

Media Release

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Education in a globalised world

Members of the public are invited to join educators at the annual Global Education Professional Learning Conference, which begins at the University of Tasmania's Newnham campus today.

Organised by the Faculty of Education, the conference will explore how best to prepare students who can thrive in the globalized and interdependent 21st Century world.

Associate Dean (Internationalisation) and conference convener Associate Professor Marion Myhill said the past 12 months had shown just how important global education was for today's students.

"We've seen huge movements of people throughout the world as the effects of events ripple out across the globe," Associate Professor Myhill said.

"Never has it been clearer just how interconnected we are, however far away we may feel. We want to educate students who will understand, and be a positive member of, a world that is intertwined culturally, economically, and politically."

The conference will be held in the Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre, Newnham campus, Launceston, from 9.15am today (Wednesday, 13 January 2016).

The conference will conclude with a free public forum, at 6pm tomorrow (Thursday, 14 January 2016), which will ask the question: 2016 – too late for global citizenship?

Conference highlights

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9.15am: Official opening and welcome address from Mrs Frances Underwood, Patron of the University's Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment.

1.30pm: 'Global education in action – Social cohesion and the art of active citizenship.' A workshop presented by Alisa Cleary from the Global Learning Centre Queensland.

4.45pm: Joint India-Tasmania Conferences Session. The Tasmanian conference will use Skype to hook into the International Conference on Education as a Driver for Sustainable Development Goals, organised by the Centre for Environment Education, Ahmedabad, India.

Thursday, 14 January

9.15am: 'What is an IB Education? The International Baccalaureate in the Australian Context.' A presentation from Dr Marcia Behrenbruch from the International Baccalaureate Organisation.

11.15am: 'The Global Peace Index and the Global Terrorism Index', from Talia Hagerty from the Institute for Economics and Peace.

12pm: Keynote Speaker, Professor Greg Barton, Chair in Global Islamic Politics at the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, Deakin University. 'Radicalisation and modern terrorism.'

4.30pm: Keynote Speaker, Dr Bob Brown, the Bob Brown Foundation. 'Global Democracy: Coming ready or not.'

6pm: Public Forum – '2016 – too late for global citizenship?' The University of Tasmania's Dean of Education, Professor John Williamson, will moderate the forum, which will include most of the conference presenters.

There are many more presentations on a range of subjects. For the full program, please visit the [Faculty of Education website](#).

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