

UWS Open Fora

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Invites you and your colleagues to the Open Forum

Challenging Racism What works?

With Special Guest Speaker

Dr Soutphommasane

Australia's Race Discrimination Commissioner

Date: Wednesday, 23 July 2014

Venue: Parramatta South Campus, Building EA, Room 2.14

Time: 12:30pm for refreshments, 1pm start

This is a free event and open to the general public

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Dr Tim Soutphommasane is Race Discrimination Commissioner and commenced his five-year appointment on 20 August 2013. Prior to joining the Australian Human Rights Commission, he was a political philosopher at the University of Sydney. His thinking on multiculturalism and national identity has been influential in reshaping debates in Australia and Britain. During his term, Dr Soutphommasane will be an advocate for a fairer Australia and drive the Commission's efforts to combat racism.

Dr Soutphommasane is the author of three books: *The Virtuous Citizen* (Cambridge University Press, 2012), *Don't Go Back To Where You Came From* (New South Books, 2012), and *Reclaiming Patriotism* (Cambridge University Press, 2009). He has been an opinion columnist with *The Age* and *The Weekend Australian* newspapers, and in 2013

presented "Mongrel Nation", a six-part documentary series about Australian multiculturalism, on ABC Radio National. He is a board member of the National Australia Day Council, a member of the Australian Multicultural Council, and a member of the advisory council of the Global Foundation.

A first-generation Australian of Chinese and Lao extraction, Dr Soutphommasane was raised in southwest Sydney. He completed his Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Oxford, from where he also holds a Master of Philosophy degree (with distinction). He is a first-class honours graduate of the University of Sydney.

For those interested in the correct pronunciation of Dr Soutphommasane's surname, the phonetic spelling of it is Soot-pom-ma-sarn.



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14 August 2014

Commission of Inquiry on North Korea

Guest Speaker:

The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG

Retired Justice of High Court, Human Rights Champion



17 September 2014

Aboriginal Astronomy

Guest Speaker:

Dr Roslynn Haynes

Adjunct Associate Professor School of Arts and Media, UNSW,
Honorary Associate School of English, Journalism and European Languages,
University of Tasmania



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