

# Newsletter July 2019

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**Welcome to the ASSA Monthly Newsletter**

**July 2019**

*Welcome from the Executive Director*



Dear Fellows and friends of the Academy,

I'm delighted to present you with the July edition of the Academy's monthly newsletter and to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of the Academy.

In this month's issue we provide an update on the Academy's recent activity and on plans for [Social Science Week](#) taking place around the country between 9 and 15 September.

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I've been touched in my first week at the Academy by the warm welcome from many Fellows and friends, and from my colleagues at the National Office. I'm looking forward to meeting with many of you over the coming months, and am eager to hear your thoughts and ideas on opportunities for the Academy to continue promoting and advancing the social sciences in Australia.

If you'd like to have a chat, or to drop by the National Office if you're in Canberra, please don't hesitate to contact me at [chris.hatherly@assa.edu.au](mailto:chris.hatherly@assa.edu.au) or on 0417 209 425.

With best wishes,  
Chris Hatherly

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## *Social Sciences Week 2019*



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

Social Science Week 2019 is right around the corner (September 9th to 15th). Through a program of national events, it offers social scientists an opportunity to engage non-academic audiences with cutting edge social science research, to showcase the diversity and relevance of social science. 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 citizens.

This year will also include the launch of the *Parliamentary Friends of the Social Sciences* (more news on that soon).

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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

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***ASSA Submission to the National Archives Review***

The National Archives of Australia is an important asset for the collection, preservation and dissemination of our national stories. The state of the Archives is therefore a concern to many individuals and groups in Australia. Foremost among these are historians. In this submission to the Tune Review of the National Archives of Australia, the Academy supports five recommendations...

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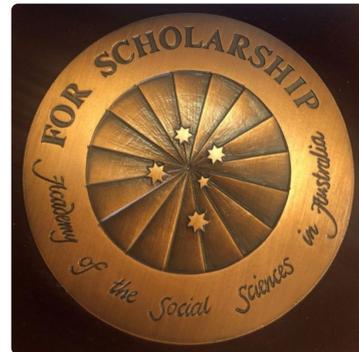
## *Calling all Climate Change Researchers*

The Policy & Advocacy Committee is currently seeking to engage with Fellows working on research areas related to the impact of climate change for an upcoming major project. If you are interested in participating, please contact [dylan.clements@assa.edu.au](mailto:dylan.clements@assa.edu.au).

## *2019 Paul Bourke Award Nominations*

**The Academy is currently accepting nominations for the 2019 Paul Bourke Awards for Early Career Research.**

The award honours Australians in the early part of their career who have achieved excellence in scholarship in one or more fields of the social sciences. Nominations close on **Wednesday 31 July 2019**.



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## *National Hydrogen Strategy*



Want to have your say and contribute to a National Hydrogen Strategy. Issues Papers are available now for community feedback. Submissions close on Sunday 28 July.

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SAVE THE DATE! A reminder that the ASSA Annual Events for 2019 will be held from 11 to 13 November at the National Library of Australia and University House. This year's Symposium topic is **“Saving people and the planet: exiting the consumptagenic system”**.

Registrations opening soon!



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