

# Principles of a Modern Federal Community



26-27 May 2008

A significant interdisciplinary conference hosted by The University of Adelaide  
Schools of Economics, Law, History and Politics

To be held at The Art Gallery of South Australia

Recent events in Australia highlight the continuing shifts in relationships between the Commonwealth and State governments, and the design and evolution of those relationships will be one of the most important policy issues over the next 5 years. This conference will explore the emerging debates relating to key policy questions that require a coordinated response from Australian Governments.

The two-day conference is organised around both cross-cutting questions and case studies. The questions include the traditional concerns of the allocation of spending and revenue raising powers, the role of institutions such as the Grants Commission, the allocation of regulatory powers, the manner in which agreements are reached between levels of government, and the ways in which governments are held accountable for the implementation of those agreements. Particular case studies of interest include health, water, education and transport. Other themes to be address will include constitutional challenges, reform options, competition power and productivity, fiscal federalism and comparative federalism.

Presentations will encourage the interchange between theoretical and applied policy perspectives and will include significant speakers from Australian Government and Universities including:

Prof Cliff Walsh, University of Adelaide  
Prof Bambang Brodjonegoro, Uni of Indonesia  
Prof Fiona Wheeler, Aust National University  
Prof Ken Wiltshire, University of Queensland  
Mr Geoff Anderson, Flinders University  
Prof Jonathan Pincus, The University of Adelaide  
Dr Glenn Withers, Universities Australia

Dr Alan Fenna, Curtin University WA  
Prof Brian Galligan, University of Melbourne  
Ms Tanya Smith, Dept of Prem & Cab  
Ms Clare Martin, Ex Chief Minister Northern Territory  
Ms Wendy Campana, Executive Director LGASA  
Dr Ben Hillman, Aust National University

Further details, programs, and registration forms can be found at:

[www.adelaide.edu.au/fiscalfederalism](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/fiscalfederalism)

Organising Committee: Professor Christopher Findlay (Economics) Dr Clem Macintyre (History & Politics), Professor John Williams (Law) Jim Hancock (SACES). Administrator: Merrilee Pillion (Economics)

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