

# Call for Expressions of Interest: Discovery Early Career Researcher Award applications in Social and Cultural Research

## Institute for Culture and Society

The Institute for Culture and Society (ICS) within the University of Western Sydney (UWS) incorporates the Centre for Cultural Research, and launches in 2012. ICS constitutes a major national and international Institute for the pursuit of engaged interdisciplinary cultural and social research. Independently assessed as performing at the highest levels of international excellence for Cultural Studies in the 2011 Excellence for Research in Australia exercise, UWS has developed the Institute as a vehicle for coordinating interdisciplinary cultural research across the humanities and social sciences and as means of connecting Australian cultural research to relevant research overseas.

With the continuation of the Australian Research Council's Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA) scheme in 2012 (see the website: <http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/decra.htm>) and a University commitment of significant new funding, ICS is investing in Australia's next generation of leading cultural researchers by supporting innovative and outstanding DECRA proposals.

## ICS Research Program

KNOWLEDGE PRACTICE THEMES	BRIDGING THEME	CULTURE AND SOCIETY RESEARCH THEMES
1. Methods, Disciplines and Social Change  2. Digital Research and Cultural Transformation	Australian Cultural Fields	1. Intercultural Dialogue and Transnational Culture 2. Institutions, Governance, Citizenship 3. Cultural Economy and Globalization 4. Heritage, Environment and Society 5. Cities and Urban Cultures

## ICS Research and Researchers

ICS researchers approach culture as a vital dimension of social, political and economic life. Their interdisciplinary research produces cutting-edge work in and across the fields of cultural studies, media studies, sociology, cultural and human geography, Asian studies, education studies, and museum and heritage studies.

Academic staff currently working in the Institute include:

Professor Ian Ang (Director)	Dr James Arvantakis
Professor Tony Bennett (Research Director)	Dr Fiona Cameron
Professor Kay Anderson	Dr Philippa Collin
Professor Bob Hodge	Dr Julie Thorpe
Professor Donald McNeill	Dr Sonja Van Wichelen
Professor Brett Neilson	Dr Emma Waterton (DECRA recipient)
Professor David Rowe	Dr Megan Watkins
Professor Stephen Tomsen	Dr Tim Winter
A/Professor Greg Noble	

## Expressions of Interest

ICS will offer expert assistance to DECRA applications where these fit closely with one or more aspects of its research program.

Early Career Researchers interested in pursuing this opportunity should initiate a discussion with the Institute by Friday, 20 January, 2012.

To find out more about the Institute for Culture and Society at UWS, how your work might fit with ours, and how we might help you, please contact:

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