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Welcome to the Workplace Research Centre Newsletter.

In this newsletter we feature some of the latest updates on events, research, presentations and media appearances from the WRC.

WRC: END OF AN ERA

WORKPLACE RESEARCH CENTRE: END OF AN ERA BUT LEGACIES TO LIVE ON

After 25 years of research, training and events that have profoundly shaped how Australia thinks about work, the Workplace Research Centre will close on 31 December 2014.



The University of Sydney Business School is keen to maintain the best of the WRC's legacies, especially its deep engagement with practitioners and policy-makers interested in new, multi-disciplinary knowledge relevant to the world of practice.

The staff of the WRC is embarking on a new initiative to deepen applied research expertise across all disciplines within the School and take the School's engagement with thoughtful practitioners and interested members of the public to new levels.

Over the years, it has been a pleasure and an honour to work with a diverse range of clients from government, business, unions and the not-for-profit sector. What they all had in common was a shared commitment to promoting high quality research and analysis on all aspects of work and working life.

For more information about the new initiative, contact [Rose Ryan](#) or [John Buchanan](#).

SYMPOSIUM: "LEGACIES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS RESEARCH"

Thursday 4 December 2014

To mark this significant event, we are holding a one day symposium, to draw together IR researchers and practitioners from government, unions and employers to assess the future prospects for large-scale applied workplace and employment relations research.



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FEATURE LINKS



WRC PRESENTATIONS

22nd Annual Labour Law Conference, 25 August 2014

WRC Director John Buchanan recently gave a presentation on Award Reliance and Incentives to Bargain at the 22nd Annual Labour Law Conference.

[View the presentation here](#)

WRC IN THE MEDIA

The Reserve Bank Governor admits he can cut interest rates but can't raise confidence, 20 August 2014

[Watch full story here](#)

Job seekers could be forced to turn to crime, 30 July 2013

The symposium will be held on Thursday 4 December 2014 at the University of Sydney.

Registrations will open soon. Contact [Damian Oliver](#) or [Rebecca Fielding](#) for more information.

LATEST WRC RESEARCH

"CHOICE" AND "FAIRNESS": THE HOLLOW CORE IN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS POLICY

A chapter charting industrial relations policy in Australia over the last 100 years, written by WRC Director John Buchanan and Leading Research Analyst Damian Oliver, is included in the new book *Australian public policy: Progressive ideas in the neoliberal ascendancy*.



The chapter argues that the 1993 Industrial Relations Act and the introduction of enterprise bargaining was a much more significant rupture in the evolution of IR policy than the 1996 Workplace Relations Act or the 2006 Work Choices reforms.

A summary of the book is available [here](#).

Anyone interested in purchasing a discount copy should contact the WRC by emailing [Damian Oliver](#).

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