**RDA@40 Conference 2015**

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| **Day One**  **Thursday 19 February 2015** |
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| *9:00 – 9:30am* |
| **Registration** |
| *9:30 – 9:50 am* |
| **Opening**  Welcome to Country  President Emeritus Professor Gillian Triggs  Race Discrimination Commissioner Dr Tim Soutphommasane |
| *9:50 – 11:00am* |
| ***Session 1*:** **History of the *Racial Discrimination Act***  Dr Gwenda Tavan, La Trobe University - *Better late than never? Australia’s long, slow road to the Racial Discrimination Act 1975*  Professor Andrew Markus, Monash University – *Negotiating change in the immigrant nation: public opinion and the transformation of Australia*  Professor Sarah Joseph, Monash University – *The RDA from a 1970s perspective* |
| *11:00 – 11:15am* |
| **Keynote Address**  His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) |
| *11:15 – 11:45am* |
| **Morning Tea** |
| *11:45 – 1:15pm* |
| ***Session 2:*** **Impact of the RDA on Public Law and Human Rights**  Professor George Williams AO, The University of New South Wales – *The constitution and the RDA*  Professor Beth Gaze, The University of Melbourne –*The RDA after 40 years: advancing equality, or sliding into obsolescence?*  Professor Marcia Langton, The University of Melbourne – *Indigenous people, native title and the RDA*  Professor Hilary Charlesworth, Australian National University – *Translating international standards at the national level: the Koowarta case and the RDA* |
| *1:15 – 2:15pm* |
| **Lunch** |
| *2:15 – 3:30 pm* |
| ***Session 3:*** **Philosophical Questions**  Professor Duncan Ivison, The University of Sydney – *Toleration and solidarity*  Associate Professor Geoffrey Levey, The University of New South Wales – *Why the proposed RDA reforms were lost*  Dr Peter Balint, The University of New South Wales – *Racial discrimination and racial tolerance: a location and defence* |
| *3:30 – 3:45pm* |
| **Afternoon Tea** |
| *3:45 – 5:15pm* |
| ***Session 4:* Racial Vilification**  Associate Professor David Rolph, The University of Sydney – *The Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth), Defamation and Freedom of Speech*  Professor Adrienne Stone, The University of Melbourne – *The constitution, freedom of speech and the RDA*  Peter Wertheim AM, Executive Council of Australian Jewry – *Freedom and social cohesion: a law that protects both*  Associate Professor Winnifred R. Louis & Professor Matthew J. Hornsey, University of Queensland - *Psychological dimensions of racial vilification and harassment* |
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| **Day Two**  **Friday 20 February 2015** |
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| *9:00 – 10:00am* |
| ***Session 5:* Cyber Racism**  Professor Andrew Jakubowicz, University of Technology Sydney - *Who are the racists in cyberspace? Understanding how to build communities of race hate and the implications for resilience in target communities*  Professor Kevin Dunn & Rosalie Atie, University of Western Sydney - *Cyber Racism: experiencing racism on the Internet, what do people feel and do?*  Professor Gail Mason, The University of Sydney - *Regulating cyber-racism* |
| *10:00 – 11:15am* |
| ***Session 6:* Attributes**  Kate Eastman SC, Sixth Floor St James Hall Chambers – *Mere definition? The race and religion intersection in the application of the Racial Discrimination Act.*  Mariam Veiszadeh, Lawyer and Muslim Community Advocate – *Muslims and the RDA*  Diana MacTiernan, Equal Opportunity Commission of Western Australia – *English language testing – is there systemic discrimination?* |
| *11.15 – 11:30am* |
| **Morning Tea** |
| *11:30 – 12:45pm* |
| ***Session 7:* Systemic Outcomes**  Professor Simon Rice AM, Australian National University – *It's only a law: the gulf between the RDA and equality*  Professor Luke McNamara & Professor Katharine Gelber, University of Wollongong – *The impact of hate speech laws on public discourse in Australia: 1989-2009*  Tracey Raymond, Australian Human Rights Commission – *Alternative Dispute Resolution: an effective tool for addressing racial discrimination?* |
| *12:45 – 1:45pm* |
| **Lunch** |
| *1:45 – 3:15pm* |
| ***Session 8:* Special Measures**  Dr Sarah Pritchard SC, Eleven Wentworth – *Special measures, RDA and CERD*  Jonathon Hunyor, North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency – *Alcohol, racial discrimination, special measures and human rights*  Professor Megan Davis, The University of New South Wales – *NT Intervention* (TBC)  Dr Shelley Bielefeld, University of Western Sydney & Professor Jon Altman, Australian National University– *NT Intervention and constitutional recognition* |
| *3:15 – 3:30pm* |
| **Concluding Remarks** |
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