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2018 CHASS Australia Book Prize Longlist announced

The Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) has announced the longlist for its prestigious 2018 Australia Prize for a Book. The Book Prize will be awarded to an Australian citizen or permanent resident whose book, published between 1 January and 31 December 2017, contributes most to Australian cultural and intellectual life.

The longlisted titles, from an entry field of 116 print and e-books in the non-fiction category are (alphabetical author name):

- **A Writing Life: Helen Garner and Her Work**, by Bernadette Brennan and published by Text Publishing
- **The Enigmatic Mr Deakin**, by Judith Brett and published by Text Publishing
- **Anaesthesia: The Gift of Oblivion and the Mystery of Consciousness**, by Kate Cole-Adams and published by Text Publishing
- **John Curtin's War: Volume I**, by John Edwards and published by Penguin Random House Australia
- **The First Casualty: From the Front Lines of the Global War on Journalism**, by Peter Greste and published by Penguin Random House Australia
- **Asylum by Boat: Origins of Australia's refugee policy**, by Claire Higgins and published by NewSouth Books
- **Is International Law International?**, by Anthea Roberts and published by Oxford University Press

The shortlist of three titles will be announced later this month. The winner of the 2018 CHASS Australia Prize for a Book will receive a cash prize of \$3,500. The Prize, sponsored by Routledge, will be presented at the 2018 CHASS Australia Prizes Dinner on October 29 in Melbourne.

The judges for the Book prize are Colin Steele FAHA, Emeritus Fellow, Australian National University (Chair); Professor Trevor Burnard, Head of School of Historical and Philosophical Studies The University of Melbourne; Ian Howie, Adjunct Professor, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University; Professor Joseph Siracusa, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University and President, CHASS; and Professor Christina Twomey FAHA FASSA, Head of School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies, Monash University.

EVENT INFORMATION FOR YOUR DIARY/CALENDAR AND EVENTS PAGES:

What: 2018 CHASS Australia Prizes

Where: Storey Hall Auditorium, Building 16, RMIT University, Melbourne

When: 6-10pm, 29 October 2018

Cost per person (including GST): CHASS Member: \$121, Non-Member: \$132, Student/Concession: \$108

Web: 2018chassprizesdinner.eventbrite.com.au

For more information, please contact CHASS Executive Officer Divya Das on 03 9925 3935 or via membership@chass.org.au.



Further information

About the CHASS Australia Prizes

Established in 2014, the CHASS Australia Prizes are designed to honour distinguished achievements by Australians working, studying or training in the HASS (Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences) areas, including academics, practitioners, philanthropists, policy makers and students. The Australia Prizes are intended to draw international attention to Australia's achievements in HASS. In 2018, four prizes will be given out. Two are cash prizes of \$3,500 each and sponsored by Routledge: one for a non-fiction **Book** that enriches Australian cultural and intellectual life, the second for **Distinctive Work**, an exceptional artistic performance, exhibition, film, television show, play, composition or practical contribution to arts policy. The third cash prize of \$2,000 sponsored by Future Leaders is for a **Future Leader**, an individual under 30 years of age demonstrating leadership skill and potential in HASS. CHASS has sponsored the fourth cash prize of \$500 for a **Student** essay, exhibition, performance, project or thesis in any HASS area. In 2017, Emeritus Professor Steven Schwartz AM was appointed as the Patron of the annual Prizes.

About CHASS

Established in 2004, the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) promotes and provides advocacy services for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences in Australia. It serves as a coordinating forum for teachers, researchers, professionals and practitioners in the sector. Supporting its member organisations in their relationships with policy makers and the broader community, CHASS is an important network for knowledge and skills. It provides a strong voice to the sector and helps members to contribute to public debate through programs for knowledge exchange and media awareness. For more information, please visit www.chass.org.au or call CHASS Executive Officer Divya Das on (03) 9925 3935.