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ASSA announces the winners of the Paul Bourke Awards for Early Career Research

The President of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, Professor Glenn Withers AO, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2018 Paul Bourke Awards for Early Career Research.

The Academy honours Australians in the early part of their career who have achieved excellence in scholarship in one or more fields of the social sciences. Each of the Panels of the Academy select one exceptional researcher from the nominations received to be the recipients of the Paul Bourke Award for Early Career Research.

The Paul Bourke Award for Early Career Research comprises a Citation and Medallion presented to the winners at the Academy's Annual Fellows Dinner on 13 November 2018. The Fellows Dinner is one of several Academy events to be held in Canberra from 12-14 November 2018, including a Symposium that will bring the social sciences to bear on the loss of trust in public and private institutions. Themes to be explored include whether trust can be restored, by what means, and how long might be required to regenerate the trust that a civil society requires.

PAUL BOURKE AWARD FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCH 2018 RECIPIENTS

Dr Renee Zahnow, The University of Queensland

Renee Zahnow graduated from the University of Queensland with a PhD in Criminology in December 2015. Since this time she has completed two 12 month postdoctoral positions while also maintaining a teaching load. Renee has published 25 peer-reviewed journal articles (with a further six currently under review); two peer reviewed published conference papers; two book chapters and several Government reports. One of these, The Queensland Alcohol-related violence and Night Time Economy Monitoring project: Interim Report, resulted in an immediate change in state policy to align with the report recommendations. In 2017, Renee completed a secondment at the Queensland Crime and Corruption Commission where she provided expert advice on the development of a community-based drug intervention to address methamphetamine use in Australia. Renee has presented her work at numerous international conferences in the USA, UK and Europe including an invited key speaker address at the 2016 Steroid Conference in Liverpool, UK.



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Dr Emma Hutchison, The University of Queensland

Dr Emma Hutchison is one of the outstanding Australian international relations scholars of her generation, internationally renowned for her research on emotions in world politics. Her first book, *Affective Communities in World Politics* (2016), was published in the prestigious Cambridge Studies in International Relations series, and has since won the 2017 Susan Strange Book Prize from the British International Studies Association and the 2018 Best Theory Book Award from the International Studies Association. Her highly cited articles in leading journals, such as *International Theory* and *International Political Sociology*, quickly established her as a leading voice in a new wave of scholarship on the role emotions play in shaping world politics. This was acknowledged recently by the premier journal *World Politics* when it commissioned her to co-write one its prestigious review articles, a first for an Australian scholar. In 2017 Dr Hutchison won an Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Research Award (DECRA), which follows her receipt of a UQ Research Fellowship (2016-2019), and a UQ Postdoctoral Fellowship for Women (2014-2016). In 2018 she won a UQ Foundation Research Excellence Award, the University's highest honour for Early Career Researchers.

Dr Tamsyn Van Rheenen, The University of Melbourne

Dr Tamsyn Van Rheenen is an exceptional early career researcher whose work has advanced understanding of the brain and behaviour in severe mental illness. At an FTE of just 3 years post PhD, she has already authored 38 papers and 2 book chapters in leading international journals, and accrued competitive grant funding totalling >\$700,000. The scientific and public impact of her work is apparent through considerable citations (relative to opportunity) and (inter)national media coverage, with her leadership potential and international visibility reflected in expert taskforce and national society appointments, editorial and speaking invitations, and multiple international collaborations. Her scientific excellence has been recognized with several prestigious awards, including a Discovery Award High Commendation from Research Australia, and an Association for Psychological Science Rising Star Award. Tamsyn's outstanding track record combined with community engagement that transcends many of her early-career peers, undoubtedly position her as an emerging leader and powerful role model for young researchers.

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