

CRUNCH TIME

AUSTRALIA'S
POLICY
FUTURE

Program

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd April 2009
Trades Hall Auditorium,
4 Goulburn Street, Sydney

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Day One – Wednesday 22nd April 2009

Event convenors

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- 9.10 am **Welcome to country by Aunty Sylvia, Aboriginal elder.**
Conference introduction – Jo-anne Schofield
- 9.30am **Where have we got social policy right, and how can we improve it?**
John Falzon, St Vincent de Paul National Council
Professor Larissa Behrendt, Jumbunna House of Indigenous Learning
Facilitator – Jo-anne Schofield
- 10.15 am **Morning tea**
- 10.45 am **The global financial crisis and opportunities for progressive reform**
Garry Weaven, Industry Funds Management
Cheryl Kernot, Centre for Social Impact, UNSW
Facilitator – David Hetherington
- 11.45 am **Taxation and national development**
Professor Julian Disney, Community Tax Forum
Jane Caro, Public education advocate
Facilitator – Josh Fear
- 12.30 pm **Observations - Bruce Petty**
- 1.00 pm **LUNCH – a light luncheon is provided**
- 1.50 pm **Reality and policy on climate change**
John Connor, The Climate Institute
Dr Gabrielle Kuiper, Labor Environment Action Network
Facilitator – Julius Roe
- 2.50 pm **Afternoon Tea**
- 3.10 pm **Workshop streams.**
There are three panel workshop streams. Each stream will hear a short presentation from expert speakers, followed by moderated discussion.
- 1. Workforce participation and equity** (facilitator Peter Murphy)
Clare Martin, CEO, Australian Council of Social Services
Associate Professor Marian Baird, Sydney University
Kirrily Jordan, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, ANU

Day 1 cont'd

2. Responsible Markets (facilitator Miriam Lyons)
Steve Keen, University of Western Sydney
Dr Lindy Edwards, Australian National University
Dr John Quiggin, Queensland University (by videolink)

3. Funding the public good and government service delivery
(facilitator – Max Dumais)
Professor John Dwyer, University of NSW
Professor Warwick Funnell, University of Wollongong

4.30 pm **“Two minute fixes”** Policy ideas from the audience.
Session is chaired by **David McKnight** who will close the first day.

5.00 pm *Conference drinks*

Day Two – Thursday 23rd April 2009

9.00 am **Keynote Address**
Ann Pettifor, Advocacy International and new economics foundation UK
(by videoconference)

9.40 am **Young, female, Green – progressive politics in a nutshell**
Sarah Hanson-Young, Greens Senator for SA

9.55 am **Unions and the future of work**
Jeff Lawrence, Secretary, Australian Council of Trade Unions
Facilitator – Dianne Hiles

10.30 am **Morning Tea**

11.00 am **Stream 1**
Social Justice, equity and climate change (*facilitator Josh Fear*)
Emma Partridge, Institute for Sustainable Futures, UTS
May Miller Dawkins, Oxfam International

Stream 2
Sustainable Industries (*facilitator Jo Schofield*)
Professor Frank Stilwell, Sydney University/Evatt Foundation
Geoff Evans, University of Newcastle

12.20 pm **LUNCH**

1.00 pm **What next after neo-liberalism - creating a progressive future**
David McKnight, Author *Beyond Right and Left*
Mark Davis, Author, *Land of Plenty*
Sarah Hanson-Young, Greens Senator for SA
Facilitator – Miriam Lyons

2.30 pm **The Next Steps** - Dr Richard Denniss, The Australia Institute

3.00 pm **Close**

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