

# Newsletter August 2019

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## Welcome to the Academy's Monthly Newsletter

**August 2019**

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### Note from the Executive Director

Dear Fellows and Friends of the Academy,

Today is the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples and an opportunity for everyone living and working on the lands of traditional owners to reflect on and acknowledge the diverse and rich indigenous knowledge, cultures and traditions that have been passed down through the millennia.

The Academy certainly acknowledges and pays its respect to the Ngunnawal people on whose land our National Office is located, and we're proud to count among our Fellowship some of the nation's most distinguished Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholars: pioneers and leaders including Professors Marcia Langton, Ian Anderson, Larissa Behrendt, Mick Dodson and Maggie Walter, among others.

2019 is also the International Year of Indigenous Languages, and in getting to know the Academy and its Fellows over my first month I was pleased to come across a wonderful

talk on the [Language of Poetry in Indigenous Australian Song](#) by Fellow Professor Nick Evans, Director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language. Well worth a watch when you have time.

Otherwise, the Academy is gearing up for Social Sciences Week in early September, and we're supporting a number of lectures and workshops over the coming months as well.

I'm looking forward to meeting many more of our Fellows and supporters over the coming months, and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you're in Canberra or would like to share some ideas.

With best wishes,  
Chris Hatherly

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## Social Sciences Week 2019



**Social Sciences Week.**  
AUSTRALIA | 9-15 September 2019

Social Sciences Week 2019 kicks off on September 9th and is packed with over 40 national events. Check out <https://socialsciencesweek.com.au/> and find an event near you!

This is the week where institutions and scholars shine a light nation-wide on the value of the social sciences. It will include interactive community and school-based events, bringing the social sciences to life, particularly for the next generation of university students, social scientists and the public.

On September 10th, the Academy and the Social Sciences Week Committee will be launching the **Parliamentary Friends of the Social Sciences Group** and hosting an **Evidence Matters Forum** at Parliament House. More news on this coming soon...

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## 2019 Fay Gale Lectures



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# The Two University Freedoms: Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech

by

Professor Adrienne Stone

2019 ACADEMY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IN AUSTRALIA FAY GALE LECTURE

Two concepts are much bandied about in contemporary public debate about universities: Academic freedom and freedom of speech. Almost everyone agrees that they are very important and many people think that they are both under threat. At the same time, opinions differ wildly as to what these two freedoms require and where those threats come from. Join Professor Stone to hear how the starting point for understanding these ideas is a conception of the university itself and what that means for modern research.

## EVENT 1

Friday, 30 August 2019 @ 12:30pm - The University of Adelaide

## EVENT 2

Tuesday, 10 September 2019 @ 6:30pm - Melbourne Law School

[Find Out More](#)

## Congratulations



*Professor Katherine Gibson*

Congratulations to **Professor Katherine Gibson FASSA** on her appointment to Harvard University's prestigious position as *Gough Whitlam and Malcolm Fraser Visiting Professor of Australian Studies* for the 2020-2021 academic year. Professor Gibson is internationally known for her research, rethinking of economies and advocacy for 'community economies' in which human and non-human interdependence is acknowledged and ethically negotiated.

# Artificial Intelligence Report



The Australian Council of Learned Academies (ACOLA) has just released the latest Horizon Scanning report, **The effective and ethical development of artificial intelligence: An opportunity to improve our wellbeing.**

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## ASSA Annual Symposium

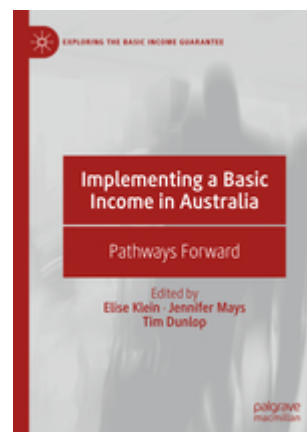


### REGISTRATIONS OPENING SOON!

Registrations for the ASSA Annual Events for 2019 will open soon. Don't miss this year's Symposium on Tuesday 12 November, at the National Library of Australia - **“Saving people and the planet: exiting the consumptagenic system”**.

## Implementing Basic Income in Australia

Based on a 2017 Academy Workshop - [Implementing Basic Income in Australia: Pathways Forward](#) (coedited by E Klein, J Mays and T Dunlop) is the first book of its kind to outline avenues for implementation of a basic income specifically for Australia and responds to a gap in the existing basic income literature and published titles to provide a distinct standpoint in the exploration of basic income within the Australian contemporary policy landscape.



## Welcome ACOLA's new CEO



The Academy would like to welcome the new CEO of ACOLA - Mr Ryan Winn.

Professor Hugh Bradlow, Chair of the ACOLA Board, said “Ryan’s strong background in government will be a valuable asset for ACOLA in helping us future enhance our engagement with Australian Governments, both Federal and State, and I look forward to working with him to strengthen ACOLA’s contribution to Australia and the world’s big challenges.”

We look forward to future collaboration with Ryan and ACOLA.



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