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| 5.30pm | Welcome  | Professor Clayton MacKenzie             |
| 5.35pm | Opening  | The Hon. Dr Susan Close, MP             |
| 5.40pm | The enduring hold of the old under the pressure of change                  | Professor Joseph Lo Bianco              |
| 6.00pm | Spontaneous order, System 'D', humanistic monolingualism and harmonisation | Professor Sinfree Makoni                |
| 6.20pm | The role of linguistic landscape in cultivating multilingualism            | Professor Elana Shohamy                 |
| 6.40pm | Discussion   | Emeritus Professor Marilyn Martin-Jones |
| 6.50pm | Closing remarks  | Dr Lynn Arnold                          |
| 7.00pm | Close  |   |

## The enduring hold of the old under the pressure of change

**Professor Joseph Lo Bianco**, Chair of Language and Literacy Education, University of Melbourne, is one of Australia's most influential language policy experts and is author of the Australian Government's widely cited 1987 National Policy on Languages. He authored the National Language Education Policy for Sri Lanka, 1999, with World Bank funding, and was an advisor on language education policy in Scotland, 2000. He has received many honours and awards including the Order of Australia for language policy in Australia and internationally. He is the immediate past President of the Australian Academy of the Humanities. He has been Chief Investigator on numerous research projects, for example Languages in Urban Communities — Integration and Diversity for Europe (Lucide) (Lifelong Learning Programme), London School of Economics & Political Science (2012); Intercultural Approaches to Teaching Chinese: A Basis for Pedagogical Innovation, ARC Linkage Project (2010–2013). He is a prolific scholarly author.

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## Spontaneous order, System 'D', humanistic monolingualism and harmonisation

**Sinfree Makoni** is Professor of Applied Linguistics and African Studies at Pennsylvania State University. He has taught at a number of different universities in southern Africa. He holds a PhD in Applied Linguistics from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He has published in a number of journals, including: *Language and Communication*, *Language Sciences*, and *Current Issues in Language Policy*. He is widely known for his publications on 'black linguistics' and the 'invention' of languages.

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## The role of linguistic landscape in cultivating multilingualism

**Elana Shohamy** is Professor of language education at the School of Education, Tel Aviv University, Israel. Within a critical perspective, her research, teaching and writings focus on a variety of topics related to language testing, language policy and migration, in the contexts of conflicts, co-existence and rights. A central component of her work in the past decade has been linguistic landscape (LL) — the study of languages and their representations in public space in contexts of multilingualism, multimodalities, visual literacy, urban spaces and language policy — within a focus on public spaces as arenas of contestation and negotiation. Elana is the editor of the journal *Language Policy*. In 2010 she was granted the ILTA (International Language Testing Association) Lifetime Achievement Award.

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## Discussant

**Marilyn Martin-Jones** is Emeritus Professor and former Director of the MOSAIC Centre for Research on Multilingualism, University of Birmingham, UK. Over the past 35 years, her research has focused on multilingual discourse practices and literacies in classrooms and in community contexts, and on the ways in which such discourse practices and literacies are bound up with local and global relations of power. She has published widely and is currently editor of the Routledge series: *Critical Studies in Multilingualism*.





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