



ACADEMY OF
THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
IN AUSTRALIA

2016 SYMPOSIUM



TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2016
OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE • CANBERRA

SOCIAL SCIENCES: UNDERSTANDING POLICY IMPACTS



ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

Knowledge about social behavior and institutions underpins notable advances in economic growth, technological innovation, health, education, good governance and the quality of life, but it also helps to understand why public policy sometimes fails to improve our lot. Much of this knowledge is either taken for granted or, increasingly, reduced to metrics of impact that belie the complexity of knowledge communication and influence.

The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia's 2016 Symposium—*Social Sciences: Understanding policy impacts*, considers alternative ways of demonstrating the impact of the social sciences for Australia. It does so informed by international comparisons, such as the impact agenda pursued under the UK's Research Excellence Framework which accounts for 20 per cent of that assessment exercise, and similar moves to evaluate impact under discussion in Sweden, Netherlands and elsewhere.

With leading social science researchers, senior government officials and industry experts participating in this symposium,

discussions will identify the wide range of contributions and benefits made by the social sciences, and consider how these benefits can best be communicated to various audiences. The one day symposium will produce a concise document, reflecting on the proceedings and making some recommendations for how we might better assess the impact of social science research on public policy.

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course of action adopted
other considerations:
course or line of action
by a government, ruler,
like: the foreign policy
or procedure conform
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2016 CUNNINGHAM LECTURE



FEATURING

THE HON DR KAY PATTERSON AO

“WILL YOU STILL NEED ME, WILL YOU STILL ...”

When Paul McCartney penned his famous song “Will you still need me...” in 1966, at the age of 16, the oldest of Australia’s baby boomers were turning 20. Despite Paul contemplating turning 64 these boomers were on the cusp of adulthood and the inevitability of turning 64 was most probably the furthest thing from their minds and for most of them would have seemed an impossibility.

The movement of the bulge of boomers through the years, often referred to as “the pig in the python” provided fertile ground to be tilled by social science researchers.

How is this cohort of ageing boomers doing now – what are they doing, how healthy are they, where are they living, how are they fairing; how do they compare with the war babies and boomers in other countries; and what of their future.

Appointed as the Age Discrimination Commissioner in July, 2016 Kay came to the role with strong involvement in issues affecting older people.

Kay left school at 15, managed a small business, and then returned to school and gained a BA (Hons) at the University of Sydney, a PhD in Psychology and a Dip Ed at Monash University. She taught allied health science students for 11 years. She studied gerontology at the University of Michigan and Pennsylvania State University. She then co-developed the first Victorian post-graduate diploma in gerontology and introduced gerontology into the undergraduate behavioural science courses.

Following her election to the Senate in 1987, Kay served on a number of

Senate committees and held various shadow portfolios. In 1988 she was appointed as a Parliamentary Secretary and in 2001 was appointed to Cabinet and served in the Health and Social Security portfolios. She retired from Cabinet in 2006 and from the Senate in 2008. During her time in the Senate she pursued issues affecting older Australians and fought for the removal of the compulsory retirement age of 65 from the Australian Public Service and statutory authorities.

Kay has served on a number of not-for-profit Boards and in voluntary positions. She is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. In 2016 she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia.

2016 ASSA SYMPOSIUM

CHAIR

Professor Glenn Withers AO FASSA, President – ASSA

SPEAKERS

CONVENOR

Professor Brian Head FASSA, Institute for Social Science Research and School of Political Science, University of Queensland, Brisbane.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Professor James R Wilsdon, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom.

PRESENTER

Mr Misha Ketchell, Managing Editor, The Conversation, Melbourne.

PANELISTS

Dr David Gruen, Deputy Secretary, Economic, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Canberra.

Ms Serena Wilson PSM, Deputy Secretary, Social Security, Department of Social Services, Canberra.

Professor John Daley, CEO, Grattan Institute, Melbourne.

Professor Stephanie Fahey, Monash University and Lead Partner for Education, Ernst and Young, Canberra.

Associate Professor Claire Donovan, Brunel University, London, United Kingdom.

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Professor Diane Gibson FASSA, University of Canberra, Canberra.

Professor Peter Spearritt FASSA, University of Queensland, Brisbane.



TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2016 OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA

8.30am REGISTRATIONS

9.00am PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Professor Glenn Withers AO FASSA, President – ASSA

9.10am CONVENER'S INTRODUCTION

Professor Brian Head FASSA, The University of Queensland, Brisbane

9.30 am KEYNOTE PRESENTATION **Professor James Wilsdon**, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom

Cultures of counting: Where next for impact, indicators and interdisciplinary social science?

Q&A

10.30am MORNING TEA

10.45am PANEL DISCUSSION

CHAIR **Professor Glenn Withers** AO FASSA

Making social sciences count—contribution, impact and gaps

Dr David Gruen, Deputy Secretary, Economic and G20 SHERPA, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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12.00pm LUNCH

12.45pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Understanding the impact and value of social sciences

THEME AREA

Health and education systems

Public and private social welfare systems

Equity, security and citizen rights and responsibilities

Work life spectrum

Living in evolving cities and environments

Wealth and productivity

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Professor James Walter FASSA

Professor Janeen Baxter FASSA

Professor Peter Spearritt FASSA

Professor Harry Bloch FASSA

2.00pm AFTERNOON TEA

2.20pm REPORT BACK AND DISCUSSION

CHAIR AND RAPPORTEUR **Ms Lisa Paul** AO PSM, Company Director, Canberra

Communication challenges for the social sciences

Mr Misha Ketchell, The Conversation, Melbourne.

4.00pm CONCLUSION & THANKS

Professor Glenn Withers AO FASSA, President – ASSA

4.30pm PRESIDENT'S DRINKS AND BOOK LAUNCH

at The Members Bar, Old Parliament House

PROGRAM OF ANNUAL EVENTS

DAY 1 MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2016

All events at University House, ANU, Canberra

EVENT	DATE AND TIME	VENUE
Presentation by New Fellows, followed by light refreshments. (For Fellows and invitees only)	Monday 7 Nov 7.00pm	Common Room, University House

DAY 2 TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2016

All events at Old Parliament House, Canberra

EVENT	DATE AND TIME	VENUE
Annual Symposium	Tuesday 8 Nov 8.45am	The Members Dining Room, Old Parliament House
President's Drinks and Book Launch: <i>Population Ageing and Australia's Future</i>	Tuesday 8 Nov 4.30pm	The Members Bar, Old Parliament House
2016 Cunningham Lecture by The Hon Dr Kay Patterson AO PSM "Will you still need me, will you still ..."	Tuesday 8 Nov 5.30pm	Senate Chamber, Old Parliament House
Fellows Dinner, recognition of Jubilee Fellows and induction of New Fellows (For Fellows and invitees only)	Tuesday 8 Nov 7.00pm Pre-drinks at 6.45pm	The Members Dining Room, Old Parliament House

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2016

Events at University House and Shine Dome, Canberra

EVENT	DATE AND TIME	VENUE
New Fellows Induction Breakfast (New Fellows only)	Wednesday 9 Nov 7.45am	Fellows Bar, University House
Panel Meetings (Fellows only)	Wednesday 9 Nov 9.00am	PANEL A Seminar Room, University House PANEL B Scarth Room, University House PANEL C Ian Wark Theatre, Shine Dome PANEL D Becker Room, Shine Dome
Annual General Meeting (Fellows only)	Wednesday 9 Nov 10.45am	Shine Dome
Lunch following AGM (Fellows only)	Wednesday 9 Nov 1.00pm	Shine Dome

PRICING

ASSA 2016 SYMPOSIUM

TYPE OF REGISTRATION	SYMPOSIUM	FELLOWS' DINNER
Fellow	\$210	\$110
New Fellow	\$210	Complimentary
Standard—Single—Early Bird	\$450	
Standard—Single—Full Rate	\$600	
Standard—Group—Early Bird (3 for price of 2)	\$900	
Standard—Group—Full Rate (3 for price of 2)	\$1,200	
Student—Single—Early Bird	\$50	
Student—Single—Full Rate	\$70	
Student—Group—Early Bird (3 for price of 2)	\$100	
Student—Group—Full Rate (3 for price of 2)	\$140	

NOTE:

Pricing is GST inclusive

Early bird pricing from dates 1 Sept to 30 Sept

Full rate pricing from 1 Oct to 31 Oct 2016

Registrations close on 31 October 2016

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