest
 2. *Intercultural Education: Innovation in ways of learning about culture*
Karen Huchendorf – Managing Director, Global Interface Pty Ltd
 3. *Freedom of Religion in a Plural Democracy: an inherent contradiction or an achievable human right?*
Conrad Gershevitch – Director, Education & Partnerships, Race Discrimination, Australian Human Rights Commission
- Chair** - Professor Zlatko Skrbis – Dean, University of Queensland Graduate School

3.00pm Afternoon Tea

3.30pm **Keynote Presentation**

Young People – Are they part of the social inclusion agenda?

Carmel Guerra - Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Multicultural Youth

Special Announcement – Lalita Lakshmi, CAMS Statewide Coordinator, Ethnic Communities Council Queensland

4.00pm **Concurrent Sessions: Inclusive Education**

Session 1

1. *Cultural Connectivity: The wealth of a nation*

Lyn Mackay – Lecturer, James Cook University

2. *Innovative Learning in Indigenous Education*

Vimal Shankaran – Assistant Principal- Student Support, Djarragun College

Chair – Ms Maureen Bourke – Manager of International Student Support, James Cook University

Session 2 - Cosmopolitan Civil Societies UTS session

1. *Challenging Representations of Cultural Diversity: Approaches in Schools*

Dr Nina BurrIDGE – Senior Lecturer, University of Technology, Sydney

2. *Cultural Diversity and Settlement Education, Cultural Diversity and Social Justice: Beyond Access to Outcomes*

Andrew Jakubowicz, Professor of Sociology & Co-director, Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre, University of Technology, Sydney

Chair – Dr Sundram Sivamalai – Associate Professor, School of Medicine & Dentistry, James Cook University

Session 3

1. *Public Art – Education Conduit – Community Catalyst*

Dr Linda Ashton – Senior Lecturer Arts Education, James Cook University

2. *Advocating for CALD Communities- taking a statewide perspective*

Lalita Lakshmi- CAMS Statewide Coordinator, Ethnic Communities Council Queensland

Chair – Dr Lal Wadhwa, Former head of Civil & Environmental Engineering, James Cook University

5.00pm Program End

Complimentary Buses available to Cultural Fest for Indigenous Arrival Ceremony & Pacific Concert

FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST 2009

8.00am Registration

8.30am Performance by the Bulikula Cultural Group from Fiji

9.00am Keynote Presentation

The Hon Duncan Kerr SC MP – Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs

9.15am Keynote Presentation*Global Financial Crisis: Can an Asia Pacific Community, similar to the European Community, Emerge in the 21st Century?*

Professor Fariborz Moshirian – Professor of Finance, The Australian School of Business, University of NSW

9.45am Keynote Presentation*Cultural Diversity, Immigration and Australian Politics: Agenda setting in troubled times*

Professor Andrew Jakubowicz – Professor of Sociology & Codirector, Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre, University of Technology, Sydney

10.15am Morning Tea**10.45am Concurrent Sessions: Skills & Employment****Session 1****1. Chinese foreign direct investment and human security in Australia – the case of Bowen**

Helen Forbes-Mewett – Research Assistant, Monash University

Chris Nyland – Monash University

Chair – Professor Fariborz Moshirian – Professor of Finance, The Australian School of Business, University of NSW**Session 2****1. International Nurses Migration to Australia: A literature review**

Se Ok Ohr – Multicultural Health Liaison Officer, Hunter New England Area Health

2. Regional Skill Shortage

Dr Richard Monypenny – Adjunct Associate Professor, James Cook University

Chair – Ann Wijenayake**Session 3****1. Employment Services Assisting to Diversify the Workforce**

Joanne Wittmaack- Manager, Steps Employment

2. Breaking Down Barriers: Cognitive Anthropology and Cross Cultural Training

Rhian Morgan – Research Assistant, James Cook University

Chair – Con Patralis - Diversity & Communications Coordinator, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Melbourne**11.45am Concurrent Sessions: Refugees, Settlement & Migration****Session 1****1. Policy and Praxis: Implications drawn from grassroots engagement with migrant Muslim men.**

Wafa Chafic – PhD Researcher & Tutor, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Technology, Sydney

2. IWAQ's journey of success: Multicultural women - a story of unity to achieve success.

Galila Abdelsalam- Director, The Islamic Women's Association of Qld

Chair – Carmel Guerra - Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Multicultural Youth

Session 2**1. Innovative ACCES Projects Addressing Key Settlement Family and Relationship issues**

Mavis Burns – CALD Hub Coordinator, ACCES Services Inc

Beatriz Martinez – Healthy Family Relationship Project Coordinator, ACCES Services Inc

2. The Role of Psychological Strengths in Promoting Effectiveness in Diverse Health Care Teams.

Dr Elisabeth Wilson Evered - Director, Research -Relationships Australia

Chair – Rita Butera – Program Director, Beyond Blue

Session 3**1. Changes to the Migration Program 2009**

Fiona Pemberton – Regional Outreach Officer, Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Chair – Dr Lal Wadhwa - Former Head of Civil & Environmental Engineering, James Cook University

Session 4**1. Capacity Building in Rural Australia: developing personal attributes in 'new' migrants**

Dr Sundram Sivamalai – Associate Professor, School of Medicine & Dentistry, James Cook University

2. The Global Financial Crisis and Immigrants in Australia

Jock Collins – Professor of Economic, UTS Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre, University of Technology, Sydney

Chair – Peter Van Vliet - Director, Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia

1.00pm Lunch**1.30pm Plenary Session: The Cultural Diversity Agenda & A New Era****1. The Economic Downturn and CALD Communities.**

Peter Van Vliet - Director, Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia

2. Travel Notes – Reflections of a sojourner through the landscape of multiculturalism

Peter Forday – Chief Executive Officer, MultiLink Community Services Inc

3. Youth Talk: Mental Health Project

Erfan Daliri & Linda Daliri

Chair – Professor Zlatko Skrbis – Dean- Graduate School, University of Queensland

3.00pm Afternoon Tea**3.30pm Panel Debate****The Impact of the Economic Crisis on Cultural Diversity & Social Justice Issues****Introduction -**

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2. Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood – Bindal Aboriginal Elder and Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Indigenous Issues, James Cook University, Townsville

3. Carmel Guerra - Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Multicultural Youth

4. Professor Kevin Clements – Director, The National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago

Chair – Professor Andrew Jakubowicz - Professor of Sociology & Co-Director Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre, University of Technology, Sydney

4.40pm Concluding Remarks - Conference Convenor, Dr Farvardin Daliri OAM**5.00pm Program End**

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