

## Crossing Boundaries

One of the things that makes ISAA stand out as an organisation is that its membership is made of scholars from a wide variety of fields in the arts, humanities and sciences. ISAA members are aware that there is both interest and value in crossing over the boundaries of the disciplines.

As early as 1959 C P Snow (scientist and novelist) gave the Rede Lecture on 'The Two Cultures', and published in book form as *The Two Cultures and the Scientific Revolution* the same year. Snow maintained that science and the humanities which represented 'the intellectual life of the whole of western society' had become split into 'two cultures' and that this division was a major handicap to both.

This Conference, our first physical conference since 2019, offers a variety of 'boundaries' and a variety of ways of crossing them

## Annual Conference of the Independent Scholars of Australia Inc

### CROSSING BOUNDARIES

Thursday 22 and Friday 23 September 2022

Ferguson Room National Library of Australia

#### Day 1 Thursday 22 September

8:45 Registration begins

9:30 Welcome: Shirley Randell, ISAA  
President.

Opening address: Luke Hickey,  
Assistant Director General  
Engagement Group (TBC)

#### 10:00 Morning Tea

##### 10:30 Session 1

Speaker 1: Susan Steggall:  
*Borderlines: Murals in Contemporary Australia.*

Speaker 2: Darshi Arachige:  
*Crossing Knowledge Boundaries*

#### 11:50 Lunch

##### 1:00 Session 2

Speaker 1: John Moses: *A Nazi  
assessment of the Australian  
Commonwealth*

Speaker 2: Helen Topor: *Weaving  
a non-celebratory migrant  
narrative*

Speaker 3: John James: *Mortar  
was soft and communication loose,  
yet the cathedrals still stand.*

#### 3:00 Afternoon Tea

##### 3:30 Session 3

Speaker 1: Michelle Cavanagh:  
*Crossing boundaries: the link  
between actor and audience .*

Speaker 2: Douglas Randell:  
*Overcoming boundaries in health,  
community safety and law  
enforcement*

#### 4:50 Session ends

5:30—6:30 ISAA ANNUAL LECTURE

### Democracy is not a spectator sport

Cathy McGowan AO and former MP for Indi

(Followed by Conference Dinner)

## Friday 23 September

### 9:00 Session 4

Speaker 1: Monica Dennison:  
*Cross-channel poetics: Hopkins,  
Rimbaud and Laforgue*

Speaker 2: Shirley Randell:  
*Crossing the boundary between  
young and old.*

### 10:20 Morning Tea

### 11:00 Session 5

Speaker 1: Margaret Kelly; *In-  
side, outside and across bound-  
aries*

Speaker 2: Ian Keese: *Samuel  
Johnson and the Industrial  
Revolution.*

### 12:20 ISAA AGM

### 1:00 Optional Lunch (See below)

#### ISAA ANNUAL LECTURE

#### Democracy is not a spectator sport

Cathy McGowan AO

During the 2022 election campaign, over 20,000 'ordinary community members' committed to be participants in the Australian democracy system, supporting locally nominated community independent candidates. For a significant majority it was their first ever taste of political engagement. The results are impressive..

But there's a complex background revolving around a kaleidoscope of factors. Cathy was one of the early leaders of his movement. How did it come about and where is it going?

*Cathy was the Member for Indi 2013-2019. She was awarded the Accountability Round Table award for political integrity and is an Officer in the Order of Australia and a Churchill Fellow. She lives very happily on her farm in the Indigo Valley in North-east Victoria*

#### Catering and meal arrangements

Conference Registration covers Lunch on Day One, Morning Tea both days and Afternoon Tea Thursday

*Conference Dinner* on Thursday will be held at the Thai Restaurant Soi VIII, 8 Barker Street, Griffith at \$50 per person, including some wine.

## Conference Registration

Register as soon as possible. Closing date Friday 16 September

Names.....

Postal address (including postcode)

ISAA Member \$140 ☐ Day 1 only \$100 ☐

Non-member \$160 ☐ Day 1 only \$110 ☐

Conference Dinner: \$50 per person ☐

#### Payment:

Registration \$\_\_\_\_\_

Dinner \$\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_\_

#### Payment Methods:

**Cheque:** Made payable to Independent Scholars Association of Australia

**Bank Transfer:** BSB 082-902 Account No 660 850 326 ☐

Please tick box and ensure payment includes your **Name** and '**Conf**'

**Mastercard or Visa**

**Card Number:** ..... /.....

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