

CHASS NEWS

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New dates set for HASS On The Hill

The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences is pleased to announce that **HASS On The Hill** will now be held on 22 and 23 March 2011.

It is more important than ever, that Federal Parliamentarians and other national policy makers understand the value and relevance of research and knowledge in the humanities, arts and social sciences for the future of Australia.

HASS On The Hill is an opportunity to refresh ideas and explore reforms of the policy making process at a time when politicians are increasingly engaging in negotiation and policy compromise.

At previous **HASS On The Hill** meetings, the Council has had considerable success in linking researchers and artists with MPs and Senators. This **HASS On The Hill** will include discussions around major policy issues with research leaders and policy officials, including homelessness, design and innovation and the population debate. An important discussion on the role of Australia's galleries, libraries, archives and museums in the innovations system and knowledge networks of the near future is also included in this year's program - at a time of restricted funding and fast moving change in technology and business process.

The Council is focusing on these events rather than meetings with individual Members of Parliament at the same time working with Federal Parliamentarians to ensure that elected officials with an interest in these issues are included in these structured conversations. Council members however, are encouraged to organise delegations to meet with Members of Parliament and Senators - further information will soon be available on the Council website to assist those wishing to do this.

A lunch for Early Career Researchers has also been introduced to the **HASS On The Hill** program, where they can meet with MPs, Senators and public officials. This is a great opportunity for some of Australia's emerging, talented researchers to gain an insight into national policy development while providing a platform for Australian universities to showcase the next generation of leaders in the HASS disciplines.

The Council invites 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**.

Financial members of the Council and nominees of sponsors have the exclusive opportunity to participate and register for this event. To register and participate in **HASS On The Hill** you must belong to one of our [financial member](#) organisations or be a nominee of a sponsoring organisation.

To register now, please visit the [Council website](#).

For further information on how to register or sponsor, please visit the [Council website](#) or email programs [at] chass.org.au

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Festive greetings

The CHASS board of directors and secretariat wishes you a great festive season and a happy new year. We take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past 12 months and we look forward to working with you again on an exciting program in 2011.

The CHASS office will be closed between 24 December 2010 and 4 January 2011.

ARC Discovery Program

The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences has submitted some responses to the [ARC Discovery Program Consultation](#) and whilst it welcomes the introduction of a new scheme to support early-career researchers, it also believes that continued support for ECR-embedded projects is necessary alongside such a scheme.

Communicating Big Ideas

On 2 December, the Council launched the [Communicating Big Ideas](#) workshop at the University of Canberra. To be rolled out nationally in 2011, the *Communicating Big Ideas* workshops are designed to provide a platform for

discussion, knowledge exchange, media awareness and promotion, and recognition of people, projects and organisations working the humanities, arts and social sciences.

Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia

Professor Ross Garnaut AO recently delivered the [2010 Cunningham Lecture](#) *What if mainstream science is right? The rout of knowledge and analysis in Australian climate change policy (and a chance of recovery)* as part of ASSA's annual symposium.

Australian Laureate Fellowships

The Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, announced at the 2010 Prime Minister's Prizes for Science that the Australian Research Council will award two additional research fellowships, specifically for women, to its funding schemes. One of these fellowships, the Kathleen Fitzpatrick Australian Laureate Fellowship, will be available to a highly ranked woman researcher from the humanities, arts and social sciences. The Council welcomes this announcement and the ongoing support by the Federal Government of research conducted in the HASS sector.

HASS at a glance

Australian Design Alliance

The [launch report](#) for the newly formed Australian Design Alliance, which the Council is a stakeholder in, is now available.

Australian Library and Information Association

[ALIA has called](#) on the Government to release their draft Australian Digital Strategy as soon as possible.

University of Western Australia

The Australian Research Council has recently awarded a [record grant of \\$24 million](#) to an Australian humanities project to the University of Western Australia.

Minister for the Arts

Arts Hub reports on the appointment of the Hon Simon Crean MP, as the [Minister for the Arts](#).

Creativity - the strategic tool of the 21st century

On ABC Radio National, Tani de Jong and Phillip Adams discuss [creative innovation as a strategic tool](#) and its role in assisting Australian companies remaining competitive internationally.

Redefining places for art

The Queensland Conservatorium Research Centre at Griffith University has published [project findings on its ARC Linkage](#) funded report examining the dynamics of performance and place, and how artists, administrators and audiences view place as part of the performance experience.

Science Made Marvellous

The [Science Made Marvellous project](#) - a celebration of science through poetry - was one of several science-arts collaborative projects funded by the Australian Government during National Science Week 2010.

Don't be fooled by "innovation nostrums"

David Naylor and Stephen Toope in the Globe and Mail outline seven "[innovation nostrums](#)", arguing that a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship should be promoted in all sectors of the economy.

Creative clusters and innovation

NESTA examines why the [creative industries are crucial](#) to the United Kingdom's economy, through the mapping of the UK's creative hotspots.

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