What Now? Towards Restorative, Reparative and Rights-based Journalism

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Program at a Glance

All times are in AEST (local Brisbane time).

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JERAA 2025 Conference Compendium

Please click the links below to find out more information about each session.

Sunday 30 November		
Professional Development Workshop and Twilight Welcome Drinks		
13:00 – 13:15	Welcome	S02 6.37

3:15 – 15:00	Professional development session 1	S02 6.37
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break and networking	The Ship Inn
15:30 – 16:15	Professional development session 2	S02 6.37
16:15 – 16:45	Questions and discussion	S02 6.37
17:00 – 19:00	JERAA 2025 Twilight Welcome Drinks	The lawn, QCAD
Monday 1 December Main conference and book launch		
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	The lawn, QCAD
9:00 – 10:30	Welcome to Country and Keynote with Prof Natalie Fenton	QCAD Lecture Theatre, S05_2.04
10:30 – 11:00	Morning tea	QCAD Undercroft
11:00 – 11:15	Anne Dunn Award Presentation	QCAD Lecture Theatre, S05_2.04
11:15 – 12:15	Panel: Press Freedom and Journalists' Industrial Agency	QCAD Lecture Theatre, S05_2.04
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch	S02 7.07
13:15 – 14:45	Parallel session 1	Various rooms
14:45 - 15:15	Afternoon tea	S02 7.07
15:15 – 16:45	Parallel session 2	Various rooms
17:00 – 18:00	**JERAA book launch**	**S02 7.07**
Tuesday 2 December Main conference, teaching awards, conference dinner, Ossie Awards		
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	The lawn, QCAD

9:00 – 10:00	Keynote with Prof P. Sainath	QCAD Lecture Theatre, S05_2.04
10:00 – 10:30	Morning tea	S02 7.07
10:30 – 12:00	Parallel session 3	Various rooms
12:00 - 13:15	Lunch and Teaching Awards	S02 7.07
13:15 – 14:45	Parallel session 4	Various rooms
14:45 - 15:15	Afternoon tea	S02 7.07
15:15 – 16:45	Parallel session 5	Various rooms
16:45 – 17:30	Panel: The Junction update	S02 6.37
19:00 – 22:00	**Conference dinner and Ossie Awards**	**Mary Mae's**
Wednesday 3 December Main conference, teaching awards, conference dinner, Ossie Awards		
8:30 – 9:00	Registration	The lawn, QCAD
9:00 – 10:00	Panel: Empowering Pacific Journalism in Turbulent Times	QCAD Lecture Theatre, S05_2.04
10:00 – 10:30	Morning tea	S02 7.07
10:30 – 12:00	Parallel session 6	Various rooms
12:00 - 13:15	Lunch and JERAA AGM	S02 7.07
13:15 – 14:45	Parallel session 7	Various rooms
14:45 - 15:00	Afternoon tea	S02 7.07
15:00 – 15:30	Conference closing	S02 7.07

Detailed Program

Monday 1 December

Time	Activity	Location
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome to Country - Uncle Steven Coghill	QCA Lecture Theatre S05_2.04
9:15 - 9:30	Opening Remarks and welcome: Conference Organisers; Prof Michael Ondaatje, HLSS Head of School; Prof Alex Wake, JERAA President,	QCA Lecture Theatre S05_2.04
9:30 - 10:30	Keynote address: Prof Natalie Fenton	QCA Lecture Theatre S05_2.04
10:30 - 11:00	Morning tea	QCA Undercroft
11:00 - 11:15	Anne Dunn Award Presentation	QCA Lecture Theatre S05_2.04
11:15 -12:15	MEAA Panel: Press Freedom and Journalists' Industrial Agency	

12:15 - 13:15	Lunch			S02 7.07
13:15 - 14:45	**Parallel Session 1**			
	Media Framing **Room: S02_6.37** **Chair: Monique Lewis**	**Diversity and Inclusion in Journalism** **Room: S02_6.38** **Chair: Susan Forde**	**Media Ethics, Accountability, and Watchdog Journalism** **Room: S02_5.04** **Chair: Caryn Coatney**	
	Flooding the zone: An analysis of The Australian newspaper's coverage of antisemitism around enactment of the (NSW) Crimes Amendment (Places of Worship) Bill 2025 and the Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2025 *Martin Newman, University of Technology Sydney*	Hidden in Plain Sight: Recognising the Unique Storytelling Practices of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Journalists *Alynna Wong, University of Queensland*	Who's the Watchdog? The Ethics of Conspiracy and/as Journalism – A Case Study *Jay Daniel Thompson, RMIT*	

	Framing Resilience: Power, Expectation, and the Media's Role in Post-Disaster Recovery *Sam Regi, University of Queensland*	Reimagining Journalism as Decolonised and Anti-Racist Practice *Vicki Kerrigan, Swinburne University of Technology*	Locking the Gates: Lawyers in Australian Newsrooms *Richard Murray, University of Queensland; Rebecca Ananian-Welsh, University of Queensland; Anne Kruger, University of Queensland*	
	Doing things differently: Indigenous sources on community radio and the ABC *Heather Anderson, Griffith University; Bridget Backhaus, Griffith University*	Inspiration Porn Revisited: Towards a Ninth Media Model of Disability Representation *Shawn Burns, University of Wollongong*	Shining Light on 'Dark Science': Mapping the Field of Watchdog Science Journalism *Aljosha Karim Schapals, QUT; Michelle Riedlinger, QUT; Silvia Montaña-Niño, University of Melbourne*	
		Social Value Framing in News Media Coverage of the 2023 Australian Voice Referendum *Shaghayegh (Shana) Mohammadamini, QUT; Katharina Esau, QUT; Michelle Riedlinger, QUT*	A transformed culture? The contemporary role of Italian journalists in and around the antimafia movement *Caroline Smith*	

14:45 - 15:15	Afternoon tea			S02 7.07
15:15 - 16:45	**Parallel Session 2**			
	Journalism Education **Room: S02_6.37** **Chair: Kasun Ubayasiri**	**Climate and Environmental Journalism** **Room: S02_6.38** **Chair: Kerrie Foxwell-Norton**	**Politics, Populism, and Media Framing** **Room: S02_5.04** **Chair: Ayesha Jehangir**	
	Evaluating communication in journalism work-integrated learning: A New Zealand case study *Tara Ross, University of Canterbury; Karen Neill, Ara Institute of Canterbury*	Burning Up: The Practical and Existential Impacts of Heat on Remote Queensland and Northern Territory Journalism *Jennifer Pinkerton, Charles Darwin University; Caroline Graham, Bond University; Richard Murray, University of Queensland*	Trumpian Populism in Australia: Echoes and Parallels in Australian Media Coverage of the 2025 Federal Election *Alena Radina, University of Technology Sydney*	

	Exploring Australian universities' journalism curricula and their alignment with today's changing newsroom needs	Diagnosing News Media Polarisation in Australian Climate Change Coverage	The Dynasty Next Door: Framing and Indexing Within Australian News Media Coverage of Joko Widodo's Endorsement of Prabowo Subianto	
	Barbara Pack, Deakin University	*Katharina Esau, QUT; Michelle Riedlinger, QUT; Laura Vodden, QUT; Alice Fleerackers, University of Amsterdam; Carly Lubicz-Zaorski, QUT*	*Herdanang Ahmad Fauzan, University of New South Wales*	
	Phone Phobia in Journalism education: Do Curricular Interventions Work? *Narelle Hopkin, Murdoch University; Glynn Greensmith, Curtin University*	Bleeding Leads vs Environmental Awareness: Are Shark Narratives Becoming More Constructive? *Kayt Davies, Curtin University; Alexandra Wake, RMIT; Jennah Williams, ESRI Australia*	Responsibility and Hubris in Culture War Reporting *Steven Maras, University of Western Australia*	

	Reimagining Journalism Education in India: The Christ University Model of Curriculum Reform, Media Entrepreneurship, and Community Engagement *Padmakumar M. M, Christ University, Bangalore, India; Meljo Thomas Karakunnel, Christ University, Bangalore, India; Joel M. Jacob, Christ University, Bangalore, India; Kailash Koushik, Christ University, Bangalore, India*	Disability visibility in news reporting on heatwaves in Australia *Monique Lewis, Griffith University; Hannah Adler, Griffith University; Hannah Ravell, Griffith University; Katie Ellis, Curtin University; Shannon Rutherford, Griffith University; Elizabeth Kendall, Griffith University*		
17:00 - 18:00	JERAA Book Launch sponsored by The Kennedy Foundation			S02 7.07

Tuesday 2 December

Time	Activity			Location
9:00 - 9:05	Welcome and housekeeping: Conference Organisers			QCA Lecture Theatre S05_2.04
9:05 - 10:00	Keynote address: Prof P. Sainath			QCA Lecture Theatre S05_2.04
10:00 - 10:30	Morning tea			S02 7.07
10:30 - 12:00	**Parallel Session 3**			
	Local and Regional News Sustainability **Room: S02_6.37** **Chair: Bridget Backhaus**	**Journalism in the Age of AI** **Room: S02_6.38** **Chair: Victoria Fielding**	**War, Conflict, and Representation** **Room: S02_5.04** **Chair: Kasun Ubayasiri**	

	Pinning down news provisions: Highlighting the value of a proximity index to guide support for local news in Australia *Kristy Hess, Deakin University; Angela Ross, ABC News; Susan Forde, Griffith University; Matthew Ricketson, Deakin University; Alison McAdam, Deakin University; Angela Blakston, Deakin University*	AI use in New Zealand newsrooms *Conan Young, University of Canterbury*	Shaping Belonging: How Australian Media's Distant War Reporting Influences Social Cohesion of Young Adults in Australian Muslim Community *Ayesha Jehangir, University of New South Wales*	
	Community-Run Hyperlocal News: Sustainability, 'professionalisation' and the "whole journalism" endeavour *Josie Vine, RMIT*	The Great Wall of the Press: Preemptive Boundary Work in the Age of Generative AI *Joanne Kuai, RMIT*	A Diverse Turn in Celebrity War Reporting *Caryn Coatney, University of Southern Queensland*	
	People Not Platforms: Audience Trust, Agency	Simulating Authentic Feedback for Journalism	Information disorder: Media Monopoly and manufacturing of narratives	

	and Local News Futures in Australia's Far North *Philippa McCulloch, Griffith University*	Students in the Age of GenAI Newsrooms *Katrina McLachlan, University of South Australia*	in Meitei Kuki Conflict in Manipur, India *Anash Khan, Nagaland University; Makakmayum Furkan Sharief, Manipur University*	
	News audience experiences with local visual news: A digital diary study *T.J. Thomson, RMIT*	AI and news: another nail in the coffin? *Michael Davis, UTS; Monica Attard, UTS*	Facts and fabrications in search experience: Russia's war on Ukraine and Google Search's role in gatekeeping fact-checked information *Kateryna Kasianenko, QUT; Ashwin Nagappa, QUT; Silvia Montaña-Niño, University of Melbourne; Michelle Riedlinger, QUT; Ned Watt, QUT; Anand Badola, QUT; Axel Bruns, QUT*	
12:00 - 13:15	Lunch and Teaching Awards			S02 7.07
13:15 - 14:45	**Parallel Session 4**			

	Rural, Regional, and Community Journalism **Room: S02_6.37** **Chair: Heather Anderson**	**AI, Disinformation and Fact-Checking** **Room: S02_6.38** **Chair: Richard Murray**	**Workshop session** **Room: S02_5.04** **Chairs: Tai Neilson and Helen Wolfenden**	
	Exploring the Retention of Rural and Regional Cadet Journalists in Australia *Brigid O'Connell, Deakin University; Alison McAdam, Deakin University*	Debunking inauthentic media in times of Generative AI: How global fact checkers construct verdicts for manipulated media *Silvia Montaña-Niño, University of Melbourne; Michelle Riedlinger, QUT; Caillean Prochon, University of Melbourne; Gisela Vallejo, University of Melbourne*	Lessons from The Assembly: Universal Design in the Journalism Classroom This workshop explores strategies to make journalism education more inclusive for neurodiverse students. Participants will	

	Supporting Country Journalism Recruitment and Retention: Strategies and Solutions *Charlotte Chalklen, University of South Australia; Chrisanthi Giotis, University of South Australia*	How to Detect Lies: Lie Detection Experts in Australian Mainstream Media - A Scoping Review *Elly Bradfield, Central Queensland University*	reflect on how universal design and inclusive practices can create environments where all learners thrive.	
	Through Our Eyes: The Local Stories We Think Journalists Are Missing or Aren't Covering Well *T.J. Thomson, RMIT*	Agence France-Presse: Fact-checking on a global scale *Colleen Murrell, Dublin City University*		
	Frontline Words: The Fight for Survival and Social Cohesion in Ukrainian Regional Journalism *Galyna Piskorska, Melbourne University*	The Deepfake Dilemma: Understanding AI-Driven Disinformation Patterns and Fact-Checking Responses in Ibero America *Mathias Felipe de Lima Santos, Macquarie University; Aljosha Karim Schapals, QUT*		
14:45 - 15:15	Afternoon tea			S02 7.07

	Parallel Session 5		
	Rights-Based and Peace Journalism **Room: S02_6.37** **Chair: Kasun Ubayasiri**	**Restorative Journalism and Media** **Room: S02_6.38** **Chair: Bridget Backhaus**	**Digital Activism and Emerging Media Systems** **Room: S02_5.04** **Chair: Victoria Fielding**
15:15 - 16:45	Returning to Past Rights-Based Journalism to Restore and Repair the Present: The Story of Matthew Kelly O'Brien *Josie Vine, RMIT; Jason Foster, RMIT*	Making the Case for 'Embodied' Podcasts as a Restorative Approach to Journalism *Chloë Salles, Université Grenoble Alpes,*	Let's Break the Silence: Palestinian Users' Digital Activism Counter to Shadowbanning *Mayyada Mhanna, Murdoch University*
	Decolonising war and conflict reporting through peace journalism *Ayesha Jehangir, University of New South Wales*	Sound of Restoration: How Podcast Journalism Can Rebuild Trust Through Conversation *Mia Lindgren, RMIT; Gabriela Perdomo, Mount Royal University*	From Enemies to Lovers? Exploring the Changing Dynamics Between Legacy Lifestyle Magazines and Social Media Influencers *Lydia Cheng, Nanyang Technological University*

	“Move the Needle”: Investigating Collaborative and Rights-Based Journalism in Indonesia’s Anti-Corruption Reporting *Andreas Ryan Sanjaya, QUT*	Voice and Belonging: Pathways to inclusion for new migrant communities through media engagement *Susan Forde, Griffith University; Heather Anderson, Griffith University; Halim Rane, Griffith University; Poppy de Souza, University of New South Wales*	“To adapt or to evolve?” Negotiating identity and financial viability in an Italian local newsroom’s digital turn *Francesca Tampone, University of Milano - Bicocca*	
		A global network: who is engaging with solutions journalism, where, and how? *Katherine Roff, University of Adelaide*	New media start-ups: Researching like the woman from Mars *Jacqui Park, UNSW*	
16:45 - 17:30	Panel: The Junction update			S02 6.37
19:00 - 22:00	Conference Dinner and Ossie Awards			Mary Mae's, Brisbane Powerhouse

Wednesday 3 December

Time	Activity			Location
9:00 - 9:05	Welcome and housekeeping Conference Organisers			S02 7.07
9:05 - 10:00	Panel discussion - Empowering Pacific Journalism in Turbulent Times			S02 7.07
10:00 - 10:30	Morning tea			S02 7.07
10:30 - 12:00	**Parallel Session 6**			
	Pacific and Regional Media **Room: S02_6.37** **Chair: Kasun Ubayasiri**	**Literary and Narrative Journalism** **Room: S02_6.38** **Chair: Nat Kassel**	**Journalistic Identity and Professional Norms** **Room: S02_5.04** **Chair: Richard Murray**	
	"That Sinking Feeling": Visual Framing of Rising Sea Levels for Pacific Nations in Australian News Media	Literary Journalism for Narrating Injustice: Hwang Sok-Yong's The Prisoner *Willa McDonald, Macquarie University*	Beyond the Byline: Reconstructing Journalistic Identity for the Era of Participatory Storytelling *Charitha Dissanayake, University of Melbourne*	

	Margaret Cassidy, University of Tasmania			
	Media Pluralism in the Asia-Pacific Region: Developing a Theoretical Framework and Indicators *Tai Neilson, Macquarie University*	Back to the Human: The Lesson of the Buried House *Tiania Stevens, University of Sydney*	Content warning: This presentation contains preliminary advice on the use of content warnings when covering distressing issues or events *Elizabeth Paton, Everymind, University of Newcastle; Kate Campbell, Everymind*	
	What Now Is the Role for Australia and the ABC in the Indo-Pacific, Now the US Has Cut Broadcast Aid Funding? *Alex Wake, RMIT; Stefan Armbruster*	Media and the damage done *Andrew Dodd, University of Melbourne; Matthew Ricketson, Deakin University*	'Tis not (always) the season to be jolly: Why Australia's silly season can be harmful to journalists *Sharon Smith, RMIT*	

			Sources of information in news: An Aotearoa New Zealand national scenario *Akhteruz Zaman, Massey University*	
12:00 - 13:15	Lunch and JERAA AGM			S02 7.07
13:15 - 14:45	**Parallel Session 7**			
	Journalism practice **Room: S02_6.37** **Chair: Nat Kassel**	**Reporting on health** **Room: S02_6.38** **Chair: Heather Anderson**	**Panel discussion** **Room: S02_5.04**	
	Towards a framework for pro-bono journalism: Public-interest reporting from within the academy *Caroline Graham, Bond University; Kylie Stevenson, Charles Darwin Uni*	Examining source conflict and expert disagreement in health news *Catriona Bonfiglioli, University of Technology Sydney*	Designing Sustainable and Diverse Journalism Futures: A case study of PARI Join acclaimed journalist P. Sainath and researcher and media strategist Jacqui Park on	

	Media guidelines for reporting on child and youth suicide: Moving reporting from harmful finger-pointing towards postvention *Elizabeth Paton, Everymind, University of Newcastle; Kate Campbell, Everymind*	Journalistic Cultural Competence: Australian Journalists Reporting on Traditional Chinese Medicine *Shi Feng, RMIT; Leah Li, RMIT; Alex Wake, RMIT*	journalism's sustainability. Together they explore how resilient business models and mission driven strategies can secure journalism's future. Drawing on research and practice, they show sustainability as essential to building inclusive, just media systems that serve communities and drive social change.	
	Building Evidence for Change: Training Media to Prevent Violence Against Women *Rebekah Hayden, Our Watch*	Constructive Journalism and Health Reporting: short-term and long-term audience impacts *Natasha Van Antwerpen, University of Adelaide; Victoria Fielding, University of Adelaide*		
14:45 - 15:05	Afternoon tea			S02 7.07
15:05 - 15:30	Conference closing			S02 7.07