

AUSTRALIAN SOCIAL POLICY CONFERENCE 2005

**LOOKING
BACK
LOOKING
FORWARD**

**A QUARTER CENTURY
OF SOCIAL CHANGE**

University of New South Wales 20-22 July 2005

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Social Policy Research Centre. In line with this event, the overarching theme for the 2005 conference is *Looking Back, Looking Forward: a Quarter Century of Social Change*.

The end of the long economic boom in the mid-1970s led to the realisation that new social policies were needed to cope with the new economic and social environment. The establishment of the SPRC (initially known as the Social Welfare Research Centre) in 1980 was one response to this. Twenty-five years later, economic growth has returned, but inequality continues to grow and social change continues to be rapid. Like the Red Queen in *Through the Looking Glass*, social policy makers must keep running to keep up with and adapt to new circumstances and needs.

For this conference, presenters are being encouraged to examine social and policy changes past, present and future.

ABOUT THE SOCIAL POLICY RESEARCH CENTRE

The Social Policy Research Centre is a research centre of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of New South Wales. The SPRC conducts research and fosters discussion on all aspects of social policy in Australia, as well as supporting PhD study in these areas. The Centre's research is funded by governments at both Commonwealth and State levels, by academic grant bodies and by non-governmental agencies. Our main topics of inquiry are: economic and social inequality; poverty, social exclusion and income support; employment, unemployment and labour market policies and programs; evaluation of health and community service policies and programs; and comparative social policy and welfare state studies. The Centre regularly holds seminars and conferences and has an active publishing program. Further information is available from our website at www.sprc.unsw.edu.au, where you can also join our email list, or by telephoning 02 9385 7800, where you can ask to join the SPRC Newsletter mailing list.



PROFESSOR PETER SAUNDERS

Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales

Researching social policy: trends, tragedies and triumphs

Peter Saunders has been the Director of the SPRC since February 1987 and is currently an Australian Professorial Fellow. His research on poverty, income distribution, social security, household budgets, the welfare state, public opinion, participation and comparative social policy has been widely published in Australia and internationally. His publications include *Welfare and Inequality: National and International Perspectives on the Australian Welfare State* (1994), *The Ends and Means of Welfare: Coping with Economic and Social Change in Australia* (2002) and *The Poverty Wars: Reconnecting Research with Reality* (due for publication in mid-2005). He edited the international collection *Welfare to Work in Practice: Social Security and Participation in Economic and Social Life* (published by Ashgate earlier this year).



PROFESSOR HOLLY SUTHERLAND

Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex

Can child poverty be abolished? Promises and policies in the UK

Holly Sutherland is Research Professor in the Institute for Social and Economic Research. She specialises in building and using microsimulation models for the analysis of the effects of public policy changes on poverty and inequality and coordinates the EU-wide tax-benefit model, EUROMOD.



LINDA BURNLEY MP

Member of the Legislative Assembly and Member for Canterbury, NSW

Reconciliation - the journey: is there a destination and can we get there?

Linda Burney is currently the Labor member for the seat of Canterbury in the NSW State Parliament. She is a member of the Wiradjuri Nation and was the Director-General of the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs from 2000-2003. Linda has been a member of the National Social Justice Task Force of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, a member of the Executive of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, has represented Aboriginal Education at the United Nations and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Western Sydney.



PROFESSOR NANCY FOLBRE

Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts

Our children, ourselves: rethinking the economics of family policy

Nancy Folbre is Professor of Economics at the University of Massachusetts. Her research explores the interface between political economy and feminist theory, with a particular focus on care work. She recently co-edited *Family Time: The Social Organization of Care* (Routledge, 1994) with Michael Bittman, and is the author of *The Invisible Heart: Economics and Family Values* (New Press, 2001) and *Who Pays for the Kids: Gender and the Structures of Constraint* (Routledge, 1994) as well as numerous journal articles. She is an associate editor of the journal *Feminist Economics*.

WEDNESDAY 20 JULY

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| 9:00 am | Registration | Clancy Auditorium |
| 10:30 am | Morning Tea | Clancy Auditorium |
| 11:00 am | OPENING AND PLENARY SESSION Welcome to Country Opening: Professor Mark Wainwright – <i>Vice-Chancellor UNSW</i> Plenary Address: Professor Peter Saunders | Clancy Auditorium |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch | The Pavilions |
| 1:30 pm | CONTRIBUTED PAPERS | |
| 3:00 pm | Afternoon Tea | The Pavilions |
| 3:30 pm | PLENARY SESSION Professor Holly Sutherland | Clancy Auditorium |
| 4:45 pm | CONTRIBUTED PAPERS | |
| 6:30 pm | Reception | Clancy Foyer |

THURSDAY 21 JULY

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| 9:30 am | CONTRIBUTED PAPERS | |
| 11:00 am | Morning Tea | The Pavilions |
| 11:30 am | PLENARY SESSION Linda Burney, MP | Clancy Auditorium |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch | The Pavilions |
| 1:30 pm | FORUMS | |
| 3:00 pm | Afternoon Tea | The Pavilions |
| 3:30 pm | CONTRIBUTED PAPERS | |
| 7:00 pm | Buses leave for Dinner | Hotels and UNSW Gate 6 |
| 7:30 pm | Dinner | Dockside Restaurant Cockle Bay, Darling Harbour |
| 11:00 pm | Buses return to hotels and UNSW | |

FRIDAY 22 JULY

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| 9:30 am | CONTRIBUTED PAPERS | |
| 11:00 am | Morning Tea | The Pavilions |
| 11:30 am | PLENARY SESSION Professor Nancy Folbre | Clancy Auditorium |
| 12:30 pm | Lunch | The Pavilions |
| 1:30 pm | FORUMS | |
| 3:00 pm | Afternoon Tea | The Pavilions |
| 3:30 pm | Conference Close | |
| 3:30 pm | Buses depart for airport | Gate 9, outside Clancy |

ALL DAYS

POSTER PAPERS

INFORMATION DESK

For general enquiries about the conference and any special needs, please contact the Hotel Network and SPRC staff at the Registration Desk in the foyer of the Clancy Auditorium. Centre staff can be recognised by their blue name tags.

LOCATION OF THEATRES AND ROOMS

The Keynote Addresses will be held in the Clancy Auditorium. Details of the location of Forum and Concurrent sessions will be provided later.

DISABILITY ACCESS

All the rooms in use for the conference are wheelchair accessible. A map of the University showing wheelchair routes, lifts and the location of accessible toilets is available from the Registration Desk. The Clancy Auditorium has an audio loop for people with a hearing impairment.

SPECIAL NEEDS AND CHILD CARE

Please contact the Hotel Network on (02) 9411 4666 if you have any other special needs or require child care. Child care provision will involve an additional cost.

POSTER PAPER SESSIONS

A number of poster papers will be on display throughout the conference in the Pavillions. Please check on the conference noticeboard for notices of when the authors will be present to discuss their work

SPECIAL EVENTS/MESSAGES

A board is located in the Clancy foyer for messages and information about special events.

MEDIA CONTACTS

Journalists may wish to contact paper contributors during the conference. Liaison with journalists will be handled by members of the University's Media Office, with help from designated SPRC staff. Please provide the conference organisers with a mobile phone number if you have one and make regular checks of the Press Contacts message board in the Clancy foyer. A press room, for media interviews, is located down the corridor to the right of the Clancy foyer.

RECEPTION

The conference reception will be held in the foyer of the Clancy Auditorium from 6.30 to 7.45pm on Wednesday 20 July.

MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEAS/LUNCHES

Coffee/tea will be available during registration on Wednesday morning in the Clancy foyer. Other morning and afternoon teas/coffees and lunches will be served in the Pavillions. Vegetarian food is included, but please let the Hotel Network know if you have any other special dietary needs.

CONFERENCE DINNER

The Conference Dinner will be held on Thursday 21 July at Dockside Restaurant, Cockle Bay Wharf, Darling Harbour. Pre-dinner drinks will begin at 7.30pm, with dinner served at 8.00pm. Complimentary buses will leave the University and various hotel locations from 7.00pm (see dinner ticket for details). Buses will return to the campus and hotels at 11.00pm. There is also parking available nearby in either Darling Park or Wilsons car parks in Sussex Street. Please contact the Hotel Network for further access information. The dinner will cost \$85.00 per head and includes three courses, coffee and drinks. Please book for the dinner with the Hotel Network as soon as possible. After dinner entertainment will be provided by the fabulous *Spooky Men's Chorale*, on a rare foray down from the Blue Mountains to regale our guests with Georgian table songs, ethereal originals, vaudevillian trash and a large dose of sly humour.

AIRPORT BUS

Two 42-seater complimentary buses will transport people to the airport at the conclusion of the conference. The buses will leave from Gate 9, High Street at 3.30pm and 4.00pm, arriving at the Domestic Terminals at approximately 4.00pm and 4.30pm. Please reserve your seat at the Registration Desk on registration. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

PARKING

Parking will be available at the University via Gate 11, located on Botany Street. The cost of parking is \$8 per day (12 hours) and is available on Levels 5 and 6 of the parking station, where a Pay 'n' Display system operates. Check with the gate attendant for directions. Please note that parking infringements may result in a fine by the NSW Police. If disabled/aged parking is required and has not already been arranged, please contact the Hotel Network staff at the Registration Desk.

TELEPHONES

Public phones are available in the foyer of the Clancy Auditorium, the AGSM building behind the Samuels building, the Arcade beneath the Pavillions, Level 1 of the Library, outside the Mathews Theatres, and in the Mathews Building cafeteria.

MOBILE PHONES

If you have a mobile phone, please ensure that it is switched off while you are attending conference sessions. However, if you are a paper presenter and have given the organisers your mobile phone number for possible media contacts, please check it between sessions.

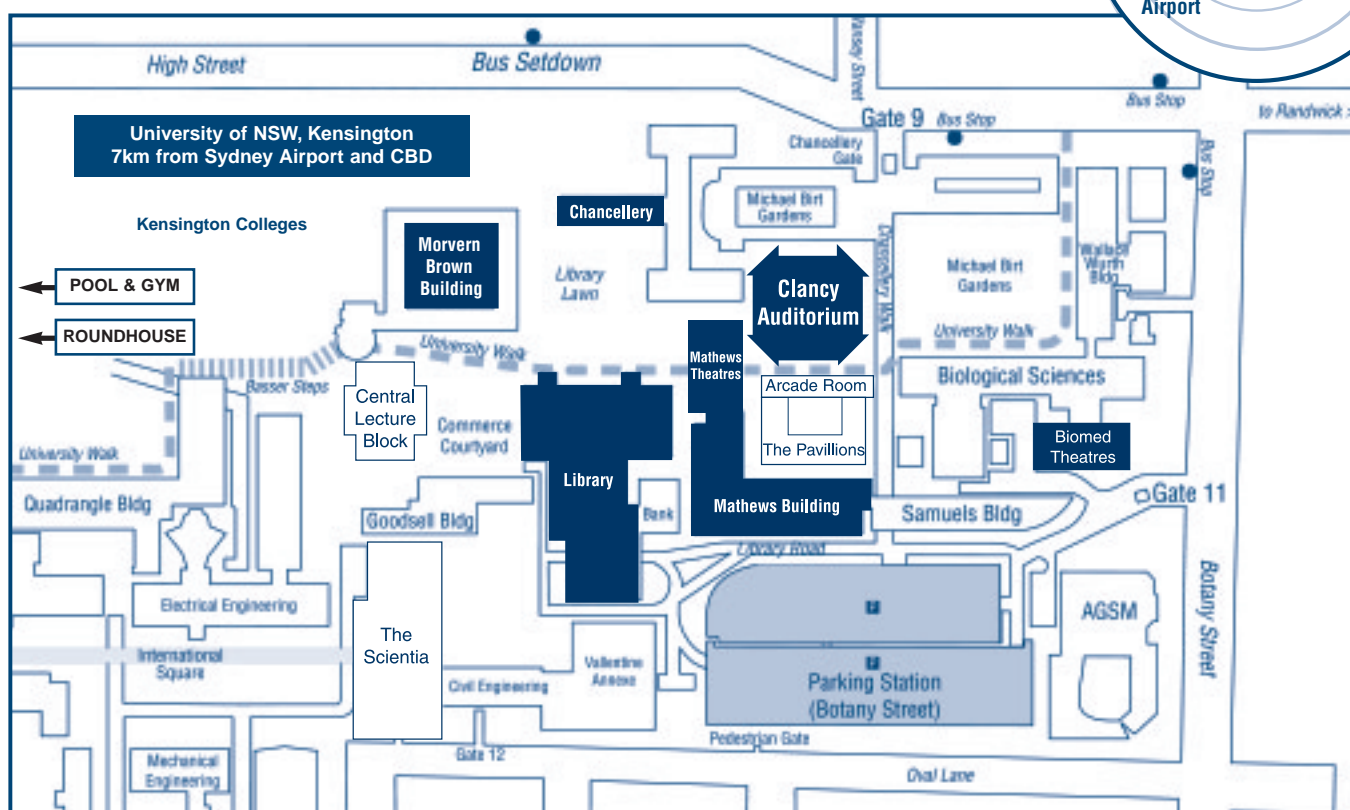
PHOTOCOPYING

There are no facilities available for copying papers within the conference itself. Photocopying facilities are available in the Library nearby.

INTERNET ACCESS

Computers with internet access are available for use by conference participants in the University Library. There will also be a limited-capacity WiFi access point in the Clancy Auditorium foyer. Ask at the conference desk for details.

CONFERENCE VENUES



CONFERENCE EVALUATION

Please help us to make the next Australian Social Policy Conference even better by completing the Conference evaluation sheet provided in your conference satchel. Please drop the completed sheet in the box at the Registration desk before you leave.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

All conference papers provided in electronic form to the organisers will be placed on the Conference website for downloading as soon as they are available. Otherwise it is the responsibility of individual presenters to provide copies for those interested.

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

The practical management of the conference has again been contracted out to the Hotel Network Ltd. Within the SPRC, it has been organised by Bruce Bradbury, Tony Eardley and Duncan Aldridge.

PUBLISHERS STALLS

A number of publishers will be represented at the Conference, selling the latest social policy titles. Organisations wishing to have displays at the Conference should contact the Hotel Network.

ACCOMMODATION

A range of accommodation has been reserved on behalf of the Australian Social Policy Conference by The Hotel Network. Conference accommodation must be booked on this form to obtain the special conference rates. Delegates are advised to book early as accommodation in and around the Conference venue is limited. Room reservations must be accompanied by a deposit equivalent to one night's accommodation, or preferably, quote a personal credit card with which the hotel will secure your room. The amount should be one night for your 1st or 2nd choice (whichever is higher) this will be credited to your account at the available property. Please make all accommodation reservations and amendments through The Hotel Network. All rates are per room per night (single, double or twin share unless otherwise stated). Rates are inclusive of GST.

CROWNE PLAZA COOGEE BEACH\$175 (COOGEE VIEW)\$205 (OCEAN VIEW)

A 4 star property, 5 minutes taxi ride to the Conference Venue. Located adjacent to Coogee Beach, this property has recently undergone an extensive refurbishment. Spacious bedrooms with ensuite, mini bar, 24 hour room service, in house movies, courtesy bus available on request, complimentary carparking for guests, gymnasium/health centre, tennis court & heated swimming pool.

THE GEMINI HOTEL\$125 (SINGLE)\$138 (DBLE/TWIN)

This 3 star property is only minutes walk to the Conference Venue. All rooms have ensuite, coffee/tea making facilities, in-house videos, guest laundry, licensed Italian Restaurant and Bar. Plenty of undercover parking and offers courtesy bus transfers to/from the Airport and Central Station.

BARKER LODGE MOTOR INN.....\$130 (SINGLE)\$140 (DBLE/TWIN)

A 3 star property also only a few minutes walk to the Conference Venue. All rooms with ensuite, coffee/tea making facilities, mini bar, room service, in-house movies. General facilities include guest laundry, licensed restaurant, swimming pool and sauna.

THE KENSINGTON COLLEGES.....\$42.00 SINGLE BED AND BREAKFAST (SHARE BATHROOM)

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Proceed to Basser College at Gate 6, High Street. On-campus college style accommodation consisting of single rooms with share bathroom facilities. The accommodation rate includes daily breakfast in the Dining Hall. Dinner is also available between 5.00-6.30pm at a cost of \$14.00. There is no parking available onsite but street parking in High Street or a parking station within the University of NSW.

REGISTRATION

All intending participants, including those presenting papers, must register. Standard, concession and one day registrations are open until 8 July 2005. Registrations after that date will incur a late fee of \$30.

- Early bird fee, paid by 10 June, 2005\$410
- Standard conference fee.....\$495
- Student (full time) / unwaged.....\$220
- One day only pass.....\$220

The fee includes lunches, the opening night reception, and daily morning and afternoon tea. Vegetarian lunches will be available.

CANCELLATION & REFUNDS

Cancellations received in writing by 8 July 2005 will be accepted and fees refunded less a \$55 administration fee. Substitute participants welcome. Cancellation of accommodation made after 8 July 2005 may attract one full night's tariff. However, transfer of accommodation booking to another person will be accepted. All changes and cancellations must be notified in writing to The Hotel Network.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

Early Bird Registration (\$410) by 10 June

Standard Registration (\$495) by 8 July

Conference Registration 9.00am-10.30am 20 July
(Clancy Auditorium)

First Session 11.00am 20 July

Reception 6.30pm (Clancy Auditorium)..... 20 July

Conference Dinner 7.30pm21 July

Conference Closing 3.30pm22 July