

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

DIRECTIONS AND INTERSECTIONS

December 7-9, Surfers Paradise, Queensland

Now in its eighth year, the Australian Critical Race and Whiteness Studies Association will convene its 2011 conference collaboratively with the Indigenous Studies Research Network at the Queensland University of Technology headed by Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson, founding President of ACRAWSA. The conference will centre the aims of the Association and those working in the field to:

- Respect the existence of, and continuing rights deriving from, Indigenous sovereignties in Australia and elsewhere, and
- Critically investigate and challenge racial privilege and the construction and maintenance of race and whiteness, both past and present.

To this end, the conference committee is now inviting submissions for individual papers and symposia focusing on topics relating to critical race and whiteness studies from within Australia and abroad. Whilst the 2011 conference is open to all topics and areas, some suggested topics might include:

- Race and population debates
- Critical race studies and alternative scholarly spaces in and outside the academy
- Prohibitions on naming race & racism
- Refugees, detention, off-shore detention
- The anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations
- The Northern Territory Intervention
- Bilingual education
- Critical race and whiteness methodologies
- Patriarchal white sovereignty
- Feminisms and critical race studies
- Sexual racism (i.e., within sexual and gender minority communities)
- Gillard and race politics
- Whiteness and climate change
- Race and dis/ability

Individual papers will follow the standard format of a 20 minute presentation and 10 minutes for questions. Paper abstracts should be no more than 200 words in length, and should be accompanied by a 50 word biographical note about the author(s). Symposia will encompass a 1.5 hour session, and those interested in facilitating one should submit the three 200 word abstracts to be included in the session along with biographical details of each author. It is expected that submitted panels will have a theme that links the three papers.

ACRAWSA is committed to supporting Indigenous scholars as well as postgraduate scholars, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous. An announcement will be made in 2011 advertising scholarships for postgraduate and Indigenous scholars to attend the conference.

Presenters should note ACRAWSA's commitment to the recognition of Indigenous sovereignties and the challenging of race privilege. Non-Indigenous presenters in particular are encouraged to give due consideration to the implications of their presentation in terms of privilege and the sovereignty of the First Nations people upon whose land non-Indigenous people work and live.

Abstracts should be submitted to conference2011@acrawsa.org.au by July 31st 2011.