Settlement Council of Australia
Invites you to register for the
Triennial and International Conference of the Settlement Council of Australia

Settlement and Citizenship in Civil Society

Thursday 5, Friday 6, Saturday 7 May 2016
ZINC, Federation Square, Melbourne, Australia

Conference Patron
Petro Georgiou, AO
We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and celebrate their long and ongoing culture and contribution to our Australian society.
About the Conference

Following the resounding success of SCoA’s 2012 conference, SCoA has responded to stakeholder feedback and, for the first time, will engage beyond Australia’s borders to bring together a breadth of exemplary presenters to contribute to the 2016 international conference.

The conference theme ‘Settlement and Citizenship in Civil Society’ acknowledges the impact of the global domain on communities, societies and active citizenship.

The conference will bring together the settlement sector, communities, service groups, academics, corporate and legal organisations and individuals from across the globe to build on current settlement knowledge, practice and community participation within a globalised multicultural society. It will provide a forum for sharing current thinking, research and good practice within international settlement contexts.

The conference will attract key innovators with an interest in how settlement can contribute to developing a productive multicultural future. These innovators will include local and international academics and cultural thinkers, seasoned and early-career researchers, experienced and emerging settlement practitioners modelling best practice, government and non-government planners, business and employment industry groups, and intergenerational communities—new and established, rural and metropolitan.

Conference Aims

• Broaden understanding and responsiveness to migration, settlement and active citizenship within a global context
• Increase and strengthen sectoral and intersectoral collaboration and support of settlement, human rights and active citizenship
• Contribute to the development of a responsive and adaptive settlement sector by focusing on innovation and creative thinking in a globalised context
• Produce evidence-based advocacy tools with which to advise governments
• Shape future work in building community capacity and belonging
• Give new settlers a voice in shaping their participation in Australia and their active citizenship
• Inform SCoA’s work in strengthening the sector’s impact on future settlement
**Conference Themes**

**International architecture**
- Settlement cooperation in a globalised world
- Institutions for information-sharing between settlement countries
- Impact of accelerating movements of people
- Ensuring integration and protection of new migrants

**Active citizenship in globalised context**
- Fostering community-strengthening in the face of international issues
- Contemporary realities of settlement, integration and identity
- Social, economic, political, legal, faith and personal influences on active citizenship
- Impact of media and migration policies on identity within the Australian context

**Building social capital**
- Family reunion policies and impact on settlement and integration
- Challenges and opportunities for federal government collaboration in building social capital
- Role of social and community connections in building community capital and successful integration
- Influence of settlement service provision in achieving access to social, political and economic participation

**Inclusive growth and employment**
- Recruitment and retention of skilled migrants
- Stakeholder roles in facilitating economic integration of migrants and refugees
- Relevance of inclusive growth and employment for Australia in a global context
- Improving migrant and refugee employment participation through multi-stakeholder engagement
- Influence of economic participation on active citizenship and settlement outcomes
- Impact of temporary migration

**Integration of migrants and refugees**
- Impact of family and domestic violence on migrant and refugee communities
- Systemic stigmatisation and mainstreaming
- Access to justice and legal systems
- Intersectional factors affecting family safety in the migration and settlement process
- Impact on youth, women and the elderly
- Models of family and community engagement through art, sport and faith

**Sustainable regional development**
- Role of migration in regional development
- Issues and opportunities in regional settlement
- Funding impacts on settlement services and programs in regional areas
- Managing settlement and social cohesion affected by the diversity of visa categories

**Settlement standards**
- Partnership-building and collaboration
- Strengthening consistency and maintaining a high level of settlement services
- Stimulating a culture of best practice and continuous improvement within the settlement sector, nationally and internationally
- Encouraging agency and sector-wide capacity-building in line with settlement standards
Petro Georgiou, AO

Petro Georgiou is a former member of the Australian House of Representatives. Born in Corfu, he migrated to Australia when he was four years old. He attended state schools, received a Commonwealth scholarship to attend the University of Melbourne, and graduated with a bachelor of arts (hons) majoring in political science. His early political career included senior adviser to Malcolm Fraser and Andrew Peacock. He was the founding director of the Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs (1980–85), director of the Liberal Policy Unit (1985–89) and state director of the Victorian Liberal Party (1989–94).

In 1994, Petro Georgiou was elected to the House of Representatives as the Liberal member for Kooyong, a seat he was to hold for 16 years. During this time he was chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Science and Innovation and deputy chair of the Joint Statutory Committee on Public Accounts and Audit. In 2005, he proposed two private member’s bills to make the treatment of asylum seekers, in his words, ‘compassionate, fair, accountable, and subject to independent scrutiny’. His long-term passion and activism in the development of a multicultural Australia based on human rights earned him the Accountability Round Table Parliamentary Integrity Award Missen Prize in 2010.

In 2011, he was appointed vice chancellor’s professorial fellow at Monash University and the University of Melbourne in a joint appointment. In 2013, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) ‘for distinguished service to the Parliament of Australia, to multiculturalism and human rights advocacy, and to the community’. In 2015, he received the Migration Council of Australia Lifetime Achievement Award.

Geoffrey Robertson

Geoffrey Robertson attended Sydney University, where he took honours degrees in arts and law before leaving for Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. He joined John Mortimer’s chambers and in due course was made a Queens Counsel, a Recorder (part-time judge) and a Master of the Middle Temple. In 1990, he founded Doughty Street Chambers, which is now Europe’s largest human rights practice with a unique commitment to do 50 per cent of its work pro bono or on legal aid.

Geoffrey Robertson has appeared in many of Britain’s most celebrated trials, and has acted in hundreds of death-row cases in the Privy Council and for refugees in Hong Kong and Europe. His clients have ranged from Salman Rushdie and Julian Assange to the Wall Street Journal, and he has been involved in the prosecutions of General Pinochet and Hastings Banda. He acted in the European Court of Justice case that required the ‘right to dignity’ in the Lisbon Treaty to be accorded to refugees from Syria and Afghanistan. He was the first president of the UN’s War Crimes Court in Sierra Leone, and a ‘distinguished jurist’ member of the UN’s Justice Council. He is a visiting professor at Regents University and the New College of the Humanities. In 2011, he was awarded the New York Bar Association’s prize for achievement in international law and affairs.

Geoffrey Robertson is the author of many books. His most influential work, credited with inspiring the global justice movement, is Crimes against humanity: the struggle for global justice, now in its fourth edition. Mullahs without mercy: human rights and nuclear weapons analysed terror in and from Iran, and The statute of liberty: how Australians can take back their rights contains a draft of a new Constitution. His latest book is An inconvenient genocide: who now remembers the Armenians?

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Dinner Keynote Speaker
Professor Emeritus
John Berry
Department of Psychology, Queen's University

Professor Berry is an eminent cross-cultural psychologist with extensive international experience. He has been a lecturer at the University of Sydney for three years. He is a fellow of Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study and a visiting professor at the University of Nice and the University of Geneva. He is a past secretary-general, past president and honorary fellow of the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology. He has been an associate editor of the Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology.

Professor Berry is author or editor of over 20 books in the fields of cross-cultural, social and cognitive psychology. His main research interests are in the areas of acculturation and cross-cultural relations, with an emphasis on applying these areas across immigration, education and health policy.

He is involved with a national research project, funded under the Australian Research Council Linkage Projects scheme, to advance our understanding of intercultural relations in culturally diverse societies and of how best to enhance social cohesion. This Australian study will form an integral part of an international study—Mutual Relations in Plural Societies—led by Professor Berry, involving a number of countries including Canada, China, Finland, Greece, Italy, Malta, Russia and Switzerland.

This international research has the potential to guide development of policy to improve intercultural relations across various plural societies, including Australia. The project will involve a comprehensive national survey and community case studies in South Australia, Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria.

Professor Berry holds an honorary doctorate from the University of Athens, an honorary doctorate from the University of Geneva, a doctorate of philosophy from the University of Edinburgh and a bachelor of arts from Sir George Williams University.

Maria Dimopoulos
Managing Director, MyriaD Consultants

Maria Dimopoulos is internationally recognised as an expert on gender equality and violence against women, with a particular expertise in working with communities of migrant and refugee background. Much of her work has focused on promoting and enhancing a gendered approach in the ongoing, complex legal and political reform processes and in ensuring the meaningful inclusion of diverse women’s voices and perspectives in those processes.

Maria’s contributions have included knowledge provision and advisory roles in gender justice, advocacy, bridging and supporting participation in mainstream processes, coordination, capacity-building and piloting innovative projects. In 2008, she was appointed by the federal government to the National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children. The council provided expert advice to government on reducing the incidence and impact of domestic and family violence and sexual assault on women and their children and was tasked to develop and distribute a National Plan of Action. Maria was also a member of the Access and Equity Inquiry Panel, which reported to government in 2012 on the accessibility of government services to multicultural Australia.

Maria received an Amnesty International Human Rights Award for her work on the legal and human rights of women from culturally, religiously and diverse backgrounds. Her research has appeared in a range of professional publications published by the Family and Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and the Australian Institute of Criminology and in peer-reviewed journals, including the Feminist Law Journal. She also co-authored the book Blood on whose hands: the killing of women and children in domestic relationships.

Dr Helen Feist
Acting Director, Australian Population and Migration Research Centre, University of Adelaide

As a senior research associate, Dr Helen Feist has managed and worked on numerous projects for the Australian Population and Migration Research Centre. Her main research interest is in the field of gerontology, with a focus on older people, community connectedness and social networks. More recently, her work has encompassed intergenerational family ties, ageing and migration, age-friendly cities, migrant settlement in rural and regional Australia and demographic change.

Dr Helen Feist’s background is in community development, working in not-for-profit community-based organisations for over 20 years in Australia and overseas. She is also actively involved in the Australian Population Association, the Institute of Australian Geographers and the International Federation of Ageing.

Dr Feist represents the Australian Population and Migration Research Centre in the newly formed national collaborative research group, the International Longevity Centre Australia (ILC-Aus) as part of the ILC Global Alliance. She holds a doctorate of philosophy in geography, environment and population from the University of Adelaide.

She is the immediate past president of the South Australian Division of the Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) and a general member of the AAG’s National Board.
Mr Chris Friesen
President and Founder, Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance

For more than 20 years, Mr Friesen has been the director of settlement services, Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia, one of Canada’s largest multicultural immigrant service agencies.

Mr Friesen is currently leading a multi-year initiative to design and build a regional service centre for refugees in Metro Vancouver. In late 2015, this facility will become the first of its kind in the world, bringing together a variety of community and government services and organisations, which will meet the immediate needs of refugees settling in British Columbia.

Among his many community leadership roles, Mr Friesen is a founding member and the current president of the Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance and co-chair of the National Settlement Council. During 2013, Mr Friesen was the NGO focal point for the UNHCR 2013 Annual Tripartite Consultations on resettlement in Geneva, Switzerland.

He is a frequent speaker on a wide range of immigrant and refugee settlement topics, both in Canada and abroad. In 2014, he stated that accepting 10,000 refugees from Syria would be in line with Canada’s past and current practice of receiving one out of every 10 UNHCR refugee resettlements: ‘With the recent UNHCR special appeal on resettlement spaces, we believe, building on Canada’s humanitarian refugee resettlement tradition that we should step forward to offer the UNHCR a minimum of 10,000 resettlement spaces or 10% of the current appeal over the next two years.’

Professor Andrew Jakubowicz
Andrew Jakubowicz is professor of sociology at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and a member of the Multicultural NSW Advisory Council. In 2015, he was visiting professorial fellow in media and communication at the University of New South Wales. His key areas of research include cyber racism and community resilience, Jewish refugees and survival in China, multiculturalism and public policy, and social documentary and cultural diversity. He was involved with the television documentary series Once upon a time in Cabramatta and Once upon a time in Punchbowl. His latest book, co-edited with Christina Ho, is For those who’ve come across the seas: Australian multicultural theory, policy and practice. He is also co-author with Ahmet Içduygu of the chapter ‘After Gallipoli: empire nation and diversity in multicultural Turkey and Australia’ in the book Reconciling cultural and political identities in a globalized world: perspectives on Australia-Turkey relations edited by Michalis Michael.

Professor Mary Kalantzis
Dean of the College of Education, Professor of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Illinois

Professor Mary Kalantzis is dean of the College of Education at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She is a world leader in the ‘new literacy studies’, focusing on multimodality and diversity in contemporary communications. In recent years, she worked to conceptualise the nature of communication and learning in the digital age, focusing on the policy, practice and pedagogical design implications of new technologies in education, from early childhood to higher education.


In recent years, her research and development work has focused on developing and testing a web application supporting teachers in the pedagogical design process (the Learning by Design project, http://newlearningonline.com/learning-by-design) and Scholar, an online, multimodal student workspace, supporting intensive peer-to-peer feedback and multifaceted formative assessment (http://learning.cgscholar.com/).
Nadine Liddy
National Coordinator, Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network Australia, Centre for Multicultural Youth Australia

Nadine Liddy has worked in the youth and multicultural sectors for over 20 years and is the inaugural national coordinator of the Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network (MYAN) Australia. Auspiced by the Centre for Multicultural Youth, MYAN is the national peak body on multicultural youth issues—Australia’s only national voice representing the needs and interests of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

Nadine has a background as a youth worker, in the areas of housing, education and training, and torture and trauma. She has also worked extensively in policy, advocacy and sector development in relation to multicultural youth issues. Nadine was a research consultant for, and author of, Australia’s hidden homeless report, released in 2011. She has contributed to many other related publications.

Her work in policy, advocacy and sector development includes designing and delivering national training on good practice with young asylum seekers and those from refugee and migrant backgrounds, and developing Australia’s first Youth Settlement Framework. Nadine has also worked in the international context, primarily in the areas of refugee and asylum seeker policy and service delivery.

Professor Fethi Mansouri
Director, Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Deakin University

Professor Mansouri holds a Deakin University research chair in migration and intercultural studies and is the director of the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation. In 2013, he was awarded the UNESCO chair in comparative research on cultural diversity and social justice. He is the editor of the Journal of Intercultural Studies (Routledge) and founding co-editor of the International Journal of Social Inclusion (Librello). He is a global expert adviser to the United Nations Alliance of Civilisations on cultural diversity and intercultural relations.

Professor Mansouri is a leading researcher in the university and a prominent scholar nationally and internationally, and has published more than 15 books, 10 major research monographs, more than 70 refereed research articles and book chapters, and many book reviews and media pieces. He has presented more than 200 invited conference and seminar papers and many other invited presentations at national and international symposia. His 2004 book Lives in limbo: voices of refugees under temporary protection was short-listed for the 2004 Human Rights Medal and Awards.

Professor Mansouri holds a doctorate of philosophy from Monash University, a master of arts from the Australian National University and a university degree in modern languages from the University of Tunis.

Dr Tim Soutphommasane
Race Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission

Dr Soutphommasane commenced his five-year appointment as Australia’s Race Discrimination Commissioner in August 2013. Prior to joining the Australian Human Rights Commission, he was a political philosopher and held posts at the University of Sydney and Monash University. His thinking on multiculturalism, national identity and patriotism has been influential in shaping debates in Australia and Britain.

Dr Soutphommasane is the author of four books: I’m not racist but… (2015), The virtuous citizen (2012), Don’t go back to where you came from (2012) and Reclaiming patriotism (2009). He was co-editor with Nick Dyrenfurth of All that’s left (2010). He has been an opinion columnist with The Age and The Weekend Australian newspapers, and in 2013 presented the documentary series Mongrel nation on ABC Radio National.

Dr Soutphommasane completed a doctor of philosophy and a master of philosophy with distinction at the University of Oxford, and is a first-class honours graduate of the University of Sydney.
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About SCoA

SCoA is the national peak body representing over 80 settlement organisations delivering settlement services across Australia.

SCoA’s role is to ensure the best possible settlement outcomes for migrants and people of refugee background. Our vision is an equitable, respectful and inclusive Australia where effective settlement outcomes provide every opportunity to humanitarian entrants and migrants to fully participate in society and to realise their full potential. SCoA’s work is informed by principles of human rights, multicultural democracy, access and equity, social justice and social inclusion, and by transparent, accountable, respectful and client-centred governance.

The Venue

Zinc at Federation Square
Melbourne, Victoria

Federation Square is located on the corner of Swanston Street and Flinders Street in the heart of Melbourne’s CBD, arts and sporting precinct. Federation Square is across the road from Flinders Street Station—Melbourne’s major public transport hub—and can easily be reached by train, tram, bus, boat, bike or car. Federation Square is also within walking distance of major Melbourne attractions, including the National Gallery of Victoria (International), Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Crown Casino, Melbourne Sea Life Aquarium, Melbourne Cricket Ground and Eureka Tower.

Melbourne Town Hall

The conference dinner will be held in the Melbourne Town Hall, 200 metres from the Zinc conference venue. Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC, will be guest speaker at the dinner. Delegates are welcome to register their partner for the dinner.

Immigration Museum

A reception will be held in the Immigration Museum as well as a tour of current exhibitions.

Multicultural Hub

Community members will share a multicultural feast to welcome delegates.

Travel and Accommodation

For assistance with travel and accommodation, please contact Tourism Victoria at http://www.tourism.vic.gov.au or Tel +61 3 9653 9777 for accommodation options in the Melbourne CBD.
Conference registration form
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Only individual completed registration forms will be accepted and only after payment is received via electronic banking or by cheque. Each delegate will receive confirmation of registration with receipt of payment.

The deadline for early-bird registration is Friday 26 February 2016. All registrations close Friday 22 April 2016.

Title and name

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Conference Dinner

Immigration Museum Reception

Conference Sponsorship

Total Cost (GST-inclusive)

Deduct 10% for early-bird registrations before Friday 26 February 2016.

Full registration
Includes conferencing on days 1, 2 and 3, conference papers and materials, morning and afternoon refreshments, lunches, conference reception and invitations to allied activities.

Single day registration
Includes registration for one day only (Thursday 5, Friday 6 or Saturday 7 May), conference papers and materials, morning and afternoon refreshments, lunch and the conference reception.

*Concessional rates
Available for regional SCoA members and attendees living outside metropolitan areas (excluding Victoria). Please contact SCoA at conference@scoa.org.au to apply for concessional rates.

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Please indicate any special dietary, mobility or other requirements.

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