

■ AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference  
*perspectives on urban life:*  
CONNECTIONS AND RECONNECTIONS

29 SEPTEMBER ■ 1 OCTOBER 2009

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Australian National University, Canberra

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### AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference

All media are invited to register to attend the biennial AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference *Perspectives on urban life: Connections and Reconnections*, to be held at the Australian National University, Canberra from September 29 to October 1. Highlights include:

#### Tuesday 29 September 9.30am-10.30am, Manning Clark 1, ANU

**Who is urban?** - A panel discussion chaired by AIATSIS Chairperson, Mick Dodson and featuring:

- Len Collard, Whadjuk Ballardong man and Traditional owner from the metropolitan area of Western Australia
- Gillian Cowlshaw, holder of Australian Professorial Fellowship at University of Technology, Sydney
- Jason Glanville, Wiradjuri man from southwest NSW and CEO, National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, Redfern
- Colleen Hayward, senior Noongar woman and Program Leader, Social Determinants of Health, Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health and Associate Professor, Curtin University
- Rachel Perkins, Arrernte woman from the Central Desert region east of Alice Springs  
Independent film-maker.

#### Wednesday 30 September 9.30am-10.30am, Manning Clark 1, ANU

**'Should we all be treated the same?': Service provision in urban and remote areas** – A panel discussion chaired by Mick Gooda, descendent of the Gangulu people of central Queensland and CEO of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health, featuring:

- Stephanie Bell, Kulilla/Wakka Wakka woman and Director of the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
- Shane Huston, Assistant Secretary, Office of Aboriginal Health, Family and Social Policy, Northern Territory Department of Health and Community Services
- Sam Jeffries, Mooraworri man from Brewarrina and Deputy Chairperson of the Indigenous Land Corporation
- Russell Taylor, Kamilaroi man and AIATSIS Principal
- Julie Tongs, Wiradjuri woman and CEO of Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service, and
- Pat Anderson, Alyawarre woman and Chairperson of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health.

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**Thursday 1 October 9.30am-10.30am, Manning Clark 1, ANU**

**The Diversity of Urban Experience** - A panel discussion chaired by AIATSIS Principal, Russell Taylor and featuring:

- Valerie Cooms, Nunukal woman of Minjeeriba (North Stradbroke Island in Queensland) and AIATSIS Indigenous Research Fellow
- Matilda House, Ngunnawal-Ngambri elder
- Merata Kawharu, Director of research, at the James Henare Maori Research Centre, University of Auckland
- Lester-Irabinna Rigney, Director of the Yunggoorendi First Nations Centre for Higher Education and Research, Flinders University
- Bill Simon, member of the Stolen Generations, Redfern-based pastor and author of *Back on the Block* (Aboriginal Studies Press, 2009).

More than 200 presenters will cover the following themes: **(Press Ctrl+click to follow link)**

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