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# MIGRATION UPDATE CONFERENCE



Population Policy: What is the role of Migration?  
Integrating migration, demographic and economic policy

**THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2015**  
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# 2015 MIGRATION UPDATE CONFERENCE

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# FOREWORD

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DONNA HARDEN

Executive Director, Don Dunstan Foundation

The Migration Update Conference is now in its fifth year. We have been very fortunate to have had guidance from the late Professor Graeme Hugo for the majority of this time and to have had early guidance from him in the development of this year's topic. Professor Hugo was passionate about the development of population policy as a means to ensure appropriate responses to new settlers, both migrants and refugees. He believed that economic policy could not sit outside the discussion of population and that the development of our community would be best served if economic, demographic and migration issues could be fully integrated into a population policy.

Sadly we no longer have the guidance of Professor Hugo but, determined to maintain his legacy, we have discovered a passionate cohort of academics and others who seek to continue to honour and develop upon his work. The Foundation is especially grateful to Dr Helen Feist, Acting Director of the Australian Population and Migration Research Centre, for her determination, resourcefulness and academic knowledge in putting together this year's conference programme.

We know that levels of immigration have increased in many countries, especially in the OECD, in response to ageing populations and decline in fertility. Australia's population growth has been largely due to high levels of net migration gain (1.1 percent in 2012-13) – the highest rate in the OECD. Net international migration accounted for 60 percent of Australia's population growth in 2013 and this has been dominated by skilled migrants. This reflects a change in the nature of migration to Australia since WWII, from policy based on population building to that based on specific economic need. We are now seeing further changes with migrants moving away from aspirations for long term settlement here, alongside a worldwide crisis involving the widespread movement of people seeking refuge.

It seems we have not prepared ourselves for these possibilities. While the Australian government is almost unique in its ability to control the numbers settling permanently in the country we heard Professor Hugo, in last year's Migration Update, highlight the need for measurement of transnational circulation, return migration, temporary migration, and circular migration as these factors are largely ignored in standard data collection.

Population policies will be crucial in shaping the level and nature of future population change. Developing those policies is an important national priority but must involve a broad based conversation that examines all aspects of the migration debate. The issues of sustainability, the building of communities, and urban planning are just some of the issues that need to be included in an integrated population policy.

The 2015 Migration Update Conference comes at a critical time with State and Federal Governments announcing the likely intake of people from Syria seeking refuge. It is an opportunity to broaden the scope of the current conversation and to assess options for the most positive future possible for our community.



# CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:30am		Registration
9:00am	<b>The Hon Rev Dr Lynn Arnold AO</b>	Welcome and Introduction to the Hon. Zoe Bettison MP
9:05am	<b>The Hon Zoe Bettison MP</b>	Official Conference Opening
9:20am	<b>Dr Helen Feist</b>	Hugo Memorial Migration Update
10:00am	Q&A Discussion	
10:10am	<b>Professor Paul James</b>	Population, Global Mobility and Sustainable Futures
10:50am	Q&A Discussion	
11:00		Morning Tea
11:20am	<b>Professor Stephen Castles</b>	Rethinking Australian Migration
12:00 noon	Q&A Discussion	
12:10pm	<b>Professor Jon Kellett</b>	Strategic planning for the Adelaide region
12:00pm	Q&A Discussion	
1:00pm		Lunch
1:50pm	<b>Expert Panel Session</b> What is the role of migration in the current context? 2015 and beyond	Professor Stephen Castles Professor Paul James Professor Jon Kellett Chair: Associate Professor Alex Reilly
2:40pm	Q&A Discussion	
3:10pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:30pm	<b>SA Panel Session</b> The Way Ahead: Recommendations for policy integration in SA	Ms Vickie Chapman MP Mr Joe Szakacs His Worship Brenton Lewis Associate Professor Alex Reilly Chair: Dr Helen Feist
4:20pm	Q&A Discussion	
4:50pm	<b>Dr Helen Feist</b>	Conference Closing Remarks
5:00pm	<b>Ms Cathie King</b>	Vote of thanks
5:10pm		Post Conference Drinks

# THE HON REV DR LYNN ARNOLD

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9:00am | MC Welcome



Lynn Arnold AO is a former South Australian Premier, Cabinet Minister and has a long professional association with World Vision, including his time as CEO of World Vision Australia from 1997-2003. In 2001 he received the Centenary Medal for his services to the Australian community and in 2004, he was awarded the Order of Australia (AO) for his services to Australia through the South Australian Parliament as Premier, and internationally through development and humanitarian aid assistance.

Dr Arnold was CEO of Anglicare SA from 2008 to mid-2012. In this role, he was responsible for overseeing South Australia's largest non-government agency promoting 'justice, respect and fullness of life for all'. Dr Arnold holds a PhD, as well as a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education from the University of Adelaide. He also holds a diploma in Senior Company Administration from the Escuela Superior de la Alta Dirección de Empresas (ESADE) in Barcelona, Spain.

In December 2014, Lynn was ordained as a Priest in the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide following his ordination as a Deacon in 2013. He is continuing his studies, embarking on a Master of Theology.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Minister for Communities & Social Inclusion

# THE HON ZOE BETTISON MP

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9:05am | Official Conference Opening, representing the Premier



Zoe Bettison was elected to the South Australian Parliament as the Member for Ramsay on February 11, 2012. She has a long standing interest in education, training and business investment. Participation in the economy for all South Australians is a key driver for her interest in politics.

Born in Whyalla, Zoe lived in Gawler and Kapunda where she attended Kapunda High School. She now lives in Salisbury with her young son.

She has a BA from Flinders University and a MBA from the University of Adelaide. Prior to her election Zoe worked for an iconic Australian tourism operator and was a director of a public affairs company.

Zoe became a Minister following the 2014 state election and since then has worked on progressing the South Australian Government's reform agenda on ageing, multicultural affairs, social housing and youth.

Acting Director, Australian Population and Migration Research Centre

## DR HELEN FEIST

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9:20am | Hugo Memorial Migration Update

1:50pm | Chair, SA Panel Session



Dr. Helen Feist is the Acting Director of the Australian Population and Migration Research Centre at the University of Adelaide, where she worked as a researcher with the late Professor Graeme Hugo for almost 10 years. Dr. Feist's work has a focus on the changing demography of Australia and South Australia's population, with particular attention to the ageing of our population and the implications of this for society and communities. Prior to joining the University of Adelaide Helen worked in community development in not-for-profit community based organisations for over 20 years, both in Australia and overseas.

Director of the Public Law and Policy Research Unit, The University of Adelaide

## ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ALEX REILLY

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1:50pm | Chair, Expert Panel Session

3:30pm | SA Panel Session



Alex Reilly is the Director of the Public Law and Policy Research Unit at the University of Adelaide. Alex is also a member of the Work and Employment Regulation research specialisation in the Adelaide Law School, and an associate of the Australian Population and Migration Research Centre. Alex teaches and researches in migration law and policy, citizenship, constitutional law, legal theory, and Indigenous legal issues. He is the co-author of *Rights and Redemption: History, Law and Indigenous Peoples* (2008); *Sovereignty: Frontiers of Possibility* (2013) and *Australian Public Law* (2010; 2014).

# PROFESSOR PAUL JAMES

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10:10am | **Population, Global Mobility and Sustainable Futures**

1:50pm | **Expert Panel Session**



Paul James is a social theorist with three overlapping areas of research focus. The first is globalisation and its impact upon social relations, from national community to local community. The second is social change and the human condition, including the impact of modernisation on customary and traditional ways of being. The third is sustainability with an emphasis on sustainable urbanisation. These areas of focus are integrated through an approach to social theory called ‘engaged theory’, encompassing questions of social formation, social integration and ontological tension.

Across the last decade, Paul James been engaged in bringing out a sixteen-volume series called ‘Central Currents in Globalization’. This collection maps the contours of a burgeoning field that now crosses the boundaries of all the older disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. The set comprises approximately 7,000 pages and 3.5 million words.

He has also been working on the issue of community resilience and urban sustainability. This research has gone in two directions. One massive research project in Papua New Guinea resulted in changes to the way in which that country approaches community development. The research has subsequently been written up in a book called *Sustainable communities, sustainable development: other pathways for Papua New Guinea* (2012). The second direction has been in the area of urban sustainability. This currently involves ongoing work with Metropolis and other organisations to develop an alternative model of urban development called ‘Circles of Sustainability’. It is elaborated in a book called *Urban sustainability in theory and practice: circles of sustainability* (2015).

Paul James is Research Director of Global Reconciliation, an international organisation based in Australia that has been doing work in zones of conflict around the world including Sri Lanka and the Middle East, bringing people together in ongoing dialogue. He is on the Council of the Institute of Postcolonial Studies, Honorary Professor at King’s College London, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts (London). He is an editor of *Arena Journal*, as well as an editor/board-member of nine other international journals, including *Globalizations and Global Governance*. He has delivered invited addresses in over thirty countries and is author or editor of 31 books including, most importantly, *Globalism, nationalism, tribalism* (Sage, 2006).

He has been an advisor to a number of agencies and governments including the Helsinki Process, the Canadian Prime Minister’s G20 Forum, and the Commission on Reception, Truth and Reconciliation in East Timor. His work for the Papua New Guinea Minister for Community Development became the basis for their Integrated Community Development Policy. He was Director of the United Nations Global Compact, Cities Programme (2007–2014).

# PROFESSOR STEPHEN CASTLES

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11:20am | ***Rethinking Australian Migration***

1:50pm | Expert Panel Session



Stephen Castles is Research Professor of Sociology at the University of Sydney, as well being a Research Associate of the International Migration Institute at the University of Oxford. His main current research project is concerned with *Social Transformation and International Migration in the 21st Century*, with fieldwork in Australia, Turkey, Mexico and the Republic of Korea. Castles is also a Principal Investigator on *The International Migration Policy and Law Analysis (IMPALA)* project, an ARC Linkage Project led by Professor Mary Crock of the University of Sydney Law Faculty. Until August 2009, Castles was Professor of Migration and Refugee Studies, and Director of the International Migration Institute (IMI), at the University of Oxford. From 2001-2006, he was Director of the Refugee Studies Centre at Oxford University.

Stephen Castles is a sociologist and political economist, and works on international migration dynamics, global governance, migration and development, and regional migration trends in Asia. Castles has been working on Asian migration since the early 1990s, and was one of the founders of the UNESCO Asia Pacific Migration Research Network in 1994, which helped start political, social and cultural research on Asia, at a time when most Asian governments and academics were only interested in economic aspects.

His books include:

*Immigrant Workers and Class Structure in Western Europe*. London: Oxford University Press (with Godula Kosack, 1973 and 1985) (also published in Italian and Spanish); and, more recently *The Age of Migration: International Population Movements in the Modern World* (Fifth Edition), with Hein de Haas and Mark Miller, Basingstoke, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2014 (earlier editions also published in Arabic, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Italian, Spanish and Turkish).



# PROFESSOR JON KELLETT

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12:10pm | **Strategic planning for the Adelaide region**

1:50pm | Expert Panel Session



Jon is an urban planner with research interests in urban sustainability, energy and climate change. He was awarded his PhD at Sheffield Hallam University in 1983 and his Masters of Civic Design (Urban & Regional Planning) at the University of Liverpool in 1978. His first degree is in Archaeology and Ancient History from the University of Sheffield. From 1985-2005 Jon taught urban planning, property and environmental subjects at Sheffield Hallam University. During that period he developed a strong research interest in renewable energy and worked on projects for a variety of organisations including the UK Building Research Establishment, Greenpeace and the European Commission. He was also responsible for the development of a novel Masters Program in Energy and Environment and won a major funding grant to deliver this in distance learning format. In 2005 he moved to the University of South Australia and in 2007 assumed the leadership of the urban and regional planning discipline. He was Associate Professor of Urban and Regional planning at UniSA until moving to the University of Adelaide in 2014.

Jon is the Program Co-ordinator for the Master of Planning and the Master of Planning (Urban Design). He is currently teaching courses in Planning Theory and Practice, Planning Policy & Regulation and Development & Construction.

Over the period 2006 - present Jon has been Chief Investigator on three Australian Research Council Linkage funded projects looking at *Carbon Neutral Communities*, *the Life Cycle Affordability of Housing* and the *Integrated Assessment of Urban Sustainability*. He has also worked on a number of research projects relating to climate change adaptation namely *Learning from Regional Climate Analogues* and *Quantifying the Cost of Climate Change Impacts on Local Government Assets*, both commissioned by the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility. He has recently been involved in researching policy response mechanisms to sea level rise via a Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency funded project on *Climate Change Decision Support Framework and Software for Local Councils*.

Deputy State Liberal Leader

## MS VICKIE CHAPMAN MP

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3:30pm | SA Panel Session



Vickie was born on Kangaroo Island. She was educated at Parndana Area School and Pembroke School before going on to study Law at The University of Adelaide.

Vickie was a Barrister and Solicitor from 1979 to 2011 and for many of those years she ran her own small business, Chapman and Associates.

While still working as a lawyer, Vickie served on the Liberal Party's Executive, first as Vice President, and then from 1992-1995 as the Party's first female President.

Vickie was first elected as the Member for Bragg in February 2002 and was then re-elected in March 2006, March 2010 and again in March 2014.

Vickie is the Deputy State Liberal Leader and Shadow Attorney-General, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, and Shadow Minister for Housing and Urban Development.

Mayor, Rural City of Murray Bridge

## HIS WORSHIP BRENTON LEWIS

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3:30pm | SA Panel Session



Brenton was elected as Mayor of the Rural City of Murray Bridge in November 2015 on the platform of Murray Bridge Proud, Safe, Progressive

Brenton resigned his role as Chief Executive of Regional Development Australia Murraylands & Riverland Inc in July 2015 after 12 years to become a full time Mayor.

Brenton previously spent many years in private enterprise at the senior management level, particularly in Agribusiness and within his own private businesses. Brenton has contributed to many civic duties including the Soil Board, Murraylands Regional Development Board, Murray Bridge Racing Club, Homes for the Aged and the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge. Within the role of Chief Executive, Brenton chairs several forums, participates on several boards, various committees and working parties. His passion and personal drive for the growth & sustainability of the region is tremendous. Through his previous role as CE of the RDA and in his role as Mayor he strives to capitalise investment attraction, thereby maximising economic development and community capacity in the expanded region.

Secretary, SA Unions

## MR JOE SZAKACS

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3:30pm | SA Panel Session



Joe Szakacs is the Secretary of SA Unions, the peak body for the South Australian union movement representing over 160,000 members and twenty-seven trade unions.

He was elected in October 2013, having served at the United Firefighters Union for seven years.

Joe was the first person in his family to attend University, attaining qualifications in law and legal practice. He was a student activist, and an active political activist from an early age.

Joe is currently a Director of Statewide Superannuation, a member of the Australian Council of Trade Unions National Executive and the Safework SA Advisory Council.

Joe has extensive experience in representing the interests of working people in a legal, political and campaigning framework.

Chair, Board of Management, Don Dunstan Foundation

## MS CATHIE KING

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5:00pm | Vote of Thanks



Cathie King has enjoyed a diverse working life in both the public and private sectors.

Cathie spent many years working for the Australian Labor Party in a variety of exciting roles including as a National Organiser based in Canberra, in the Premiers Office for Premiers Bannon and Arnold and in the electorate office of the Member for Norwood, Greg Crafter. Cathie served on the State Executive of the Labor Party and on a variety of social policy committees.

Cathie established her own business advising major Australian companies, peak bodies and not for profit organisations. She learned a lot and made many friends working for a number of national companies in regulated industries. Cathie enjoyed her career in hospitality rising to the position of Licensee in hotels and nightclubs and worked as a jillaroo on a cattle station in the Northern Territory for 4 years.

Cathie is a Director of EML Pty Ltd and EML SA, Deputy Chair of Adelaide Fringe Inc, Director of Common Ground and Member of the Board of ResourceCo Pty Ltd.

