Southern Knowledge Symposium: Valuing Wisdom and Know-how from beyond the West



University of Tasmania 2nd and 3rd of November 2017

Do you work with people, are you a teacher, academic, community, youth or social worker, an advocate or activist, are you studying, retraining or advancing your knowledge in the Humanities, Social Sciences, Health, Human Services or Education, are you a health professional or a community member keen to connect?

We invite and welcome all those keen to learn, participate, share and listen to dialogues about how the wisdom from places beyond the West can inform what we do.

Professor Raewyn Connell, an internationally acclaimed Sociologist, joins us as our Provocateur. Professor Connell examines and critiques how Northern framings of knowledge (including data extracted from the global South) are privileged. She will set the scene and alert us to how much wisdom is missed when we privilege only one way of knowing, being and doing.

Pro Vice-Chancellor for Aboriginal Research and Leadership Professor Maggie Walter will explore the fitting of non-Euro origin knowledge systems and lifeworlds, especially those of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, within this critique.

Dr Joselynn Baltra-Ulloa will share her work in decolonising social work thinking, teaching, learning and practice. She will add to the dialogues by exploring how it is that Southern Knowledge has been selectively placed as subordinated knowledge since colonial times when in fact it has been enriching and adding value to the Health and Human Services sector since its conception.

Dr Kim McLeod will discuss how a team of teachers is undertaking a collaborative examination of the lived experience of classroom teaching and learning, in order to explore what it means to decolonise teaching in practice.

Participants will then break into 4 theme groups (Professional Practice, Teaching and Learning, Research, Community Activism and Advocacy) to expand discussions, add to the dialogue, share their experiences and ideas and ask questions. The 2 days will end with participants drawing conclusions, creating a network and defining ways forward for what we do in practice.

Where: University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay Campus Arts Lecture Theatre

When: 11am-5pm Thursday 2nd November & 9am-3:30pm Friday 3rd November

Cost: Free, please bring a plate of lunch to share on both days. The Uni café is also available to purchase lunch.

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