



Hokkaido University – The University of Melbourne Conference on

Indigenous Studies

Wednesday 28th June 2023

@ Centennial Hall, Hokkaido University and Online (Zoom)

13.30	Doors open
14.00-14.05	Introduction of the Conference and Workshop Prof Hirofumi Kato , Director of Center for Ainu and Indigenous Studies and GSI, HU
14.05-14.10	Opening Remarks Prof Aya Takahashi , Executive Vice President (International Affairs), HU
14.10-14.15	Opening Remarks Prof Michael Wesley , Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global, Culture and Engagement), UoM
14.15-14.20	Guest Remarks Counsellor Janine Pitt (Education and Research), Australian Embassy Tokyo
14.20-14.30	Introduction of Current Academic Activities #1. Collaboration via the framework of GSI, GI-CoRE Prof Hirofumi Kato , Director of Center for Ainu and Indigenous Studies and GSI, HU
14.30-14.40	#2. Collaboration via the Indigenous Knowledge Institute Prof Aaron Corn , Inaugural Director, Indigenous Knowledge Institute, UoM
14.40-15.00	Coffee break
15.00-15.20	International Showcase #1. Prof Joe Watkins , GSI, GI-CoRE, HU / University of Arizona
15.20-15.40	#2. Prof Marcia Langton , Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor and Associate Provost (Indigenous), UoM
15.40-15.55	Q&A and Wrap-up
15.55-16.00	Closing Remarks Prof Barry Judd , Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous), UoM

✿ This event is free of charge, however pre-registration is required. ✿

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https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_INFct4bsR_KILLMDPaNhNg

In-person Registration: <https://forms.gle/ybfPpKgYXM9XnBjq9>



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Global Station for Indigenous Studies and Cultural Diversity, Hokkaido University

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Speakers



Professor Hirofumi Kato
Director of Center for Ainu and Indigenous Studies, Hokkaido University
Director of Global Station for Indigenous Studies and Cultural Diversity, Hokkaido University

Professor of Hokkaido University, specializing in Indigenous Archaeology and Indigenous Cultural Heritage. He currently organizes an international field school on Rebun Island and is involved in collaborative research on cultural landscapes with Ainu communities in Biratori and Teshikaga.

Director of Global Station for Indigenous Studies and Cultural Diversity(GSI) and Director of Center for Ainu and Indigenous Studies (CAIS) of Hokkaido University; Affiliate Professor of Archaeology, Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Uppsala University; Research fellow of Oxford Centre of Asian Archaeology, Art and Culture, Institute of Archaeology, University of Oxford; Honorary Professor, Irkutsk State University.



Professor Aya TAKAHASHI
Executive Vice President (International Affairs), Hokkaido University

Professor Aya Takahashi has been Vice Executive Director for International Education since 2022 following her appointment as an Advisor to the President for about 6 years at Hokkaido University. She was involved in drafting the 'Hokkaido University Global Vision 2040', a mid-to-long term strategy to promote comprehensive internationalisation of the University. Among the working groups of the strategic plan, she has been working particularly on the further development of international educational programs. From the early stage of her academic career, she has been dedicated to international education and interested in intercultural exchanges between Japan and overseas from historical as well as practical perspectives. Professor Takahashi has been designated as an Executive Vice President (for International Affairs) and the appointment will start on 1 April 2023.



Professor Michael Wesley
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Culture & Engagement), The University of Melbourne

As Deputy Vice-Chancellor Global, Culture and Engagement at the University of Melbourne, Professor Wesley provides leadership across the University, with overall responsibility focusing on the University's service to and engagement with stakeholders, partners, government and community, both locally and globally. Professor Wesley leads several teams comprising Global (including Asialink and Australia India Institute); Policy and Government Relations; Strategic Intelligence; Business Strategy and Projects; University Museums and Collections; University Performing Arts; Engagements, and Community and Cultural Partnerships. Professor Wesley also supports the Vice Chancellor in leadership and management of the University of Melbourne. Professor Wesley is an expert in international affairs who has worked in higher education, government and the private sector. He has extensive experience in international strategy and relations and has worked in higher education, government and the private sector. Professor Wesley has published on Australian foreign policy, Asia's international relations and strategic affairs, and the politics of state-building interventions. He has a PhD in International Relations from the University of St Andrews.



Counsellor Janine Pitt (Education and Research), Australian Embassy Tokyo

Janine has extensive international experience representing Australia and the Department at senior levels at a wide range of International and multilateral fora. Janine was previously based in Paris for three years as Minister-Counsellor with the Australian Delegation to the OECD where she focused on Employment, Education, Skills and Vocational Training. In addition, Janine has held the position of Australia's Representative to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) - a United Nations agency based in Geneva where she was a key member of the Asia-Pacific Group. She has represented Australia at international G20 meetings and both led and hosted International delegations in Australia and abroad.

Janine has held a number of Senior Executive positions within the Department of Education, Skills and Employment and its predecessors including as NSW/ACT State Manager of the Department. Most recently, she had responsibility for the development, management and delivery of key aspects of the national employment services program which aimed at improving the efficiency of the labour market and encouraging employment participation.



Professor Aaron Corn
Inaugural Director, Indigenous Knowledge Institute, The University of Melbourne

Professor Aaron Corn has a background in music, curatorial studies and Indigenous knowledge. He is Inaugural Director of the Indigenous Knowledge Institute at the University of Melbourne.

He works closely in co-designed research with Australian Indigenous colleagues and communities and serves as a Director of the National Recording Project for Indigenous Performance in Australia. His long term collaboration with Indigenous leaders communities engage with intellectual traditions that remain fundamental to Indigenous cultural survival. His research investigates new strategies for strengthening human cultural diversity in the digital age with emphasis on the durability of Indigenous knowledge across generations and cultures.



Professor Joe Watkins
Global Station for Indigenous Studies and Cultural Diversity, Hokkaido University
University of Arizona

Prof. Joe Watkins, a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, is a Senior Consultant with Archaeological and Cultural Education (ACE) Consultants, LLC, in Tucson, Arizona. He is a Visiting Professor here in the Global Station for Indigenous Studies and Cultural Diversity, Hokkaido University, Japan, and at the School of Anthropology at the University of Arizona. He is internationally known for his publications on the ethical practice of anthropology and the study of its relationships with descendant communities. During his year here in Japan he has presented widely to Ainu community organizations on American Indian self-governance programs such as tribal membership, self-determination, economic development, and self-sufficiency. He was President of the Society for American Archaeology from 2019-2021.



Professor Marcia Langton, Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor and Associate Provost
(Indigenous) , The University of Melbourne
Melbourne School of Population and Global Health

Professor Marcia Langton AM is an anthropologist and geographer, and since 2000 has held the Foundation Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies at the University of Melbourne. In 2016 Professor Langton was honoured as a University of Melbourne Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor.

In 2017 Professor Marcia Langton is appointed as the first Associate Provost at the University of Melbourne.



Dr Barry Judd, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous) and Professor/Director Australian Indigenous Studies
Office of the Provost and Culture and Communication, The University of Melbourne

Professor Judd is Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous) and Director of the Indigenous Studies Program in the School of Culture and Communication at the University of Melbourne.

In his role as PVC, Professor Judd has responsibility for institutional policy, strategy, and advice in relation to all aspects of Indigenous higher education.

As Director of Indigenous Studies, he provides academic leadership to the Program through undergraduate teaching, Higher Degree Research supervisions and research activity in support of this growing field of studies. Professor Judd has held the position of Director Indigenous Studies since 2020 and was appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous) in 2022. In this role he was charged with progressing the Indigenous development agenda in concert with the Strategic Plan of the University. Professor Judd is a member of Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). He was a foundation Chief Investigator of National Indigenous Research and Knowledges Network (NIRAKN) and a foundation editor of ab-Original: Journal of Indigenous Studies and First Nations and First Peoples' Cultures.

Professor Judd holds an MA in Public Policy and a PhD in Australian Indigenous Studies and holds postgraduate qualifications in higher education teaching and learning. His area of research expertise relates to Australian race relations in Australian sports and interdisciplinary research methods in Indigenous Studies and Australian history.

He has worked in the support of Indigenous activity in Australian higher education for over 30 years in both professional staff and academic roles. Professor Judd is widely published and holds several current Australian Research Council research grants.