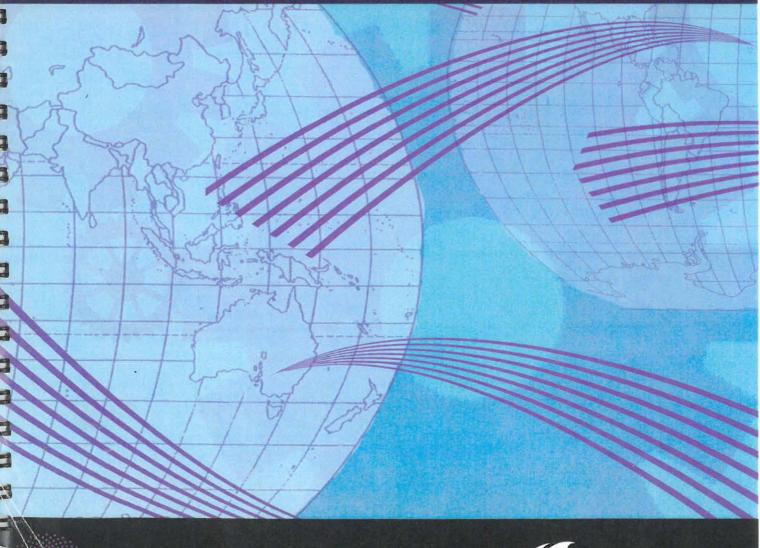The annual conference of
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University of Newcastle
Newcastle City Hall and University House
Monday 28th November to Thursday 1st December, 2011
Co-Convenors: Steven Threadgold and Emma Kirby

Since the late 1960s, much prominent and influential social theory has been united by one common theme: social relations have individualised whilst economic relations have globalised. The TASA Conference 2011 – Local Lives/Global Networks – will explore the nexus between global economic, social and political discourses and the localised experiences and emotions that these forces engender for individuals faced with ever increasing uncertainty. As new inequalities arise and as traditional inequalities remain but are commonly obfuscated, a publically engaged sociology is well placed to make interventions and provide understanding in complex times.

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6pm – 8pm	Conference Welcome Reception	Clarendon Hotel
8.30pm-10.00pm	Sociology Trivia (own expense)	Clarendon Hotel
Tuesday November 29	**Activity/Event**	**Venue and Room**
8am	Registration Opens	Banquet Room, City Hall
9am	Conference Official Opening and Welcome	Concert Hall, City Hall
9.15 – 10.30am	Keynote Address 1: Professor Saskia Sassen: A Savage Sorting of Winners and Losers: Our Modernity	Concert Hall, City Hall
10.30-11am	Morning Tea and TASA Executive Meet and Greet	Banquet Room, City Hall
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Author/s: **Doug Hill** (University of Otago, NZ)
Title: **Socio-Spatial Segregation and Urban Transformation in Kolkata**
Paper Type: Refereed
Theme: Applied Sociology - The City
THURSDAY 11-12.30 UNH240

The outer metropolitan suburbs of India's large metros, present an immediately apparent disjuncture with the other parts of that city, most obviously in the proliferation of new glass and steel buildings, skyscraper-style residential complexes and outlets of private hospital chains; all transformations in the built environment which are indicative of the considerable change in India's liberalisation era, the growth of its IT industry and the spread of new middle class urban sensibilities and social practices. While the new spaces that have arisen as a consequence may be desirable places for the rising middle class to socialise, and are easily accessible to those nationally and globally mobile given its proximity to the airport, they are contributing to an increasing socio-spatial segregation that must invite questions about the inclusiveness, sustainability and desirability of the new economy as the engine of Indian development.

Author/s: **Les Killion** (CQ University, Australia), **Anita Medhekar** (CQ University, Australia) & **Wendy Hillman** (CQ University, Australia)
Title: **Low cost and no waiting period: Key reasons to travel overseas for medical tourism**
Paper Type: Refereed
Theme: Health
WEDNESDAY 1.30-3 UNH416

Medical tourism is a global phenomenon and the number one growing niche segment of the tourism industry. It is a sub-set of health tourism. There are many reasons why people travel to another country and become medical tourists; such as high health and insurance costs, long waiting lists, and the absence of the latest medical procedures and technology in their home countries. In addition, low surgical cost, latest medical technology, no waiting period, internationally accredited medical facilities and qualified staff in Thailand, India, Malaysia, Mexico and Poland make them attractive destinations for medical treatment. Thus, increasing numbers of people are making an informed personal healthcare decision to obtain the best outcome at an affordable price with no waiting period. Multiple regression analysis was used to test the two hypotheses. This research provides insights into the importance of two key factors such as cost and waiting period in the process of making a decision to travel abroad for medical treatment. Research findings suggest that low surgical cost and no waiting period for elective surgery, compared to their country of origin is the key driver for potential patients to significantly increase the demand and travel overseas for medical procedures to improve their health and wellbeing.

Author/s: **Susan Rockloff** (CQ University, Australia) & **Wendy Hillman** (CQ University, Australia)
Title: **Public perceptions of ecotourism activities and their 'authenticity' in regional Australia**
Paper Type: Refereed
Theme: Environment And Society
WEDNESDAY 3.30-5 Mulubinba Room

As a concept, ecotourism sells both 'authentic' nature and 'authentic' local culture and experience. Ecotourism has long invited debate surrounding a standard definition of the term itself. Most definitions and descriptions of ecotourism do not directly mention authenticity. When connected to authenticity, ecotourism can be defined as the rarity of the experience, in natural and pristine global environments free from the plunder of human development. Unnaturalness and human interference are eschewed by ecotourists, who wish to avoid any visible exploitation. A survey of households in the Central Queensland region was undertaken as one part of a larger survey: the 2009 Central Queensland Social Survey. The sample of questionnaire respondents included 1,273 persons, aged18 years or older, who had experienced an ecotourism tour or holiday. The gender breakdown of respondents was 50.2 percent male and 49.8 percent female. Respondents were more favourable in their judgements of ecotourism if they had some previous ecotourism experiences. Women were more favourable towards ecotourism than men. More educated respondents also had more favourable views towards ecotourism. Three quarters of the respondents (75%) indicated a preference for an ecotourism tour or holiday in Australia, either nationally, intrastate or within their local region.

Author: **Gerhard Hoffstaedter** (La Trobe)
Title: **Radical Othering: Refugees, Displacement and Landscapes of Difference in Malaysia**
Paper Type: Refereed
Theme: Migration, Ethnicity and Multiculturalism
TUESDAY 11-12.30 Hunter Room
Malaysia does not recognise refugees legally. Refugees are seen as a problem by the Malaysian government, which continues to resist outside and internal pressures to remedy the refugee crisis it increasingly finds itself in. Rather, I argue, the Malaysian state uses refugees as a scapegoat and internal 'radical other' in order to deflect from its deep-seated racial and political divisions. This paper demonstrates that refugees embody and live in a non-place in Malaysia, a liminal and extra-legal place, which makes any real engagement with the Malaysian body politic and Malaysians problematic.

Author/s: **Louise Holdsworth** (Southern Cross University), **Helen Breen** (Southern Cross University), **Elaine Nuske** (Southern Cross University)
Title: **Not Happy Jan: Women's Experiences of Poker Machine Gambling**
Paper Type: Non- Refereed
Theme: Applied Sociology – Gambling and Society
TUESDAY 11-12.20 UNH421
Problem gambling is a social issue in Australia that increasingly involves women. However, research into gambling and gambling problems amongst women has not kept pace with the feminisation of gambling (Volberg, 2003). In this paper we present the findings of a study that explored the subjective experiences of women poker machine players. The study involved interviews with 20 women poker machine players, 10 of whom self-identified as recreational gamblers and 10 who had sought and received help for their gambling. The women discussed their gambling histories which involved some remaining as recreational gamblers while others progressed to more problematic gambling behaviour. The women whose gambling had become problematic spoke at length about not being happy, of being lonely, and of feeling socially isolated. Many of the women linked their feelings of unhappiness, loneliness and social isolation, and the

WEDNESDAY 1.30pm – 3pm CONCURRENT SESSION 5 (Shaded section is Newcastle City Hall, non-shaded is University House)

LENARY 5	Southern Theory PANEL	Bushfire Co-operative Research Centre Workshop	Sociology Of Indigenous Issues	Migration, Ethnicity & Multicult.	Australian Sociologies of Affect Workshop	Families	Bourdieu in Reflexive Modernity	Social Stratificat-ion	Sociology of Youth	Health
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Peter Murphy										
Jan Pakulski	Terri Seddon *Spatialising the sociology of teaching:*	Blythe McLennan *Formal institutions*	Daphne Habibis,		Gavin Smith *Disorderly Vistas: affective*			Jenny Chesters *Wealth Inequality in Australia*		

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