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### TOP SCHOLARS: ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES ELECTS NEW FELLOWS IN 2017

Forty-six Australian social scientists have been elected to the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia for their distinguished contributions to their disciplines and to society.

Through their work, the new Fellows have significantly advanced research knowledge and developed new approaches to areas as diverse as the social impact of climate change, the regulation and efficiency of financial markets, urban water management, human rights and Indigenous law, Australian history, management accounting, the economics of intellectual property, developmental disabilities and disorders of attention, suicide prevention, Islamic politics and populism, human resource management and workforce diversity, criminology and social work.

President of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, Professor Glenn Withers AO, congratulated the 23 women and 23 men elected this year.

“As women hold up half the sky, it is appropriate that these appointments affirm clearly that women and men are being recognised for their equal contribution to social science at the highest levels,” said Professor Withers.

“The numbers elected are largish, reflecting how our universities have grown and have high global standing, plus the fact that social science is a clear Australian comparative advantage in the knowledge firmament. It is also good to see that some eminent social science practitioners from politics, journalism and the public service are among those elected,” he added.

“The advanced understandings brought to all these areas by these scholars helps the nation mightily. Their work continues a tradition of vital contributions documented in the recent ASSA Report *The Social Sciences Shape the Nation*: <http://www.assa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Shape-the-Nation-Final-Web.pdf>.”

The New Fellows of the Academy will be formally welcomed and inducted at the Academy's General Meeting and Annual Symposium to be held in Adelaide from 18-20 October 2017. The Symposium is being held jointly with the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences and devoted to the theme of Health and Equity. Indigenous health will be a particular focus of the Symposium.

The Academy now numbers a total of 637 distinguished social scientists. The New Fellows are:

**Professor Xuemai Bai**, Professor of Urban Environment and Human Ecology, Fenner School of Environment and Society, ANU College of Science, The Australian National University.



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**Professor Eileen Baldry**, Deputy Vice Chancellor Inclusion and Diversity and Professor of Criminology, The University of New South Wales.

**Professor Michael Blakeney**, Winthrop Professor, Faculty of Law, The University of Western Australia.

**Professor Roland Bleiker**, Professor of International Relations, School of Political Science and International Studies, The University of Queensland.

**Emeritus Professor Sidney Bloch AM**, Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, The University of Melbourne.

**Professor Frank Bongiorno**, Professor of History, School of History, Research School of Social Sciences, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences, The Australian National University.

**Professor Peter Bossaerts**, Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor and Professor of Experimental Finance and Decision Neuroscience, Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Melbourne.

**Professor Nicholas Brown**, Professor and Head, School of History, Research School of Social Sciences, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences, The Australian National University.

**Professor Rebekah Brown**, Director, Monash Sustainable Development Institute, Monash University.

**Professor Ross Buckley**, Scientia Professor, Faculty of Law, The University of New South Wales.

**Emeritus Professor Victoria Burbank**, Senior Honorary Research Fellow, School of Social Sciences, The University of Western Australia.

**Professor Linda Connor**, Chair, Department of Anthropology, School of Social and Political Sciences, The University of Sydney.

**Professor Kim Cornish**, Head of School of Psychological Sciences and Director, Monash Institute of Cognitive and Clinical Neurosciences (MICCN), Monash University.

**Professor Megan Davis**, Pro Vice Chancellor Indigenous and Professor of Law, The University of New South Wales.

**Professor Heather Douglas**, ARC Future Fellow, TC Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland.

**Professor Lata Gangadharan**, Professor, Department of Economics, Monash University.

**Professor Christopher Gibson**, Director, Global Challenges Program and Professor of Human Geography, Australian Centre for Cultural Environmental Research, School of Geography and Sustainable Communities, University of Wollongong.



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**Professor Cristina Gibson**, Professor, Management and Organisations, UWA Business School, The University of Western Australia.

**Professor Katharine Gelber**, Professor of Politics and Public Policy, School of Political Science and International Studies, The University of Queensland.

**Mr Ross Gittins AM**, Economics Editor of the Sydney Morning Herald and Economic Columnist of The Age.

**Professor Lee Godden**, Director, Centre for Resources, Energy and Environmental Law, Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne.

**Professor Vedi Hadiz**, Professor of Asian Studies, Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne.

**Professor Charmine E.J. Härtel**, Chair in HRM & Organizational Development, UQ Business School and Senior Research Fellow, Australian Institute for Business and Economics (AIBE), The University of Queensland.

**Professor John Hewson AM**, Honorary Professorial Fellow and Chair, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University.

**Professor Craig Jeffrey**, Director of the Australia India Institute, The University of Melbourne.

**Professor Carol T. Kulik**, Research Professor in Human Resource Management, Centre for Workplace Excellence, UniSA Business School, University of South Australia.

**Professor Anne Lillis**, Fitzgerald Chair of Accounting, Department of Accounting, Faculty of Business & Economics, The University of Melbourne.

**Professor Deborah Lupton**, Centenary Research Professor, News & Media Research Centre, Faculty of Arts & Design, University of Canberra.

**Professor Elinor McKone**, Research School of Psychology, ANU College of Health and Medicine, The Australian National University.

**Professor Klaus Neumann**, Professor of History, School of History, Faculty of Arts and Education, Deakin University.

**Professor Melanie Oppenheimer**, Chair of History, College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, Flinders University.

**Professor Alan Petersen**, Professor of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, Monash University.

**Professor Jane Pirkis**, Director, Centre for Mental Health, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, The University of Melbourne.



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**Professor Jason Potts**, Professor of Economics, School of Economics, Finance and Marketing, College of Business, RMIT University.

**Professor Rick Richardson**, Professor, School of Psychology, The University of New South Wales.

**Professor Garry Robins**, Professor of Psychology, Melbourne School of Psychological Sciences, The University of Melbourne.

**Professor John Rolfe**, Professor of Regional Economic Development, School of Business and Law, CQ University.

**Professor Louise Sharpe**, Professor of Clinical Psychology, School of Psychology, The University of Sydney.

**Professor Naomi Soderstrom**, Professor of Managerial Accounting, Department of Accounting, The University of Melbourne.

**Mr David Stanton AM**, Honorary Associate Professor, Social Policy Institute, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University.

**Professor Adrienne Stone**, ARC Kathleen Fitzpatrick Australian Laureate Fellow, Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor, and Director, Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies, Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne.

**Professor Joffre Swait**, Research Professor and co-Director, Institute for Choice, UniSA Business School, University of South Australia.

**Professor Stephen Taylor**, Professor of Accounting, UTS Business School, University of Technology Sydney.

**Professor Russell Tytler**, Alfred Deakin Professor and Chair in Science Education, Faculty of Arts and Education, Deakin University.

**Professor Beth Webster**, Director, Centre for Transformative Innovation, Faculty of Business and Law, and Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research Policy and Impact, Swinburne University of Technology.

**Professor Stephen Zubrick**, Winthrop Professor, Graduate School of Education, The University of Western Australia; Senior Principal Research Fellow, Telethon Institute for Child Health Research and Deputy Director (Research) for the ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course.

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