

## CHASS NEWS

Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

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### **URGENT: 2010 HASS On The Hill *Structured Conversations* postponed**

The next Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (HASS) On The Hill will bring researchers, artists and professional groups together with policy makers at Parliament House in Canberra. However, we are moving the date from October and rescheduling, probably to March 2011.

The Council reviewed the timing of HASS On The Hill in light of the political uncertainty about the operation of Parliament and administrative arrangements for executive government.

The decision was to postpone so that we can ensure good rates of participation by Members of Parliament and Senators. This will also allow Members of Parliament to have more time to focus on policy and research issues affecting the HASS sector once they have adapted to operating in the new environment of a minority government.

The Council is pleased the major parties have reconfirmed their commitment to the HASS sector and HASS On The Hill, so that we can work with them to make the event a success. The events of the election campaign, and after, reinforce the aims of HASS On The Hill. More than ever, fresh ideas and research based advice for policy making are crucial.

The current shape and structure for the workshops and other planned events for HASS On The Hill will remain in place, with the program including:

- Workshops on the **population debate; homelessness in the 21st century; and knowledge exchange** demonstrating how HASS knowledge is vital in brokering good decision making;
- The **Design and Innovation: Connecting Creatives** workshop will focus on how design can be integrated into the Australian innovation system, when there is agreement on the need for creative thinking and skills but few ways to realise the opportunity;
- Galleries, libraries, archives and museums have been testing and developing the new technologies and processes to make their collections accessible for an economy and society needing quality information and knowledge. At the **Galleries, Archives, Libraries & Museums (GLAMS) and Research** session leaders of this sector will discuss the pressing need for investment in these opportunities.
- A **lunch for Early Career Researchers** - an opportunity for some of Australia's emerging talented researchers and potential research leaders to gain an insight into national policy development. *We continue to invite you to nominate one of your registered delegates to participate in the ECR lunch.*

*Numbers are limited and nominees must be registered as standard or sponsored delegates to HASS On The Hill.*

Finally, there is the official dinner, where the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research will bring you up-to-date on policy in the area.

The Council acknowledges and thanks the HASS On The Hill sponsors whose continuing support underwrites this event. Platinum sponsors include Routledge and the Department of Families and Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs - both committed to knowledge exchange and realising the value of the HASS contributions to Australian society. Other sponsors and supporters include the NLA; Australian Council for the Arts; CSIRO; DASSH; Innovative Research Universities; RMIT; ANU; Group of Eight; Macquarie University; and the NTEU. For further information on these sponsors [see the website](#).

The Council thanks the Department for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research. The Department provides funding to support the Council's promotion, coordination and advocacy in the HASS sector, including the HASS On The Hill event.

The registrations page for HASS On The Hill will remain live and I encourage you to [register now](#) and join HASS On The Hill. There will be more news about HASS On The Hill, soon as the 2011 Parliamentary sitting calendar has been announced.

In the meantime please contact us on 02 6201 5437 or email **programs [at] chass.org.au** if you have any questions regarding the program; how to register; or sponsor HASS On The Hill.

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### **Australian Artist Careers**

[Artist Careers](#), two research projects released by the Australia Council for the Arts, paint a comprehensive picture of the working lives of Australia's 44,000 professional artists.

### **Australia's Research Workforce needs**

The Federal Government's discussion paper on "Meeting Australia's Research Workforce Needs" throws up some major challenges for policy makers and research disciplines alike. The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, which has tracked development of a strategy to develop researchers to take Australia to 2020, [sees some opportunities too](#).

### **Restoring wisdom to universities**

Macquarie University vice-chancellor, Steven Schwartz, has warned of the responsibility of modern universities in not only educating their students but investing them with a moral compass, in his [recent annual lecture](#).

### **Landmark gift to the NGA**

Council member, the National Gallery of Australia has recently announced a [landmark gift of \\$7 million](#) from well known Melbourne based philanthropists Pauline Gandel and John Gandel AO.

### **Music Council of Australia strategy group**

The Council's Executive Director has joined a strategy group looking at the future of western art music in Australia. The group's formation follows the Music Council's Classical Music Summit and its recommendation for advancing repertoire and encouraging new audiences. [Australian Musical Futures](#)

### **Call for applications**

The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia's **France, China and The Netherlands** International Programs grants close on COB Friday 8 October 2010. Further information is available on the [Council website](#).

## **HASS at a glance**

### **Turning the page**

How the art of handwriting [is being erased](#) by new technology.

### **Policy on homelessness a rare triumph**

Why Kevin Rudd's [homelessness strategy](#) must continue.

### **Finding Australia's Social Enterprise Sector**

This report examines [Australia's Social Enterprise Sector](#).

### **Culture wars at CSIRO**

CSIRO is going through [massive culture change](#): less pure science, more social science.

### **Academy of the Social Sciences of Australia (ASSA) Symposium 2010**

*Family Fortunes and the Global Financial Crisis - Tuesday 9 November 2010 - Shine Dome, Canberra.* In the context of the Global Financial Crisis, the [2010 ASSA Symposium](#) will examine the effects of the business cycle, including economic downturns, on the relationship between the market, family households and the well-being of children. For more information visit the ASSA website.

### **Families then and now: 1980 - 2010**

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of research by the Australian Institute of Family Studies, a [fact sheet on family trends](#) in Australia has been released.

### **Delay of release of Draft Shape of the Australian Curriculum: The Arts**

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has announced that due to the extension of the federal government caretaker period, the release of the [Draft Shape of the Australian Curriculum: The Arts](#) will now be delayed.

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