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*Worldwide knowledge and understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present*

Thursday 1 November, 2007

## AIATSIS Conference opens in Canberra

More than 250 Indigenous and non-Indigenous academics from across Australia meet in Canberra next week at the triennial Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Conference.

The conference will investigate whether the presumed benefits of the 1967 Referendum have been realised. As a major multi-disciplinary event, the 2007 Conference will explore the Commonwealth's role in and consequent practical impacts on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lives.

Indigenous languages, health, writing, self-determination, land use and statistics will be among the broad range of topics covered.

All media are welcome to attend, but must register in advance via email to [chris.ryan@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:chris.ryan@aiatsis.gov.au)

**What:** *Forty Years On: Political transformation and sustainability since the Referendum and into the future*

**When:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2007

**Where:** The Australian National University's Manning Clark Centre.

### Keynote speeches:

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am** - *The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples - A new recognition?* Professor Mick Dodson, Director, National Centre for Indigenous Studies, College of Law, The Australian National University.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 9am** - *The Howard Government's Northern Territory Intervention: Are Neo-paternalism and Indigenous Development Compatible?* Professor Jon Altman, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, The Australian National University.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 9am**- *Reconciling Indigenous peoples' sovereignty and state sovereignty.* Paul L.A.H. Chartrand, I.P.C., Professor of Law, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada.

**More details, abstracts and information available at:**

[http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research\\_program/events2/aiatsis\\_conf2007](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research_program/events2/aiatsis_conf2007)

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