

'Social Security Reform: Revisiting Henderson and Basic Income'

15th-16th February 2018, the University of Melbourne

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY ONE: Thursday 15th February 2018	
9.00 – 9.10:	Traditional Welcome to Country
9.10 – 9.20:	Welcome to the University and the Project
9.20 – 9.30:	Introduction to the Henderson Anniversary Project (Brian Howe)
9.30 – 10.30:	Bea Cantillon (University of Antwerp), <i>Poverty Reduction and Social Security: Cracks in the Policy Paradigm, Avenues for the Future</i>
10.30 – 11.00:	<i>Morning Tea</i>
11.00 – 12.00:	Sue Regan (Australian National University - ANU) & David Stanton (ANU), <i>Public Inquiries and their Policy Contribution: Insights from Social Policy Inquiries in Australia (1970s to the present day)</i> Peter Whiteford (ANU), <i>Changes in Australian Social Security Since the Poverty Inquiry</i>
12.00 – 13.00:	Terry Carney (University of Sydney), <i>Conditional Welfare: New Wine, Old Wine, or Just the Same Old Bottles?</i> Greg Marston (University of Queensland), <i>The Limitations of the Social Security System</i>
13.00 – 14.00:	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 15.00:	Guyonne Kalb & Francisco Azpitarte (University of Melbourne), <i>Measuring Income Poverty in Australia: A Review of Methods and Recent Trends</i> Peter Saunders (University of NSW) & Yuvisthi Naidoo (University of NSW), <i>Poverty as Relative Deprivation: Application, Analysis and Implications for Social Security</i>
15.00 – 16.00:	Shelley Mallett (Brotherhood of St Laurence & University of Melbourne) & Diarmuid Cooney-O'Donoghue (Brotherhood of St Laurence), <i>The Lived Experience of Poverty – Historically and in the Present Day</i> Matthew Gray (ANU), David Stanton (ANU), Ruth Weston (Australian Institute for Family Studies - AIFS), & Lixia Qu (AIFS), <i>Fifty Years of Changing Families: Implications for Income Support</i>
16.00 – 16.30:	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
16.30 – 17.30:	Panel Discussion (speakers TBC) followed by general discussion
18.30 – 21.00:	Conference dinner (tickets sold separately)

DAY TWO: Friday 16th February 2018

9.00 – 10.00:	John Quiggin (University of Queensland) <i>Re-Regulation of the Labour Market and the Decline of the Wage Share Since Henderson</i> Judy Yates (University of Sydney), <i>Housing, Housing Costs, and Poverty</i>
10.00 – 11:00:	Jennifer Mays (Queensland University of Technology) & Karen Fisher (University of NSW), <i>Poverty and Disability</i> Kay Cook (Swinburne University of Technology) <i>Poverty, Social Security and Gender</i>
11.00 – 11:30:	<i>Morning Tea</i>
11.30 – 12.00:	Boyd Hunter (ANU) & Danielle Venn (ANU), <i>Indigenous Poverty in Flux</i>
12.00 – 12.30:	Allan Borowski (La Trobe University) & Eric Kingson (Syracuse University), <i>The Role of Social Insurance in Alleviating Poverty: Australian Prospects</i>
12.30 – 13.30:	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 – 14.30:	Troy Henderson (University of Sydney), <i>The Principles, Benefits and Politics of a Basic Income in Australia</i> Miranda Stewart (ANU/University of Melbourne), David Ingles (ANU) & Ben Phillips (ANU), <i>Guaranteed Minimum Income to Basic Income: What Would it Look Like Today?</i>
14.30 – 15.30:	Panel Discussion: Cassandra Goldie (CEO of ACOSS), Sheila Shaver (University of NSW), Peter Saunders (University of NSW)
15.30 – 16.00:	Closing remarks

AUTHOR and PANELIST BIOGRAPHIES
(A-Z by Surname)

Francisco Azpitarte is the Ronald Henderson Fellow at the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne and the Brotherhood of St Laurence. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Vigo and received his MSc in Economic Analysis from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona in 2005. His research interests include the analysis of economic inequality, poverty, and the inter-generational transmission of disadvantage. In 2015 he was awarded the Economic Record best paper prize by the Economic Society of Australia.

Allan Borowski PhD is Emeritus Professor of Social Work and Social Policy at La Trobe University, Melbourne and an adjunct professor in the Department of Social Work, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is a fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, the Gerontological Society of America, the Australian Association of Gerontology and the Australian College of Social Work.

Bea Cantillon is Professor of Social Policy and Director of the Herman Deleeck Centre for Social Policy at the University of Antwerp, Belgium. She has published widely and internationally on a wide range of issues relating to poverty, social policy, social security, the welfare state, and gender. She has acted as a consultant to, among others, the OECD, the European Commission and the Belgian government.

Terry Carney AO, FAAL is Emeritus Professor of Law at Sydney University and Visiting Research Professor at UTS. His publications include *Social Security Law and Policy* (Federation) and the *Laws of Australia* title. A past president of the *International Academy of Law and Mental Health*, he chaired the *National Advisory Council on Social Welfare* and the *Institute of Family Studies* board.

Kay Cook is and ARC Future Fellow and Associate Professor in the Department of Social Sciences at Swinburne University. Her work explores how new and developing social policies such as welfare-to-work, child support and child care policies, transform relationships between individuals, families and the state.

Diarmuid Cooney-O'Donoghue is a Research Assistant in the Work and Economic Security team in the Research and Policy Centre at the Brotherhood of St Laurence.

Karen Fisher is a Professor at the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of NSW Sydney, where she leads the Disability Research Program. She conducts disability and mental health policy in Australia and China.

Cassandra Goldie has been CEO of the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) since 2010. Prior to joining ACOSS, Goldie was Director of Sex and Age Discrimination with the Australian Human Rights Commission, Director and Principal Solicitor with the Darwin Community Legal Service and Senior Executive with Legal Aid in Western Australia. She has a

PhD from the University of New South Wales and a Masters of Law from University College London. Goldie serves on the Advisory Committee for the Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, as a member of the UNSW Grand Challenge on Inequality and Law Advisory Committees and on the Management Committee of the International Council of Social Welfare.

Matthew Gray is Director of the ANU Centre for Social Research and Methods. He has published research on a wide range of social and economic policy issues including those related to Indigenous Australians. Professor Gray has extensive experience in evaluating major government policies and programs having led the Australian Institute of Family Studies evaluation of the 2006 changes to the family law system and having been heavily involved in evaluating the Government's Stronger Families and Communities Strategy.

Troy Henderson is a PhD candidate in the Department of Political Economy at the University of Sydney. His research examines Basic Income as a Policy Option for Australia, and has been published in *Basic Income Studies* and presented at national and international conferences. Henderson is a regular media commentator on potential pathways to Basic Income in Australia.

Boyd Hunter is a Senior Fellow at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, The Australian National University and an IZA Research Fellow. He recently won the Sir Timothy Coghlan Prize for the best article in *Australian Economic History Review* and is currently the President of the Australian Society of Labour Economics.

David Ingles is a Senior Research Fellow at the Tax and Transfer Policy Institute (TTPI), specialising in tax and social security. He has worked in various Government Departments, including DSS (later FACSIA), the Treasury, and EPAC. In the 1980s he was an advisor to Ministers in the Hawke Government. Prior to TTPI he worked for the Australia Institute, specialising in tax and pension reform.

Guyonne Kalb is a Professorial Research Fellow and Director of the Labour Economics and Social Policy Program in the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research at The University of Melbourne. She has a PhD in Econometrics from Monash University and is an associate editor for *Fiscal Studies* and *The Economic Record*.

Eric Kingson is a Professor of Social Work at Syracuse University NY. He is founding co-director of the Social Security Works and co-chairs the Strengthen Social Security Campaign, a coalition of over 300 national and state organizations. A founding board member of the National Academy of Social Insurance (NASI), he is a past-chair of the Social Research, Policy and Practice section of the Gerontological Society of America and is currently on the board of the National Committee for the Preservation Social Security and Medicare Foundation.

Greg Marston is Professor and Head of School in the School of Social Science at the University of Queensland. He has expertise in qualitative approaches to social inquiry and has used a variety of methods to study poverty and debt, refugee resettlement, housing and homelessness, income support, unemployment, the changing mixed economy of welfare, and

the role of social policy and urban planning in addressing the climate change challenge. He is a member of the Australian Research Council College of Experts and is also the Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN) representative in Australia.

Jennifer Mays is an academic in the School of Public Health and Social Work, Queensland University of Technology, Australia. She has extensive academic and professional experience across university, government and community sectors, and conducts teaching and research in poverty, social policy, social justice, disability and social citizenship. Her publications include Mays, J., Marston, G., & Tomlinson, J. (Eds.). (2016). *Basic income in Australia and New Zealand: Perspectives from neo-liberal frontiers*. Basic Income Series. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Yuvisthi Naidoo has recently completed her PhD, which involved developing a set of metrics to measure the standard of living and well-being of individuals, particularly of older Australians. She has worked on Australian Research Council-funded projects on poverty, deprivation and social exclusion in Australia, as well as for the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) on sustainable housing and support options for older homeless people. Her research focusses on Australian and comparative social disadvantage analysis.

Ben Phillips is an Associate Professor at the Australian National University where his areas of expertise include economic and public policy analysis in Australia, and the development of microsimulation models for the purposes of analysing tax and transfer systems. He also has a strong interest in matters relating to housing affordability, superannuation and income inequality. Ben has previously worked as a senior economist at HIA and was a methodologist at the ABS.

Lixia Qu is a Senior Research Fellow at the Australian Institute of Family Studies. Her specialist research areas include couple formation pathways and trajectories, fertility decision-making, the impacts of parental separation on financial living standards and personal wellbeing, and post-separation parenting. She recently led a national study of carers of children who could no longer live with their parents.

John Quiggin is a Vice-Chancellor's Senior Fellow in Economics at the University of Queensland. He is prominent both as a research economist and as a commentator on Australian and international economic policy. His book, *Zombie Economics: How Dead Ideas Still Walk Among Us*, was released in 2010 by Princeton University Press, and has been translated into eight languages.

Sue Regan is a PhD scholar at the Crawford School of Public Policy and Program Director at the Institute of Public Administration Australia (ACT division). Previously, Sue led the Social Policy Program of the HC Coombs Policy Forum, based at the ANU. Sue's former roles in the UK include: Chief Executive of the Resolution Foundation; Head of Social Policy at the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR); Policy Director at Shelter; and various roles at the Department for Work and Pensions, including working in Private Office to two Cabinet Ministers.

Peter Saunders was Director of the Social Policy Research Centre at UNSW from February 1987 until July 2007, and now holds a Research Chair in Social Policy within the Centre. His research interests include poverty and income distribution, household needs and living standards, social security reform, comparative social policy and ageing and social protection in China. He is Australia's leading poverty researcher and his work in the field has been widely published, nationally and internationally. In 2015-2016 he served as a member of the Advisory Board for the World Bank Commission on Global Poverty.

Sheila Shaver is Emeritus Professor in the Social Policy Research Centre at the University of NSW. Her research focuses on social inequality and the welfare state, including international comparative study, and has a particular interest in gender and social policy. Professor Shaver is a former Deputy Director of the Social Policy Research Centre and Pro Vice-chancellor at the University of Western Sydney, and a current member of the Australian Research Integrity Committee.

David Stanton is an Honorary Associate Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University where he teaches and researches social policy. He was Director of the Australian Institute of Family Studies and worked for the Australian Government for some 36 years. David was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the General Division (AM) in the 2017 Australia Day Honours List "for distinguished service to public administration, to social policy development and as an academic".

Miranda Stewart is Director of the Tax and Transfer Policy Institute (TTPI) at the Crawford School of Policy, Australian National University and a Professor at The University of Melbourne Law School. She is an expert in tax and public finance, including the interaction of tax and social security systems. Miranda has consulted widely on tax policy and reform and has previously worked in government and private practice.

Danielle Venn is a Research Fellow at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) at the Australian National University (ANU). She holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Melbourne and a Bachelor of Economics (Hons) from the University of New England. Prior to joining CAEPR, Danielle worked as a Research Fellow at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health at the ANU. From 2006 to 2012, she was a Labour Economist working on a range of employment and social policy issues for the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Ruth Weston Ruth Weston is the former Assistant Director of the Australian Institute for Family Studies. Her work has focused on family transitions and wellbeing at both macro- and micro-levels. In the 2008 Australia Day Honours List, Ruth received the Public Service Medal (PSM) "for outstanding public service as a researcher and contributor to policy development, particularly in the areas of separation and divorce, family law, family relationships, fertility decision-making and child support."

Peter Whiteford is a Professor in the Crawford School of Public Policy at The Australian National University, Canberra. He previously worked as a Principal Administrator in the Directorate of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs of the Organisation for Economic Co-

operation and Development in Paris. His work at the OECD encompassed pension and welfare policies in OECD countries, Eastern Europe and China. He also worked on child poverty, family assistance policies, and welfare reform.

Judith Yates currently is an honorary associate in the School of Economics at the University of Sydney following a career of more than 40 years in academia. Her primary research has been in housing economics, finance and policy. She holds a Doctor of Economic Science from the University of Amsterdam.