

Briefing

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Events in Victoria July 2018



4 July. Seminar/Forum: 'Asia Power Index'. Global wealth and power are shifting eastwards. Three of the world's four largest economies are in Asia, and the fourth, the United States, is a Pacific power. By 2025, two-thirds of the world's population will live in Asia, compared with just over a tenth in the West. Asia's economic transformation is reshaping the global distribution of power changing the way the region and the world work politically and strategically. New tools are needed to track and understand the geopolitical changes at play. The Lowy Institute Asia Power Index is an analytical tool that aims to sharpen the debate on power dynamics in Asia. Join Hervé Lemahieu and Bonnie Bley, the principal researchers behind the project, for a discussion on the methodology and wide-ranging findings of the Index. Free. 12.00 to 1.30 pm. Room 321, Level 3, Sidney Myer Asia Centre, University of Melbourne Parkville campus. [Information and tickets](#)

7–8 July. National conference: 'Politics and Protest – the fight for refugee rights'. The Australian Refugee Action Network is hosting its second national conference on the fight for refugee rights. The conference is open to anyone interested in refugee activism and advocacy. Participants will discuss the political context and campaign priorities, share ideas and experience for mobilising and effective campaigning and explore ideas for strengthening national coordination. Cost: \$75 full / \$40 concession (includes lunches). Conference dinner: additional \$35. Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (Victoria Branch), 535 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne (between Victoria and Queensberry Streets). [Information and bookings](#).

10 July. Panel: 'Blockchain and the future of the for-purpose sector'. Melbourne Development Circle presents an evening with Jason Potts, Director of the RMIT Blockchain Innovation Hub, Nick Byrne, CEO and Co-Founder of TypeHuman, and Amanda Robinson, Head of Social Innovation at the Australian Red Cross, discussing the impact that blockchain technologies will have on the most vulnerable and marginalised in our society, and the role of the for-purpose sector in facilitating blockchain-enabled social change. The panel will be facilitated by Ellie Rennie, Chief Investigator of the ARC Linkage project the Dynamics of Digital Inclusion. Cost: \$22. 6.00 to 8.30 pm. City of Melbourne Bowls Club, Flagstaff Gardens, Dudley St, West Melbourne. [Information and tickets](#)

12 July. Jean McCaughey Oration: 'Close the Gap for Vision'. In 2008 the National Indigenous Eye Health Survey showed that, although Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children had much less poor vision than non-indigenous children, by the age of 40 and above Indigenous adults had six times as much blindness. However, 94 per cent of their vision loss and blindness was unnecessary and could be prevented or treated. Following extensive consultation with community and providers the sector-endorsed Roadmap to Close the Gap for Vision was launched in 2012. It has 42 recommendations for appropriate and accessible eye care services. Presenter: Professor Hugh R Taylor, Professor of Indigenous Eye Health at the University of Melbourne. Cost: Free. 6.00 to 7.30 pm. The Spot - B01 (Copland Theatre), 198 Berkeley Street, The University of Melbourne, Carlton. [Information and tickets](#)

16 July. Conference: 'query:data'. Join Australia's leading researchers, regulators, advocates and businesses to discuss the evolving consumer policy and practice landscape across the fields of privacy, competition and consumer law, data ethics, machine learning and open data. Presented by the Consumer Law Centre. Cost: \$151.24 to \$278.29. 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. ZINC Federation Square, Corner of Flinders and Swanston Streets, Melbourne. [Information and tickets](#)

19 July. Lecture: 'Human Rights and Palestine in the Age of Trump'. Noura Erakat is a human rights attorney and an Assistant Professor at George Mason University. She is a powerful spokesperson for the Palestinian cause. Cost: \$20.00. concession \$10.00. 7.00 to 9.00 pm, State Library - Village Roadshow Theatre, 179 La Trobe Street, Melbourne. [Information and tickets](#).

20 July. The Annual Castan Centre for Human Rights Law Conference. Presenters include: Kristen Hilton, Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner; Professor Frank Brennan, Australian

Catholic University; Professor Megan Davis, Member, UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Habiburrahman, Rohingya activist; Adjunct Professor George Newhouse, Macquarie University and the Principal Solicitor of the National Justice Project; Ivy Josiah, Secretary-General, Society for the Promotion of Human Rights, Malaysia (A Maurice Blackburn Visiting Activist); Tara Moss, Author and human rights advocate; Josh Bornstein, Company Director, Principal Lawyer, National Head of Employment Law, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers; David Ritter, CEO, Greenpeace Australia Pacific. Cost: various. 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, The Edge, Federation Square, Corner Swanston and Flinders Street, Melbourne. [Information and registration](#).

24 July. Dungala Kaiela Oration: ‘Self-determination and the sharing of dreams: Maori and Aboriginal Australians telling stories’. Moana Jackson has said he wishes to see the world’s Indigenous Peoples ‘at home in country, and at home in the world’. In this 10th annual Dungala Kaiela Oration, Moana Jackson will argue that the hundreds of Indigenous Peoples who helped draft the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples had many hopes and aspirations, perhaps the most common and important being that all Indigenous Peoples would once again be able to determine their own destinies; that the right of self-determination that had been so long denied would once again be accorded recognition, so that the people could flourish and prosper. So what else might Indigenous Peoples imagine for the future, what else might societies need to be brave about? Moana will explore those questions and seek answers, confident in the belief that the Yorta Yorta people, like all Indigenous Peoples, can dare to dream new dreams. Free. 5.00 to 7.00 pm. Rumbalara Football Netball Club, Shepparton. [Information and tickets](#)

30 July. Lecture: ‘Is there a Trump Foreign Policy Doctrine?’ The rollercoaster presidency of Donald Trump has been met with both scorn and adoration. Robert Lieber will offer an assessment of how far Trump foreign policy represents continuity or revolution and whether there is a doctrinal basis to his world view. The lecture will differentiate between the President’s personal behaviour and the policies he pursues. Presenter: Professor Robert Lieber, Georgetown University. Free. 6.15 to 7.45 pm. The University of Melbourne, Elisabeth Murdoch, Parkville campus, Spencer Road. Enquiries: Email. [Information and tickets](#)

30 July to 29 October. Course: ‘Equity and Sustainability’. Pope Francis worked closely with designers of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to help align the moral energies of the churches and world religions, with efforts to overcome the challenges of global inequality and threats to the environment, especially from climate change. This 12-week unit at Yarra Theological Union within the University of Divinity, under the title ‘Equity and Sustainability’, examines the moral convergence between Pope Francis and the program of the SDGs. Presenter: Dr Bruce Duncan. Monday nights 6.00 to 9.00 pm. Enquiries: (03) 9890 3771 and [email](#). [Information](#)

31 July. Lecture: ‘Policing marginalised communities – Addressing injustice’. In the wake of a series of international scandals and controversies, the relationship between police and marginalised communities has gained increased attention. This public seminar brings together an international panel of speakers to discuss the complexities underlying this challenging relationship. Presenters: Paul Betts, West Midlands Police and; Professor Ian Loader, Oxford University. Cost: Free. 5.30 to 7.00 pm, Kwong Lee Dow Building, University of Melbourne Parkville campus, 234 Queensberry Street. Enquiries: (03) 8344 0472 and [email](#). [Information and tickets](#)

6–7 August. National Homelessness Conference 2018. The release of 2016 Census reveals a 13.7 per cent increase of people experiencing homelessness over the five year period. The Conference will bring together policy makers and practitioners from across Australia to learn, engage and network. This is a major national event aimed at ending homelessness in Australia. Presented by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) and Homelessness Australia. Cost: \$330–\$880. 8.00 to 5.30 pm daily. Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), Brunston Ave, Richmond. Enquiries: (03) 9660 2300. [Information and tickets](#)

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