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### Welcome to the Workplace Research Centre (WRC) May Newsletter.

In this Newsletter we feature some of our latest research including the **'Working Indigenous Australians Report'**. The Workplace Research Centre worked closely with Aboriginal Employment Strategy Ltd, Generation One and Mission Australia to undertake a review of the current data challenges in the realm of Indigenous labour market analysis.

We also include information on some upcoming presentations by WRC Researchers, media interviews (see Quick Links) and WRC Events, the 20th Annual Labour Law Conference and Advocacy in the Tribunals Training Course.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS by WRC Researchers

**30 May: Sally Wright, Senior Research Analyst** will present at the Rail, Tram and Bus Union Australia (RTBU) Annual Industrial Officers' Conference on 'Current trends in the Australian Labour Market: Implications for advocacy, campaigning and bargaining'.

**31 May: John Buchanan, Director** will be a panellist at session on 'Designing tomorrow today: a conversation of ideas and insights' at the Queensland Health and Community Services Workforce Innovation Conference, Brisbane

**21 June: Hanna Schutz, Research Analyst** will present at the RTBU Women's Committee Conference on the topic of 'Women, work and bargaining'.

### [20th Annual Labour Law Conference](#)

13th Aug, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Hilton Sydney

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### LATEST RESEARCH

#### Working Indigenous Australians



In an important collaborative partnership, the Workplace Research Centre has worked closely with Aboriginal Employment Strategy Ltd, Generation One and Mission Australia to undertake a review of the current data challenges in the realm of Indigenous labour market analysis. The study emerged from a recognition, across all of the research partners, that current data collection methods surrounding Indigenous employment experience require significant revision. The report scopes the potential for improvements to data collection



### EARLY BIRD Closing 31st May

This year's International keynote speaker is **Mia Ronnmar, Professor in Private Law/Labour Law, Lund University, Sweden & Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Comparative Labour Law and Industrial Relations**. Mia has vast experience of comparative and international research co-operation, and has published widely. Mia is also the Swedish national expert in the European Commission's European Labour Law Networks (ELLN).

Mia will address shifts in labour law from a European perspective. She will consider the controversial implications of the financial and economic crisis on labour law at EU and national level. In particular she will comment on developments in age discrimination and fundamental Treaty freedoms, including trade union rights and social dumping in the aftermath of the 'Laval Quartet' of cases interpreting those rights.

**The Labour Law program is [available here](#).**

The rates for the conference are as follows:

**Early Bird:** \$795 until the 31st of May

**Regular Rate:** \$895

**Student Rates:** [Contact WRC](#)

**University of Sydney Staff Rates:** [Contact WRC](#)

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### TRAINING COURSE

#### [Advocacy in the Tribunals](#)

27th June – 29th August 2012, Wednesdays,  
5:30pm-7.30pm, Fair Work Australia



**Very limited places** are still available for this long-established course which is suitable to aspiring industrial advocates from HR and union backgrounds.

**The price for this 10 week course is \$2650.**

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methods, and considers alternative options for future data collection. Particular focus is placed on the issue of career formation and development, and how the experience of Indigenous workers might be statistically better captured. The controversial issue of 'best practice' is also considered by the report. The report is divided into four core areas of analysis: (1) conceptual critique; (2) quantitative critique; (3) qualitative review of the best practice concept; and (4) final recommendations going forward. The final report emerging from this research collaboration has been released by Generation One. It is hoped that this research will prompt some lively discussion in realm of Indigenous labour market policy.

The report is available through Generation One Website: [Working Indigenous Australians Report](#)