



UN DATES 2016

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- 21 International Day of Peace
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DECEMBER

- 9 UNAA Community Awards
- 10 Human Rights Day

WHY THE UN ?

World War 1 and World War 11

Spurred on by the tragedy of World War 1 and then World War 11, the earliest concrete plan for a new world organization to replace the [League of Nations](#) began in 1939 under the aegis of the [US State Department](#).

On 12 June 1941, representatives of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, and of the exiled governments of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, and Yugoslavia, as well as General de Gaulle of France, met in London and signed the Declaration of St. James's Palace the first of many conferences.

On January 1, 1942, representatives of 26 nations at war with the Axis powers met in Washington to sign the **Declaration of the United Nations** endorsing the Atlantic Charter, pledging to use their full resources against the Axis and agreeing not to make a separate peace. U.S. President [Franklin Roosevelt](#) first suggested using the name **United Nations**, to refer to the [Allies of World War II](#), to British Prime Minister [Winston Churchill](#) during the latter's three-week visit to the [White House](#) in December 1941. Roosevelt suggested the name as an alternative to "Associated Powers", a term the U.S. used in the [First World War](#) (the U.S. was never formally a member of the [Allies of World War I](#) but entered the war in 1917 as a self-styled "Associated Power"). Churchill accepted the idea and cited [Lord Byron's](#) use of the phrase **United Nations** in the poem [Childe Harold's Pilgrimage](#), which referred to the Allies at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815.

On April 25, 1945, the **United Nations** Conference on International Organization began in San Francisco. In addition to governments, a number of non-government organizations, including [Rotary International](#) and [Lions Clubs International](#) received invitations to assist in the drafting of a charter. After working for two months, the fifty nations represented at the conference signed the **Charter of the United Nations** on 26 June 1945. [Poland](#), which was unable to send a representative to the conference due to political instability, signed the charter on 15 October 1945. The charter stated that before it would come into effect, it must be ratified by the Governments of the [Republic of China](#), [France](#), the [USSR](#), the [United Kingdom](#), and the [United States](#), and by a majority of the other 46 signatories. This occurred on **24 October 1945**, and the United Nations was officially formed.

United Nations Week 20-26 October — **United Nations Day** 24 October

In 1948, the United Nations General Assembly declared 24 October, the anniversary of the **Charter of the United Nations**, "*which shall be devoted to making known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their support for*" its work. United Nations Day is part of United Nations Week, which runs from 20 to 26 October.

In 1971 the [United Nations General Assembly](#) adopted a further resolution (United Nations Resolution 2782) declaring that United Nations Day shall be an international holiday and recommended that it should be observed as a public holiday by all [United Nations member states](#).

U.N. Day has traditionally been marked throughout the world with meetings, discussions and exhibits about the achievements and goals of the UN. U.N.

The UN has 4 main purposes.

To keep peace throughout the world;

To develop friendly relations among **nations**;

To help **nations** work together to improve the lives of poor people and

To conquer hunger, disease and illiteracy, and to encourage respect for each other's rights and freedoms

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DATE CLAIMER "We the People"

UN International Day of Peace-Lecture
St John's Cathedral, Ann Street Brisbane
6.30pm for 7pm 21 September 2016
Join us in celebrating Peace.



21
SEPTEMBER

UNITED NATIONS
INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF PEACE



UNAA QLD presents:

BRISBANE PEACE LECTURE 2016

St John's Cathedral
373 Ann St, Brisbane
Wednesday 21 September
6:30pm for a 7pm sharp start - 9pm



GUEST SPEAKER:
Debbie Kilroy OAM
CEO, Sisters Inside Inc.
An advocate for the human rights of women who have been criminalised.

PERFORMANCES FEATURING:

Rose Elu Dance Group
Leah Cotrell
Brisbane Combined Union Choir

Parking:
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ALL OVER THE WORLD

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The Day's theme for 2016 is:

**The Sustainable Development Goals:
Building Blocks for Peace."**

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals were unanimously adopted by the 193 Member States of the United Nations at an historic summit of the world's leaders in New York in September 2015. The new ambitious agenda to 2030 calls on countries to begin efforts to achieve these goals over the next 15 years. The goals aim to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all. The Sustainable Development Goals are integral to achieving peace in our time, as development and peace are interdependent and mutually reinforcing.

**UN Secretary-General,
Ban Ki-moon said:**

"The people of the world have asked us to shine a light on a future of promise and opportunity. Member States have responded with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development... It is an agenda for people, to end poverty in all its forms. An agenda for the planet, our common home. An agenda for shared prosperity, peace and partnership."



New York: On 16 September 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., the Secretary-General will celebrate the International Peace Day in the Peace Garden at United Nations Headquarters by ringing the Peace Bell and observing a minute of silence. Women, Nobel Peace Prize laureates and the United Nations Messengers of Peace will be invited to participate in the ceremony. The United Nations Education Outreach Section will hold a global student videoconference on the same day, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., also at United Nations Headquarters, New York.





PEACE IN THE WORLD—IS IT ACHIEVABLE ?

WORLD HEALTH REPORTS

17 AUGUST 2016 | Geneva – The World Health Organization (WHO) today named Mr Michael R. Bloomberg, philanthropist and former three-term Mayor of the City of New York, as Global Ambassador for Noncommunicable Diseases.

NCDs (including heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and chronic respiratory diseases) and injuries are responsible for 43 million deaths each year - almost 80% of all deaths worldwide. Each year, 16 million people die from NCDs before the age of 70. Road traffic crashes account for a further 1.25 million deaths each year and are the leading cause of death among young people, aged 15–29 years. The premature death and disability from NCDs and injury can largely be prevented, through implementing proven, cost effective measures.

For the past decade, Bloomberg has been working with WHO on tobacco control and injury prevention. "Michael Bloomberg is a valued partner and has a long track record of supporting WHO in the areas of tobacco control, improving data for health, road safety and drowning prevention," said Dr Margaret Chan, WHO Director-General. "I am therefore absolutely delighted to be able to appoint him as Global Ambassador for Noncommunicable Diseases. This will enable us to strengthen our response together to the major public health challenges of NCDs and injuries."

Mass vaccination campaign to protect millions against yellow fever in Angola and Democratic Republic of the Congo 16 August 2016

<http://www.who.int/features/2016/yellow-fever-mass-vaccination-campaign/en/>

One of the largest emergency vaccination campaigns ever attempted in Africa will start in Angola and the Democratic Republic of Congo this week as WHO and partners work to curb a yellow fever outbreak that has killed more than 400 people and sickened thousands more.

Working with Ministries of Health in the 2 countries, WHO is coordinating 56 global partners to vaccinate more than 14 million people against yellow fever in more than 8000 locations. The yellow fever outbreak has found its way to dense, urban areas and hard-to-reach border regions, making planning for the vaccination campaign especially complex.

Emergency yellow fever vaccination campaigns have already reached more than 13 million people in Angola and more than 3 million in Democratic Republic of the Congo. These campaigns have been crucial to stopping the spread of the outbreak. Some areas are still considered at high risk and so preventive vaccination campaigns are planned for the capital city of Kinshasa in Democratic Republic of the Congo and along the country's border with Angola, which spans 2646 km. The preventive vaccination campaign aims to build protection in the population perceived to be at high risk of getting infected and prevent potential spread and expansion

True magnitude of stillbirths and maternal and neonatal deaths underreported Counting and reviewing every birth and death is key to preventing future tragedies

News release <http://who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2016/stillbirths-neonatal-deaths/en/>

Kinshasa has more than 10 million people, with only 2 million already vaccinated against yellow fever. With local transmission of the virus and low immunity in the population, there is a potential risk that the deadly outbreak could spread to other urban areas. More details <http://www.who.int/emergencies/yellow-fever/en/>

16 August 2016 | GENEVA - The day of birth is potentially the most dangerous time for mothers and babies. Every year, worldwide, 303 000 women die during pregnancy and childbirth, 2.7 million babies die during the first 28 days of life and 2.6 million babies are stillborn.

Most stillbirths and neonatal deaths are preventable with quality health care during pregnancy and childbirth. Nearly all babies who are stillborn and half of all newborn deaths are not recorded in a birth or death certificate, and thus have never been registered, reported or investigated by the health system. As a result, countries often do not know the numbers of deaths or the causes of these deaths and thus are unable to take the effective and timely actions to prevent others babies and mothers from dying. "We need to ensure all births and deaths are counted, and that we can understand what to do to prevent future deaths, no matter where they occur," says Ian Askew, Director of Reproductive Health and Research at WHO. "By reviewing the causes of maternal and infant deaths countries can improve quality of health care, take corrective actions, and prevent millions of families from enduring the pain of losing their infants or mothers .

TIMBUKTU

The first defendant to plead guilty at the international criminal court has apologised to Mali and to mankind for destroying religious monuments in the ancient city of Timbuktu. When Timbuktu was controlled by rebels and members of al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, Ahmad al-Mahdi admitted directing the destruction of nine mausoleums and a mosque door in 2012. At the opening of his trial for war crimes in The Hague, he expressed his "deep regret" to the people of Timbuktu, to whom the monuments had been of great religious and cultural importance. "I seek their forgiveness and I ask them to look at me as a son who has lost his way," he said. "Those who forgive me will be rewarded by the almighty. I would like to make them a solemn promise that this was the first and the last wrongful act I will ever commit." (Guardian <http://bit.ly/2byNxzX>)



MIDDLE EAST—SYRIA, IRAQ, ISLAMIC STATE GROUP

US decries IS 'genocide' of Christians, Shiites, Yazidis. [Nicolas REVISE 11.8.16](#)

Washington (AFP) - On Wednesday (10 August) the United States denounced the "genocide" carried out by the Islamic State group against Christians, Shiites and Yazidis, as the State Department unveiled its somber annual report on religious freedom around the world.

In its comprehensive look at the situation in more than 200 countries in 2015, the State Department singled out its usual bugbears on the issue of religious repression: ally Saudi Arabia, China, Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Sudan.

And as in previous years, the US government expressed concern at the rise of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia in Europe, against a backdrop of the continent's migrant crisis and an uptick in jihadist attacks.

But the report denounced non-state actors like the IS group and the Nigerian Islamist group Boko Haram, which "continued to rank amongst the most egregious abusers of religious freedom in the world."

The IS group "continued to pursue a brutal strategy of what Secretary (John) Kerry judged to constitute genocide against Yazidis, Christians, Shiites, and other vulnerable groups in the territory it controlled," the State Department said.

Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who formally unveiled the report, recalled that Kerry in March "made clear his judgment that Daesh is responsible for genocide against religious communities in areas under its control." "Daesh kills Yazidis because they are Yazidi, Christians because they are Christian, Shia Muslims because they are Shia," Blinken told reporters, using an Arabic acronym for the IS group.

He also accused the Sunni jihadists, who control swaths of territory in Iraq and Syria, of being "responsible for crimes against humanity and ethnic cleansing." Kerry and United Nations experts had previously used the term "genocide" -- which has legal implications in the United States -- to refer to crimes carried out by IS jihadists in Iraq and Syria. <https://www.yahoo.com/.../us-decries-genocide-christians-shiites-yazidis>

About the Intra-Syrian Geneva Talks 2016

The latest round of Intra-Syrian Talks, facilitated by UN Special Envoy for Syria took place from 13-27 April 2016 in Geneva. At its conclusion, Mr. de Mistura shared a [mediator's summary of common points](#) reached between the parties. Talks focused on political transition, governance and constitutional principles. At the same time, two task forces created by the International Syria Support Group (ISSG) are overseeing the delivery of much-needed humanitarian aid to thousands of Syrians in besieged and other hard-to-reach areas, as well as a cessation of hostilities that began on 27 February and which was endorsed by Security Council resolution 2268.



Syrian children shelter in a doorway amid gunfire and shelling.
 Photo: UNICEF Alessio Romenzi

UN News Centre: Some 3200 Yazidi women and girls are being held as sex slaves. "The Islamic State group is still committing genocide and other crimes against the Yazidi minority in Iraq," a United Nations commission investigating human rights abuses in Syria. The commission's statement — released on the second anniversary of the initial IS attack on the Sinjar area in Iraq — urged action to prevent further death and suffering. About 5,000 Yazidi men were killed by IS when the Sunni militant group took control of Iraq's northwest two years ago. Thousands more, mostly women and children, were taken into captivity, according to the U.N. The commission of inquiry said IS crimes "against the Yazidis, including the crime of genocide, are ongoing." It called for a refocus on the "rescue, protection of, and care for the Yazidi community." AP <http://yhoo.it/2aAoObW>



With human rights violations at the heart of the Syrian crisis, the UN has called for an immediate end to violence; release of political prisoners; impartial investigations to end impunity, ensure accountability and bring perpetrators to justice; and reparations for the victims.

UN AGENCIES

UN Relief and Works Agency – UNRWA Health – WHO
 Children – UNICEF Human Rights – OHCHR
 Development – UNDP Humanitarian Coordination – OCHA
 Food/Agriculture – FAO | WFP Refugees – UNHCR
 Lebanon | Women – UNFPA | UNIFEM
 Occupied Palestinian territory

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UN NEWS CENTRE at
www.un.org/news



CLIMATE CHANGE—UN HABITAT



Why Climate Change Is a Threat to Human Rights - Mary Robinson | TED Talks

Climate change is unfair. While rich countries can fight against rising oceans and dying farm fields, poor people around the world are already having their lives upended — and their human rights threatened — by killer storms, starvation and the loss of their own lands. Mary Robinson asks us to join the movement for worldwide climate justice.

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JVTirBEfho>

Second Global Conference on Health & Climate held 7-8 July 2016 in Paris.

The Conference played an important role in raising the visibility of health within the upcoming climate discussion at COP22, under the presidency of the Government of Morocco, in Marrakech in November 2016. We are extremely pleased with the level of attendance, the quality of the interventions, and the positive and coherent message that emerged – of a strong health community, ready to implement the Paris Agreement. Information about conference proceedings at: <https://workspace.who.int/sites/healthandclimateII/> Or <http://www.who.int/globalchange>

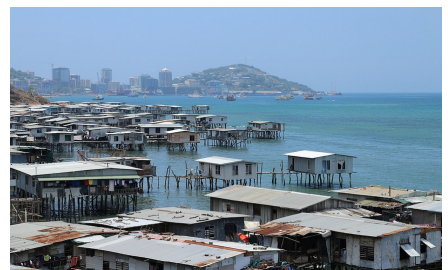


United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development

Habitat III will take place in Quito, Ecuador, from 17 – 20 October 2016. The UN Conferences on Housing (Habitat) are occurring in the bi-decennial cycle (1976, 1996 and 2016). The Habitat III Conference reinvigorates the global commitment to sustainable urbanization, to focus on the implementation of a “New Urban Agenda”.

Habitat III will be one of the first United Nations global summits after the adoption of the [Post-2015 Development Agenda](#). This is considered to be an opportunity to open discussions on important urban challenges and questions, such as how to plan and manage cities, towns and villages for sustainable development. The discussion of these questions will shape the implementation of new global development and [climate change](#) goals. The objectives of the Conference are to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable urban development, assess accomplishments to date, address poverty and identify and address new and emerging challenges. The conference will result in a concise, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented outcome document . unhabitat.org/events/habit-iii-conference/

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development
An hour is all it takes



Every hour, 1,440 people are forced to flee their homes. we're inviting you to take action for refugees. Whether you trade an hour's wages to supply a clinic with vaccines, or your lunch money for jerry cans – your actions, big or small, can make a real difference This year, we're asking you to give up just one hour of your time to take action and become a humanitarian for the 65 million people around the world who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict and persecution. Contact- Australia for UNHCR.



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE (DFAT)



Frances Adamson new DFAT Secretary, the first woman in Australia to hold this senior diplomatic position (<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/our-people/executive>) (will take up the position in Canberra on 25 August 2016).

From 2011 to 2015 Ms Adamson was Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. Menna Rawlings: *'This took me back to a conversation with my son (aged 6) when we were living in the UK. I was walking him to school, puffing up a big hill with bags a-plenty and lots on my mind. As he dawdled along, I snapped: 'Come on Joe! Hurry up!' To which he replied, with some wonder and awe looking back down the hill: 'But Mum, look how far we've come!'* You could say the same for women in diplomacy.

This reflected societal norms of the time, but also a particular belief that it was impossible for women to contemplate a diplomatic career, not least given the global mobility obligation. Part of the opposition came from within the Service itself. See Helen McCarthy's excellent book, 'Women of the World: The Rise of the Female Diplomat' (<http://www.bloomsbury.com/au/women-of-the-world-9781408840047/>).



Gary Quinlan, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade was Acting DFAT Secretary since 2 July, 2016.

In June 2015, Mr. Quinlan took up the position of Deputy Secretary in the Department responsible for North and South East Asia; global security, including counter-terrorism; disarmament and arms control; irregular migration; consular and crisis management; and public diplomacy. He is Australia's Senior Official to the East Asia Summit and to ASEAN. 2016 on 1 Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York from 2009 until January 2015. From 2009 – July 2016 he was Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York from 2009 until January 2015, and Australian Representative on the United Nations Security Council 2013-2014. He was Principal Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security from 2007-2009

Note: DFAT has four male Deputy Secretaries and one women Deputy Secretary.

UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)

Australian National Commission UNESCO is located in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra and is the Australian Government focal point. UNESCO's mandate includes education, the natural sciences, the social and human sciences, culture and communications/information technology. The National Australian Commission provides expert analysis and policy advice to the Australian Government on UNESCO matters and acts as a point of liaison between government, the community and UNESCO in Australia. UNESCO was established in 1946 as a specialised agency of the United Nations.

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THE UNITED NATIONS IN AUSTRALIA

The UN has various representations in Australia including two important Pacific regional offices namely;

(1) UNIC (UN Information Centre), Canberra was established in Australia in November 1948. The Director of (UNIC) acts as the representative of the UN Secretary-General and coordinates communication outreach in the region. Canberra and covers: Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. **Contact:** Phone: +612 6270 9200 Web: <http://un.org.au/>

(2) UNHCR (The UN High Commissioner for Refugees), Canberra, is an impartial, non-political humanitarian organisation mandated by the United Nations to lead, co-ordinate international action for the world-wide protection of refugees and the resolution of refugee problems. The Canberra office is responsible for Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific, and focuses on three key areas of UNHCR's mandate: legal protection, resettlement, and public information. Contact: Phone +61 (02) 292625377 Web: <http://www.unrefugees.org.au>



1. WFUNA UN4MUN Workshop 2016

Where and When? New York from 21-23 November, 2016.



This workshop is designed primarily for students who organize MUN simulations or have participated in a MUN conference at the high school or university. In addition, any student who has had a leadership role in organizing a conference or has participated as a delegate and wants to learn more about UN4MUN is also eligible to apply. Applicants are required to have participated in at least one Model UN simulation prior to the workshop and be able to communicate in English.

Faculty MUN advisors who have a role in training or supervising students who organize or participate in MUN conferences are also eligible. Faculty advisors must be associated with an academic institution or non-governmental organization and must submit proof of their role on official letterhead from an academic institution or non-governmental organization in order to be eligible.

How much does it cost to register?

The application fee for all participants is \$150 and in addition applicants are responsible for all travel and living costs while attending the workshop as well as any fees to apply for a visa.

What topics will be covered in the UN4MUN Workshop?

The workshop will focus on developing a basic understanding of the Rules of Procedure used by the General Assembly and Security Council, how decisions are made in these two Organs of the UN, what you need to know when drafting resolutions, the duties and responsibilities of the UN Secretariat, General Assembly and Security Council officials, the negotiation process that takes place during informal meetings with an emphasis on how consensus is achieved, how to chair meetings, the differences between UN4MUN and other MUN programmes and more. **The UN4MUN Workshop** will be interactive and provide participants with hands-on experience on how to organize main elements of a UN4MUN conference: debate, negotiation, taking action on a draft resolution. **For more information. wimun@wfuna.org**

2. WFUNA— WIMUN 2017! Where and When? New York from 1-4 February, 2017.

This conference offers accurate simulation of the United Nations by using UN4MUN procedure and features trainings and briefings delivered by UN officials, and holds Opening and Closing Plenary Sessions.

Register for WIMUN 2017 - Registration: 1 September 2 December 2016. Registration for delegates



and housing can be done in groups or by individuals. Group registration is highly recommended.

Step 1: Group Fee registration from . Group Fee \$100 per group (includes one Faculty Advisor for free) Additional Advisor or Chaperone Fee: \$150 per individual Group registration is meant for groups of two or more students in the same group. It is the norm for a Faculty Advisor or Head. Group registration is required for high school students accompanied by an

adult Faculty Advisor. Group registration is highly recommended for university students as it makes conference communications easier.

Step 2: Delegate Fees: Regular Registration (September 1 - December 1): \$180 per delegate **Registered delegates receive a country assignment, access to Opening and Closing ceremonies and plenary sessions at the United Nations General Assembly Hall, access to the Delegate Social, and conference materials. Please note that the fee does not include any meals.**

Step 3: Discounted Hotel Room Package: Grand Hyatt Hotel, where the conference takes place outside of the UN sessions, is the most convenient choice for WIMUN participants and is typically where Model UN students stay when attending conferences at the UN Headquarters. The hotel is within walking distance to the United Nations as well as to many sites such as Times Square, Empire State Building, and Rockefeller Center. It is located right on top of Grand Central Station, which provides easy subway access to everywhere else in New York City.

Hotel rooms should be booked directly with WIMUN. Hotel room packages are limited and will no longer be available at the discounted rate once the room block is filled. **Hotel packages vary from \$359, \$718 and \$1,436 per package (single-shared rooms), inclusive of taxes and fees. Package is for four nights (check-in 1 February, check-out 5 February 2017).** For details: <https://mymun.net/muns/wimun-2017>.

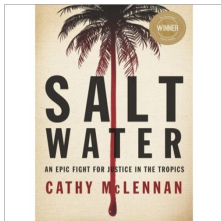
World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)

For information contact : www.web@wfuna.org



UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - an important frame work for the articulation of Indigenous rights.

The rights of all Peoples are enshrined in UN covenants, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, International Convention on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), UN Declaration of the Rights of Children and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD). Note: Australia is the only one, of the liberal democracies, still grappling with fundamental questions about the place of indigenous peoples, unlike its common law cousins Canada, the United States and New Zealand. Recent publications:



'Saltwater' By Cathy-Ann McLennan. An epic fight for justice in the tropics.

Details: *Saltwater* tells the compelling story of one lawyer's fight for justice amongst the beauty and the violence of this tropical paradise.

When Cathy McLennan first steps into Townsville's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service as a young graduate she isn't expecting a major murder case to land on her desk. The accused four teenage boys whose family connections stretch across the water to Palm Island. As she battles to prove herself in the courtroom, Cathy realises that the truth is far more complex than she first thought. She starts to question who the criminals are and who the victims are.

'Everyone knows that some of those kids are innocent ... your dilemma is not whether the kids are innocent, but which of the kids are innocent.'

About the author: **Cathy McLennan** has a Masters of Law (Un.Qld), she is the winner of the 2014 Queensland Literary Award for Best Emerging Author and in January 2015 was appointed Magistrate to Southport Magistrate's Court and received the 2015 Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Alumnus of James Cook University; Cathy is well known for her dedication to vulnerable Queenslanders. Cathy has more than twenty years' experience in criminal law, from her early days working as a barrister for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service in North Queensland, to appearing in the High Court and deciding cases as a Queensland Magistrate.

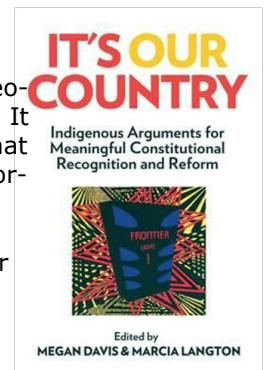
'IT'S OUR COUNTRY'

Indigenous Arguments for Meaningful Constitutional Recognition and Reform

Edited by: **Marcia Langton & Megan Davis**

Details: *'It's Our Country'* articulates why constitutional accommodation of indigenous peoples is important for a nation that is home to the **oldest continuous civilisation** on earth. It conveys to Australians why indigenous peoples should have a direct say in the decisions that affect their lives. A collection of 17 short essays by leading and emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander thinkers and leaders. Edited by Megan Davis and Marcia Langton.

'Why should Indigenous people have a direct say in the decisions that affect their lives?' *'It's Our Country'* is a collection of 17 essays by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander thinkers and leaders including Patrick Dodson, Noel Pearson, Dawn Casey, Nyunggai Warren Mundine and Mick Mansell. Each essay explores what recognition and constitutional reform might achieve or not achieve for Indigenous people.



About the Editors

Professor Megan Davis: is a Professor of Law, LLB (UQ) and an Acting commissioner of the NSW Land and Environment Court, a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and a member of the NSW Sentencing Council in April 2015 elected as the chair of UN Permanent Forum *on Indigenous Issues*.

Megan Davis: *'Even though I grew up on the single pension I could always afford Time Magazine where as a little girl I first became obsessed with the United Nations and especially the general assembly, growing up I did have a picture of it on my wall.'*

Professor Marcia Langton AM is an anthropologist and geographer, and since 2000 has held the Foundation Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies at the University of Melbourne in the Faculty of Medicine .

Vincent Lingiari AM

In 1966, led by Vincent Lingiari, approximately 200 Aboriginal stockmen and their families walked off Wave Hill Station in the Northern Territory in protest against the poor working conditions they had been subject to and against pastoralists taking Aboriginal land. The strike lasted 7 years. Vincent Lingiari was a member of the Gurindji people, an Aboriginal rights activist and also played the didgeridoo. He worked as a stockman at Wave Hill Cattle Station NT and was elected leader of the Gurindji communities in August 1966.

The seven year protest ended in 1975 with Prime Minister Gough Whitlam negotiating a deal that would see the Gurindji people handed back a section of their land. On 7 June 1976 Lingiari was named a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his services to the Aboriginal people. The story of Vincent Lingiari was celebrated in the song "From Little Things Grow".





The Fitzgerald Biennial Lecture

Emeritus Professor Gillian Triggs

President of the Australian Human Rights Commission will present-
"The Decline of Human Rights in an Australian Democracy".

27 September 6pm, State Library Auditorium 1

Book at: Griffith.edu.au/2016-Fitzgerald-lecture
Information; carrie.zhang@griffith.edu.au
Phone: 07 3735 1776



Popular culture and the representation of Asian-Australia

When: Thursday, September 22, 2016, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (doors open at 5:30pm)

Where : Cinema B, Gallery of Modern Art, Stanley Place, South Brisbane

In association with Brisbane Writers Festival, The Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University and the Australian Centre of Asia-Pacific Art (ACAPA), Queensland Art Gallery I Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA) would like to invite you to a Perspectives: Asia seminar

Whilst much of the rhetoric of contemporary Australian culture circulates around its multicultural diversity, the reality is often very different. There is a distinct lack of Asian-Australians on our screens, and a perceived hesitation to represent Australia's unique migrant stories in our popular culture. This panel asks: Have media representations and Australian popular culture kept up-to-date with the lived experiences and histories of Asian-Australians? If not, why not? What stories are being told and what stereotypes are being perpetuated? What are the successes, challenges and barriers to a more complete representation of contemporary Australian culture?

Panellists

- Mandy Chang, Head of Arts, ABC TV
- Michelle Law, writer and screenwriter
- Aaron Seeto, Curatorial Manager, Asian and Pacific Art, QAGOMA
- Tony Ayres, award-winning writer and director working across film and television



Tony Ayres



Mandy Chang



Michelle Law



Aaron Seeto

Registration Deadline Monday 19 September, reservations are essential and places are limited for this free event. For further information contact Natasha Vary at email: events-gai@griffith.edu.au



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Alice Springs

Program: 26/9/16 – 1/10/16 DISARM protest camp, 30/9/16 IPAN Annual General Meeting
30/9/16 IPAN Public Forum

Speakers: Prof. Lisa Natividad (*University of Guam*), Prof. Kosuzu Abe (*University of Ryukyus, Okinawa*),
 Prof Richard Tanter (*University of Melbourne*), Senator Scott Ludlam (*Aust. Greens*),

IPAN National Conference

Saturday 1st October 2016 8:30am - 5:00pm

Venue: The Chifley, Alice Springs Resort, 34 Stott Terrace, Alice Springs
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2/10/16 Joint Cavalcade to Pine Gap gates.

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WHEN: Tuesday, September 13th 2016
TIME: 6:30pm for 7:00pm



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Tuesday 27 September 2016 at 10am

Speakers

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Mary Crawford m.crawford@qut.edu.au

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- The Hon Kim Beazley AC FAIIA, National President, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- George Megalogenis, journalist and commentator
- Jennifer Westacott, Chief Executive of the Business Council of Australia
- Peter Varghese AO, former Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
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