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# Neoliberalism and Contemporary Challenges for the Asia-Pacific

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## Program at a glance

| <b>MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER</b>  |                                                                                                            |                          |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 9am-3pm                    | TASA Executive Committee Meeting                                                                           | Shangri-La Marlin Room 3 |
| 9am-4.45pm                 | <b>Postgraduate Day</b>                                                                                    | Shangri-La Lagoon Room   |
| 4pm-8pm                    | Registration & Information Desk                                                                            | Shangri-La Trinity Room  |
| 5pm-5.30pm                 | Welcome to Country and Official Conference Opening                                                         | Shangri-La Ballroom      |
| 5.30pm-6.30pm              | Keynote Address:<br>'Putting the social back into social sciences!'<br><b>Professor Eva Cox</b>            | Shangri-La Ballroom      |
| 6.30pm-8pm                 | Welcome Reception                                                                                          | Shangri-La Trinity Room  |
| <b>TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER</b> |                                                                                                            |                          |
| 7am-8.45am                 | Women's Breakfast:<br>Guest speaker: Rachael Ham                                                           | Al Porto Café            |
| 8am-5pm                    | Registration & Information Desk                                                                            | Trinity Room             |
| 9am-10am                   | TASA President's Address:<br>Associate Professor Katie Hughes                                              | Ballroom                 |
| 10am-10.30am               | Morning Tea & Presentation of the Sociologists<br>Outside Academe and Accessibility<br>Scholarships        | Trinity Room             |
| 10.30am-12pm               | John Western Plenary Panel:<br><b>Asian Migration in a Neoliberal Era: Flows,<br/>Actors and Controls'</b> | Ballroom                 |
| 12pm-1pm                   | Lunch                                                                                                      | Trinity Room             |
| 12.15pm-1pm                | Thematic Group Convenors' meeting:<br>Chair: Dr Karen Soldatic                                             | Marlin Room 3            |
| 1pm-3pm                    | <b>Concurrent Session 1</b>                                                                                | Breakout rooms           |
| 3pm-3.30pm                 | Afternoon tea and Book Launches                                                                            | Breakout rooms           |
| 3.30pm-5pm                 | <b>Concurrent Session 2</b>                                                                                | Breakout rooms           |
| 5-5.30pm                   | Migration, Ethnicity & Multiculturalism Thematic<br>Group meeting                                          | Ballroom 1               |

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| 5.30pm-7pm                    | TASA Annual General Meeting                                                                                                      | Marlin Room 1                                |
| 7pm                           | Postgraduate Drinks                                                                                                              | Salt House                                   |
| 7pm                           | Sociology & Activism Thematic Group Drinks                                                                                       | Poolside                                     |
| 7pm                           | Queer Drinks                                                                                                                     | Green Ant Cantina & Bar 183 Bunda St, Cairns |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER</b> |                                                                                                                                  |                                              |
| 8am-5pm                       | Registration & Information Desk                                                                                                  | Trinity Room                                 |
| 9am-10am                      | Keynote Address:<br>'Neoliberalism and the Resurgence of Populism'<br><b>Professor Vedi Hadiz</b>                                | Ballroom                                     |
| 10am-10.30am                  | Morning Tea                                                                                                                      | Trinity Room                                 |
| 10.30am-12pm                  | Plenary Panel:<br><b>'Risk Society in Contemporary Asia-Pacific'</b>                                                             | Ballroom                                     |
| 12pm-1.00pm                   | Lunch                                                                                                                            | Trinity Room                                 |
| 12pm-1pm                      | Postgraduate Publishing Workshop:<br>Professor Emerita Raewyn Connell                                                            | Marlin Room 1                                |
| 12.15pm-1pm                   | Professoriate & Heads of Department Meeting                                                                                      | Marlin Room 3                                |
| 1pm-3pm                       | <b>Concurrent Session 3</b>                                                                                                      | Breakout rooms                               |
| 3pm-3.30pm                    | Afternoon Tea                                                                                                                    | Trinity Room                                 |
| 3.30pm-5pm                    | <b>Concurrent Session 4</b>                                                                                                      | Breakout rooms                               |
| 5pm-5.30pm                    | <b>Thematic Group Meetings</b>                                                                                                   | Breakout rooms                               |
| 5.30pm-6pm                    | <b>Thematic Group Meetings</b>                                                                                                   | Breakout rooms                               |
| 7pm-11pm                      | Conference Dinner                                                                                                                | North Bar and Restaurant, Shangri-La         |
| <b>THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER</b>   |                                                                                                                                  |                                              |
| 8am-5pm                       | Registration                                                                                                                     | Trinity Room                                 |
| 9am-10am                      | Keynote Address:<br>'Body/Identity/Evidence: Technoscience and the Data Base Society'<br><b>Associate Professor Itty Abraham</b> | Ballroom                                     |
| 10am-10.30am                  | Morning Tea                                                                                                                      | Trinity Room                                 |
| 10.30am-12pm                  | Plenary Panel:<br><b>'Neoliberalising Natural Resources in the Asia-Pacific'</b>                                                 | Ballroom                                     |

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| 12pm-1pm                  | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Trinity Room                                                   |
| 1pm-3pm                   | <b>Concurrent Session 5</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Breakout rooms                                                 |
| 3pm-3.30pm                | Afternoon Tea                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Trinity Room                                                   |
| 3.30pm-5pm                | Roundtable Discussions<br>1. <b>Creativity and Regional Innovation: Culture, Economy and Place</b><br>Chair: Dr Eduardo De La Fuente<br>2. <b>A New Dimension of the Sociology of Knowledge</b><br>Chair: E/Prof Raewyn Connell<br>3. <b>Myths and Dominant Narratives of Neoliberalism</b><br>Chair: Prof Lisa Adkins | 1. Marlin Room 1<br><br>2. Lagoon Room<br><br>3. Marlin Room 3 |
| <b>FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                |
| 8.30am-3.30pm             | Great Barrier Reef trip                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Reef Fleet Terminal                                            |
| 8.30am-3.30pm             | Yarrabah Aboriginal Community trip                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Shangri-La Lobby                                               |

## The Australian Sociological Association Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 24 November 2015  
 5:30 – 7:00pm  
 Marlin Room 1  
 Shangri La, Cairns, Queensland

1. Welcome
2. Apologies:
3. President's Overview
4. Business arising  
—Acceptance of 2014 minutes
5. Presentation of Financial Statements
6. Questions on matters in the Annual Report
7. Motion 1: Move for the creation of an Applied Sociology Portfolio within TASA
8. Other Business

The Annual Report can be accessed [here](http://conference.tasa.org.au).

# Welcome from the TASA President

On behalf of TASA, I am delighted to warmly welcome you all to the 2015 conference.

The theme for the conference is Neoliberalism and Contemporary Challenges for the Asia-Pacific, which addresses many of the social issues facing not only Australia, but also our neighbours in the region. We are fortunate, therefore, to have partnered with the College of Arts, Society and Education at James Cook University and The Cairns Institute to be able to explore these critical issues with colleagues in a place where Australia meets the Asia Pacific – in terms of climate, if not national boundaries. Perhaps one of the most beautiful places in Australia, Cairns is closer to Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste and Indonesia than it is to Sydney, Melbourne or Canberra, and as such is an ideal venue to explore the latest sociological theory about this crucial conference theme.

We are extremely fortunate to welcome Itty Abraham, Eva Cox and Vedi Hadiz as our Keynote Speakers who will address technoscience and the database society, the state of the social sciences and the resurgence of populism. In the plenary panels leading sociologists offer dynamic engagement with the conference themes. The conference caters for our diverse and large membership so be sure to attend the special events designed for you – the thematic group sessions and meetings, the postgraduate day or professoriate meeting. You may want to get on to Twitter and tweet at #TASA2015. TASA now has well over a thousand Twitter followers, so please publicise our work!

I would like to take this opportunity to offer TASA's grateful thanks to the conference co-convenors Theresa Petray and Anne Stephens for their vision and bravery in bringing the conference together for us. Thanks also to the local organizing committee who have worked tirelessly for so long: Stewart Lockie, Roger Wilkinson, Catherine Wong, Nick Osbaldiston, and Naama Blatman-Thomas. Finally, thank you to the leaders of all our thematic groups and to Conference Solutions in laying down the organization to make the conference work smoothly.

So, a warm welcome to you all to the 2015 TASA conference and I hope you find it a warm, engaging, stimulating and enjoyable experience.

Katie Hughes

President, TASA

## LINK TO CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Refereed articles from postgraduates from the conference proceedings are available for download at this [link](#).



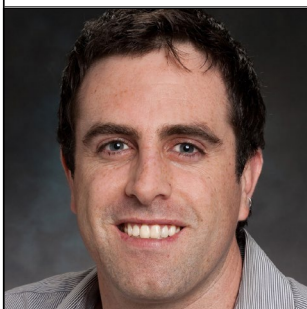
# TASA Executive Committee



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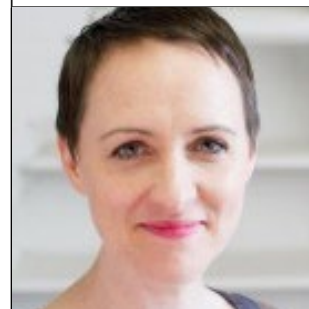
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## Visual Sociology

The Visual Sociology display will be housed in the Trinity Room. Please visit the display during one of the breaks.

### What does it mean to be an older person?

**Peta S. Cook**

*Faculty of Arts, School of Social Sciences, University of Tasmania, Faculty of Arts, School of Social Sciences.*

As of 30 June 2012, fourteen percent of the Australian population was over the age of 65 (3.2 million people) (AIHW 2013). Yet despite the ageing population, older age continues to be negatively framed, associated with loss such as social isolation and withdrawal (including unproductivity) and a body in decline with malfunctioning or deficit physical, mental and emotional resources (Gullette 2004; Hunt 2005). This negativity towards ageing may contribute to, or could be at odds with, how older people perceive and experience their own ageing process. This project seeks to understand ageing from the perspective of people who are aged 65 years and over through the methods of photo elicitation and in-depth interviews. This small exhibition provides initial insight into the findings of this project.

### Culture on display, identity on the move: Ethnographic explorations with resettled Karen

**Rebekah Burgess**

*Faculty of Arts, School of Social Sciences, University of Tasmania, Faculty of Arts, School of Social Sciences.*

For my ethnographic work with the Hobart Karen I created visual maps on which to locate refugee resettlement experiences and narrations of identity. As I explored these experiences with little shared language, visual recording and display became important. The coloured charts I developed, combined with story fragments and other visual modes (observation, photographs and objects) are thus able to 'speak' of lived experiences. This close focal-length can offer a more detailed picture of 'settlement success' than those more narrow views presented in Australia's neoliberal policy landscape.



## The emotion of trauma

Alisa Hasamoh and Stewart Lockie

*The Cairns Institute and College of Arts, Society & Education, James Cook University, Cairns*

These images were generated through a PhD research project, “Trauma and Gender in Natural Disaster and Conflict Contexts: A Comparative Study of Aceh, Indonesia and the Deep South of Thailand”. It examines, sociologically, how people experience and respond to the emotional and mental health impacts of natural disasters and violent conflict. In doing so, it treats psychological trauma as both a personal and a collective, a material and a symbolic, phenomenon. It assumes that disaster and conflict events, along with gender, ethnicity, age, institutional responses, and so on, all play a role in the construction of trauma.

The empirical settings for this research are Aceh, Indonesia, which was impacted by a major tsunami on 26 December 2004 and which experienced almost thirty years of conflict from 4 December 1976 to 15 August 2006 and the Deep South of Thailand, which was impacted by storm surge and which experienced almost ten years of conflict from 4 January 2004 until now.

Informed by actor-network theory, this thesis conceptualizes trauma as the product of networks enacted and mobilized by persons both directly and indirectly affected by disasters and conflict in Aceh and the Deep South of Thailand. Visual sociology is used as one of several research methods to explore the emotional experience of trauma and, more specifically, to involve participants who find it difficult to articulate their experiences and/or to connect across languages.

## Keynote Speakers

**Eva Cox:** Monday 5.30-6.30pm: Shangri-La, Trinity Room

### **Putting the Social back into Social Sciences!**

Professor Eva Cox is an Australian public intellectual with a background in sociology, feminism and Indigenous rights. Cox is a high-impact sociologist who does work on policy and with the community sector. Her work on democracy and equality in Australia is focused on practical outcomes for making the country better for its citizens. She directly challenges policies and practices that enable the spread of neoliberalism at the expense of the social. Cox will highlight the importance of sociology to a broader audience. Recently, Eva was a part of a panel discussing where our society will be in 5 years time.



**Abstract:** Sociology was once the serious contender for disciplining politics and policies. The post WW2 welfare state, followed by the social movements of the 60s and 70s were concerned about social cohesion and change resilience, so showed strong interest in using the truly social sciences to explore the possibilities for creating better societies. This political climate was shifted by the neo-liberal push of the last three decades plus, which individuated and materialised political and policy influences to respond to more global capitalism. By turning citizens into macho self interested Hobbesian consumers, the promoters of the neoclassical economics paradigm shift abandoned any serious interest in good social policy and focused entirely on increasing GDP!

How can we revive the importance of good evidence based social policies, now that very, very flawed anti-social science is losing its grip? Populist politics rising show hunger for something to believe in. From both a longterm feminist perspective and learning about connected communalities in our first nations, I will explore options for reviving broader sociological importance of making societies more civil by reviving and researching ways of creating cosmopolitan social connectedness.

## Keynote Speakers

**Vedi Hadiz:** Wednesday 9-10am, Shangri-La, Ballroom

### Neoliberalism and the Resurgence of Populism

Professor Vedi Hadiz is Professor of Asian Societies and Politics at Murdoch University and Director of its Indonesia Research Programme. An Indonesian national, he has been an Australian Research Council Future Fellow in 2010-2014. Professor Hadiz received his PhD at Murdoch University in 1996 where he was Research Fellow until he went to the National University of Singapore in 2000. At NUS, he was an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology until returning to Murdoch in 2010. He has recently completed a book manuscript on the New Islamic Populism in Indonesia and the Middle East (forthcoming, Cambridge University Press). Vedi Hadiz's full conference abstract can be viewed [here](#).



**Abstract:** The resurgence of populism, albeit in a variety of manifestations, is by now a global phenomenon. In brief, this resurgence can be explained as a response to the contradictions of neoliberal globalisation, the manifestations of which are quite diverse across societies. Nevertheless, these contradictions are typically experienced as a) a growing sense of distrust amongst significant sections of the population with established political and social institutions; b) a perception of growing social injustice due to ever increasing disparities in wealth and power; and c) deepening disappointment with the past promises of the project of political liberalism, especially in the West, or with those of modernisation, especially in later developing societies. Significantly, populism is almost always expressed in dichotomies involving the 'virtuous masses' and 'rapacious elites', however these are to be defined. At the same time, its opponents frequently identify populism with economic irrationality –understood as opposition to neoliberal economic policies – and political demagoguery due to the threat posed to established institutions of governance ...

The foregoing raises several important questions about populism as a response to neoliberal global ascendancy. These include a) what are the drivers and social bases of populist responses to neoliberal globalisation?; b) does populism necessarily constitute a threat to 'rational' economic policy-making, as many of its critics suggest?; c) do populist mobilisations threaten or supplement the workings of the institutions of democratic governance?; d) what are the prospects for progressive populisms that advance agendas of redistribution of wealth and power?

## Keynote Speakers

**Itty Abraham:** Thursday 9.00-10am, Shangri-La Ballroom

### **Body/Identity/Evidence: Technoscience and the Database Society**

Associate Professor Itty Abraham is Head of the Department of Southeast Asian Studies at the National University of Singapore (NUS). He moved to NUS from the University of Texas at Austin, where he directed the South Asia Institute. Before that he served as program director for Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Global Security and Cooperation at the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York. He is the author, most recently, of *How India Became Territorial: Foreign Policy, Diaspora, Geopolitics*, published by Stanford University Press in 2014; the editor of volumes on borderlands, political violence, and nuclear power; and numerous scholarly articles and book chapters. He was a Fulbright-Nehru senior fellow in 2011 and has received grants from the US National Science Foundation, and the Ford, Rockefeller, and, MacArthur foundations, among others. His research interests include science and technology studies, postcolonial theory, and international relations. Itty Abraham's conference abstract can be viewed [here](#).



**Abstract:** The body has long been the most reliable proof of identity in the modern era. In the colonial period, tattoos and other body incisions were used to identify criminals and repeat offenders. In the present day, less invasive and more humane forms of corporeal identification, namely, fingerprints, DNA testing, and iris scans have taken their place. However, what is not often appreciated is that questions of identity and the use of the body to extract judicial evidence have also long gone hand in hand. The application of technoscience on an increasingly fragmented body now serves both as the ultimate proof of identity and as a critical means of establishing truth claims in the judicial sphere. From the standpoint of security managers, however, these techniques are only as good as the database that they draw on. The ideal society, from this standpoint, is one where every body is uniquely represented in a national database. This 'database society' can be imagined as a biopolitical apparatus that joins discrete body parts to ever-shifting conceptions of rights and political protections. This presentation will offer a postcolonial genealogy of the judicial framing of the body through technoscience in order to explore its political and epistemological implications.

## Plenary Panels

### John Western Memorial Plenary—Asian Migration in a Neoliberal Era: Flows, Actors and Controls

Tuesday 10.30am-12.00pm: Ballroom

**Chair: Dr Nick Osbaldiston**

Plenary Speakers: Professor Stephen Castles (University of Sydney), Professor Maggy Lee (The University of Hong Kong) and Dr Shanthi Robertson (University of Western Sydney).

**Abstract:** A major shift brought about by the neoliberal globalisation of modes of governance and economic activity is a reshaping of migration networks and flows, which have diversified considerably across the Asia-Pacific region. New forms of labour differentiation linked to human capital, gender, race, nationality and legal status are issues that deserve unpacking sociologically in order to understand the transformation of migration patterns from, to and within Asia. Yet skilled and unskilled labour mobility also intersects with emerging international markets for marriage migration, and education, investment and retirement mobilities. Many Asia-Pacific nations are caught in the tension between the need for migrants to fulfill various roles in dynamic and accelerated economies and ongoing populist anxieties around the cultural changes wrought by migrant settlement. Furthermore, neoliberal policies within Asia have also transformed how actors deal with migrants within regulatory hierarchies of 'desirable' and 'undesirable' mobilities. We have seen the development in recent times of novel assemblages of state, non-state and trans-state actors in migration control through the securitisation of international assistance, paternalistic protection and discipline of female migrants, and the meshing of migration management and development aid. Various formal and informal modes of commercial brokerage also operate within these assemblages to facilitate mobility, settlement and transnationalism. This plenary aims to unpack these issues through case-studies within the Asia-Pacific, and to explore possible future directions.



## Plenary Panels

### 技术发展和风险社会 Risk Society in Contemporary Asia-Pacific

Wednesday 10.30am-12.00pm: Ballroom

**Chair: Dr Catherine Wong**

Plenary Speakers: Dr Qi Qiao 乔琦, Associate Professor Leo Guangyang Qiao 乔光辉, and Dr Linus S. digim'Rina

Abstract: Neo-liberal economic development in the Asia Pacific region has taken the form of intense and rapid industrialisation. This has led to changes in the landscape of risk in the region. The last few decades have seen significant shifts: Asian countries have moved from being commodity exporters to commodity importers, driving resource extraction within the region; more advanced industrialisation in high technology, more complex systems and advanced manufacturing has also begun to emerge in major countries like China and India; cross-boundary conflicts over water and energy security have intensified and increasingly intersect; and the rise of the middle class in major countries like China have bolstered tourism within the region, creating new opportunities but also new risks. This plenary session seeks to map out the risk implications of these developments. It seeks papers that address a range of issues around risk assessment and risk perception, to risk governance, deliberative democracy and the sociology of risk. The goal of this plenary is to create a sketch of the evolving landscape of risk in the Asia Pacific Region from multi-disciplinary perspectives that will both advance the conceptualisation of risk and better inform decision makers in relevant sectors (e.g. government, industry and civil society).

### Neoliberalising Natural Resources in the Asia-Pacific

10.30am-12.00pm: Ballroom

**Chair: Prof Stewart Lockie**

Plenary Speakers: Professor Betty Lovai (University of Papua New Guinea), Kate Galloway (James Cook University), and Janine Gertz (James Cook University)

The global land grabbing phenomenon has focused considerable attention on the appropriation of resources by multinational firms and state-controlled enterprises. However, customary rights of access to land and other natural resources face a broader range of threats associated with peculiarly neoliberal conceptions of property. Collective forms of tenure are under threat of privatisation to facilitate investment. Post-colonial land reform projects are in stasis or reversal. Kyoto Protocol instruments re-conceive forests as little more than tradable stocks of carbon. This session will assess pressures to neoliberalise natural resources in the Asia-Pacific and ask how customary tenures may both be protected and serve as the basis for sustainable, equitable livelihoods.

# Roundtable discussions

Thursday 3.30-5.00pm

## 1 Creativity and Regional Innovation: Culture, Economy and Place

MARLIN ROOM 1

CHAIR: DR EDUARDO DE LA FUENTE

**ONE OF THE INTERESTING PARADOXES** regarding globalization, and growing levels of cultural and economic interconnectedness, is that place seems to matter more and more. Concepts like regionalism, regional identities and regional development have gained traction in sociology, geography, economics, marketing, tourism, urban and cultural planning. These days everything from the making, selling and marketing of agrifoods to the ability to mobilize human, and other types of, capital seems to hang on the importance of regionality and the dynamics place. Regions have come to be appreciated for their character and traditions, as well as for their capacity for innovation and renewal. In keeping with these themes, this plenary will address questions such as: to what extent is regional social, cultural, ecological and economic futures predicated on embracing the challenges of creativity and innovation? Is it enough to pursue so-called 'iconic' projects and build new stadiums, new ports or airports, new museums that photograph well, or for governments to pour money into regional universities? Is regional innovation by definition place-specific and, if so, how are governments, corporations, civic organizations and communities meant to design and implement place-specific models of renewal? And, what is the difference between projects that provide a short-term dose of glamour and/or increased sense of dynamism and those that are sustainable and likely to contribute to a richer experience of place and the long-term wellbeing of the community?

**Presenters: Professor Terry Flew, Professor Susan Luckman, Professor Adrian Franklin, Mr Warwick Powell, and Dr Eduardo de la Fuente**

## 2 The Global Dimension of the Sociology of Knowledge

LAGOON ROOM

CHAIR: PROF. EMERITA RAEWYN CONNELL

**RECENT DECADES HAVE PRODUCED NEW APPROACHES** to questions about knowledge, concerned with the global politics of knowledge, the shifting mechanisms of knowledge production, and the capacity of existing sociological theory to comprehend these developments. This session will open with comments from speakers who have been involved in developing postcolonial or Southern perspectives in specific fields: disability studies, criminology, and gender studies. They will consider questions about the strategies of knowledge workers in the face of global centrality/marginality, the significance of global neoliberalism in universities and research domains, and how the global economy of knowledge can become more democratic. A collective discussion, inviting contributions from audience as well as speakers, will develop about these themes and about future paths for the social sciences in Australia.

**Presenters: Professor Kerry Carrington, Associate Professor Helen Meekosha, Professor Emerita Raewyn Connell**

## Roundtable discussions

Thursday 3.30-5.00pm

### 3 Myths, Narratives and Controversies of Neoliberalism

MARLIN ROOM 3

CHAIR: PROFESSOR LISA ADKINS

**IN THIS SESSION WE WILL EXPLORE MYTHS**, narratives and controversy regarding neoliberalism in economic sociology. Tom Barnes will ask about the historical roots of the precariat and how 'new' the phenomenon really is. Elizabeth Humphrys will suggest we destabilise the dominant narrative that the labour movement was simply the victim of neoliberalism, and ask about its active role in creating it. Ben Spies-Butcher will tell us he's learned to stop worrying and love neoliberalism, and raise whether we have already won. And Dina Bowman will urge us to move beyond critique, to talk about what we need to do from here. Lisa Adkins, survivor of the Thatcher era, will facilitate — encouraging discussion from the floor. Join us for a lively session to end the conference!

**Presenters:** Tom Barnes, Elizabeth Humphrys, Ben Spies-Butcher, Dina Bowman, Lisa Adkins

#### Notification of Research Taking Place at TASA 2015

TASA members Andrew Glover and Yolande Strengers will be conducting ethnographic work during this week's conference as part of their research on academic conferencing and air travel practices. They will be undertaking the following forms of data collection:

- Participant observation of conference attendees, including practices of networking, gathering & presenting information, collaboration, and promotion.
- Short informal discussions with conference attendees about these practices.
- Their own reflections on the experience of travelling to, and immersing oneself in, the conference setting.

They also intend to capture photos and video of conference delegates inhabiting and interacting in conference spaces. This media will be used primarily for workshop and presentation purposes in their attempt to understand the role of the conference in contemporary academia. **\*\*Please note that the researchers respect any person's right not to be photographed or videoed for these purposes\*\***. If you have any such concerns, or would like to discuss the research in further detail, feel free to approach Andrew or Yolande directly during TASA, or via email or Twitter:

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## Postgraduate Day

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| 9am     | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY                                                                                        | Christina Malatzky and the postgraduate sub-committee                                                                            |
| 9:10am  | 'The Well Written Thesis'<br>Foundational skills for all graduate students                                                 | Chair: Christina Malatzky<br>Presenter: Dr Liz Tynan: JCU's own thesis whisperer                                                 |
| 10am    | On good habits to develop for referencing and resource management                                                          | Chair: Laura Gobey<br>Presenter: Ms Eileen Clark                                                                                 |
| 10:30am | Morning tea                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                  |
| 10:45am | Negotiating the academic interview                                                                                         | Chair: Monika Dryburgh<br>Presenters:<br>Professor Stewart Lockie and Dr Rebecca Olson                                           |
| 11:30am | Academic publication and writing for a wider audience                                                                      | Chair: Laura Gobey<br>Presenter: Dr Anna Halafoff                                                                                |
| 12:30pm | Lunch                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                  |
| 1:15pm  | Becoming an academic today: the experiences of contemporary early career academics                                         | Chair: Monika Dryburgh<br>Presenters: Dr Theresa Petray and Dr Nick Osbaldiston                                                  |
| 2:15pm  | Teaching in the social sciences: advice from exceptional tertiary educators                                                | Chair: Ashlin Lee<br>Presenter: Dr Kirsten McLean                                                                                |
| 3:15pm  | Afternoon tea with TASA Executive.<br>Presentation of the scholarship certificates                                         |                                                                                                                                  |
| 3:30pm  | Diverse career pathways:<br>Academia is not your only option<br><br>Pitches from government & not-for-profit organisations | Chair: Ashlin Lee<br>Presenters:<br>Dr Sue Malta (not-for-profit)<br>Kim Stace (not-for-profit)<br>Dr Frances Healy (government) |
| 4:45pm  | Close and Thanks                                                                                                           | Christina and the postgraduate sub-committee                                                                                     |

## Social Events

### Conference Welcome Reception

Date: Monday 23rd November 2015

Time: 6.30-8pm

Venue: The Trinity Room, Shangri-La Mezzanine Level

Cost: included in the registration, additional tickets \$40

### Women's Breakfast

Date: Tuesday 24th November 2015

Time: 7.00-8.45am

Venue: Al Porto Café, 1 Spence Street Cairns

Cost: \$35

Al Porto Café is in walking distance from all delegate accommodation hotels.

### Conference dinner

The conference dinner will be held in the beautiful North Bar and Restaurant, overlooking the Marlin Marina.

Please come along and meet colleagues and new acquaintances; congratulate our prize winners for the year; enjoy dinner and enjoy the dancing!

Date: Wednesday 25th November 2015

Time: 7pm-11pm

Venue: North Bar and Restaurant, Shangri-La Hotel, Pierpoint Road, Cairns

Cost: \$75. Cash bar available

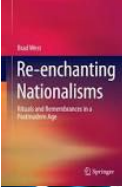
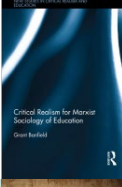
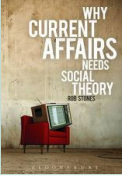
## Thematic group meeting schedule

|            | Wednesday 5.00-5.30pm          | Wednesday 5.30-6.00pm            |
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| Ballroom 2 | Cultural Sociology             | Teaching Sociology               |
| Fleet 1    | Environment & Society          |                                  |
| Fleet 2    | Sociology of Emotions & Affect | Sociology of Economic Life       |
| Marlin 1   | Risk Societies                 | Health                           |
| Marlin 2   |                                | Sociology & Activism             |
| Marlin 3   | Youth                          | Social Stratification            |
| Marina 1   | Rural Issues                   | Urban Sociology                  |
| Marina 2   | Social Theory                  | Families, Relationships & Gender |
| Marina 3   | Sociology of Religion          | Critical Disability Studies      |

## Book launches

**Tuesday 3-3.30pm**

*Afternoon tea will be served at the Book launches*

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| <b>LAGOON</b>   |  | <p><i>Towards a Sociology of Cancer Caregiving: Time to Feel</i></p> <p>By Dr Rebecca E. Olson, with Preface by A/Prof Annemarie Jutel</p> <p>Launched by Prof Alex Broom</p>                  |
| <b>MARLIN 1</b> |  | <p><i>Re-enchanting Nationalisms: Rituals and Remembrances in a Postmodern Age</i></p> <p>By Brad West</p> <p>Launched by A/Prof Steve Matthewman</p>                                          |
| <b>MARLIN 2</b> |  | <p><i>Family Mobility: Reconciling Career Opportunities and Educational Strategy</i></p> <p>By A/Prof Catherine Doherty, Wendy Patton, and Paul Shield</p> <p>Launched by Prof Parlo Singh</p> |
|                 |  | <p><i>Critical Realism for Marxist Sociology of Education</i></p> <p>By Grant Banfield</p> <p>Launched by Prof Parlo Singh</p>                                                                 |
| <b>MARLIN 3</b> |  | <p><i>Why Current Affairs Needs Social Theory</i></p> <p>By Prof Rob Stones</p> <p>Launched by Dr Craig Browne</p>                                                                             |



## CONCURRENT PAPER SESSION 1: TUESDAY 1PM – 3PM

### CRIME & GOVERNANCE:

“CONFLICT, VIOLENCE & HOPE”

Keeping On Country: Addressing Recidivism in Remote Aboriginal Communities. The Offender's Perspective

Glenn Dawes,  
Edward Walden &  
Andrea Davidson

Toward Building a Community Owned Justice Re- Investment Strategy on Palm Island

Garry Coventry

Recognising the ‘I’ in justice: Political subjects, public inquiry and child sexual abuse in institutions

Jodi Death

Whose knowledge are we privileging? South Sudanese women, orality and methodology

Sara Maher

Chair: David McCallum

Marina 3

### TEACHING SOCIOLOGY: “DESIGNING LEARNING, AND TEACHING SOCIOLOGY”

Chairs: Peta Cook and Kirsten McLean

Lagoon

Reflections on Teaching Sociology to First-Year Nursing Students

Peta Cook

An Australian sociologist in a Chinese University: Some reflections on lessons learned and questions raised

Angela Lehmann

Engaging students and their publics through making sociological films

Vivienne Waller

Out of the closet and into the classroom: Making university classes LGBTQ-inclusive

Kirsten McLean

Educating the Citizen Scholar: Applying sociology to everyday life

James Arvanitakis

Showing up in class

Andrew Metcalfe

### SPORT

Chair: Brent McDonald

Marlin 2

How neoliberalism drives the dream: An exploration of Pasifika men as a global sporting phenomenon

Lena Rodriguez

In the Ascent of Neoliberalism: Climbing, Individualisation and the Perception of Risk.

Matthew Bunn

‘We’re not a babysitting service’: Understanding how voluntary sport clubs respond to diversity

Ryan Storr, Jonathan Magee, Sean Gorman, Ramon Spaaij, Ruth Jeanes, Dean Lusher & Karen Farquharson

Sport for Development and Peace: Transforming Gender Relations

Sarah Oxford

‘The mummy hat is off’: Playing hockey, being a mum and emotional wellbeing

Kirsty Forsdike-Young, Tim Marjoribanks & Ann-Maree Sawyer

Revisiting the Insider-Outsider Debate: Validity in Ethnographic Research of Football Fans

Jessica Richards & Geoff Pearson

### ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY

“CLIMATE CHANGE AND NEOLIBERALISM”

Chair: Andrew Glover

Fleet Room 1

Climate change action - beyond the neoliberal orientation: A research proposal.

Julie Parison

Negotiating and re-negotiating climate change in Australia: A case for neoliberal environmental hegemony

Scott Fitzgerald & Caleb Goods

Climate activism and the neoliberal turn: whatever it takes?

Vanessa Bowden

The Neoliberal Climate Change Policy of Australia – A critical review from the Marxist Perspective

Kamleshwer Lohana

Was Foucault an Environmentalist?

Maxine Newlands

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### SOCIOLOGY OF YOUTH

“SPACE, PLACE & MOBILITY”

Chair: Amy Dodson

Marlin 3

Young People, Place and Work: Affective Investments and Mobile Imaginaries

[David Farrugia](#)

Working-Class Youth and Higher Education: Narratives of Social Im/Mobility

[Alexandra Coleman](#)

Place-making in regional Australia: Young people mediating global and local flows

[Ms Catherine Waite](#)

“I Would Never Start a Fight, but...”: Young Masculinities and ‘the Right Amount’ of Violence

[Signe Ravn](#)

In search of a better future: Aspirations and challenges for young rural to urban migrants- a case study in Hanoi, Vietnam

[Thao Dang](#)

### SOCIOLOGY OF INDIGENOUS ISSUES

“FROM RESEARCH STRATEGIES TO INDIGENOUS STRATEGIES IN THE NEOLIBERAL AGE”

Chair: Deirdre Howard-Wagner

Marina 2

Challenges to concepts from the chivalry thesis: Judiciary sentence practices on Indigenous women and white women defendants processed in Queensland’s Supreme Courts and District Courts

[Marisela Velazquez](#)

Implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Gugu Badhun Self-Determination

[Janine Gertz](#)

Business the wuriba way: Native bee hives as a model for Aboriginal economic development

[Theresa Petray & Janine Gertz](#)

The Indigenous Sector: Social Capital on the Margins of Power

[Alex Page](#)

A conceptual framework to help decolonise disability research with Indigenous people with disability

[John Gilroy](#)

### FAMILIES, RELATIONSHIPS & GENDER

“WORK: RELATIONSHIPS & FAMILY”

Chair: Jonathan Smith

Fleet Room 2

The road not taken: Friendship and the problem of academic work

[Jennifer Wilkinson](#)

Fatherhood in the 21st Century: who are the fathers who engage in long hours of paid work and childcare?

[Laetitia Coles](#)

Exploration of the practices and experiences of sole fathers who combine work and care

[Danielle Nockolds](#)

Feeling the squeeze: Employed mothers’ perceptions of time pressure

[Judy Rose, Marianne Syder & Belinda Hewitt](#)

Working Mothers in Neoliberal Times

[Leanne Stevenson](#)

Changing Care? Men and Managerialism in the Nonprofit Sector

[Donna Baines](#)

### SOCIOLOGY OF ECONOMIC LIFE

“ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY & NEOLIBERALISM: THE ASIA-PACIFIC AND BEYOND”

Chair: Tom Barnes

Room Marlin 1

Neoliberalism and racist debt practices in New Zealand: Pasifika peoples as the working poor

[Bruce Curtis & Cate Curtis](#)

Luxury Consumer Culture in Contemporary Contexts (General)

[Anoushka Benbow-Buitenhuys](#)

Unemployment and Its Discontents: From Drift to Securitization (General)

[Lisa Adkins](#)

## CONCURRENT PAPER SESSION 1: TUESDAY 1PM – 3PM

### MIGRATION, ETHNICITY & MULTICULTURALISM

“ETHNIC IDENTITIES & CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS”

Chair: Shanthi Robertson

Ballroom 1

Emotions in Practice: Reflections on the importance of the Nonni in the construction and transmission of ethnic identity

[Simone Marino](#)

Italian Migration To Australia: Was It Worth It?

[Ellie Vasta](#)

Hybrid Identities And The Role Of Music In Their Formation

[Shai Diner](#)

Globalization or Assimilation: Krump Dancing in a Comparative Context

[Sharmaine Jackson](#)

Chineseness: Reconciling personal constructions of ethnic identity with collective conceptions of identity for Australian-born Chinese

[Jennifer Martin](#)

Confluents: Children from interfaith and intercultural marriages ideal for the global village of today.

[Karima Moraby](#)

### CULTURAL SOCIOLOGY

“LANDSCAPE SOCIOLOGIES”

Chair: Eduardo de la Fuente

Ballroom 2

Working Affectively: Landscape as a Creative Force

[Susan Luckman](#)

Bushfire Landscapes – mobilising affective practice for effective policy change

[Jana-Axinja Paschen & Ruth Beilin](#)

Lush landscapes: Towards a material-phenomenological approach to the tropics

[Eduardo de la Fuente](#)

Material mediations: nonhuman agency in New Zealand Herald representations of Auckland’s volcanoes, 2000-2012

[Natalie Mathews](#)

‘Daedalus’ Revenge: the phenomenological shortcomings of urban planning and design

[Warwick Powell](#)

Movement and Internal Wandering: Combining Walking and Painting Practices to Shape our Connection to the Physical Far North Queensland

[Jacquie Scotcher](#)

### WORK, EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

“WORK AND THE NEW ECONOMY”

Chair: Catherine Wong

Marina 1

Young people’s views on finding and keeping work in uncertain times

[Rose Butler](#)

“The Precariat, Ph.D”: Relating Standing’s notion to contingent academic labour

[Christian Mauri](#)

Transformational television and the making of the neoliberal subject

[Roger Wilkinson](#)

Constituting Co-Ethnic Exploitation: The Economic and Cultural Meanings of Cash-In-Hand Jobs for Ethnic Chinese Migrants in Australia

[Yao-Tai Li](#)

The mainstreaming of sociology

[Terry Leahy](#)

## CONCURRENT PAPER SESSION 2: TUESDAY 3.30PM – 5PM

### CRIME & GOVERNANCE

“NEOLIBERALISM AND BEYOND”

Chair: David McCallum

Marina 3

The problem of corruption in the Indonesian Police

John Buttle, Sharyn Davis & Adrianus Meliala

The shift from the third way to neo-liberalism: An analysis of the 2010 Amendments to the LGA

Kate Mackness, Gemma Piercy & Moana Rarere

Neoliberalism and Contemporary Challenges to the Exhumation of Mass Graves

Chulio Maystorovich

Political Cleavages in Timor Leste

Birrin Hooper

### SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

“DISCOURSES OF NEOLIBERALISM AND NEOLIBERAL SUBJECTS”

Chairs: Annabelle Leve

Lagoon

Neoliberal Flows, Teacher Subjectivities, and Pedagogic Identities: A Review of the Literature

Parlo Singh

Ethnic diversity and equity in schooling within a cosmopolitan framework: a response to neoliberalism?

Carol Reid

Transparent pedagogies and the neoliberal episteme: Creating the conditions for a transformative education

Katie Hughes

### HEALTH

“HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND KNOWLEDGE HIERARCHIES”

Chair: Carmel Desmarchelier

Marlin 1

Consumer Mental Health Workers: Exploitation Dressed Up as Empowerment?

Emma Tseris

Interprofessional Education: Status, Emotions and Power

Rebecca Olson

“I’m not in the special club anymore’: Exploring the professional identities of complementary medicine practitioners teaching within universities

Caragh Brosnan

The Role of the Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Practitioner in the Development of Trust in CAM

Michelle Black

### MEDIA

Chair: Ashlin Lee

Marlin 2

Liquid love? Social media, sex and the digital transformation of intimacy

Mitchell Hobbs & Stephen Owen

I’ll just text you – Is face to face social contact declining in a mediated world?

Roger Patulny & Claire Seaman

Protecting children’s innocence online: Competing constructions of childhood in the Australian internet filtering debate

Caroline Keen

Feminism in the Australian Mediasphere

Sarah Casey & Juliet Watson

### SOCIOLOGY OF YOUTH

“CONTEMPORARY YOUTH CULTURES”

Chair: Amy Dobson

Marlin 3

Ageing, Generations and Youth Culture

Dan Woodman & Andy Bennett

Do-It-Yourself: Towards a Genealogy of DIY

Megan Sharp & Steven Threadgold

Ways of ‘not seeing’: Youth arts practice in Yogyakarta Indonesia

Michelle Mansfield

Tattoos, piercings and youth: How does body modification fit into young people’s life circumstances?

Carley Fraser

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| <b>AGEING:</b><br>“AGEING SELVES – THE PERSONAL AND THE SOCIAL”<br>Chair: Sue Malta<br>Marina 2                                          | Social Wellbeing, Locality and Ageing; A Snapshot of the Social Lives of Older People in Rural Australia<br>Bethany Keough | Eating for youth and beauty? A media framing analysis of anti-ageing superfoods in an age of gastro-anomie<br>Casimir MacGregor, Christine Parker & Alan Petersen | Co-conspirators in the maintenance of self?: Recognition, paid care and support workers, recipients and informal caregivers<br>Susan Banks      | Technologies to reduce social isolation and loneliness amongst institutionalized older adults? An action research approach<br>Barbara Barbosa Neves, Ron Baecker, Rebecca Judges & Christian Beermann |
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| <b>FAMILIES, RELATIONSHIPS &amp; GENDER</b><br>“SEPARATION”<br>Chair: Yarrow Andrew<br>Fleet Room 2                                      | Parental separation, social resources and child health practices in Australia.<br>Dunja Licinia                            | Separating Same-Sex Parents: Navigating Relationships With Professionals and Service Providers<br>Luke Gahan                                                      | Making the links: Vengeful, postseparation attacks on mothers and children<br>Vivienne Elizabeth                                                | Coercive control and economic abuse of women, post-separation<br>Kristin Natalier                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>SOCIOLOGY OF ECONOMIC LIFE</b><br>“ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY & NEOLIBERALISM: AUSTRALIA”<br>Chair: Elizabeth Humphrys<br>Fleet Room 1        | Why Keating Matters: Australian neoliberalism in Southern (not Northern) perspective<br>Raewyn Connell                     | Efficiency, productivity and ... fairness: An analysis of the Harper Review into Australia's competition policy<br>Patrick O'Keeffe                               | From nation-building to neoliberalism: agriculture, change and the social imaginary in Australia<br>Claire Baker                                | Exploring corporate philanthropy and CSR in the context of neo-liberalism: A critical sociology<br>Christopher Roffey                                                                                 |
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| <b>MIGRATION, ETHNICITY &amp; MULTICULTURALISM</b><br>“FORCED MIGRATION, BELONGING & IDENTITY”<br>Chair: Shanthi Robertson<br>Ballroom 1 | Misidentification of men within the human trafficking discourse<br>Polina Smiragina                                        | Beyond work and TESOL: an ethnographic exploration of culture and identity among resettled Karen<br>Rebekah Burgess                                               | Being and Becoming: Shifts in identities and practices among migrant Muslim women in Australia<br>Nicole Stirling, Sylvie Shaw & Patricia Short | Young Buddhists' experiences of belonging in multicultural Australia<br>Kim Lam                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>CULTURAL SOCIOLOGY</b><br>“WORK, LABOUR AND NEOLIBERALISM”<br>Chair: Nick Osbaldiston<br>Ballroom 2 | “Real” work in the new capitalism<br>Sara James                                                      | The gendered smart home: outsourcing domestic labour to home automation devices<br>Yolande Strengers & Larissa Nicholls | Neoliberalism: Questions of freedom and cultural negotiation in The Arab Gulf States<br>Muna AlGhuraibi                              | “The Passion to do it”: Exposing academia’s love affair with neoliberalism<br>Fabian Cannizzo                           |
|                                                                                                        | <b>WORK, EMPLOYMENT &amp; SOCIAL MOVEMENTS</b><br>“SOCIAL MOVEMENTS”<br>Chair: Alex Page<br>Marina 1 | The rise, fall and rise again of protest events in the 1980s and 1990s<br>Jonathan Strauss                              | Lasting Struggle: Ideology, frame transformation, and collective action of the Chinese Falun Gong Movement<br>Cheris Shun-ching Chan | Section 18c of the RDA: Limiting dissenting discourse advances the government’s agnotological process<br>April Robinson |



## CONCURRENT PAPER SESSION 3: WEDNESDAY 1PM – 3PM

### URBAN SOCIOLOGY

Chairs: Peter Walters & Deborah Warr

Marina 3

Problem neighbours in middle class suburbs: re-casting the lens of incivility, anti-social behaviour and disorder

Linda Cheshire, Robin Fitzgerald, Yan Liu, Lachlan Heybroek, Janine Feodoroff & Charlotte Ten Have

Mapping socio-spatial polarisation in urban landscapes

Deborah Warr

'I really have thought this can't go on': Housing tenure and health of older Australians on the age pension

Alan Morris

Is It Neo-Liberal Urbanization or "Reconstruction" Process? : Perspectives from Asian Migrants in Inner-City Area of Kobe after the Great Earthquake in 1995

Hideki Inazu

An ideal city? Governing 'communitas' in the face of an urban disaster

Peter Walters

### SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

"NEOLIBERALISM, ETHNICITY AND RACE"

Chair: Parlo Singh

Lagoon

From the tip of a finger to the tip of the tongue: Sport science and the (re)production of biological 'race'

Brent McDonald

The Discursive Construction of The 'Asian Selective School Student': A critical discourse analysis of sixteen articles from four Victorian & NSW newspapers from 2010-2015

Elena Sansoni

'This is where I war': pre-service teachers' ethical dilemmas in remote indigenous Australia

Claire Charles

The Fetishism of Commodities and Erosion of Professional Ethics: Rural Teachers in Neoliberal China

Dan Wang

### HEALTH

"HEALTH POLICY AND REGULATION IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE"

Chair: Caragh Brosnan

Marlin 1

Stem cell tourism to China and 'clinical labour': global mobility and the challenges of biomedical governance through 'neoliberalism as exception'.

Jane Brophy

Conflicts of Interest in a time of austerity: Perspectives from Australian medical students, researchers and clinicians

Christopher Mayes, Ian Kerridge & Wendy Lipworth

The impact of neoliberalism on Australia's rollout of global non-communicable disease strategy nationally and health diplomacy role for the Asia-Pacific region

Samantha Battams

Challenging health inequity in the Asia-Pacific: advancing a dynamic, global approach to 'the social' in determining health disparities

Toni Schofield

Politics and alcohol policy: the line between evidence and influence

Sarah Ward, Caterina Giorgi, & Michael Thorn

## CONCURRENT PAPER SESSION 3: WEDNESDAY 1PM – 3PM

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| <b>SOCIAL THEORY</b><br>Chair: Craig Browne<br><a href="#">Marlin 2</a>                                                                   | Developing the Conceptualization of Power within Structuration Theory<br><a href="#">Rob Stones</a>                                                                                            | Jim Cairns as Social Theorist and Political Actor<br><a href="#">Chris Pollard</a>                                                                                                                  | Sociology and Digital Methods: Our crisis of analysis<br><a href="#">Alpha Possamai-Inesedy</a> & <a href="#">Alan Nixon</a> | Neuroethics and ideals of the citizen-subject: A sociological critique of an emerging discipline<br><a href="#">Matthew Wade</a> | Challenging citizenship: Sexual politics and violence<br><a href="#">Suzanne Franzway</a>                                           |
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| <b>SOCIOLOGY OF YOUTH</b><br>“YOUNG PEOPLE, INEQUALITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE”<br>Chair: Benjamin Hanckel<br><a href="#">Marlin 3</a>           | Urban Growth, Youth and Environmentalism driving Local Initiatives in Bandung, Indonesia<br><a href="#">Meredian Alam</a>                                                                      | Natural disasters, young people, and social inequality<br><a href="#">Mike Dee</a>                                                                                                                  | Developing a typology of youth transitions<br><a href="#">Dina Bowman</a>                                                    | Contemporary challenges: Achieving quality education for all<br><a href="#">Paula Geldens</a> & <a href="#">Michael Wilmore</a>  | A ‘Grey Standard’? Reining in the Fugitive Literature in Youth Sociology<br><a href="#">Joseph Bortagdan</a>                        |
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| <b>CRITICAL DISABILITY STUDIES</b><br>Chair: Louisa Smith<br><a href="#">Marina 2</a>                                                     | ‘Life just keeps throwing lemons’: the lived experience of food insecurity among Aboriginal people with disabilities in the West Kimberley<br><a href="#">Karen Soldatic &amp; Kim Spurway</a> | Recognition between people with intellectual disability and support workers<br><a href="#">Karen Fisher,</a><br><a href="#">Sally Robinson,</a><br><a href="#">Anne Graham &amp; Kelley Johnson</a> | Who counts as disabled? Eligibility and the NDIS<br><a href="#">Louisa Smith</a>                                             |                                                                                                                                  | Disability, Voice & Listening panel<br><a href="#">Cate Thill,</a> <a href="#">Gerard Goggin,</a> & <a href="#">Rosemary Kayess</a> |
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| <b>FAMILIES, RELATIONSHIPS &amp; GENDER</b><br>“YOUNG PEOPLE; ATTITUDES TOWARDS FRG”<br>Chair: Luke Gahan<br><a href="#">Fleet Room 2</a> | Beyond good intentions: Understanding meaningful partnerships in early childhood<br><a href="#">Yarrow Andrew</a>                                                                              | Birth order, identity and life pathway formation: Findings from a cohort study of young Queenslanders<br><a href="#">Jonathan Smith &amp; Zlatko Skrbis</a>                                         | What influences young Australians’ plans and desires for family formation?<br><a href="#">Michelle Rose</a>                  | Attitudes towards Personal Relationships<br><a href="#">Brendan Churchill</a>                                                    | Is heteronormality the only way to defend BDSM in neoliberal Australia?<br><a href="#">Ayesha Kaak</a>                              |
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## CONCURRENT PAPER SESSION 3: WEDNESDAY 1PM – 3PM

### SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

Chair: Alan Scott

Fleet Room 1

Spatial Dimensions of Muslim Well-being in India: A Comparative Study of Indian Districts

Mikhail Balaev,  
Abusaleh Shariff &  
Riaz Hassan

Changes in Unemployment Rates and Entry into Self-employment in Japan, Korea and Taiwan

Shuhei Naka

Do Social Connections Make Us Happier? New Evidence Comparing Urban and Rural Australia

Xianbi Huang &  
Mark Western

Developing an indicator of social mobility in Australia

Lisa Denny

### MIGRATION, ETHNICITY & MULTICULTURALISM

“RACE, RACISM AND ANTI-RACISM”

Chair: Christine Halse

Ballroom 1

Mixed Race in the Antipodes

Farida Fozdar

Andrew Bolt as swarm-master: Exploring the logic of building cyber communities of ‘race’ hatred

Mark Bahnisch &  
Andrew Jakubowicz

Making and Challenging Anti-Islamic and Anti-Muslim Arguments in the Australian and Swiss Parliaments: Debates from the Australian Citizenship Bill and the Swiss Minaret Ban Initiative

Jennifer Cheng

Public Discourse and the News Media: The Relationship between Mainstream Media Content and the Attitudes of the Western Australian Community towards Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Ashleigh Haw & Farida Fozdar

Theorising Settler Whiteness: Reflections on a Study of Pakeha Identity Narratives in Aotearoa/New Zealand

Jessica Terruhn

### CULTURAL SOCIOLOGY “DIGITAL SOCIOLOGY”

Chair: Brad West

Ballroom 2

The selfie and the social transformation of the public-private distinction

Michael Walsh &  
Stephanie Baker

Making it ‘Facebook Official’: Reflecting on romantic relationships through sustained Facebook use

Brady Robards &  
Sian Lincoln

Informatic Personhood: Defining Everyday Life in the Context of Ubiquitous Data and Interface Technologies

Ashlin Lee

Drugs, social media and TrISMA: what can we learn about online drug discussion through big data?

Alexia Maddox,  
Monica Barratt,  
Matthew Allen &  
Simon Lenton

Serious games & GamerGate: The myth of an online egalitarian utopia

Laura McClintock

CONCURRENT PAPER SESSION 3: WEDNESDAY 1PM – 3PM

RISK SOCIETIES

Chair: Charlotte Fabiansson  
Marina 1

Mobile Disasters:  
Comprehending  
Today's Catastrophes  
Steve Matthewman

When Disaster Strikes:  
How house and  
contents insurance  
matters in disaster-  
prone places  
Bruce Tranter,  
Kate Booth &  
Andrew Harwood

An exploratory study  
on risk governance and  
public engagement in  
Gladstone harbour  
Rens van der Vegt

Changes around  
risk-safety knowledge  
and practice in the  
Australian Energy  
Pipeline Industry:  
the influence of  
deregulation and  
energy pipeline  
privatization.  
Ms Dolruedee  
Kramnaimuang

Risky Behaviour:  
Managing Risk and  
Resilience among  
Tertiary Students  
Charlotte Fabiansson

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### APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Chair: Alan Scott

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Impact of neo-liberalism on principles of equity and reciprocity in International Student Exchange

[Debra Miles and Elise Howard](#)

Through a Lens, Brightly: How Analysis of 20th Century Science Fiction Can Inspire Authentic Research Outcomes.

[Ben Menadue](#)

An open discussion session on the commercial use of questionnaires

[Led by Alan Scott](#)

### SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

“NEOLIBERALISM AND GLOBAL FLOWS OF KNOWLEDGE / EDUCATION”

Chair: Julie Matthews

[Lagoon](#)

Knowledge production in neoliberal contexts: Contemporary challenges for international development research

[Kate Williams](#)

The Twofold Capital Requirement of Educational Success: Social Closure in the International Baccalaureate Diploma in Australia

[Quentin Maire](#)

Neoliberalism and Sustainability: The challenge of climate change education in neoliberal times

[Bob Stevenson, Jen Nicholls & Ellen Field](#)  
[Blue Mahy](#)

### HEALTH

“HEALTH IDENTITIES, EXPERIENCES & AGENCY”

Chair: Michelle Black

[Marlin 1](#)

‘Just take your medicine and everything will be fine’: The complexities of responsibilising young people who have grown up with HIV under neoliberalism

[Christy Newman, Asha Persson, Angela Miller & Rebecca Brown](#)

Private health insurance and ‘the good citizen’

[Ian Flaherty, Fran Collyer, Sophie Lewis & Karen Willis](#)

Navigating health and social services: Using concepts of capital acquisition and transformation to understand marginalised young drug user’s service experiences

[Joanne Bryant](#)

### SOCIAL THEORY

Chair: Suzy Brown

[Marlin 2](#)

China’s New Generation Migrant Workers and Anomie: Social Momentum and Modes of Adoption

[Chunyuan Gao](#)

Parables of Hope in the New Capitalist Theology

[Craig Browne](#)

On Johann Arnason and the Religio-Political Nexus with Reference to Lefort’s Notion of the Symbolic

[Suzi Adams](#)

### ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY

“FOOD & AGRICULTURE”

Chair: Jo Lindsay

[Fleet Room 1](#)

Pop-up food vendors as spatially mobile practices and their implications for sustainability

[Bhavna Middha](#)

The subordination of food security to biodiversity preservation in coastal marine systems in the Indo-Pacific

[Simon Foale](#)

Meat mimicry: the neoliberal challenge to meat consumption

[Jane Daly](#)

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| <b>MEDIA</b><br>Chair: Stewart Lockie<br>Marlin 3                                                                                                                   | Re-Imagining Violence<br>Steven Talbot &<br>Lucy Resnyansky                                                                                  | Using Hegemony as a sociological tool for the analysis of ideology within popular culture<br>John McGuire               | Privatisation as a retro-enterprise?<br>Rock Chugg                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>SOCIOLOGY OF INDIGENOUS ISSUES</b><br>“LIBERALISM, THE STATE & SETTLER VIOLENCE FROM THE COLONIAL TO NEOLIBERAL AGE”<br>Chair: Deirdre Howard-Wagner<br>Marina 2 | Towards a ‘science of colour’: Health, law, and Aboriginal child removal in Australia<br>Prof David McCallum                                 | Liberal Governance and Indigenous Affairs<br>Alice Wighton                                                              | Indigenous Social Inclusion in the Neoliberal Age<br>Deirdre Howard-Wagner<br><br>Personalizing ‘Value’: an Indigenous housing experience in Townsville<br>Naama Blatman-Thomas & Dushy Thangiah                                                                    |
| <b>FAMILIES, RELATIONSHIPS &amp; GENDER</b><br>“REGIONAL & RURAL FAMILIES, RELATIONSHIPS, AND GENDER”<br>Chair: Brendan Churchill<br>Fleet Room 2                   | Women, queer failure and neoliberalism in tropical Cairns, Far North Queensland.<br>Holly Giblin                                             | ‘Doing it really Tough’: Jobless Households in Regional Australia.<br>Larissa Bamberny, Peter Fairbrother & Ruth Barton | Longitudinal research using archival sources: A case study of deserted wives in rural New South Wales, 1900–1914<br>Eileen Clark<br><br>Bring Children to the Cities: Parenthood and Family Dynamics of Rural-to-Urban Migrant Workers in South China<br>Yinni Peng |
| <b>MIGRATION, ETHNICITY &amp; MULTICULTURALISM</b><br>“MIGRATION, WORK, OTHERNESS & IDENTITY”<br>Chair: Farida Fozdar<br>Ballroom 1                                 | Temporary Migrants in the Australian Agriculture Industry: Korean Working Holiday Makers and Pacific Island Seasonal Workers<br>Jock Collins | Temporary migrant workers in Melbourne’s cafés and restaurants: experiences of co-ethnic exploitation<br>Martina Boese  | Conceptualisations of Place, Otherness and Cosmopolitan Encounters in Tropical Australia<br>Indigo Willing, Zlatko Skrbis, Stefanie Plage & Ian Woodward                                                                                                            |



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### CULTURAL SOCIOLOGY

“CULTURE, NARRATION & NATION”

Chair: Sara James

Ballroom 2

Re-enactments of Gallipoli:  
Secular and neo-Ottoman  
remembrance of pre-  
independence Turkish history

[Brad West](#)

Terrorist and avant-garde  
manifesto writing: Cultural  
modernity and the aesthetic will-  
to-terror

[Wayne Bradshaw](#)

Theoretical Models of Current  
Cross-Cultural Alliances.

[Carmel Desmarchelier](#)

### WORK, EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

“FLEXIBILITY & THE NEOLIBERAL  
WORKPLACE”

Chair: Ly Phan

Marina 1

Resolving contradictions in mine  
and energy workers’ attitudes to  
shifts

[David Peetz, Werner Nienhueser,  
Georgina Murray & Olav Muurlink](#)

Millenium Mums and flexible work  
arrangements: results from a new  
cohort study of Australian mothers

[Bill Martin, Gillian Whitehouse & Ning  
Xiang](#)

Professionalism, performance  
measurement, public services and  
policy: a critical comparative study  
of performance governance in  
Australia

[Paul Henman, Alison Gable, Bob  
Lingard, Michele Foster & Richard  
James](#)

Constructing an understanding  
of workplace practices with  
Aboriginal and other community  
service workers within the  
neoliberal agenda.

[Stephanie Gilbert](#)

## CONCURRENT PAPER SESSION 5: THURSDAY 1PM – 3PM

### SOCIOLOGY & ACTIVISM

Chair: Grant Banfield

Marina 1

Neoliberalism's left-wing discourse: Tony Abbott's appropriation of socialist rhetoric

Alasdair Hynd

Neoliberalism, Post-Feminism, and Gender Equality: Why Educational Attainment does not translate into Income Equality for Contemporary Australian Women

Julie-Ann Carroll & Mangalam Sankupellay

Anti-racism, whiteness and activism in recent debates on racism

Helen Mckernan

Gramsci's Good Sense: Against the Neoliberal Common Sense of our Times

Grant Banfield & David Farber

### SOCIOLOGY OF

### EDUCATION

"NEOLIBERALISM & PUBLIC PEDAGOGIES"

Chair: Carol Reid

Lagoon

Prisoners of Neoliberalism: Incarcerated Students and the neoliberal project in the digital age

Susan Hopkins & Helen Farley

'Comprehensive' for who? Neoliberal directives in Australian sexuality education and the erasure of GLBTIQ identities.

Barrie Shannon

Neoliberal discourses and young people's attitudes towards addressing disadvantage

Caroline Mahoney

Working with Young Neoliberals in a Sociology of Education: Focussed Classroom: A Reflexive Account.

Annabelle Leve

Flexible learning in the neoliberal Australian political economy – Grassroots perspectives on educational policy and praxis

Joseph Thomas

### HEALTH

"REPRESENTATIONS & CONSTRUCTIONS OF HEALTH & ILLNESS"

Chair: Peta Cook

Marlin 1

'Our health system in intensive care': Newspaper representations of Australia's dual public/private health care system

Sophie Lewis, Kanchan Marcus, Karen Willis, Fran Collyer & Kirsten Harley

"Fascist Epiphany": Neoliberalism, biopolitics and the anti-vaccination movement on Facebook

Naomi Smith & Timothy Graham

Neoliberalism and Psychiatric Power: A Case Study of the DSM

Bruce Cohen

Children's work as health advocates in the context of the 'obesity epidemic'

Jane Maree Maher, Deana Leahy, Fiona MacDonald, Lindsay & Jan Wright

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| <b>SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION</b><br>Chair: Anna Halafoff<br>Marlin 2                                                                | Managing Identity after Leaving a High Demand Group - An Examination of Self-presentation in Ex-members of the Exclusive Brethren | A Religion-based Framework of Risk Governance – The case of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement in Sri Lanka  | Religion and education in Australia's secular schools: Governance or governmentality?       | 'I Want the Apocalypse to Happen and Just Wipe this all Clean': The use of Apocalyptic Narratives by Religious and Non-religious Youth | Muslims and Social Justice Activism in the United States                           |
|                                                                                                                                 | Laura Dyason                                                                                                                      | Praveena Rajkobal                                                                                           | Anna Halafoff                                                                               | Julia Cook                                                                                                                             | Rosemary Hancock                                                                   |
| <b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; SOCIETY</b><br>“ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES, GOVERNANCE & SYSTEMS”<br>Chair: Yolande Strengers<br>Fleet Room 1 | The force of habit: Changing domestic water cultures in Australian cities                                                         | Flying High: Academic Air Travel, Internationalisation and Sustainability                                   | Rethinking eco-feminism in the context of critical systems thinking                         | Extractive industries in 'post-resource conflicts': Lessons from the Pacific                                                           | Media leaders are dead. Long live Leadership.                                      |
|                                                                                                                                 | Jo Lindsay & Sian Supski                                                                                                          | Andrew Glover, Yolande Strengers, & Tania Lewis                                                             | Anne Stephens                                                                               | Kylie Mckenna                                                                                                                          | Isabel McIntosh                                                                    |
| <b>SOCIOLOGY OF YOUTH</b><br>“DIGITAL SUBJECTIVITIES”<br>Chair: Steven Threadgold<br>Marlin 3                                   | Laughing through the discomfort: navigating neoliberal feeling rules in a Tumblr attention economy                                | After the release: Examining Queer Filmmakers Experiences of Publishing and Sharing YouTube Content in Asia | A political economy of gendered images on neoliberal & algorithmic (social) media           | Morally bad? Rethinking youth and online risk                                                                                          | Becoming Environmental: How environmental educators fashion environmental citizens |
|                                                                                                                                 | Akane Kanai                                                                                                                       | Benjamin Hanckel                                                                                            | Amy Shields Dobson                                                                          | Philippa Collin                                                                                                                        | Jo-Anne Ferreira                                                                   |
| <b>SOCIOLOGY OF EMOTIONS &amp; AFFECT</b><br>Chair: Rebecca Olson<br>Marina 2                                                   | Memory, Emotions and Trauma                                                                                                       | Disaffection—A Contemporary Structure of Feeling                                                            | The Stories We Tell Ourselves: Discourses of Compassion in Australia's Asylum Seeker Debate | Not Happy: How emotions can help re-theorise inequalities                                                                              |                                                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                 | Grazyna Zajdow                                                                                                                    | Ben Gook                                                                                                    | Michelle Peterie                                                                            | Jordan McKenzie & Mary Holmes                                                                                                          |                                                                                    |

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| <b>FAMILIES, RELATIONSHIPS &amp; GENDER</b><br>“FEMALES, MOTHERS & WOMEN”<br>Chair: Kristin Natalier<br>Fleet Room 2   | The In-Between Space: Exploration of Gender Expression in Female-Bodied Heterosexual Women<br><b>Kythera Watson-Bonnice</b> | Neoliberalism and the international development gender agenda: Escaping lyrical metaphorical seduction in the Solomon Islands<br><b>Michelle Dyer</b> | How does women’s empowerment affect fertility preference? A cross-country study of Southeast Asia<br><b>Ly Phan</b> | Mothers in Transition: Changing Gender Dynamics in the Home through Strategic Absence<br><b>Petra Bueskens</b><br><b>Alexandra James</b> | Discussion of Female Genital Fashioning Practices in Cosmopolitan and Cleo Magazines<br><b>Alexandra James</b>                                                                                                   |
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| <b>CULTURAL SOCIOLOGY</b><br>“CREATIVITY, CULTURAL ECOLOGIES, ECONOMY & PLACE”<br>Chair: Adrian Franklin<br>Ballroom 2 | Loosing Place: The promise of displacement through culture<br><b>Kate Booth</b>                                             | Placing the MONA Effect: Dark Mofo Festivals and the Cultural Ecology of Hobart in the Urban Sociology<br><b>Miriam McGarry</b>                       | Mindful Urbanism: Honouring the Body, First Peoples & Nature in the Neoliberal Mindset<br><b>Alexandra Walker</b>   | Glocal Clubbing: The Temporary Re-appropriation of Zones in a Neoliberal Environment<br><b>Zoe Armour</b>                                | Sociological Storytelling: Navigating Glocal Perspectives and (Creative) Writing as Public Sociology<br><b>Ashleigh Watson</b>                                                                                   |
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## Getting around town

Most of the conference program will take place within the Shangri-La. The Women's Breakfast will be held nearby at Al Porto Cafe.

When you are not at the conference, we recommend visiting the Esplanade, a swim in the free Lagoon, or a visit to one of the local galleries or markets.

For meals outside the conference, you can find an array of restaurants along the beautiful Esplanade. Or venture inland a few streets for less expensive options between the Esplanade and Cairns Central Shopping Centre.

The best coffee can be found at Caffiend, 5/78 Grafton Street, or Blackbird Espresso, 62 Grafton Street.



## General information

### Conference Managers: Conference Solutions (Con-Sol)

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### Registration Desk

The registration desk is located in The Trinity Room, Mezzanine level. This will also be where morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas are served.

Sally Daly, TASA Executive Officer, will be available next to the registration desk throughout the conference. Please feel free to introduce yourself to Sally and ask her all of your TASA related questions.

### Accessibility

Wheelchair access is available for all rooms. Accessible toilets are available on the first and second floors. For assistance moving between levels, find a friendly volunteer or hotel staff.

### App

We welcome and encourage you to use TASA's first conference App, which is available [here](#). You can access an overview of the conference program, the keynote speakers' details, the concurrent sessions and associated abstracts / papers, event floor plans and details of the Cairns weather. All delegates can create a profile within the App that will be visible via the delegate directory. You can also follow the #TASA2015 tweets! All that and more is available via <http://bit.ly/tasa15>. At the end of the conference we will email you with directions on how to complete a conference evaluation questionnaire via the App.

### Wi-fi

Free wi-fi is available throughout the conference venue. Just search for TASA2015. There is no password.

### Luggage Storage

If you have luggage that needs to be stored during the day, please approach the hotel reception desk and this can be organized.

### Messages

A message board will be available for delegates to leave messages for fellow attendees next to the Registration Desk.

### From/To airport

Shangri-La Hotel, The Marina, Cairns, is located in the heart of Cairns, overlooking the Marlin Marina. The city is easily navigable on foot and bicycle, although taxi and bus are also practical ways of getting around. The cost of a taxi from the airport to Cairns CBD is about \$25 and takes about 10-15 minutes.

### Taxis

Taxis are available 24 hours on every day of the week. Call 131 008.

### Buses

Sun Palm Transport Group operate the accredited airport shuttle bus services to hotels, city centre, Northern Beaches including Palm Cove and Port Douglas. See [link](#)

Suburban buses depart from the Bus Station in Lake Street, near the corner of Aplin Street. Go to [this link](#) for their list of destinations and timetable.

### Car Hire

Vehicles can be hired from A\$60 per day. Drivers must hold a valid drivers license and be over 25 years of age.

## TASA Membership

TASA is a vibrant and dynamic association and membership provides many practical benefits. If you are not currently a member, we encourage you to help us support sociology by joining [here](#)



# Guide to tweeting at TASA

**WHAT IS TWITTER?** [For new users] Twitter is a ‘microblogging’ platform that allows users to send and receive 140 character ‘tweets’. Users can respond to tweets from others, follow public discussion threads, tag their tweets with ‘hashtags’ so they appear in a specific channel (more on this below), ‘favourite’ tweets (sometimes used in the same way the ‘like’ function is used on Facebook, or as a way to flag something interesting to be recalled later), and even ‘retweet’ tweets, where you share a tweet from someone else to your own followers. You can create a Twitter account at [twitter.com](http://twitter.com). Twitter can be accessed through the web interface or through smartphone/tablet apps. Here is a quick dissection of a tweet:



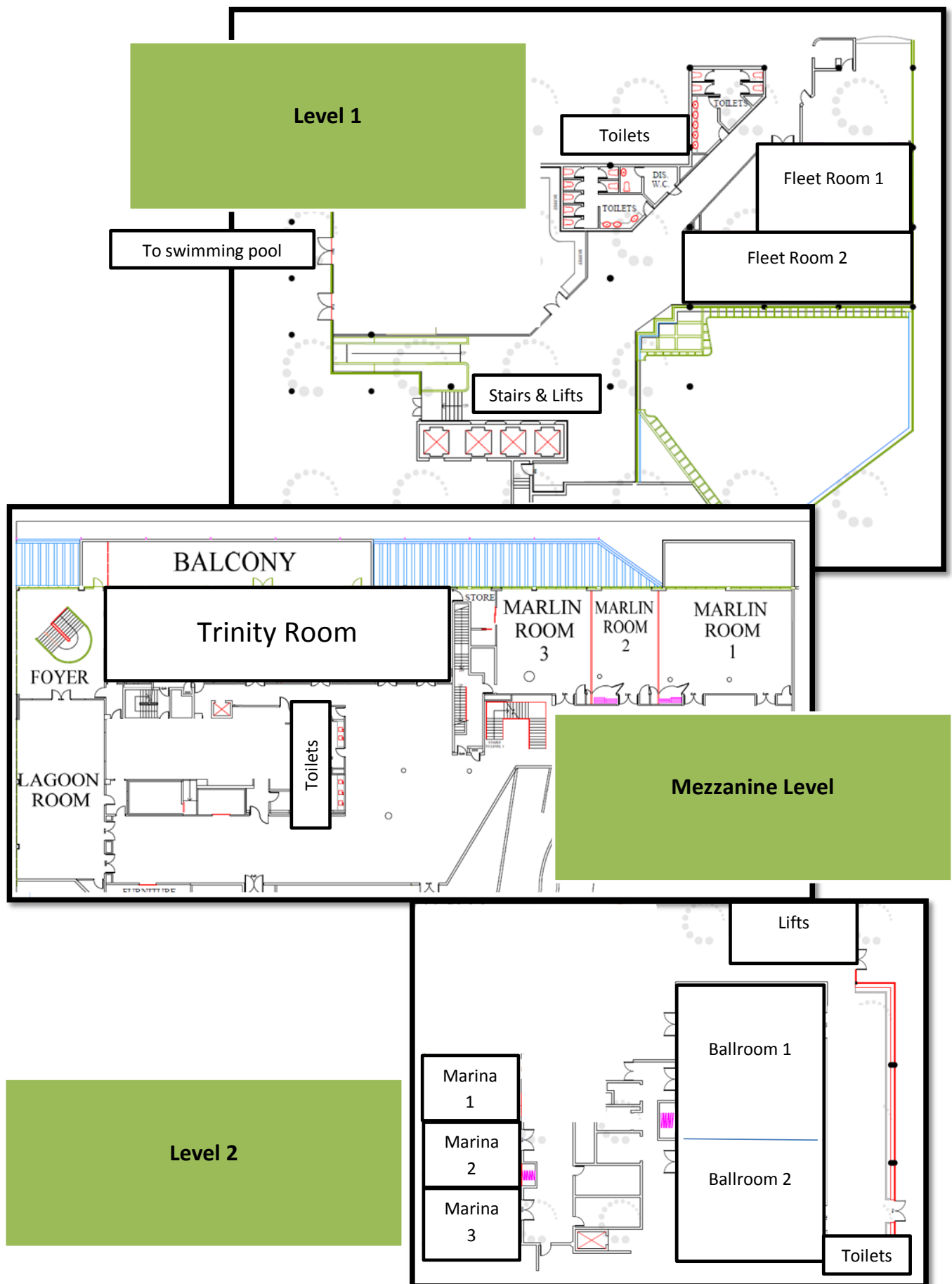
When you first set up a Twitter account it is a good idea to quickly start following other tweeters who interest you and to follow hashtags on topics of interest. Once other tweeters see that you have followed them, they may well reciprocate. Responding to other people’s tweets with comments or retweets will also get you noticed and let people know that you are on Twitter. When deciding who to follow, try looking through the lists of other people’s followers and those they follow to see if any interesting individuals, groups or organisations come up. You can start with the official TASA Twitter account: @AustSoc. Try using hashtags like #digitalsociology to see who is tweeting on these topics. There are a growing number of sociologists, sociology journals, departments and associations like the BSA and the ASA on Twitter to follow. You can search for people, organisations, and hashtags on [twitter.com](http://twitter.com).

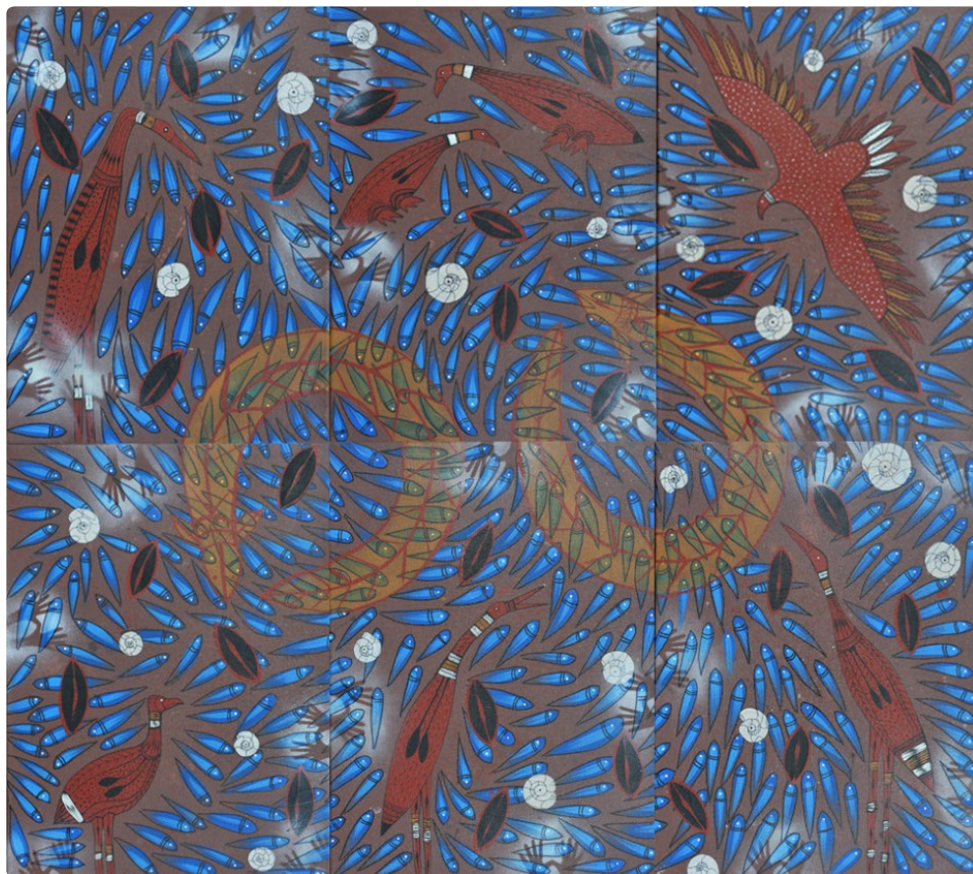
Why should you tweet at TASA? Many of the things we discuss at TASA are of interest to a wider public, and one of our challenges is contributing to public discourse in an accessible way. There are also many people who would like to come to TASA, but for various reasons cannot. The #TASA2015 ‘backchannel’, a channel of tweets that runs behind the papers and discussions that take place in-person, allows people not at TASA to get a sense of what we are talking about and even contribute as ‘co-present’ participants. Just place the #TASA2015 hashtag in your tweets and it will become part of the conference backchannel. Participating in the conference backchannel can also lead people to your other work. At some conferences, the Twitter backchannel can become very active, and ‘session tweeters’ are assigned alongside session chairs to contribute to that backchannel and to bring the backchannel into the in-person discussions. We aren’t there yet, but we would like to build a culture of tweeting at TASA.

Isn’t tweeting during a paper rude? How can I tweet while I’m focussing on the paper? This takes time to get comfortable with. Some people tweet the kind of things they’d be writing down anyway – key quotes, paraphrasing important ideas, or a critical question that comes to mind. Sometimes the backchannel continues on between sessions, and even after the conference ends, as discussions carry on and lead into further dialogue.



# Shangri-La Map





**Artist:** Bernard Lee Singleton

**Medium:** Flat acrylic on canvas

**Title:** "Darrwuy wabarra-a-galvin" the birds are gone hunting.

The 6 original pieces together form a painting titled "Darrwuy wabarra-a-galvin" which means the birds are hunting. All these birds are found in the Wet Tropics region near the coast. The small fish are Bulumay the mullet fish which most of the birds go hunting for. The shells are Nautilus shells or Miya Miya. The Eels signify the circle of life or the cycle of the seasons in my country the wet and dry, Gurrabana and Gurraminya. They are also the babies of the rainbow serpent, Gudjugudju.

## Darrwuy wabarra-a-galvin

### About the artist

Bernard Lee Singleton was born in Cairns and raised in Coen, a small aboriginal community in Cape York Peninsula of Far Northern Queensland. Bernard's mother is a Djabuguy woman born in Mona Mona mission and his father is of Umpila (East Coast Cape York) and of Yirrkandji man from Yarrabah mission.

Bernard has been painting and drawing since childhood and his style evolved from his exposure to sacred sites and artefacts from a young age. He recalls always being with his father, an Archaeological Relics Ranger, and mother, a very knowledgeable rainforest woman, to many Aboriginal sites and story places. It is from these experiences that inspire his choice of vibrant earth colours in his artwork. Each piece of art reflects a story or legend, an interpretation of daily life or hunting, gathering or a traditional practice most of which are generations old.

Artwork is just a small part of Bernard's cultural practices; he also specialises in recreating traditional artefacts and tools and Warrma (traditional dancing). Growing up in Coen meant he had to learn tribal lore, hunting and fishing skills and corroboree. Bernard was taught by many elders in Coen including his Grandparents and Mother in Oak Forest, Kuranda.

An emerging artist and part time cultural performer Bernard continues his work through numerous Art or Cultural projects in the Cairns area and travels throughout Australia and overseas as an ambassador for his country and to represent his people.

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