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UTAS' Natasha Cica celebrated as one of Australia's 100 Women of Influence

The University of Tasmania's Associate Professor Natasha Cica, Director of the Inglis Clark Centre for Civil Society, has been recognised as one of Australia's 100 Women of Influence in a prestigious national competition run by the Australian Financial Review and Westpac.

The 100 Women of Influence awards are dedicated to identifying and celebrating the women who are changing Australia. Each of the 100 finalists has demonstrated collaboration within and beyond her field and a wider circle of influence than through her direct role.

The awards cover 10 categories: board/management, innovation, public policy, business entrepreneur, diversity, young leader, global, social enterprise, not for profit/philanthropy and local/regional. A/Prof Cica is a finalist in the innovation category.

The winners will be announced at a gala event in Sydney on the evening of October 17.

"It's always satisfying to be recognised and rewarded on merit," said A/Prof Cica.

"Being named as one of Australia's 100 most influential women is a great honour, especially in the category of innovation - which in our society is often assumed to be mainly the domain of scientists, economists and, indeed, men."

With Professor Julianne Schultz AM, A/Prof Cica co-edited the bestselling *GriffithREVIEW39: Tasmania - The Tipping Point?* earlier this year.

Her award-winning first book *Pedder Dreaming: Olegas Truchanas and A Lost Tasmanian Wilderness* was published by the University of Queensland Press in 2011, and officially launched by the Governor-General of Australia.

In 2012, A/Prof Cica was also the recipient of an inaugural Sidney Myer Creative Fellowship. Just 12 winners were selected for these fellowships from across Australia, with regard to two criteria - outstanding talent and exceptional courage.

This fellowship has supported her research, partnership and engagement initiatives in recent months in London, Budapest, Belgrade and Helsinki.

Born and raised in Tasmania, A/Prof Cica holds degrees in law and arts from the Australian National University, King's College London and the University of Cambridge.

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