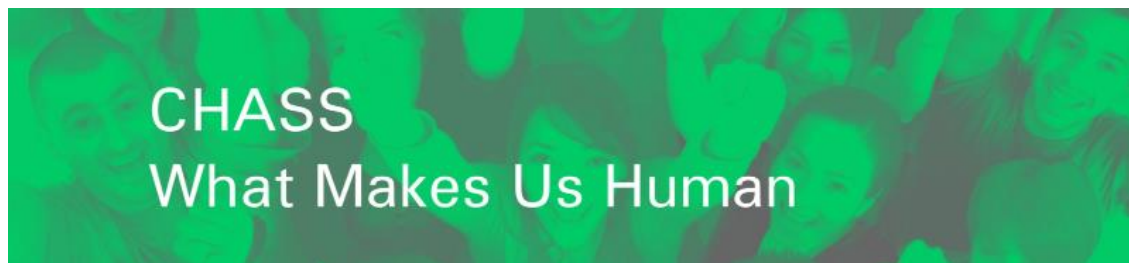


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## Message from our President

This year's National Forum offers an opportunity to explore and propose action on the ways in which our sector contributes now and will contribute in future to the creation of a creative and inspiring Australia.

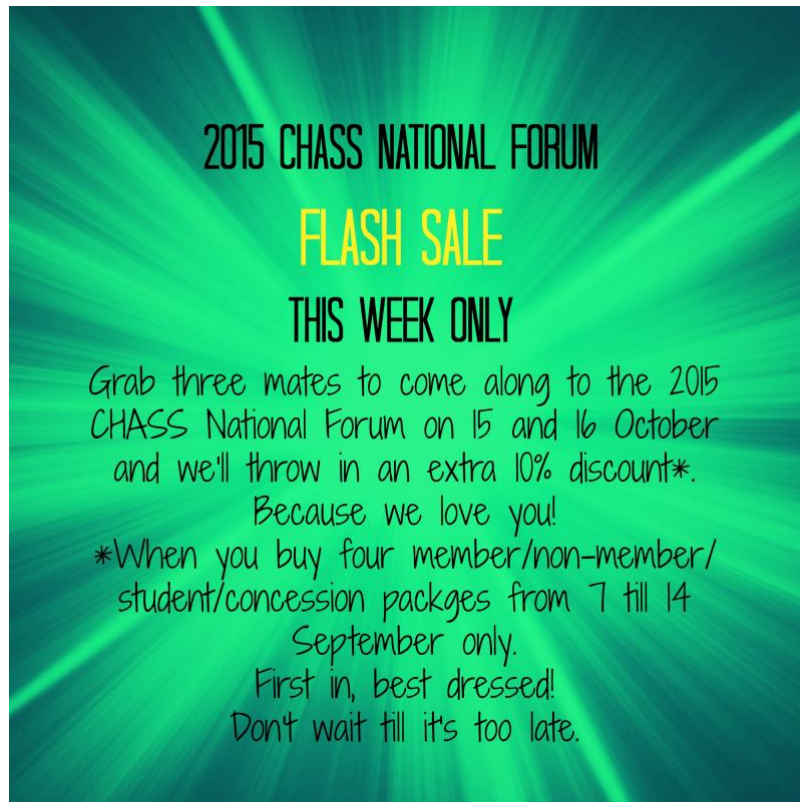
There will be a key discussion about the establishment and role of a Chief Social Scientist. The establishment of such a role to take a lead in the design and development of evidence-based policy is a significant element in the articulation of knowledge and society. CHASS has a key role to play in this debate which depends on the articulation of the relevant Academies, universities and other organisations. CHASS provides the network for the right conversations to happen.

In addition, the forum will also address the idea that STEM needs to become STEAM. I was recently at a breakfast meeting with the senior management of the NSW Primary Industries ministry and a topic was their current SharkSmart app designed to help people reduce their risk of shark attack. I asked how they co-ordinated the development of this primarily scientific project with shark studies from other disciplines (for example, the project between Law Schools at Macquarie University and UWA to look at how best to establish transnational legal protocols better to ensure shark conservation and protection in the Indian Ocean). They had few mechanisms for this but could see the point. I was recently part of a multi-national team funded by the British Union against Vivisection to survey current practice in live animal experimentation. The report stands and falls on the scientific critique provided by the doctors, vets and life scientists who formed the majority of the team but it was interesting that it was felt worthwhile to invite me (an historian) to provide some context around popular opinion about vivisection and shifting attitudes over time.

Perhaps the most important task before us is to establish the validity of our sector and its capabilities to broaden and enrich even the most pragmatic STEM projects. CHASS and its National Forum offers a collective voice to make the case articulately and convincingly.

Professor John Simons  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Macquarie University

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## **2015 CHASS National Forum *Inspiring a Creative Australia*, 15 and 16 October, Melbourne**

**FLASH SALE - Book before midnight AEST on 14 September and save minimum \$60 per person. CHASS members can save an additional \$66 per person, that's a total saving of \$126! Offer available only when you buy four or more packages.**

[Click here to view the latest program](#)

Speakers include Chief Scientist Professor Ian Chubb AC, Tony Grybowski (Australia Council for the Arts), The Hon Dr Brendan Nelson (Australian War Memorial), Dr Lisa O'Brien (The Smith Family), Claire Spencer (Arts Centre Melbourne), poet Chris Wallace-Crabbe AM, and Sally Warhaft (The Wheeler Centre).

[Click here to view the list of confirmed speakers](#)

[Click here to register via Eventbrite](#)

The 2015 CHASS Australia Prizes will be announced over lunch on the 15th. Please join us as we celebrate the achievements of authors, artists, practitioners, leaders and students in the humanities, arts and social sciences in Australia with our lunch keynote speaker, Deborah Joy Cheetham AO.

[2015 CHASS Australia Prize for a Book Shortlist Announced](#)

**[Book your FLASH ticket now!](#)**

## Notice: 12th CHASS Annual General Meeting, 16 October, Melbourne

CHASS members are hereby notified that the annual general meeting (AGM) will be held on Friday, 16 October in Melbourne.

**Venue:** Law Boardroom, Level 10, Law Building, The University of Melbourne, 185 Pelham Street

**Time:** 8am - 9am

All members of CHASS are invited to attend the AGM. The agenda for the meeting includes the following items:

- Report from the CHASS Vice-President on activities of CHASS during the financial year 2014-15
- Statement of accounts and auditor's report for financial year 2014-15

If you haven't renewed your annual membership yet, please do it before the AGM. Current financial members can vote at the AGM and stand for elections of the Board, when there is an opportunity. Members have access to services such as the daily media monitoring update, event listings on our website and newsletter, profiling opportunities in our newsletter, and social media promotion. This year, members will also be able to take advantage of [additional discounts to attend the 2015 CHASS National Forum](#), which will take place in Melbourne on 15 and 16 October. So be sure to renew your membership and continue to remain part of an essential network for communication and collaboration across the diverse disciplines and institutions operating in the HASS sector.

[Register for the 12th CHASS AGM](#)

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## Hawke EU Centre, CHASS and RMIT present: After the Fall with Ralf Blomqvist, Main Dialog and Misha Ketchell, The Conversation (Public Lecture), 6 October, Melbourne

What happens when customers disrupt an entire industry? Rapidly changing consumption habits are forcing newspaper companies across Europe to question business models, products and practises that kept them successful for decades.

Fuelled by a social media explosion and empowered by mobile technology, most consumers now face an abundance of choice in terms of news and media consumption. In a commoditised media landscape, where everybody can publish and distribute content, old notions of customer needs and the role of "news" need to give way for emerging thought models on co-creation and context-driven development.

As part of the Hawke EU Centre for Mobilities, Migrations and Cultural Transformations Annual Lecture Series, Ralf Blomqvist will draw from his experience as senior advisor to several

leading Nordic media companies to deliver a talk reflecting on recent developments in Northern Europe and depict a way forward for an industry that almost lost touch with its customers.

*Presented by the Hawke EU Centre for Mobilities, Migrations and Cultural Transformations in partnership with the RMIT EU Centre and CHASS.*

[Register for the public lecture](#)

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## Sector and Member Events

Registrations open 15 September: [JERAA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference 'Dangerous Journalism'](#) 30 November–2 December, Bathurst

[John Western Public Lecture](#) The University of Queensland, 21 September, St Lucia

Public event: [Ideas & Society: Fear and Greed? Australia-China Relations](#) La Trobe University, 21 September, Melbourne

[2015 Don Aitkin Lecture 'Do people get the government they deserve?'](#) The University of Canberra, 22 September

Griffith Law Public Lecture: [Moving beyond good intentions - The Road to Refugee Rights](#) Griffith University, 23 September, Brisbane

[2015 Australian Political Studies Association Annual Conference](#) The University of Canberra, 27–29 September

[Inaugural Early Start Conference \*Improving Children's Lives: Translating Research For Practice, Policy And Community\*](#) University Of Wollongong, 28–30 September

Early bird registrations close 2 October: [TASA 2015 Neoliberalism and Contemporary Challenges for the Asia-Pacific](#) 23–26 November, Cairns

Applications close 16 October: [2015 National Industry Scholarship Grant Initiative for Women's Leadership](#)

[2015 ANZSEE Conference \*Local, Regional, National and Global Sustainability\*](#) University of New England, 19–23 October, Armidale

[2015 ACHRC Annual Meeting](#) 9–10 November, Auckland

[2015 ASSA Annual Symposium 'Social Insurance for the 21st Century? Exploring pathways for a sustainable, equitable and effective welfare system'](#) 17 November, Canberra

[ACU St Mary of the Cross Pilgrimages](#) 23–27 November

[The 20th Annual Conference of the Australasian Association of Writing Programs \*Writing the ghost train: Rewriting, remaking, rediscovering\*](#) Swinburne University of Technology, 29 November–1 December

[AAA2015 Conference On the Edge: The Archaeology of Adaptation and Transition](#) The University of Western Australia, 2–4 December

Conference: [Young People and the Politics of Outrage and Hope](#) Deakin University, 7–8 December, Melbourne

[National Visual Art Education Conference 2016 \*New directions: practice + innovation + learning\*](#) National Gallery of Australia, 20–22 January 2016, Canberra

[2016 ANZATS Conference \*The Atonement\*](#) 3–6 July 2016, Melbourne

Inviting applications: [Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc. \(AACAI\) Student Support Fund 2016](#)

Inviting proposals: [Love & the Word – AULLA Conference 2016](#)

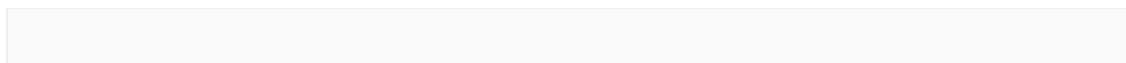
Ongoing exhibition: [Black Armada - Australian Support in Upholding Indonesian Independence](#) Australian National Maritime Museum

[Majors 2016 Seasons](#) AMPAG

[Institute of Australian Geographers' Conference 2016](#) Adelaide

Publications available for download - [Stats and Stories: The Impact of the Arts in Regional Australia](#) Regional Arts Australia

*Note: While we take due care to list correct information about events listed here, all listings are subject to change and we advise that you reconfirm details before making bookings. Please like our Facebook page for more updates on available grants and sector events.*



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