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2017 CHASS Australia Book Prize Longlist announced

The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) has announced the longlist for its prestigious 2017 Australia Prize for a Book. The Book Prize will be awarded to an Australian citizen or permanent resident whose book, published between 1 January and 31 December 2016, contributes most to Australian cultural and intellectual life.

The six longlisted titles, from an entry field of 136 print and e-books in the non-fiction category are (alphabetical author name):

- **The Conservative Human Rights Revolution: European Identity, Transnational Politics, and the Origins of the European Convention**, by Marco Duranti and published by Oxford University Press
- **The Art of Time Travel: Historians and Their Craft**, by Tom Griffiths and published by Black Inc.
- **Position Doubtful: Mapping Landscapes and Memories**, by Kim Mahood and published by Scribe Publications
- **From the Edge: Australia's Lost Histories**, by Mark McKenna and published by Melbourne University Press
- **Evatt: A life**, by John Murphy and published by NewSouth Publishing
- **Atomic Thunder: The Maralinga Story**, by Elizabeth Tynan and published by NewSouth Publishing

The shortlist of three titles will be announced later this month. The winner of the 2017 CHASS Australia Prize for a Book will receive a cash prize of \$3,500. The Prize, sponsored by Routledge, will be presented at the 2017 CHASS Australia Prizes Dinner on October 10 in Melbourne.

The judges for the Book prize are Colin Steele FAHA, Emeritus Fellow, Australian National University (Chair); Ian Howie, Adjunct Professor, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University; Dr Tom Karmel, Former Managing Director, National Centre for Vocational Education Research; Professor Joseph Siracusa, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University and President, CHASS; and Professor Christina Twomey FAHA FASSA, Head of School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies, Monash University.

EVENT INFORMATION FOR YOUR DIARY/CALENDAR AND EVENTS PAGES:

What: 2017 CHASS Australia Prizes

Where: Storey Hall Auditorium, Building 16, RMIT University, Melbourne

When: 6-10pm, 10 October 2017

Distinguished Dinner Speaker: Emeritus Professor Steven Schwartz AM, Patron of the annual Australia Prizes

Cost per person (including GST): CHASS Member: \$121, Non-Member: \$132, Student/Concession: \$108

Web: <https://2017-chass-australia-prizes-dinner.eventbrite.com.au>

For more information, please contact CHASS Executive Officer Divya Das on 03 9925 3935 or via membership@chass.org.au.



Further information

About the CHASS Australia Prizes

Established in 2014, the CHASS Australia Prizes are designed to honour distinguished achievements by Australians working, studying or training in the HASS (Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences) areas, including academics, practitioners, philanthropists, policy makers and students. The Australia Prizes are intended to draw international attention to Australia's achievements in HASS. In 2017, four prizes will be given out. Two are cash prizes of \$3,500 each and sponsored by Routledge: one for a non-fiction **Book** that enriches Australian cultural and intellectual life, the second for **Distinctive Work**, an exceptional artistic performance, exhibition, film, television show, play, composition or practical contribution to arts policy. The third cash prize of \$2,000 sponsored by Future Leaders is for a **Future Leader**, an individual under 35 years of age demonstrating leadership skill and potential in HASS. The Co-Op has sponsored the fourth prize valued at \$500 for a **Student** essay, exhibition, performance, project or thesis in any HASS area. This year, Emeritus Professor Steven Schwartz AM was appointed as the Patron of the annual Prizes.

About CHASS

Established in 2004, the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) promotes and provides advocacy services for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences in Australia. It serves as a coordinating forum for teachers, researchers, professionals and practitioners in the sector. Supporting more than 75 member organisations in their relationships with policy makers and the broader community, CHASS is an important network for knowledge and skills. It provides a strong voice to the sector and helps members to contribute to public debate through programs for knowledge exchange and media awareness. For more information, please visit www.chass.org.au or call CHASS Executive Officer Divya Das on (03) 9925 3935.