



From the CHASS Executive Director

Dear CHASS members, sponsors and supporters

Welcome to the October edition of the CHASS Newsletter.

As the new Executive Director let me first congratulate my predecessor, Padma Menon, on her stewardship of CHASS this year. She raised the profile of the organisation and made many new friends for CHASS with her professional approach and quiet manner. The Public Service called and Padma answered so we can only wish her well in her new career. Thank you for your contributions and your management skills.



As planned, so well by Padma and others, we held the Inaugural National Forum in Canberra on 25-26 September. The event attracted large audiences, including college students, for the diverse program of plenary and concurrent sessions. The overall theme of the Forum was 'The Human Dimension' and the importance of the event was emphasised in the opening remarks by the Prime Minister, the Honourable Julia Gillard, MP in her welcome video. This video and the overall Program can be seen on the [CHASS website](#).

Highlights from the Forum included Keynote Addresses by international guests Lars Klüver (*Embracing the human and social dimension of technology and innovation*) and Harsh Shrivastava (*Peoples and Profit? How can HASS help?*). Also, the hypothetical on *Who decides the Public Good?* was a real crowd pleaser with its blend of fantasy, humour and perceived risks for communities, business and government in the making of public policy.

We were delighted with the response to all sessions and will be providing videos and photographs of the keynotes and other presentations as well as some of the main points from each of the sessions on our website.

My special thanks to Secretariat staff, Divya Das, Julia Martin and Alecia Secombe for their hard work and dedication in organising the National Forum and making it a great success.

Dr Jules Wills
Executive Director CHASS

Snapshots from the Inaugural CHASS National Forum 2012



2 Days

52 Speakers 2 International Speakers

6 Plenary Sessions 6 Concurrent Sessions

Some participant reactions:

"First class sessions and speakers. Well done!"

"I thought the content was great. The mix of speakers made it really interesting, to see them try to understand each other's views."

"..an excellent Forum..I was very pleased to participate and represent my organisation. I personally gained some excellent insights and made a number of valuable contacts which will enhance my own and my organisation's research initiatives."

"The things they were talking about in the art and technology session – really challenging, thought-provoking – and scary."

"I liked the whole format and can't think of any negatives. I loved the hypothetical – it was so lively!"

Click to see:

[Message from the Honourable Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia](#)

[International Speaker Keynote Address: Lars Klüver](#)

[International Speaker Keynote Address: Harsh Shrivastava](#)

[National Forum photos](#)

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Member and Sector Updates

[World Indigenous Business Forum, 22-26 October, Sydney](#)

The [Indigenous Leadership Development Institute, Inc.](#) (ILDI) invites you to participate in the 2012 World Indigenous Business Forum in Sydney. This event is an opportunity for leaders to come together to share experiences and insights to raise the level of success for our communities globally. The venture gives Indigenous representatives exposure to an incredible line up of [speakers](#) from around the world. WIBF is designed to provide delegates with a unique learning experience and the opportunity to network and develop proactive partnerships and form strategic alliances with other global Indigenous leaders.

[Alliance for Healthy Cities 5th Global Conference, 22 - 31 October, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre](#)

The Alliance for Healthy Cities is an international network aiming at protecting and enhancing community health through the approach called 'Healthy Cities'. Many national, state and local government community plans and health, environment and transport strategies across the Asia and Pacific region have been informed by this participatory approach. The main theme of the conference is 'Healthy Urbanisation - Healthy People'. It will be a foundation towards implementing the key domains of WHO's Regional Framework for Scaling Up and Expanding Healthy Cities in the Western Pacific 2011-2015 and complement the federal, state and local government initiatives that seek to advance community well-being through cooperative and participatory initiatives. The Conference Chair is Dr Peter Davey, School of Environment, Nathan Campus, Brisbane, Australia Secretary Australian Chapter - Asia Pacific AFHC and Asia Pacific AFHC Steering Committee Member supported by WHO Manila Office.

[The Argumentative Indian Conference, Australia India Institute, University of Melbourne, 31 October – 2 November](#)

The Australia India Institute will hold its third conference in Melbourne titled ***The Argumentative Indian: Critical Debates in the World's Largest Democracy & Perspectives from Australia***. The conference will pose a number of challenging questions from a variety of perspectives – economic, social, political and cultural. The event has been organised with the expectation that it will facilitate fearless independent thinkers to debate the ideas that will shape tomorrow's India in this Indo-Pacific century. List of [speakers](#) and [programme](#) available online.

[CREATEC Book Launch, 8 November, Mount Lawley, WA](#)

CREATEC, Fremantle Press, the International Centre for Landscape and Language, and the ECU Shop at Mount Lawley invite you to a 'mega-launch' of four environmentally focused books by ECU staff members. Fusing art and science, words and images, *Two with Nature: Ellen Hickman & John Ryan* (Fremantle Press, 2012) stimulates new ways of knowing the green world and will be launched by botanical artist Phillipa Nikulinsky and Emeritus Professor Andrew Taylor. *Six Seasons* (ICLL Press, 2012) by Professor Glen Phillips refers to the traditional six seasons in Nyungar culture and will be launched by Professor Dennis Haskell. *The Woman River* (ICLL Press, 2012), a chapbook by Professor Glen Phillips will be launched by Professor Dennis Haskell. *Green Sense* (TrueHeart Academic, 2012) by John Ryan, an interdisciplinary study of human sensory relationships to wild plants will be launched by Professor Glenn Albrecht. Please RSVP by 5 November to createc.conferences@ecu.edu.au

[Remembering Titanic – 100 years, till 11 November, Australian National Maritime Museum](#)

Remembering Titanic – 100 years presents the history of the epic tragedy of Titanic's sinking; from construction to fateful sinking and rediscovery, and the controversy surrounding it. Drawing on replica objects, ship models, memorabilia, newspapers, and graphics the exhibition concentrates on the human stories behind the disaster from the 'unsinkable' Molly Brown to the unsung heroes like junior wireless operator Harold Sydney Bride and Arthur Henry Rostron, Captain of the *Carpathia* which came to *Titanic's* aid. Visitors to the exhibition will see a large memorial wall at entry to the exhibition, which lists the names of all known survivors and victims of the sinking and provides a dramatic visual of the size of the disaster.

[2012 TASA Conference, School of Social Science and Institute for Social Science Research, The University of Queensland, 26 – 29 November](#)

The Australian Sociological Association Annual Conference 2012 will be a joint event including The Australian Sociological Association (TASA) and the Sociological Association of Aotearoa New Zealand (SAANZ), including a special trans-Tasman plenary session. The theme of the 2012 conference is 'Emerging and Enduring Inequalities'. Keynote speakers include Professor Katherine Newman (widely published expert on poverty and the working poor, John Hopkins University) and Professor Loïc Wacquant (global intellectual and researcher on urban marginality, ethnoracial domination, the penal state and social theory, University of California, Berkeley).

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