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12th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference Family Transitions and Trajectories

25–27 July 2012 Melbourne Convention Centre



REGISTRATION BROCHURE

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KEY DATES

Abstract submission closes
Wednesday 8 February 2012

Notification of acceptances
Friday 23 March 2012

Early bird registration closes
Friday 27 April 2012

Accommodation bookings close
Tuesday 19 June 2012

Welcome Reception
Wednesday 25 July 2012

Conference program dates
Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 July 2012

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INVITATION



12th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend the 12th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, *Family Transitions and Trajectories*.

The conference will provide a very special opportunity to hear more than 160

presentations on important issues about family wellbeing. Researchers from Australia and overseas will be sharing their findings and insights, and fostering a greater understanding about factors that affect family wellbeing.

AIFS' biennial conferences have a reputation for quality. Our conferences provide an opportunity for researchers, policy-makers, service providers and practitioners to meet and exchange knowledge.

Our eminent keynote speakers for the conference will be:

- **Dr Willem Adema**, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Professor Patrick Parkinson**, University of Sydney
- **Professor Laura Lein**, University of Michigan

On behalf of the organising committee, I look forward to receiving your registration. Early bird registrations will receive a discount, so do get in early and don't miss out.

See you at the AIFS Conference 2012!

Professor Alan Hayes

Director

Australian Institute of Family Studies





KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr Willem Adema
– on cross-national perspectives on family wellbeing

Willem leads a team of analysts of Family and Children policies and is responsible for the on-line OECD Family database and the *Doing Better for Families Policy* publication

(April 2011). Working with colleagues across the OECD he is project manager of the OECD Gender Initiative and his other responsibilities include the OECD Social Expenditure database and a labour market and social policy review of Russia. He has written extensively on a wide range of labour market, fiscal and welfare policy issues and was editor of the first issue of *Society at a Glance: OECD Social Indicators*. Willem was project manager and editor of the OECD *Babies and Bosses Reviews* on the reconciliation of work and family life. Willem graduated from the Erasmus Universiteit in Rotterdam, and holds a doctorate from St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford.



Professor Laura Lein
– on welfare, work and families

Laura Lein, Ph.D., was appointed Dean and Katherine Reebel Collegiate Professor at the School of Social Work at the University of Michigan in 2009, as well as Professor in the Department of Anthropology. She came to Michigan from the

University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work where she taught for 24 years. She has taught in the areas of social policy, social work research, and community organisation and participatory research. Her research has concentrated on the interface between families in poverty and the institutions that serve them. Her research on families in poverty has extended over three decades. She recently co-authored (with Ronald Angel and Jane Henrici) *Poor Families in America's Health Care Crisis* (Cambridge University Press, 2006) and *Life After Welfare* (with Deanna Schexnadyer, University of Texas Press, 2007). She is the author, with Kathryn Edin, of *Making Ends Meet: How Single Mothers Survive Welfare and Low-Wage Work* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 1997).



Professor Patrick Parkinson
– on family law and enduring parental responsibilities

Professor Patrick Parkinson AM teaches in the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney. He is the President of the International Society of Family Law (an international scholarly organisation of about 650

family law professors from over 65 nations). Professor Parkinson also served from 2004-2007 as Chairperson of the Family Law Council, an advisory body to the federal Attorney-General, and also chaired a review of the Child Support Scheme in 2004-05, which led to the introduction of major reforms to the child support system in 2008. His most recent book is *Family Law and the Indissolubility of Parenthood* (Cambridge University Press, New York, 2011). He has also written *The Voice of a Child in Family Law Disputes* (with Judy Cashmore, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2008) and numerous other books. He was the author of a major report, published in 2011, *For Kids' Sake: Repairing the Social Environment for Australian Children and Young People*.

Professor Parkinson is also well-known for his community work concerning child protection. He has been a member of the NSW Child Protection Council, and was Chairperson of a major review of the state law concerning child protection which led to the enactment of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998. He works with churches on child protection issues.



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The conference program will consist of a series of presentations, symposia, posters, panel sessions plus three prominent keynote speakers to ensure a stimulating, groundbreaking and highly informative educational event.

The presentations will enable researchers, policy makers and practitioners to report on their findings from family-related research and practice. The program will focus on areas such as:

- Security for families – exploring the economic and social wellbeing of families
- Stability and change in families – examining key developmental stages and transition point across the life course, family form, family functioning and diversity
- Supporting and strengthening families – focusing on vulnerabilities, the trajectories of families and points of service system intervention
- Safety for families – understanding, preventing and responding to violence, abuse and neglect

Within the program, a highlight will be three panel sessions focussing on:

- low income families
- family law and family violence
- family diversity

Across all of these areas, the program will include sessions that address how these issues for families intersect with:

- locational disadvantage
- Australia's ageing population
- the needs of Indigenous families
- Australia's cultural diversity.



SOCIAL PROGRAM

Day 1: Welcome Reception

(This function is included in Full Conference registration.)



The Welcome Reception will be a perfect opportunity to catch up with colleagues at the end of the first day of sessions. Enjoy drinks and canapés while relaxing and unwinding from the day's events.

- Date:** Wednesday 25 July 2012
Time: After the conclusion of the final session
Location: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Cost: Inclusive for full delegates
Inclusions: 1 hour of drinks and canapés
Additional Tickets: \$60 (for day delegates or partners/guests)

After the Welcome Reception, or after the Conference, visit the Winter Masterpieces – National Gallery of Victoria



Jacques Louis DAVID
French 1748–1825
Napoleon Bonaparte, First Consul, crossing the Alps at Great St. Bernard Pass, 20 May, 1800 1803
oil on canvas
267.5 x 223.0 cm
Versailles, musée national du château
© RMN (Château de Versailles)/Franck Raux

Winter Masterpieces Series 2012 presents Napoleon: Revolution to Empire. The exhibition is a panoramic exhibition examining French art, culture and life from the 1770s to the 1820s. Its story runs from the first French voyages of discovery to Australia during the reign of Louis XV to the end of Napoleon's transforming leadership as first Emperor of France.

- Date:** Saturday 2 June – Sunday 7 October 2012
Venue: National Gallery of Victoria
180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne
Time: 10am – 5pm (closed Tuesdays) open late Wednesdays
Details: For further details please visit NGV website www.ngv.vic.gov.au



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Day 2: Social Dinners *(These dinners are optional and NOT included in Conference Registration.)*

Extend your networking and socialising by stepping out and savouring what Melbourne is known best for – food! Allow us to book your dinner at one of these 6 fabulous restaurants. This is a fantastic opportunity to join a table of other delegates and share in the experience of unique cuisine and ambience.

Date: Thursday 26 July 2012

Time: 7pm onwards

NAME OF RESTAURANT	A la Carte Menu (Main meal – price range)	Walking distance from the MCEC
<p>THE BOAT BUILDERS YARD www.theboatbuildersyard.com</p> <p>The Boatbuilders Yard is a riverside bar and café that brings a new style of relaxed and informal European-style eating and drinking to Melbourne. The venue has spectacular views of the city and a unique combination of expansive areas and warm intimate spaces.</p>	\$9.00 – \$17.00	2 minute walk
<p>BYBLOS BAR AND RESTAURANT www.byblosbar.com.au/melbourne</p> <p>Byblos Bar and Restaurant combines imaginative Lebanese and Mediterranean cuisine with lavish hospitality, luxurious surroundings, and a world-class drink selection.</p>	\$16.00 – \$60.00	5 minute walk
<p>YAR RESTAURANT www.yarrestaurant.com.au</p> <p>YAR is a Japanese and Korean Restaurant and Bar run by a team of top-class Japanese and Korean chefs. Come and enjoy an original dining experience in a contemporary setting along Melbourne's Yarra river while overlooking the city lights and Southbank.</p>	\$18.00 – \$38.00	5 minute walk
<p>OTHELLO www.othello.com.au</p> <p>Established in 1996 with their modern and traditional Greek and Cypriot cuisine, Othello is a contemporary fresh element in Melbourne dining scene. The fabulous banquet menu gives diners the choice to sample all of the great fare on offer.</p>	\$16.00 – \$58.00	5 minute walk
<p>MELBOURNE PUBLIC HOUSE www.melbournepublic.com.au</p> <p>Melbourne's newest drinking and dining secret set on the banks of the Yarra River – this café, bar and dining room is located at South Wharf Promenade.</p>	\$26.00 – \$80.00	5 minute walk
<p>LE CAMERA SOUTHBANK www.lacamerasouthgate.com</p> <p>In the Italian language, La Camera means "The Room": an unpretentious name for a stylish but modest restaurant, in a location where style is everything. As one of the busiest restaurants in the Southgate building La Camera prides itself on sumptuous meals, efficient service, superb views of the city and friendly staff.</p>	\$13.00 – \$45.00	5–10 minute walk



HOW TO REGISTER

Register online or download a registration form at www.conference.aifs.gov.au. Payments can be made either by credit card or cheque.

Registration Fees

(inclusive of GST and in Australian Dollars)

REGISTRATION TYPE	EARLY BIRD* (Before 27 April 2012)	LATE (After 27 April 2012)
Full Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$790	<input type="checkbox"/> \$890
Day Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> \$380	<input type="checkbox"/> \$380

* To qualify for early bird registration, registration fees must be received by the 27 April 2012. Registration fees are based on date of payment receipt, not the date of receipt of registration form.

Entitlements

FULL REGISTRATION entitles the delegates to:

- All conference sessions on Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 & Friday 27 July 2012
- Welcome Reception on Wednesday 25 July 2012
- Lunch, morning and afternoon teas on Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 & Friday 27 July 2012
- Delegate badge and conference bag
- Conference materials

DAY REGISTRATIONS entitles the delegates to:

- All conference sessions on the day of registration
- Lunch, morning and afternoon teas on the day of registration
- Delegate badge and conference bag
- Conference materials

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Registration

Cancellations received in writing at the Conference Office by Tuesday 19 June 2012 will be accepted and all fees refunded less an administration fee of \$100.

Cancellations received after Tuesday 19 June 2012 cannot be accepted and will not be refunded, however transfer of your registration to another person is acceptable. The full name and details of the person that will replace you must be advised in writing to the Conference Office prior to the conference. No refunds will be made for non-attendance at the Conference.

Cancellations must be made in writing to the Conference Office.

ACCOMMODATION

The Conference Office has selected hotels and apartments in the Melbourne area at competitive rates to suit a range of budgets. These are easily accessible to the conference venue, and provide a comfortable and enjoyable stay for delegates.

The conference rates quoted can only be guaranteed when delegates book through the conference registration facilities. Rooms can be booked via the conference registration form until **Tuesday 19 June 2012**. After this date bookings are subject to availability.

HOTEL	ROOM TYPE	RATE – Room Only The rates below are per room per night
HILTON SOUTH WHARF 5 Star Rating 2 Convention Centre Pl, South Wharf Adjacent to Convention Centre www.hiltonmelbourne.com.au	King Bed Guest Room	\$245.00
MELBOURNE SHORT STAY 4.5 Star Rating 186 City Road, Southbank 10 min walk to Convention Centre www.shortstay.com.au	One Bedroom Two Bedroom	\$219.00 \$329.00
RENDEZVOUS HOTEL 4.5 Star Rating 328 Flinders St, Melbourne 15 min walk to Convention Centre www.rendezvoushotels.com	Standard Queen Standard Twin	\$180.00 \$180.00
TRAVELODGE SOUTHBANK 3.5 Star Rating 9 Riverside Quay, Southbank 10 min walk to Convention Centre www.travelodge.com.au	Standard Queen Standard Twin	\$145.00 \$145.00
METRO APARTMENTS 4 Star Rating 18 Bank Place, Melbourne 15 min walk to Convention Centre www.metrohotels.com.au	One Bedroom Apartment	\$145.00



Please note:

Please visit the hotels website to view facilities. The above rates are in Australian dollars and include the Australian Goods and Services Tax (GST). The GST will be charged by the hotel, as the Conference Organisers will forward the deposit on your behalf. Rates may increase without notice due to changes in government charges, taxes or levies. Rates do not include breakfast.

How to book accommodation

To book, complete the online registration form at <http://conference.aifs.gov.au>. The Conference Organisers will forward your contact details, reservation and deposit to the hotel/apartment of your choice.

Deposit

Rooms are being held by the Conference Organisers on behalf of the delegates until 19 June 2012.

Cancellation before 19 June 2012: The deposit for the first night is refunded, less a \$25 cancellation fee, if the reservation is cancelled before 19 June 2012

Cancellation on or after 19 June 2012: The deposit for the first night is not refunded if the reservation is cancelled on or after 19 June 2012 at all hotels.

Cancellation 15 – 0 days prior to arrival date: All rooms cancelled 15-1 days prior to arrival will incur 100% cancellation fee. That is, all rooms will be charged at the full accommodation rate for the duration of the booking.

No shows: No shows will be charged at the full accommodation rate for the duration of the booking.

Early/late arrival

Most hotels allow you to check in from **3pm**. If you wish to check in earlier, additional charges may apply. Depending on requested check-in time prior to 3pm an additional day's charge may apply. Please indicate on your registration form if you wish to check in prior to 3pm. If you will be arriving after 6pm, please notify the Conference Office. Failure to advise late arrival may result in your room being released.

Change of booking

Changes to bookings must be forwarded in writing to the Conference Office up to **19 June 2012**. **After this date all changes must be directed to the hotel.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

Situated on the picturesque Yarra River, the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre features state of the art facilities including well-appointed meeting rooms with close access to exhibition areas. The Centre is also located just a short stroll from many of the city's restaurants, hotels and shopping areas making it easily accessed by foot or public transport.

The entertainment precincts of Crown complex, Southbank Boulevard, Docklands and Federation Square are a pleasant ten-minute riverside stroll.

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Parking

There are two car parks available for visitors to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Melbourne Exhibition Centre Car Park

1060 undercover parking spaces managed by Wilson Parking – Entrance off Normanby Road

Open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Fees:

0.0 – 1.0 hour	\$8.00
1.0 – 2.0 hours	\$16.00
2.0 – 3.0 hours	\$24.00
3.0 – 4.0 hours	\$32.00
4.0+ hours	\$32.00 max

Evening rate \$11.00, entry after 5pm and exit before 6am

Weekend rate \$13.00, per exit, per day

Early bird rate \$12.00, enter between 6am – 9am and exit between 3pm – midnight

Melbourne Convention Centre – South Wharf Retail Car Park

550 open air parking spaces managed by Wilson Parking – Entrance off Normanby Road

Open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Fees:

0.0 – 1.0 hour	\$4.00
1.0 – 2.0 hours	\$8.00
2.0 – 3.0 hours	\$12.00
3.0 – 4.0 hours	\$16.00
4.0 – 5.0 hours	\$20.00
5.0 – 6.0 hours	\$24.00
6.0+ hours	\$28.00 max

Lost ticket \$50.00

Evening rate \$7.00, entry after 6pm and exit before 6am

GENERAL INFORMATION *(continued)*

Travel Information

Visa Information

If you are not an Australian citizen you need a valid visa or Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) to enter and spend time in Australia. With the exception of New Zealand citizens, all foreign nationals must obtain a visa/ETA before travelling to Australia. New Zealand citizens are issued with a visa on arrival in Australia. Visas are available from Australian visa offices, such as Australian embassies, high commissions and consulates. They are also available, in ETA form, from travel agents and airlines in certain countries. With an ETA, you don't need a stamp in your passport, as they are confirmed electronically on your arrival.

Insurance

Insurance of any kind is NOT included in registration fees – it is advised that delegates take out appropriate health and travel insurances prior to travelling. The AIFS Conference committee and the conference office do not take any responsibility for delegates failing to insure.

Local Travel within Melbourne City

Arriving in Melbourne

Melbourne Airport is located approximately 25 kms from Melbourne's CBD on the Tullamarine Freeway and will take approximately 30 minutes by car. Skybus provides a rapid transit link between the airport and the CBD, with free hotel connection during the day, every 10 to 15 minutes. Fares from \$15.00 per adult and \$26.00 return. Alternatively, a taxi ride from the Melbourne Airport to the Melbourne Convention Centre will cost approximately \$50.00.

Trams, trains and buses

Melbourne offers a range of public transport facilities, with a network of trams, trains and buses. Both Flinders Street Train Station and Southern Cross Train Station are within walking distance of the Melbourne Convention Centre. There are tram routes 12, 96 and 109 that run from Spencer Street Railway Station along Spencer St, Clarendon St and towards South Melbourne.

For information on transport routes and timetables, please visit www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au.



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