



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Development and Service Innovation Under Changing Welfare Regimes

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

- Professor Ken Coates, Canada Research Chair in Regional Innovation, University of Saskatchewan, Canada
- Steve Cook, Service Manager, Kimberley Personnel, Broome
- Wendy Rose, CEO, Kimberley Disability Advocacy and Ethnic Disability Advocacy Centre
- Deirdre Howard-Wagner, Fellow, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, ANU
- Kim Spurway, Lecturer, UNSW Australia
- Louise Crabtree, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University
- Melissa Williams, Director, Office of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Employment & Engagement, Western Sydney University
- Karen Soldatic, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University
- Kirrily Jordan, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, ANU
- Tim Rowse, Emeritus Professor, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University
- Holi Birman, Research Associate, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University

- Louise MacLeod, Acting Senior Assistant Ombudsman, Social Services, Indigenous and Disability Branch, Commonwealth Ombudsman

INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE

Professor Ken Coates

Has Colonialism Finally Been Displaced? Inside Economic and Social Program Innovations in Canada

Over the past forty years, Indigenous people in Canada fought for and achieved constitutional recognition, the right to Aboriginal self-government, major land claims settlements, and a lengthy series of favourable legal rulings on resource development and government programming. The cumulative effect has been dramatic but not yet transformational. Economic engagement and social conditions continue to languish and the social pathologies of remote communities are stark reminders of the multi-generational effects of colonisation, societal racism and government intervention. The political and legal developments have generated some optimism, as did the decidedly pro-Indigenous pronouncements of the newly elected (2015) Liberal government led by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. While general

DATE

Wednesday 1 March 2017

TIME

9.15am – 4.30pm

VENUE

EZ.1.57, Parramatta Campus (South), Western Sydney University

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conditions remain highly problematic, there are emerging signs of the co-production of government policy, creative and community-centric approaches to public administration, and a growing acceptance of Indigenous autonomy. Even with these constructive developments, however, the vestiges of Canadian colonialism remain strong and general Canadian and governmental attitudes toward Indigenous peoples and governments are deeply entrenched.

PROGRAM

- 9:15am Welcome: Karen Soldatic
- 9:30am Opening Keynote: Ken Coates
- 10:10am Steve Cook: Welfare Reform in Regional Australia
- 10:40am Wendy Rose: Service Innovation in Regional Australia
- 11:20am Morning tea
- 11:40am Louise Crabtree
- 12:10pm Kim Spurway
- 12:40pm Karen Soldatic and Holi Birman
- 1:10pm Lunch
- 2:00pm Deirdre Howard-Wagner
- 2:30pm Melissa Williams
- 3:00pm Kirrily Jordan
- 3:30pm Afternoon tea
- 3:50pm Commonwealth Ombudsman
- 4:10pm Final discussion and close: Tim Rowse

