

# Hamer Oration on Good Government

A public lecture with Professor Larissa Behrendt

## “Under the Radar: Indigenous Governance”

What do past policy failures teach us about what does and doesn't work? Is anyone listening to Indigenous communities? What can be learnt from Indigenous forms of leadership and governance – customary and contemporary? Where do we all go from here?

**Thursday 20 October 2011 – 6.00pm for 6.30pm**

Copland Theatre, Arts West Building, University of Melbourne



Prof. Larissa Behrendt is a Eualeyai/Kamillaroi woman. She is the Professor of Law and Director of Research at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at the University of Technology, Sydney. A barrister of the Supreme Court of the ACT and NSW, Larissa Behrendt graduated with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Jurisprudence from the University of New South Wales. She became the first Aboriginal Australian to graduate from Harvard Law School when she gained her Master of Laws and Senior Doctorate of Jurisprudence.

She is a member of the Academy of Social Sciences of Australia and of the Australian Academy of Law. She has been the Chair of the College of Experts (Humanities and Creative Arts) of the Australian Research Council and is currently on the Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Committee. A Commissioner at the Land and Environment Court, Larissa is also the Alternate Chair of the Serious Offenders Review Board.

Larissa is the author of several books on Indigenous legal issues. She won the 2002 David Uniapon Award and a 2005 Commonwealth Writer's Prize for her novel Home. Her latest novel, Legacy, was released in 2009 and won a Victorian Premier's Literary Award. She is a Board Member of the Museum of Contemporary Art and Chair of the Bangarra Dance Theatre. She was the inaugural chair of National Indigenous Television Ltd. and has been a Director of the Sydney Writers Festival. Larissa is the Ambassador of the Gawura Aboriginal campus at St Andrew's Cathedral School.

She was named as 2009 NAIDOC Person of the Year and 2011 NSW Australian of the Year.



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