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MOADOPH
I am incredibly proud to be welcoming you to take part in this historic Forum, led by The Australian National University (ANU).

As Australia’s national university, we are committed to leading constructive discussion around policy reform and processes of significant issues concerning Indigenous Australia. The First Nations Governance Forum holds a special place and purpose within the University’s ambition to deliver on our unique national responsibilities.

We will come together over the next few days to hear about the experiences in other jurisdictions, to discuss the options open to Australia and to progress this important debate.

ANU takes its leadership role in reconciliation very seriously. On campus, we contribute through Indigenous student graduations, research which deepens Australia’s understanding of Indigenous cultures and histories and ongoing and broad Indigenous engagement which is community driven. So too do we invite debate about difficult yet critically important national issues such as constitutional reform and the custodianship of land.

Whilst the ANU has considerable academic expertise in this area, today we welcome you all to this open forum where there will be active contributions from international and national experts, government, members of our Indigenous communities and beyond in order to get the broadest thinking and innovative ideas that will help address what has appeared to become an intractable problem for the nation.

To this end, I ask each and every one of you to join with me in helping the University make this event an historic turning point for the nation on the question of Indigenous recognition and another important step towards true reconciliation between the various peoples who share this Continent.

Brian Schmidt
Vice-Chancellor, Co-Convenor, First Nations Governance Forum,
The Australian National University
2011 Nobel Laureate

I’d like to acknowledge and celebrate the traditional custodians on whose ancestral lands we meet for this historic Forum being held here in Canberra. I would also like to pay respect to the cultural authority of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who are attending from around Australia.

This Forum provides an opportunity for us to have an important conversation about governance and our First Nations Peoples.

ANU is well placed to host this discussion, not only because we’re the national university but because we can bring objectivity and academic rigour to these challenging issues.

I’m looking forward to being part of this conversation and also to hearing our brothers and sisters from around the world who’ve navigated similar challenges.

These discussions will form an important part of our immediate future and provide a significant context for future generations. This debate is not just for or about First Nations Peoples, but involves all Australians.

Welcome to Australia, welcome to Canberra and welcome to the next stage in the journey to achieving constitutional recognition for Australia’s First Nations.

Mick Dodson
Co-Convenor, First Nations Governance Forum
OUR HOST

Stan Grant

Stan Grant is the ABC’s Chief Asia Correspondent and host of the flagship current affairs program Matter of Fact from 2018. He is one of Australia’s most respected and awarded journalists, with more than 30 years experience in radio and television news and current affairs. Stan has a strong reputation for independence and integrity and has interviewed international political and business leaders, including our own prime ministers and senior ministers. Prior to taking up his latest role Stan served for a decade as a Senior International Correspondent for CNN in Asia and the Middle East, broadcasting to an audience of millions around the world. Stan is an award winning and best selling author of several books and has contributed articles to many major Australian newspapers, magazines and journals.

THE VENUE

Day one of the First Nations Governance Forum will be held in the House of Representatives Chamber of Australia’s Old Parliament House. This building was the home of the Federal Parliament from 1927 to 1988, between the relocation from Melbourne to Capitol Hill. The House of Representatives is one of the two houses of Australia’s Commonwealth Parliament. In 2018, there are 150 representatives elected by the Australian people. The house is where Australia’s governments are formed, and plays a critical role in determining the question that is put to the Australian public during a referendum.

The First Nations Governance Forum will examine a range of issues, but will focus on a pivotal question: ‘What is the right place for Australia’s first people in the governance and legal framework of this country?’, therefore making the old House of Representatives Chamber a significant venue. It is here that many major decisions were made that continue to affect the lives of Australians, including First Australians. Sitting in this room, and indeed the very seats, where generations of MPs shaped Australia will allow our delegates to reflect on some of these past decisions directly affecting Indigenous peoples in Australia. It will allow us to examine these issues in the light of international experience of indigenous peoples from a similar colonial experience, context and law, and help forge a path forward.

Program

Monday 2 July 2018

6-7pm

Reception and registration

Members Bar, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

7-8.45pm

Welcome dinner

Members Dining Room, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

Welcome

Tanya Hosch
General Manager, Inclusion and Social Policy, Australian Football League

Opening remarks

Gareth Evans
Chancellor, The Australian National University

What place should our First Nations hold in contemporary Australia’s Constitution?

Mick Dodson
Co-Convenor, First Nations Governance Forum

Rekindling national discussion about this key question lies at the heart of the First Nations Governance Forum. Mick Dodson will outline Australia’s journey so far, highlighting both how far we have come and how far we still have to go.

Closing remarks

Daryl Karp
Director, Museum of Australian Democracy
PROGRAM

Tuesday 3 July 2018

8-8.30am
Welcome
Turning circle at rear of Old Parliament House
Please join us for a traditional smoking ceremony and a welcome message from The Australian National University
Dr Matilda House
Tina Brown
Brian Schmidt
Vice-Chancellor, The Australian National University

8.30-8.45am
Delegate registration
Foyer, Old Parliament House

8.45-9am
Welcome from Forum host
House of Representatives Chamber, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House
Stan Grant
Chief Asia Correspondent, ABC
Tuesday 3 July 2018

9-10.30am
House of Representatives Chamber, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

How do First Nations people fit into the governance model around the world?

Australia is not alone in seeking to define the role of their First Nations in the country’s legal structures. Drawing on their extensive international experience, Ms Victoria Tauli-Corpuz and Mr Fernand de Varennes will examine how other countries have approached this issue. They will consider lessons that Australia might take to appropriately recognise our First Nations, and how we might gain broad public support for Constitutional change.

Professor Charlesworth will then contextualise Australia’s Constitutional position against the backdrop of international human rights law.

Victoria Tauli-Corpuz
UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Fernand de Varennes
UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues

Hilary Charlesworth
Distinguished Professor, The Australian National University

10.30-11am
Members Dining Room Foyer, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

Break

11-12.30pm
House of Representatives Chamber, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

How do First Nations people in New Zealand and Canada fit into the legal structures and governance of their countries?

Legal and political experts from New Zealand and Canada will provide a historical context for the contemporary role of their First Nations in their legal and governing structures, and reflect on the strengths and weaknesses of each nation’s approach.

Tariana Turia
Former member of New Zealand Parliament

Maria Bargh
Head of School of Māori Studies, University of Wellington

Brian Crane
Partner, Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP, Fellow American College of Trial Lawyers

Patrick Madahbee
Grand Council Chief, Anishinabek Nation Inc
Tuesday 3 July 2018

12.30-1.30pm  
Lunch

Members Dining Room 2, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

Optional session

12.40-2pm  
Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition Public Hearing

The Co-Chairs of the Australian Parliament’s Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition, Senator Patrick Dodson and Mr Julian Leeser MP are pleased that there will be an opportunity for the delegates of the ANU First Nations Forum to discuss the issues of Constitutional Recognition for Indigenous Australians, with the Co-Chairs and members of the Committee. The Committee is particularly interested in learning from the experience and insights of international delegates to the Forum on First Nations. In addition to issues of constitutional recognition, the Committee is very keen to hear about international experience of effective consultation and engagement on policies and legislation.

Senator Patrick Dodson  
Chair of Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Julian Leeser MP  
Chair of Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

2-3.30pm  
How do First Nations people in the USA and Scandinavia fit into the legal structures and governance of their countries?

Legal and political experts from the USA and Scandinavia will explain provide a historical context for the contemporary role of their First Nations in their legal and governing structures, and reflect on the strengths and weaknesses of each jurisdiction’s approach.

Dalee Sambo Dorough  
Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Alaska Anchorage

Terri Henry  
Expert Member, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Else Grete Broderstad  
Professor at Centre for Sámi Studies, Arctic University of Norway

Lars-Anders Baer  
Former President of Sámi Parliament, Sweden
Program

Tuesday 3 July 2018

3.30-4.30pm
House of Representatives Chamber, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

The Australian context

Australian speakers will reflect on the experiences shared by other countries over the course of the day. They will consider how those experiences might inform Australia’s next steps by considering what conditions and action are needed to enable change in Australia.

Megan Davis
Pro-Vice Chancellor Indigenous and Professor of Law
The University of New South Wales

Michael Mansell
Chairman and Legal Manager, Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation

Fred Chaney
Former Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party

Bob McMullan
Director, ANU Crawford Leadership Forum

4.30-4.50pm
House of Representatives Chamber, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

The future

What would a change mean for Australia, and for Indigenous people, particularly the next generation? Young Australians will discuss their aspirations for the future.

Ms Brooke Boney
Breakfast News Presenter, Triple J

Amelia Noble
Graduate, Gilbert + Tobin

4.50-5pm
House of Representatives Chamber, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

Reflection

What can we learn from other jurisdictions around the world? What should we do for Australia?

Stan Grant
Chief Asia Correspondent, ABC

5-6.30pm
Members Bar, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

Reception

Marc Bennie
General Manager, Indigenous Programs & Community Investment
Wednesday 4 July 2018

8-8.30am

Opening remarks

Members Dining Room 2, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

Our host will summarise the previous day’s discussion and provide an outline of today’s proceedings.

Stan Grant
Chief Asia Correspondent, ABC

8.30-10am

What are the options for Australia?

Delegates will break into groups to further discuss international experience and what this means for Australia, drawing on the experience of international and national discussion leaders. Facilitators will focus group discussion on three main areas raised in the Uluru Statement: Constitutional recognition of First Nations; development of an overarching agreement/Makaratta; and providing an appropriate First Nations voice in Australia’s governance.

Group 1
Private Dining Room 1
Facilitator
Lorena Allam
Indigenous affairs editor, The Guardian Australia

Discussion leaders
Linda Smith
Professor, University of Waikato

Ken Coates
Canada Research Chair, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan

Michael Mansell
Chairman and Legal Manager, Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation

Group 2
Private Dining Room 2
Facilitator
Dan Bourchier
Journalist, ABC News

Discussion leaders
Stephen Cornell
Faculty Chair, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona

Moana Jackson
New Zealand Lawyer, former Director of the Māori Law Commission and former Judge on International Peoples Tribunal

Bob McMullen
Director, ANU Crawford Leadership Forum

Group 3
Members Dining Room 1
Facilitator
Carla McGrath
Board Member, GetUp!

Discussion leaders
Terri Henry
Expert Member, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Mattias Ahren
Professor of Law, Artic University of Norway

Asmi Wood
Director, National Centre for Indigenous Studies, The Australian National University

Group 4
Members Dining Room 3
Facilitator
Robert Griew
Principal, Nous Group

Discussion leaders
Patrick Madahbee
Grand Council Chief, Anishinabek Nation Inc

Miriam Jorgensen
Research Director, University of Arizona and Harvard University

Fred Chaney
Former Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party
Wednesday 4 July 2018

10-10.30am  **Break**

Members Dining Foyer, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

10.30am -12pm  **What are the next steps for Australia?**

Delegates will break into groups and discuss the next steps for Australia, drawing on the experience of international and Australian discussion leaders. Facilitators will seek views on what Australia should do to ensure that change has the highest possible chance of being successfully agreed and implemented.
**Program**

**Wednesday 4 July 2018**

**12-1.30pm**

National Press Club Address

Televised broadcast to Members Dining Room 2, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

**Lunch**

Road to recognition: an international perspective

As part of The Australian National University's First Nations Governance Forum, three of the world's preeminent Indigenous rights experts will discuss pathway options for First Nations governance reform in Australia. Sharing their vast international experiences of Indigenous people around the world including Aotearoa (New Zealand), Canada, USA and Scandinavian countries, the panel will look at what options are available for one of the most challenging issues facing the country.

**Victoria Tauli-Corpuz**
UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

**Lars Anders Baer**
Former President of Sámi Parliament, Sweden

**Mick Dodson**
Co-Convenor First Nations Governance Forum

**1.45-3.15pm**

Members Dining Room 2, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

What have we learned and where do we go from here?

The panel will summarise the key messages that have emerged from the Forum and discuss the next steps to progress the conversation.

**Lorena Allam**
Indigenous affairs editor, The Guardian Australia

**Dan Bourchier**
Journalist, ABC News

**Carla McGrath**
Board Member, GetUp!

**Robert Griew**
Principal, Nous Group

**Stan Grant**
Chief Asia Correspondent, ABC

**3.15-3.30pm**

Members Dining Room 2, Museum of Australian Democracy, Old Parliament House

Closing remarks

**Brian Schmidt**
Vice-Chancellor, The Australian National University

**3.30pm**

Forum close
**Mattias Åhrén**

Professor, Arctic University of Norway

Mattias Åhrén (PhD) is a Professor of Law at UiT – The Arctic University of Norway. He has written extensively on indigenous peoples’ rights under international law, including the book ‘Indigenous Peoples’ Status in the International Legal System’ (Oxford University Press, 2016), and is lecturing on indigenous rights internationally. Åhrén has also participated as a representative in various UN processes on indigenous peoples’ rights, including on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing, and on the Outcome Document of the so called World Conference on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. He belongs to Ohredahke Sámi reindeer herding community in northern Sweden.

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**Lars-Anders Baer**

Former President, Sámi Parliament, Sweden

Lars-Anders Baer is the former President /Chairman of the Sámi Parliament in Sweden and former President of Sámi Parliamentary Council, the highest body in co-operation between the Sámi Parliaments in Finland, Norway and Sweden. In the mid 1970’s he became involved the Nordic Sámi Council and was the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the organisation several times from the early 1980’s through to the 2000’s. He took part in the second UN conference against racism and apartheid in Geneva in 1983 as a member in the Swedish delegation. In the mid 1980’s, he became Vice-President of the World Council of Indigenous peoples. He has been heavily involved in the UN working group of indigenous populations since the 1983 onwards.

Lars-Anders is currently the Chairman of the Luokta Mavas village in his local community as well as working as an independent consultant. He assists Sámi local communities and villages, indigenous NGO’s as part of the Sámi Council and also the Sámi Parliament in Sweden with various national, regional and global issues.

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**Maria Bargh**

Head of School, Māori Studies

Victoria University of Wellington

Dr. Maria Bargh is Tumuaki/Head of School, Te Kawa a Māui/School of Māori Studies and is Senior Lecturer in the School. Maria is an ANU alumni graduating her PhD in Political Science and International Relations in 2003.

Maria researches and teaches in the areas of Māori politics, including constitutional change and Māori representation, voting in local and general elections, and resource management and the Māori economy.

Maria is active in providing commentaries to the media and community groups about Māori politics and issues around Māori rights.
INTERNATIONAL

Else Grete Broderstad
Professor, Centre for Sámi Studies
Arctic University of Norway

Else Grete Broderstad is Dr. Polit. in political science. She is a Professor in indigenous studies and the Academic Coordinator for the Master’s Program in Indigenous Studies at University of Tromsø - The Arctic University of Norway. Broderstad was a member of the first governmental committee on the High North and a member of the Sámi Rights Commission (2000-2007). Her research interests are within the areas of governance, indigenous rights and political participation combined with deliberative democracy and the significance of political procedures in the relationship between indigenous minorities and majorities. She was one of leaders for the community interviews in the cross-disciplinary project TUNDRA. Recently she has produced a scientific paper on the resilience of small-scale fisheries, and written about the problems of reaching an agreement on the cross border reindeer husbandry management between Norway and Sweden. She is currently leading the research project "The Arctic governance triangle: governments, Indigenous peoples and industry in change".

Ken Coates
Canada Research Chair, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy,
University of Saskatchewan

Ken Coates is MLI’s Senior Fellow in Aboriginal and Northern Canadian Issues. He is the Canada Research Chair in Regional Innovation in the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan. He has served at universities across Canada and at the University of Waikato (New Zealand), an institution known internationally for its work on Indigenous affairs. Ken has also worked as a consultant for Indigenous groups and governments in Canada, New Zealand, and Australia as well as for the United Nations, companies, and think tanks. He recently finalised a book called "Treaty Peoples: Finding Common Ground with Aboriginal Canadians". He has previously published on such topics as Arctic sovereignty, Aboriginal rights in the Maritimes, northern treaty and land claims processes, regional economic development, and government strategies for working with Indigenous peoples in Canada. He was co-author of the Donner Prize winner for the best book on public policy in Canada, ‘Arctic Front: Defending Canada in the Far North’, and was short-listed for the same award for his earlier work, ‘The Marshall Decision and Aboriginal Rights in the Maritimes’.

Stephen Cornell
Faculty Chair, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona

Stephen Cornell is Faculty Chair of the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona where he also is Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Emeritus Director of the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, and affiliate faculty in the College of Law. After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1980, Professor Cornell joined the Sociology Faculty at Harvard University where he taught for nine years before moving to the University of California, San Diego, for nine more and then joining the Arizona Faculty in 1998. While at Harvard, he co-founded, with economist Joseph P. Kalt, the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development; at Arizona, he led the establishment of the Native Nations Institute, a partner program to the Harvard Project. He has spent much of the last 30 years working with Indigenous nations and organisations in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Aotearoa New Zealand on governance, development, and related issues.
Brian Crane Q.C.
Partner, Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP,
Fellow American College of Trial Lawyers

Mr. Crane practises in the areas of constitutional, administrative and aboriginal law. He has appeared as counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada, the Federal Court and the Ontario Courts. He has worked extensively throughout Canada in the negotiation of native land claims and related litigation, and commercial arbitration and mediation. Mr. Crane (with co-authors Robert Mainville and the late Martin Mason) is author of ‘First Nations Governance Law’ (2nd Edition) LexisNexis Canada, (2008).

Fernand de Varennes
Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, United Nations

Dr Fernand de Varennes is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues. He is also Dean of the Faculty of Law at the Université de Moncton (Canada), Extraordinary Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria (South Africa), and from 2019, Cheng Yu Tung Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong (China). Renowned as one of the world’s leading experts on the international human rights of minorities, he was the founding Editor-in-Chief of the Asia-Pacific Journal on Human Rights and the Law and has worked and written extensively in areas such as the prevention of ethnic conflicts, the rights of migrants and indigenous peoples.

Dr de Varennes’ research and publications record spans some 200 publications in more than 30 languages and is the co-editor for the upcoming ‘Routledge Handbook of Human Rights in Asia’. In recognition of his work and achievements, he has received accolades such as the 2004 Linguapax Award (Barcelona, Spain), the Knight’s Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland, and the Tip O’Neill Peace Fellowship (Northern Ireland, UK).

Terri Henry
Expert Member, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Ms. Henry was appointed to serve as the expert for North America to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for a term of three years beginning January 1, 2017. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is an advisory body to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) that provides expert advice and information on indigenous issues concerning economic and social development, human rights, culture, the environment, education and health. Ms. Henry recently served as the Secretary of State for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and she is well known for championing sovereignty issues on behalf of her nation, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and all Indian nations at the national level. She provided national leadership on the passage of historic United States laws strengthening the sovereignty and self-governance of Indian nations. These legal reforms included increasing the sentencing authority of Indian tribal courts and the authority of tribal courts to prosecute non-Indians committing acts of domestic violence on Indian lands, and numerous tribal reforms under the Violence Against Women Act, which she currently co-chairs. She is a founding member and first Board Chairperson of the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center and currently serves as the Board Chair of the Indian Law Resource Center.
Moana Jackson  
New Zealand Lawyer, former Director of the Māori Law Commission and former Judge on International Peoples Tribunal

Professor Moana Jackson's tribal affiliations are Ngāti Kahungunu, Rongomaiwahine and Ngāti Porou from the east coast of Aotearoa/New Zealand. Moana is highly regarded throughout Māoridom and mainstream Aotearoa for his measured and important contribution in the struggles of the Māori people in terms of Te Tiriti o Waitangi (The Treaty of Waitangi) 1840, sovereignty issues and Indigenous rights. He is known and respected at all levels of society - from government to academia, through to local marae community level. Moana is seen by his people as a strong advocate for the downtrodden. In 2007, he played a major advocacy role on behalf of members of the rural Māori community of Ruatoki, after NZ Police raided the community based on alleged ‘terrorist’ activity in the community. Moana has recently co-Chaired a major working group on constitutional transformation that was charged with developing a new constitution for Aotearoa based on the Treaty of Waitangi. He has also had extensive involvement in health issues in Aotearoa and overseas ensuring proper and appropriate health care and management for Indigenous peoples. This has included work with the Māori Runanga of the New Zealand Nurses’ Organisation, with Iwi health providers, and participation in several international conferences such as the gathering of the Australian Indigenous Doctors’ Association (AIDA).

Miriam Jorgensen  
Research Director, University of Arizona and Harvard University

Miriam Jorgensen is a Research Director of the University of Arizona Native Nations Institute, a Research Director of the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, and Professor of Indigenous Nation Building at the University of Technology Sydney Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research. Her work in Indigenous governance and economic development—in the United States, Canada, and Australia—has addressed issues as wide-ranging as child welfare policy, policing and justice systems, natural-resource management, cultural stewardship, land ownership, tribal enterprises, housing, financial education, and philanthropy. She is a co-author of ‘Structuring Sovereignty: Constitutions of Native Nations’ (UCLA AIS Press 2014); editor and co-author of ‘Indigenous Justice: New Tools, Approaches and Spaces’ (Palgrave Macmillan 2018) and of ‘Rebuilding Native Nations: Strategies for Governance and Development’ (University of Arizona Press 2007); lead author of the U.S. Treasury Department’s two-part Access to Credit and Capital in Native Communities report (2016, 2017); and USA senior editor of the International Indigenous Policy Journal.

Dalee Sambo Dorough  
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Alaska Anchorage

Dalee Sambo Dorough (Inuit-Alaska) is an Associate Professor at UAA. Engaged for over 34 years at the UN, ILO, OAS and other international fora, she is a former Expert Member and Chairperson of the UNPFII and specialises in international human rights law as well as political and legal relations between States and Indigenous peoples. She holds a PhD from the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law (2002) and a Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University (1991). She is co-Chair of the International Law Association Committee on Implementation of Indigenous Rights. Her recent publications include ‘The Rights, Interests and Role of the Arctic Council Permanent Participants’, R. Beckman, T. Henriksen, K. Kraabel, E.J. Molenaar and J.A. Roach (eds) ‘Governance of Arctic Shipping, Balancing Rights and Interests of Arctic States and User States’ (Netherlands: Brill Publishing, 2017) and ‘E/C.19/2016/4 Study on how States exploit weak procedural rules in international organizations to devalue the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other international human rights law’, with Chief Edward John, May 9, 2016.
Linda Smith  
**Professor, Māori and Indigenous Studies, Waikato University**

Linda Tuhiiwai Smith PhD., FRSNZ. CNZM is Professor of Māori and Indigenous Studies at the University of Waikato, New Zealand. She has a PhD from the University of Auckland. Professor Smith is a member of the Waitangi Tribunal and the Māori Economic Development Advisory Board. She has served on the Boards of the Health Research Council, the Marsden Fund and the Royal Society of New Zealand. She was also a member of the Constitutional Advisory Panel. Professor Smith comes from two iwi, Ngāti Porou and Ngāti Awa. She was a member of the negotiation group for the Treaty Settlement for Ngāti Porou. Professor Smith has a NZ Honour as Companion to the NZ Order of Merit. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand and has an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Winnepeg, Canada.

Victoria Tauli-Corpuz  
**UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, UN Philippines**

Victoria is an Indigenous leader from the Kankanaey Igorot people of the Cordillera Region in the Philippines. She is a social development consultant, indigenous activist, civic leader, human rights expert, public servant, and an advocate of women’s rights in the Philippines.

She is the founder and Executive Director of Tebtebba Foundation (Indigenous Peoples’ International Center for Policy Research and Education). Ms. Tauli-Corpuz has founded and managed various NGOs involved in social awareness raising, climate change, the advancement of indigenous peoples’ and women’s rights. A member of the Kankana-ey Igorot peoples, she was the Chairperson of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. She is an Expert for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and has served as the Chairperson- Rapporteur of the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations. She is also the Indigenous and Gender Adviser of the Third World Network and a member of the United Nations Development Programme Civil Society Organizations Advisory Committee.

Tariana Turia  
**Former member of New Zealand Parliament**

Hon. Dame Tariana Turia is the Founding Member of the Māori Party. During her time as an MP for NZ Parliament, Dame Tariana was Minister for Whānau Ora, Disability Issues, Community and Voluntary Sector. Dame Tariana has also held the following portfolios as: Associate Minister of Health, Māori Affairs, Child, Youth and Family, Social Development, Tertiary Education, Skills, Employment, Corrections; Deputy Chair of the Ministerial Committee on Poverty; Chair of the Ministerial Committee on Family Violence.
Grand Council Chief Patrick Wedaseh Madahbee is currently serving his third consecutive term as Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation. He also served one term as Grand Council Chief in 1980, the youngest Grand Council Chief ever at 27 years of age. He is also the President of the Union of Ontario Indians and the Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity.

He is currently the Health portfolio holder for the Chiefs of Ontario, member of the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs Committee of Health, and Co-chair of the joint Non-insured health benefits review. He also serves as co-Chair of the Trilateral First Nations Health Senior Officials Committee (TFNSSOC).

Patrick has more than 40 years’ experience in Band politics, including 17 years as Chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation. His prior roles on a regional level include Lake Huron Regional Grand Chief, Lake Huron representative on the Anishinabek Nation Leadership Council, Ontario Regional Chief, and the Tribal Chair of the United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising.
Lorena Allam
Indigenous affairs editor, The Guardian

Lorena Allam is descended from the Yuwalaraya and Gamilaraay nations of far north west NSW, and grew up on saltwater country on the south coast of NSW.

Lorena lives and works on Gadigal land in Sydney and is the Indigenous affairs editor for The Guardian Australia.

She has worked in the media for 27 years as an investigative journalist and editor for the ABC and the BBC. She has presented and produced many ABC Radio National programs including ‘Awaye’, ‘Background Briefing’ and ‘Hindsight’. Lorena has also written for a range of history and social justice publications and was the Media Officer for the ‘Bringing them Home inquiry into the separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families.

Brooke Boney
Triple J Breakfast News presenter, ABC

Brooke is a Gamilaroi Gomeroi woman and is the Breakfast News presenter on Triple J radio. She’s been working as a journalist since 2010, has travelled around the world with the Prime Minister, reported on Eurovision, covered two election campaigns and written a lot about what it’s like to be an Aboriginal person in Australia.

Dan Bourchier
Radio host & News presenter, ABC

Dan grew up in the outback Northern Territory mining town of Tennant Creek and began reporting for the local newspaper when he was 14, going on to work for the NT News. His younger years in Tennant Creek, together with his coastal Victorian Aboriginal heritage, have instilled in him a deep interest in the culture, history and social justice issues of Australia’s First Nation people. From 2010 he was with National Indigenous Television (NITV) in Sydney and Canberra before moving to Darwin in 2012 to join Sky News as its NT bureau chief. In that role he covered stories including the fourth inquest into the death of Azaria Chamberlain, US President Barack Obama’s visit to the Top End and the subsequent deployment of US Marines to the Territory. He was the first to announce the rolling of NT Chief Minister Terry Mills, breaking the news on air while the Cabinet was still in discussion. Most recently he was Political Reporter and National Indigenous Affairs Correspondent for Sky News based in Canberra.
Fred Chaney
Former Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party

Fred Chaney was in the Australian Parliament from 1974 to 1993 and led the Coalition parties in the Senate from 1983 to 1990. In 1989-90 he was Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party. He has been involved with Indigenous issues as a university student in the late 1950s and early 60s, as a lawyer to 1974, Senator and MP from 1974 to 1993, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs 1978-80, researcher post politics at UWA, Member and later a Deputy President of the National Native Title Tribunal from 1995 to 2007, Co-Chair Reconciliation Australia 2000 to 2004, Board member from 2000 to 2014, his current board memberships are Central Desert Native Title Services, Reconciliation WA and the Graham (Polly) Farmer Foundation. His recent focus has been on the political and administrative failure of governments to live up to their rhetorical promises to work with other than Indigenous people. In all his work in Indigenous Affairs he tries to support and be guided by Indigenous aspirations.

Hilary Charlesworth
Distinguished Professor and Melbourne Laureate Professor,
The Australian National University and the University of Melbourne

Hilary Charlesworth is a Distinguished Professor at The Australian National University. She is also a Melbourne Laureate Professor at Melbourne Law School. Her research includes the structure of the international legal system, peacebuilding, human rights law and international humanitarian law and international legal theory. Hilary has held both an Australian Research Council Federation Fellowship (2005-2010) and an ARC Laureate Fellowship (2010-2015).

Hilary has been a Visiting Professor at various institutions including Harvard Law School, New York University Global Law School, UCLA, Paris I and the London School of Economics. She served as Judge ad hoc in the International Court of Justice in the Whaling in the Antarctic Case (2011-2014).

Megan Davis
Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous and Professor of Law,
The University of New South Wales

Professor Megan Davis is Pro-Vice Chancellor Indigenous and Professor of Law, UNSW. Professor Davis is an expert member of the United Nations Human Rights Council’s Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Professor Davis is a constitutional lawyer who was a member of the Referendum Council and the Expert Panel on the Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the Constitution. Megan is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and the Australian Academy of Social Sciences and a Commissioner on the Australian Rugby League Commission. Megan supports the North Queensland Cowboys and the QLD Maroons.
**Mick Dodson**  
Co-Convenor, First Nations Governance Forum

Professor Mick Dodson AM is a member of the Yawuru peoples – the traditional owners of land and waters in the Broome area of the southern Kimberley region of Western Australia. He is the former Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at The Australian National University, and was Australia’s first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner with the Human Rights Commission. Born in Katherine in the Northern Territory, Mick was educated in Katherine, Darwin and Victoria. He completed a Bachelor of Jurisprudence and a Bachelor of Laws at Monash University. Mick was Counsel assisting the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, and has been a prominent advocate on land rights and other issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, as well as a vigorous advocate of the rights and interests of indigenous peoples around the world. In 2009, Mick Dodson was named Australian of the Year by the National Australia Day Council. Professor Dodson was formerly the Malcolm Fraser & Gough Whitlam Harvard Chair in Australian Studies at Harvard University Cambridge USA.

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**Gareth Evans**  
Chancellor, The Australian National University

Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC FASSA FAIIA has been Chancellor of the Australian National University since January 2010. He was a Cabinet Minister in the Hawke and Keating Labor Governments from 1983-96, in the posts of Attorney General, Minister for Resources and Energy, Minister for Transport and Communications and - from 1988-96 - Foreign Minister. During his 21 years in Australian politics he was Leader of the Government in the Senate (1993-96) and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives (1996-98).

From 2000 to 2009 he was President and CEO of the Brussels-based International Crisis Group, the independent global conflict prevention and resolution organisation.

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**Robert Griew**  
Principal, Nous Group

Robert has over 25 years’ experience focused on health and community services, including four years as CEO of the Northern Territory Department of Health and Community Services, and an earlier period running the Australian Government Aged Care and Aboriginal Health programs. He has run his own consulting business doing technical and organisational development work in Aboriginal health and in relation to communicable diseases. He was also CEO of the AIDS Council of New South Wales (NSW).

Robert moved to the education sector in 2008. Since then he has worked in the Victorian and Australian Governments; with responsibilities including early childhood development, tertiary education, labour market strategy and Indigenous employment. Robert has chaired ministerial advisory councils that include most recently the National Senior Officials’ Committee. He was a board member of the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations in the 1990s, and chaired the National Public Health Partnership and the committee of officials responsible for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. Robert also served a term as a member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council and has held conjoint appointments at The Australian National University, The University of Sydney and University of NSW.
**Tanya Hosch**  
General Manager of Inclusion and Social Policy, Australian Football League

Ms Hosch has a long and distinguished history in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy, advocacy, governance and fundraising. Before joining the AFL as the first ever Indigenous person and second woman in their Executive ranks in August 2016, Tanya was the Joint Campaign director of the Recognise movement for constitutional reform.

At the AFL Tanya is tasked with the implementation of the AFL’s enhanced Indigenous strategy, advising the AFL Indigenous Advisory Council, maintenance of the Respect and Responsibility Policy, 2017, implementing the AFL’s Gender Action Plan and the Gender Diversity Policy.

Tanya is a member of the Indigenous Advisory Group of the NAB and is a Board Director of the Indigenous Land Corporation, Circus Oz, the Australian Indigenous Governance Institute and was a member of the Referendum Council that led the process and final recommendation that resulted in, The Statement from the Heart in May 2017.

**Daryl Karp**  
Director, Museum of Australian Democracy

Ms. Daryl Karp has worked as a senior executive in the broadcast and cultural industries for over 20 years. As a senior consultant in the creative industries she facilitates industry analysis, leading to growth and innovation, with a unique mix of business expertise, board experience and creative problem solving. Her outcome focused approach draws on extensive experience in strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, marketing and communications and change management.

**Michael Mansell**  
Chairman and Legal Manager, Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation

Michael Alexander Mansell is a Tasmanian Aboriginal leader, who as an activist and lawyer, has worked for social, political and legal changes to improve the lives and social standing of Tasmanian Aborigines.
Carla McGrath
Board Member, GetUp!

Carla McGrath is a proud Torres Strait Islander woman, born and raised on the Australian mainland. Carla is currently the Program Lead for the Atlantic Fellows for Social Equity. In addition, Carla is an independent consultant specialising in community engagement and consultation, for-purpose financial sustainability, program design and development and facilitation. Carla was previously Head of Sustainability at the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) in Redfern, Sydney. Prior to that she worked as Relationship Manager at AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience). In addition, Carla is a Chair of Blakdance, Deputy Chair of GetUp!, Board Director of Shared Path Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation and a Delegate to the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples. Carla’s previous board and governance roles include Co-Chair of the Management Committee of the NSW Reconciliation Council, Vice Chair of AYAC (Australian Youth Affairs Coalition), Board Director of Flashpoint Labs and the George Hicks Foundation, Member of the AIME Corporation and Member of The Smith Family Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel.

Bob McMullan
Director, ANU Crawford Leadership Forum, The Australian National University

Mr. McMullan is the Director of the ANU Crawford Leadership Forum. In 1981, he was elected National Secretary of the Labor Party and he directed the ALP’s three successful election campaigns in the 1980s. After being appointed Senator for the Australian Capital Territory in 1990, Mr. McMullan was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer in 1990 and in 1991 became Manager of Government Business in the Senate. As Senator for the ACT, held the positions of Minister for the Arts and Administrative Services (1993) and Minister for Trade (1994), before being elected to the seat of Canberra in 1996 and, after a redistribution, as Member for Fraser in 1998. Between 1996 and 2007 Mr McMullan held a number of Shadow Ministerial positions including Shadow Treasurer, Shadow Minister for Finance and Small Business and Shadow Minister for Federal/State Relations, and after the election of the Rudd Government in November 2007, he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance. He has a special interest in the welfare of disabled persons in developing countries and initiated the World Bank’s Global Partnership for Disability and Development, adopted by the GPDD Task Force 24 February 2005.

Amelia Noble
Graduate, Gilbert + Tobin

Amelia graduated from the ANU in 2017 with a Bachelor Law (Hons I)/Bachelor Music and currently works in the Pro Bono practice at Gilbert + Tobin Lawyers. As a student, she worked as a volunteer at the Canberra Aboriginal Legal Service and the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) and as a research assistant to Associate Professor Asmi Wood at the ANU College of Law. In 2016 Amelia was awarded a Banco Santander Scholarship to Yale University to research how international law can be used to better protect tangible and intangible cultural heritage.

At Gilbert + Tobin Amelia’s work focuses on assisting Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples, refugees and people with disabilities in a number of areas, including human rights, discrimination, housing, employment and law reform matters. She also volunteers for the Homeless Persons’ Legal Service and the Refugee Advice and Casework Service.
Brian Schmidt  
**Vice-Chancellor and Co-Convenor, First Nations Governance Forum, The Australian National University**

Professor Schmidt is the 12th Vice-Chancellor of The Australian National University (ANU). Winner of the 2011 Nobel Prize in Physics, Professor Schmidt was an astrophysicist at the ANU Mount Stromlo Observatory and Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics before becoming Vice-Chancellor. 

Professor Schmidt received undergraduate degrees in Astronomy and Physics from the University of Arizona in 1989, and completed his Astronomy Master's degree (1992) and PhD (1993) from Harvard University. Under his leadership, in 1998, the High-Z Supernova Search team made the startling discovery that the expansion rate of the Universe is accelerating. Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, The United States Academy of Science, and the Royal Society, he was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2013.

Asmi Wood  
**Director, National Centre for Indigenous Studies, The Australian National University**

Associate Professor Asmi Wood is an Indigenous barrister and constitutional recognition scholar, who teaches at the ANU College of Law. He was made a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy in 2017, was the recipient of the OLT Australian Award for University Teaching: Neville Bonner Award for Indigenous Education in 2015, and also the ANU Vice-Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence in 2010.