

Conference bulletin May 8 2007

Dear Delegate,

We are looking forward to seeing you in Melbourne for the 2007 ADSA Extreme States Conference. This bulletin gives some of the latest news about the conference and tips for your visit to Melbourne.

Information about the **conference schedule, panel sessions and abstracts** will be on-line this week. Please make sure you find your panel time and fellow presenters. Only the title of the papers and name of the presenters are included on panel sessions schedule. For further information about papers and presenters please check the abstracts on-line (abstracts and presenter bios will be on-line in a weeks time).

We have a full conference with a diversity of presentations – more than 80 in all. Each panel session will have up to four break-out sessions. Each session will be 90 minutes long with three presenters. **Please prepare a 20 minute presentation and leave five minutes for questions. This includes the time it takes to show audio-visual material.** Chairpersons will be instructed to be very strict about timing papers. This restriction is necessary so that everyone can have an equal opportunity to present their work.

Each break-out session will be in a room fully equipped with AV to project power-point presentations and show dvd and video material. **We recommend that you bring powerpoint presentations on a cd rom or memory stick.** The computer equipment in the rooms is PC platform based. If you bring your own laptop to use in your presentation please ensure you bring the right connector. Each room also has a whiteboard and overhead projector for transparencies.

A couple of sessions are **performance and/or workshop** based. These will be in our studio room which is equipped with CD player, TV monitor, DVD and video player. There is also basic theatre lighting and a 10-channel dimmer. All performance presentations should look after their own technical support although we can provide further information about the range of equipment available.

Lunches and morning and afternoon tea will be provided each day.

We have three **books to launch** in the Open Stage on the Wednesday evening.:

- Joanne Tompkins, *Unsettling Space: Contestations in Contemporary Australian Theatre*, London, Palgrave Macmillan, 2006.
- Helen Gilbert and Jacqueline Lo, *Performance and Cosmopolitics: Cross-cultural Transactions in Australasia*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.
- Peter Eckersall, *Theorizing the Angura Space: Avant-Garde Performance and Politics in Japan 1960-2000*. Brill, 2006.

Books will be available to be ordered and/or purchased (and signed!).

The **conference dinner** will be on Friday (6/7) at the Kelvin Club (www.kelvinclub.com/). John Romeril will give the conference dinner address. The Kelvin Club is in the city and there are many bars in the laneways of inner Melbourne nearby for late night drinks.

And remember that it will be **winter**. Delegates can expect cool weather with temperatures ranging 14-16 in the daytime and 5-10 at night.

If you have any questions or suggestions please communicate through the conference email address: adsa2007-conference@unimelb.edu.au.

We will send a further bulletin in a couple of weeks. Please also view the website: www.sca.unimelb.edu.au/extremestates/ for the latest information.

Best wishes,

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