



Making Connections: Multiculturalism and Interculturalism in Australia Conference

March 9-10, 2023, Melbourne
Swinburne University of Technology

Australia is widely recognized as a successful multicultural society. However, global migration and geopolitical trends in the 21st century are throwing up new diversity challenges.

Hosted by Swinburne University over two days, this policy-focused conference will bring together Australian and international practitioners, policymakers and researchers to explore whether and how combining multicultural and intercultural approaches could enrich diversity policy in Australia.

Keynote Speakers:

Prof Fethi Mansouri, Director,
Alfred Deakin Institute for
Citizenship and Globalisation

Ms Irena Guidikova, Head of
Division, Inclusion & Anti-
Discrimination Programmes,
Council of Europe, former
Director, Intercultural Cities

Assoc Prof Anthony Moran,
Latrobe University

Ms Lynda Ford, iGen Foundation,
ICC Expert, Australia

Ms Vesna Haracic, City of
Salisbury

Mr Pete Appleton, City of Ballarat

Dr Glenda Ballantyne, Swinburne
University of technology

Prof Bob White, University of
Montreal

Prof Ricard Zapata-Barrero,
University of Pompeu Fabra,
Barcelona

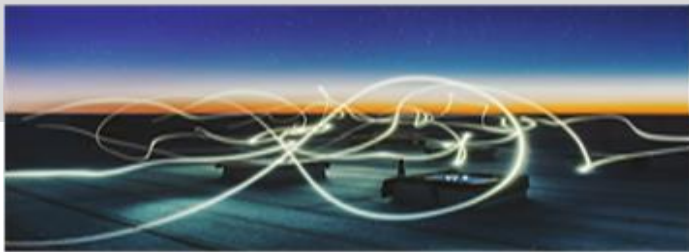
Professor Robyn Eversole,
Bucknell University, US

Dr David Radford, University of
South Australia

Dr Kiros Hiruy, Swinburne
University of Technology

Globally, intercultural approaches have been adopted primarily at the city level, and since 2017, several Australian cities have embraced an intercultural policy framework.

The *Making Connections* conference will explore the role the 'intercultural cities' approach could play in addressing rising diversity challenges internationally and in Australia.



International and local experts will explore the complementarity of multiculturalism and interculturalism and showcase the experience of intercultural cities in Australia, Canada and Spain.

We invite practitioners, stakeholders, policymakers at all levels of government and academics to be a part of the conversation.

Register [here](#)

Further information:

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Program details available on the International Intercultural Cities Comparative Study Website: [IICCS](#)

Day 1: Multiculturalism and Interculturalism: alternatives or mutually supporting approaches?

- What is the difference – in theory and in practice - between multicultural and intercultural approaches to diversity policy?
- Does Australia need an intercultural component in its diversity policies?
- How could multicultural and intercultural approaches be combined in Australia?

Day 2: Intercultural Cities in Global Context: Australia, Canada and Spain

- Australian Intercultural Cities showcase: Salisbury (South Australia) and Ballarat (Victoria).
- Preliminary findings of the International Intercultural Cities Comparative Study: Ballarat and Salisbury (Australia), Sherbrooke (Canada) and Sabadell (Spain).

The *Making Connections Conference* is an initiative of the *International Intercultural Cities Comparative Study* and *Embedding Intercultural Cities in the Antipodes* project supported by the Erasmus+ program of the European Union.