



Day One

Thursday 19 February 2015

9:00 – 9:30am

Registration

9:30 – 9:50 am

Opening

Welcome to Country

President Emeritus Professor Gillian Triggs

Race Discrimination Commissioner Dr Tim Soutphommasane

9:50 – 11:00am

Session 1: History of the Racial Discrimination Act

Dr Gwenda Tavan, La Trobe University - *Better late than never? Australia's long, slow road to the Racial Discrimination Act 1975*

Professor Andrew Markus, Monash University – *Negotiating change in the immigrant nation: public opinion and the transformation of Australia*

Professor Sarah Joseph, Monash University – *The RDA from a 1970s perspective*

11:00 – 11:15am

Keynote Address

His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)

11:15 – 11:45am

Morning Tea

11:45 – 1:15pm

Session 2: Impact of the RDA on Public Law and Human Rights

Professor George Williams AO, The University of New South Wales – *The constitution and the RDA*

Professor Beth Gaze, The University of Melbourne – *The RDA after 40 years: advancing equality, or sliding into obsolescence?*

Professor Marcia Langton, The University of Melbourne – *Indigenous people, native title and the RDA*

Professor Hilary Charlesworth, Australian National University – *Translating international standards at the national level: the Koowarta case and the RDA*

1:15 – 2:15pm

Lunch

2:15 – 3:30 pm

Session 3: Philosophical Questions

Professor Duncan Ivison, The University of Sydney – *Tolerance and solidarity*

Associate Professor Geoffrey Levey, The University of New South Wales – *Why the proposed RDA reforms were lost*

Dr Peter Balint, The University of New South Wales – *Racial discrimination and racial tolerance: a location and defence*

3:30 – 3:45pm

Afternoon Tea

3:45 – 5:15pm

Session 4: Racial Vilification

Associate Professor David Rolph, The University of Sydney – *The Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth), Defamation and Freedom of Speech*

Professor Adrienne Stone, The University of Melbourne – *The constitution, freedom of speech and the RDA*

Peter Wertheim AM, Executive Council of Australian Jewry – *Freedom and social cohesion: a law that protects both*

Associate Professor Winnifred R. Louis & Professor Matthew J. Hornsey, University of Queensland - *Psychological dimensions of racial vilification and harassment*

Close



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9:00 – 10:00am

Session 5: Cyber Racism

Professor Andrew Jakubowicz, University of Technology Sydney - *Who are the racists in cyberspace? Understanding how to build communities of race hate and the implications for resilience in target communities*

Professor Kevin Dunn & Rosalie Atie, University of Western Sydney - *Cyber Racism: experiencing racism on the Internet, what do people feel and do?*

Professor Gail Mason, The University of Sydney - *Regulating cyber-racism*

10:00 – 11:15am

Session 6: Attributes

Kate Eastman SC, Sixth Floor St James Hall Chambers – *Mere definition? The race and religion intersection in the application of the Racial Discrimination Act.*

Mariam Veiszadeh, Lawyer and Muslim Community Advocate – *Muslims and the RDA*

Diana MacTiernan, Equal Opportunity Commission of Western Australia – *English language testing – is there systemic discrimination?*

11.15 – 11:30am

Morning Tea

11:30 – 12:45pm

Session 7: Systemic Outcomes

Professor Simon Rice AM, Australian National University – *It's only a law: the gulf between the RDA and equality*

Professor Luke McNamara & Professor Katharine Gelber, University of Wollongong – *The impact of hate speech laws on public discourse in Australia: 1989-2009*

Tracey Raymond, Australian Human Rights Commission – *Alternative Dispute Resolution: an effective tool for addressing racial discrimination?*

12:45 – 1:45pm

Lunch

1:45 – 3:15pm

Session 8: Special Measures

Dr Sarah Pritchard SC, Eleven Wentworth – *Special measures, RDA and CERD*

Jonathon Hunyor, North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency – *Alcohol, racial discrimination, special measures and human rights*

Professor Megan Davis, The University of New South Wales – *NT Intervention (TBC)*

Dr Shelley Bielefeld, University of Western Sydney & Professor Jon Altman, Australian National University – *NT Intervention and constitutional recognition*

3:15 – 3:30pm

Concluding Remarks

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