

Newsletter March 2019

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Welcome to the ASSA monthly Newsletter

Each month we'll be sending out an update to keep you in the loop with news from the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. If you miss a newsletter or would like to catch up on some of the past editions you can find them all on the ASSA website [here](#).

International Women's Day

Professor Jane Hall



Professor Wai Fong Chua

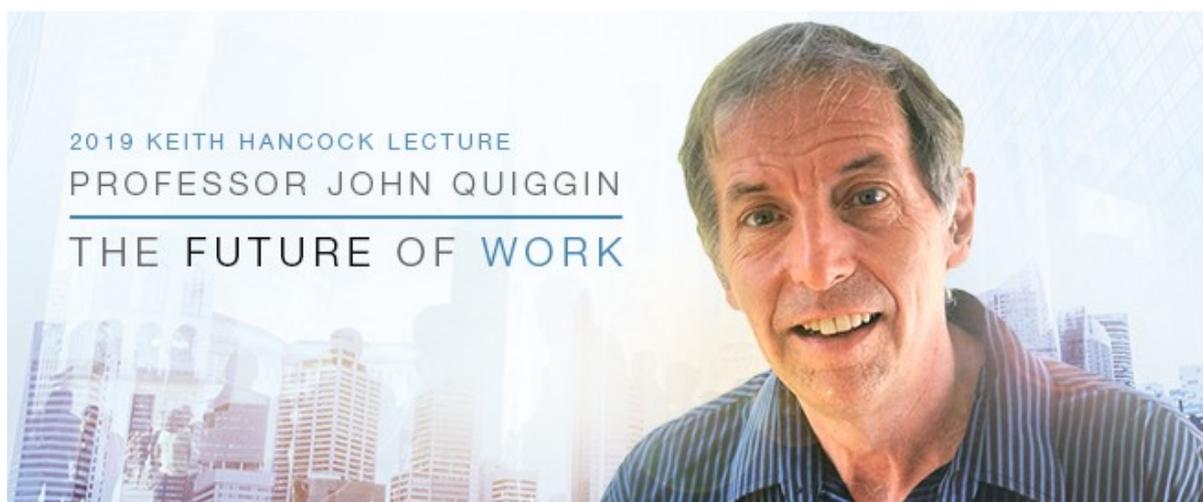


Ms Liz West



March 8 marked [International Women's Day](#) and the Academy celebrates the amazing work Women in the Social Sciences have been doing across the country and the globe. In 2018 the Academy welcomed 19 outstanding women into the Fellowship which, for the first time in the history of ASSA, represents more new female Fellows than male. We're also extremely proud of the incredible women in our leadership team including our President Professor Jane Hall, Treasurer Professor Wai Fong Chua, and Acting Executive Director Ms Liz West.

Keith Hancock Lecture Series



The second lecture of the 2019 Keith Hancock Lecture series will be delivered by professor John Quiggin on **22 May** and hosted by the University of Queensland's Faculty of Business, Economics and Law. The first lecture in this series was delivered in conjunction with the Australian National University's College of Business and Economics and provided a fascinating insight into industrial relations trends and the future of work. Invitations for the UQ lecture will be sent out in the next newsletter but you can preregister your interest by emailing [here](#).

Fellows Lectures

Insights and Impacts from Privatising the Public University - Professor [Margaret Thornton](#) FASSA is presenting as a part of the NTEU Seminar Series on Friday 22 March at the China in the World Building at ANU. Professor Thornton will be speaking on the changes Universities have seen since the Dawkins reforms and the impact of recent trends for the future of tertiary education. Click [here](#) for more information

Avoiding Back to the Future - [Michael Quinlan](#), Emeritus Professor UNSW FASSA is presenting the Dr Eric Wigglesworth AM Memorial Lecture on Tuesday 21 May at Park Royal Hotel in Sydney's Darling Harbour. Professor Quinlan's Lecture will focus

on preventing the recurrence of past mistakes in the realm of workplace safety. Click [here](#) for more information

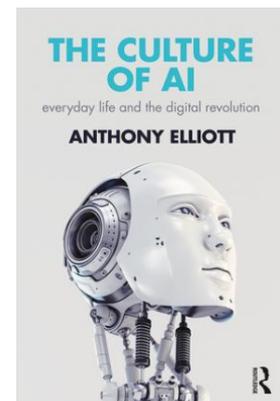
Fellows, did you know...

you can email the Academy [here](#) to keep us in the loop with your publications and speaking engagements and we'll help spread the word through our social media and newsletter platforms.

ACOLA Artificial Intelligence Report

The Australian Council of Learned Academies is due to present its Horizon Scanning report on the [Deployment of Artificial Intelligence and What it Represents for Australia](#) later this month. The study will explore the opportunities and risks of emergent AI technologies and help inform policy making for an increasingly digital future.

Professor Anthony Elliott FASSA is a member of the expert working group developing this report and has recently published *The Culture of AI: Everyday Life and the Digital revolution*. You can see Professor Elliott's interview discussing the fascinating possibilities facing an AI society [here](#).



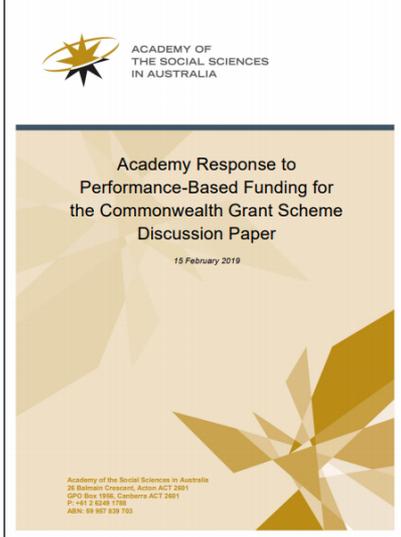
Fellows, did you know...

in response to requests for expert input, the Secretariat first consults the Specialisation field of your Fellow's profile to find relevant expertise. In order for us to match the best experts with the need, please make sure that your ASSA Profile is up to date with your current research interests (between Discipline and Mobile on the Personal Information tab).

Policy and Advocacy

The Policy and Advocacy Committee monitors various inquiries and calls for submission, and in consultation with Fellows, contributes where it believes it can add a meaningful voice and advance the standing of the Social Sciences.

Academy Response to Performance-based funding for the Community Grant Scheme



The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA) shares the commitment to enhance university teaching effectiveness, deliver good outcomes for graduates, and achieve equity in attainment rates across Australia, including in the regions. However, the proposed Performance-Based Funding for the Commonwealth Grant Scheme is articulated in a way which cannot guarantee these outcomes, and indeed may lead to adverse unintended consequences.

Annual Events

The ASSA Annual Events for 2019 will be held from 11 to 13 November with this year's Symposium hosted by the National Library of Australia. We'll have more details in next month's newsletter so save that date!



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