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## International Women's Day Address to be presented by Eva Cox AO

Has progress stalled so we need to restart the feminist revolution? This will be the topic of an International Women's Day Address to be presented at the University of Tasmania on **Tuesday 11 March 2014**.

Eva Cox AO is an influential Australian public commentator and political researcher.

Born into a Jewish family during Hitler's annexation of Austria, Cox and her family were declared stateless and fled to England and later Italy. In 1948, at the age of 10, she arrived in Australia. She recalls that her early experiences stimulated her political activism and made her an irrepressible advocate for making societies fairer.

Cox graduated with Honours in sociology from the University of New South Wales in 1974 and worked as a researcher and tutor. She took up the role of Director of the New South Wales Council for Social Services, before becoming adviser to the Federal Shadow Minister for Social Services, Senator Don Grimes.

She is a passionate feminist and actively promotes inclusive, diverse and equitable ways of living together. Her 1996 book *Leading Women* explained why women who made a difference were usually labelled as difficult, a label she wears. In 1995 Eva delivered the prestigious ABC Boyer Lecture on the theme "A Truly Civil Society."

For her extensive contributions, particularly concerning the advancement of women's welfare, Cox was appointed Officer of the Order of Australia in 1995, named Humanist of the Year 1997, and featured on a postage stamp, as an Australian Legend, in 2011. Cox's most recent post is as Professorial Fellow at Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning Research Centre at the University of Technology, Sydney.

### Event details

**Who:** Eva Cox AO, guests

**What:** International Women's Day Address

**When:** Tuesday 11 March 2014, 6-7.30pm (refreshments served at 5.30pm)

**Where:** Stanley Burbury Theatre, Churchill Avenue, Sandy Bay UTAS campus

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