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# 2025 Australian Social Policy Higher Degree by Research (APS-HDR) Conference Program

**Date:** Wednesday 12 February – Thursday 13 February 2025

**Venue:** Level 1 RSSS Bld, The Australian National University

All sessions in Lectorial 1 & 2 unless specified



# Day One: Wednesday 12 February

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9:45 – 10:15 Coffee & Registration

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10:15 – 10:25 Welcome to Country by Selina Walker, a Ngunnawal woman

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10:25 – 10:40 Welcome  
By Professor Bronwyn Parry (Dean of ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences) and Doctor Sue Regan (President of the Australian Social Policy Association)

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10:40 – 12:10 **Paper Session 1: Gendered Violence**  
**Venue: Lectorial 1**  
**Chair: Hayley Boxall**

‘You have caused all of this, it’s all your fault’: An argument for the application of grievance-fuelled violence to the prevention of male-perpetrated intimate partner homicide.  
Adelaide Bragias, ANU

Neoliberalism and domestic abuse: Using a Marxist framework to inform Australian social policy and practice.  
Tara Lees, Monash University

Femicide laws: a Kenyan perspective  
Jackline Maina, University of Wollongong

**Paper Session 2: Participation and Belonging**  
**Venue: Lectorial 2**  
**Chair: Sharon Bessell**

What works? Understanding First Nations workforce participation in Cape York  
Nina Nichols, ANU

Language services in schools: from policy to practice  
Elvira Bianchi, RMIT University

National Identity and Citizenship Tests: Balancing Diversity and Unity in Western Democracies  
Sofia Kalashnikova, ANU

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12:10 – 1:00 Lunch

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1:00 – 1:45 Professional Development Session – How to Influence Policy with Research  
With Professor Glyn Davis, Secretary of Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

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1:45 – 2:45 **Paper Session 3: Health and Disability Policy**  
**Venue: Lectorial 1**  
**Chair: Lanie Stockman**

The Cynic – Health Policy, Financialisation, and Social Reproduction in Australia  
Connie Byrne, UNSW

Balancing Individualised Choice and Sustainability in Disability Support Systems: an Australian Perspective  
Maathu Ranjan, ANU

**Paper Session 4: Experiences of CALD Migrants**  
**Venue: Lectorial 2**  
**Chair: Lauren Ryan**

Racism and racial battle fatigue: Exploring the experience of black African migrants in Australia  
Muhammad Bello Mahmud, University of Wollongong

Algorithmic Curation and User Agency in Digitised Public Services: The Usability Gap of Workforce Australia’s Job Search Engine for CALD Jobseeker  
Mohammad Faisal, University of Queensland

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2:45 – 3:05 Afternoon Tea Break

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3:05 – 4:05 **Paper Session 5: Caring for Children**  
**Venue: Lectorial 1**  
**Chair: Hannah Robertson**

Early Childhood Education and Care Policies in Australia and the Gendered Dimensions of Care  
Isabella Wilson, University of Sydney

Remote-First Work and Work-Family Integration: Consequences for Mothers’ Employment, Financial Wellbeing and Caregiving  
Lauren Ryan, University of Melbourne

**Paper Session 6: Social Protection in the Global South**  
**Venue: Lectorial 2**  
**Chair: Shannon Harvey**

Exploring the role of social protection in addressing old-age poverty and vulnerability in Bhutan  
Kinley, ANU

The field Implementation of social safety nets at the village level: The bottlenecks and the consequences on the beneficiary targeting.  
Dewi Kartika Megasari, UNSW

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4:05 – 4:50 Professional Development Session – How to Get Published in Peer-Reviewed Journals  
With Professor Ben Edwards, Editor-in-Chief of Australian Journal of Social Issues

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Conference Dinner (optional): [Verity Lane Market](#)

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# Day Two: Thursday 13 February

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9:30 – 11:00	<b>Paper Session 7: Disability and Education</b> <b>Venue: Lectorial 1</b> <b>Chair: Sue Regan</b>  Presentation Title: Expectations and Transition from School to University by Young Students with Disability in Australia Pedro Riquelme Gonzalez, ANU  Is my path the same as yours? Academic trajectories of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and the effect of early intervention therapy Jolie Baasch, ANU  Accommodating students with physical disabilities on placement in the human services Elie El-Khoury Antonios, Western Sydney University	<b>Paper Session 8: Responses to Crime and Abuse</b> <b>Venue: Lectorial 2</b> <b>Chair: Lorana Bartels</b>  Dance in prisons: A systematic review and narrative synthesis. Thila Raja, University of Melbourne  Dating-app-facilitated abuse response in Australia: Insights from policy makers and stakeholders Hannah Robertson, ANU  Disruptive Bodies: Troubling the Gender Binary in Family Violence Service Shannon Harvey, UNSW
11:00 – 11:20	Morning Tea	
11:20 – 12:20	<b>Paper Session 9: Diversity and Citizenship</b> <b>Venue: Lectorial 1</b> <b>Chair: Deirdre Howard-Wagner</b>  “A learning journey”: Embedding intersectionality in policymaking across the Victorian public service Jane Chen, University of Melbourne  Decolonising Political Governance: Locating Participation through Sociolinguistic Justice Chris Odhiambo, University of New England	
12:20 – 1:10	Lunch	
1:10 – 2:10	<b>Paper Session 10: ‘Reckoning with Colonial Legacies in Child Welfare Policies</b> <b>Venue: Lectorial 1</b> <b>Chair: Catherine Holmes</b>  Practice as a remedy for history: trauma informed practice in NSW child protection policy directed at Aboriginal families Jodie Kidd, UNSW  Reversing the Gaze: An Autoethnographic Critique of Benevolent Saviorism in Transracial-Transnational Adoption in Australia Samara James, Southern Cross University	<b>Paper Session 11: Welfare Reform</b> <b>Venue: Lectorial 2</b> <b>Chair: Will Sanders</b>  Making sense of welfare quarantining in Australia, 2007-2023 Lanie Stockman, RMIT University  Why is lived experience absent from welfare and unemployment policy in Australia: A critical policy examination Gabrielle Lawrence, ANU
2:10 – 3:30	Professional Development Session – Self-Care for Social Policy Researchers	
3:30 – 3:40	Thank you and Close	

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