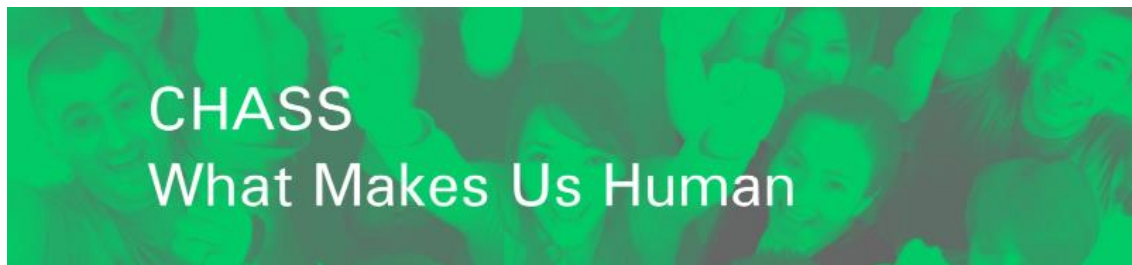


CHASS Newsletter April 2017

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## Hello readers, and welcome to the April issue of our newsletter

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Emeritus Professor Steven Schwartz AM as the Patron of our Australia Prizes. The CHASS Australia Prizes were conceived by him in 2014 and he continues to be an important advocate of what we do, so the choice was obvious. We are grateful for his enthusiasm, continued support of our objectives, and patronage of our annual celebration of achievements in the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) sector in Australia.

In addition, Steven will be our keynote speaker at the 2017 Australia Prizes Dinner on 10

October in Melbourne. Please save the date in your diaries and we hope to see you there. Tickets will go on sale later this year, watch this space for related announcements.

Nominations have started coming in for all four categories and we are encouraging everyone to apply early to beat any last-minute delays. Remember, nominations will need to be submitted by 5pm AEST on **30 June 2017**. To be fair to all applicants, incomplete/late submissions will not be accepted.

[Nominations can be made online](#) and there's more information about the Prizes as you scroll down. There is no nomination fee for any category and self-nominations are welcome. Please [read the guidelines for each category](#) carefully before submitting. All nominated works must be relevant to Australian cultural and intellectual life, and must be in English. Only permanent residents or citizens of Australia are eligible. Please circulate this call-out amongst your networks and encourage colleagues and friends to apply.

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## **Australasian Consortium of Humanities Research Centres (ACHRC) 2017 Humanities in the Regions Symposium, 18-19 May, University of New England**

The 2017 Humanities in the Regions symposium will focus on the dissemination of practical information about research success in the Humanities and Creative Arts. [Registration](#) is free.

This two-day event combines presentations on practical aspects of working on Humanities-projects from the regions, expertise in collaboration and grant writing partnerships, and workshops aimed at generating research outcomes.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from a range of peak body organisations, and to learn strategies for building strong research connections across universities and cultural institutions at both local and international levels. A range of workshops have been designed to explore key issues in our research practice:

- How do researchers in the Humanities build meaningful connections beyond their regional setting?
- How do we build partnerships to demonstrate and accentuate our impact within our regions?
- How do we develop strategies to maximise and communicate the benefits of our unique research environments when applying for grants?

Over two days, participants will hear keynote addresses from leading researchers and be invited to participate in panel discussions, as well as engage in workshops on key topics with peers. The workshops will give opportunities to discuss ideas with expert mentors and to reflect on how best practice can be applied at home institutions. The event will stimulate debate on future trajectories for research, will build cross-institutional connections and research synergies, and will enable strategies for funding success.

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## **The Australian Sociological Association (TASA) Conference 2017: Belonging in a Mobile World, 27-30**

## November 2017, The University of Western Australia

The University of Western Australia will this year host the [2017 Australian Sociological Association Conference](#), which returns to Perth after ten years.

As one of the most isolated cities in the world, with a very high migrant population, and highly mobile workforce including temporary visa holders and fly-in-fly-out workers, but also a range of issues around immobility, Perth is well placed to host a conference on the theme 'Belonging in a Mobile World'. UWA promotes itself as being 'in the zone' – the same general time zone as 60 percent of the world's population – a gateway to the Indo-Pacific region, 'Looking north, thinking east, facing west'. Thus its relationship to this part of the world, its economies, cultures and peoples, and engagement with it through movement, commerce and technology, are key areas of interest.

The Call for Abstracts and Papers is now open and closes on 1 June. TASA is particularly keen to invite colleagues from social sciences departments in the Indo-Pacific region to contribute to the conference discussions.

TASA is very pleased to have an extraordinary set of keynotes/plenaries including Professors Mimi Sheller, Anthony Elliott, Sharon Pickering, and Matthew Tonts. This year's conference includes sessions on the anthropology/sociology nexus, criminal justice and Indigenous peoples, and the latest on the ethics of research. In addition, a social research methods half-day will be held on the Friday after the conference.



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## ECOCITY World Summit 2017, 12-14 July 2017, Melbourne




[ECOCITY 2017: \*Changing Cities: Resilience and Transformations\*](#) is being hosted by the University of Melbourne, Western Sydney University, the Government of Victoria and the City of Melbourne. The 2017 Summit will bring together a diverse mix of researchers, policy makers and citizens with a common focus on identifying and creating pathways to more sustainable, resilient and equitable cities.

ECOCITY 2017 will address the unprecedented ecological, economic, political and cultural challenges – and opportunities – facing the world's cities through a focus on six major themes:

- Climate and energy transformations
  - Food and water security
  - Smart cities for people
  - Healthy and caring cities
  - Culturally vibrant cities
  - Governance, infrastructure and finance
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2017 CHASS Australia  
Book Prize

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This Prize is for a non-fiction book/e-book in any HASS area published between 1 January and 31 December 2016. Books should be by a single author or, at most, two authors. Edited collections are not eligible. Books are not required to deal solely with Australian topics. For example, biographies of non-Australians and books about events that took place outside of Australia are acceptable.



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2017 CHASS Australia  
Distinctive Work Prize

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This Prize is for a performance, exhibition, research project or a specific advance in policy development in any HASS field. Performances or exhibitions must have been open to the public between 1 January and 31 December 2016. Policy work and research may have commenced earlier, but must have been completed during 2016. Nominees should provide sufficient evidence to allow judges to assess the impact of the nominated work. Performances, exhibitions or policy work may have taken place abroad.



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**2017 CHASS Australia  
Future Leader Prize**

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This Prize is for an early career professional in any HASS discipline. It recognises the nominee's professional achievements and contribution to the advancement of the HASS sector. Nominees must be 30 years or under as at 31 December 2016. Nominators should provide a copy of their updated CV outlining their professional history and showing professional achievements and contribution in their functional/specialist area, and sufficient evidence to allow judges to assess their leadership. The work may have taken place abroad.



**APPLY NOW!**  
**2017 CHASS Australia  
Student Prize**

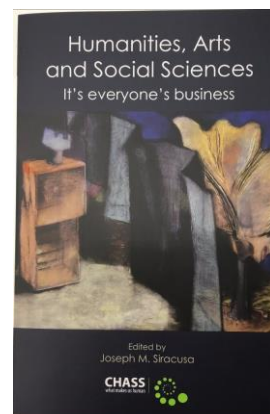
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This Prize is for a student essay, project, performance or exhibition that best exemplifies the contribution of HASS to our understanding of our nation and us. The nominated work must have been completed between 1 January and 31 December 2016. Students enrolled at any level in any Australian educational institution are eligible. Nominators should provide sufficient evidence to allow judges to assess their work.

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## CHASS Book - Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences *It's everyone's business*

Published by Routledge with essays collated and edited by CHASS President Professor Joseph M. Siracusa, [Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences: It's everyone's business](#) is a must-read. In producing this pocket book featuring a range of essays by prominent Australian and international researchers, CHASS's goal is to illustrate the diverse ways in which the humanities, arts and social sciences provide essential services to all citizens in all walks of life.



The book was officially launched by our distinguished dinner speaker Robyn Archer AO at the 2016 CHASS Australia Prizes Dinner in October 2016 in Melbourne. Robyn has also written the book's Foreword. We have distributed over 1500 copies nationally since the launch. If you haven't received a copy, [please download it here](#).

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