

## Notes on Contributors

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### **Alperhan Babacan**

Associate Professor Babacan holds Honours Degrees in Law and Political Science, a PhD and a Graduate Certificate in Tertiary Teaching and Learning. He has had extensive work experience in the public and community sectors, the legal industry and in academia.

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### **Hurriyet Babacan**

Professor Hurriyet Babacan is a Professorial Research Fellow at James Cook University and the former Foundation Director of the Cairns Institute. Professor Babacan has served as the Executive Director, Multicultural Affairs, Women's Policy and Community Outcomes in the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Queensland; Manager, Office of Multicultural Affairs in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Victoria; Head of Social and Community Studies and Associate Director of the Centre for Multicultural and Community Development at the University of the Sunshine Coast; and Commissioner in the inaugural Ethnic Affairs Commission (Victoria). She is a leading international scholar in cultural diversity, multiculturalism, immigration, citizenship, identity, racism, health and wellbeing, social inclusion-exclusion, international development, and gender. With degrees in Commerce, Social Work, and a Master of Arts (Social Policy), her PhD thesis explored the issues of ethnicity and migration in the making of the Australian national identity and provided an analysis of critical issues for minorities in Australia in the context of globalisation, social policy and citizenship rights. She has consulted to government, industry and community agencies in Australia and overseas and been a member of numerous Ministerial advisory and/or specialist committees, inquiries and reviews. Her contributions to academic and public life were recognised by a Bi-centennial Medal awarded by the Prime Minister in 2002 and a Multicultural Services Award from the Premier of Queensland in 1999.

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### **Taha Chaiechi**

Dr Taha Chaiechi completed her PhD in Economics in 2009 at the University of Newcastle during which she developed substantial expertise in econometric techniques specifically shock-response modelling. Taha joined James Cook University in 2009 and continues to serve in discipline of Economics- School of Business as a lecturer while also active in research. With her background in applied economics, econometrics and modelling, Taha, has considerable skill at systematically modelling dynamic relationships between economic, environmental, and / or social variables. Taha is currently involved in 3 research projects.

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### **Susan Ciccotosto**

Susan Ciccotosto undertook her undergraduate programme at James Cook University's Cairns Campus, studying a combined degree in Commerce and Computing, graduating in 2003. Her studies continued when she undertook her Honours in Commerce. Her thesis considered how small corner stores understood and accounted for the Goods and Services Tax. Sue has received a Faculty Medal for Excellence in Honours from the Law, Business and Creative Arts Faculty; an Honours Scholarship; and a PhD Australian Postgraduate Award Scholarship. Now finalising her PhD, Sue continues her interest in how individuals perceive accounting numbers.

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### **Carine Davias**

As a PhD student in English Studies at Paul Valéry University in Montpellier (France), Carine Davias currently works on the way Australian South Sea Islanders express their cultural heritage and build their identity, both personally and collectively, through their writings essentially and in other media (films, the web...). Originally from France, where she completed her Masters in 2010, she has been living and working in New Caledonia as a part-time teacher for one year. She was invited to the colloquium to apply for a cotutelle program with JCU.

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### **John Hamilton**

John Hamilton is an Associate Professor and Director of E-Business at James Cook University. He has extensive business, management, consulting, and research experience, and remains a highly active researcher across both the off-line and interactive business environments. As a Fellow of the Cairns Institute he researches competitiveness, innovation and the strategic futures. His interface-driven service value networks enablers offer highly-flexible business solutions in near-real-time. These enablers contribute to business performance, and deliver new management opportunities connecting the business to discrete-customers. His ongoing research interests include virtual world training, pharmacy/healthcare management, learning modes, customer-value, events-management, and engaging websites.

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### **Tania Honey**

Tania Honey is a PhD candidate in English Literature at James Cook University. Her thesis is a multidisciplinary exploration of the cyborg in militarism, feminism and science fiction. Tania completed a BA with Honours in Philosophy and Literature at Deakin University, Victoria in 2005. Recently, Tania's thesis research has led to further explorations into the philosophy of technology and nanotechnology, a new and exciting field of social research. Additionally, Tania teaches classes at James Cook University in literature, philosophy and history. Her research interests include feminist fiction and theory, science fiction and theory, cultural theory, cyberfeminism, and the philosophy of technology and nanotechnology.

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### **Mary Laughren**

Dr Mary Laughren is an Honorary Research Senior Fellow in the School of Languages and Comparative Cultural Studies at the The University of Queensland. As a linguist investigating the Warlpiri language of central Australia since 1975 and the Waanyi language of the Gulf of Carpentaria region since 2000, her research is concerned with dual goals. One is to gain a better understanding of the nature of human language generally through detailed documentation and deep analysis of particular human languages, such as Warlpiri and Waanyi, and comparison with other languages. The other goal has been to produce materials of direct relevance and utility to the communities of the language speakers with whom she has collaborated.

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### **Heron Loban**

Heron's Loban's current research includes assisting Professor Chris Cunneen, a Tropical Leader at JCU, with a project to evaluate the Remote JP Magistrates Courts, after being successful in winning a tender with the Department of Justice and Attorney-General. She is also the recipient of a 2011 Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues Research grants looking into the regulation of "book up / book down" and its impact on Torres Strait Islander people. She has recently been appointed a member of the 2011–12 Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee, instituted by the Australian Communications and Media Authority to review telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia.

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### **Anita Lundberg**

Dr Anita is a cultural anthropologist who researches between tradition and globalisation. She is a member of the *LIA TransOceanik* research network. She is currently a Fellow of The Cairns Institute and has previously been an Evans Post-Doctoral Fellow, Cambridge University, UK; Guest Researcher with the Maison Asie-Pacifique, Université de Provence, France; and Visiting Fellow with the Institute of the Malay World and Civilization, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. She was also an Anthropologist-in-Residence at Rimbun Dahan, Malaysia. She has an abiding interest in public presentation of knowledge and in this light has addressed the Malaysian Heritage Trust/UNESCO, the Indonesian Heritage Society and the National Maritime Museum, Australia. She has curated exhibitions in NY, LA, Paris and Sydney and her own works have been exhibited at the Australian National Maritime Museum, the National Art Gallery of Malaysia and Alliance de Française. Anita's current research explores the landscapes of the anthropology of transnational education including: global education hubs, offshore campuses, spaces of learning, and first year experience. Her theoretical inspirations are interdisciplinary, including: network theories, theories of relationality, phenomenology, East-West philosophies and new sciences. She remains indebted to ethnographic practices.

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### **Rhian Morgan**

Rhian Morgan is a PhD candidate with the department of anthropology at James Cook University, Australia. Her PhD examines the impacts of real cash transactions on social relations within the virtual world Entropia Universe. Rhian completed her Masters of Arts in Anthropology at James Cook University, in 2010 and her BA (hons) majoring in philosophy in 2006. More recently, Rhian has moved on to combine her background in philosophy and anthropology with her passion for online gaming and computing technologies. She has been an active member of the Entropian community since 2007 and has recently completed 12 months ethnographic fieldwork within the game. Her research interests include online ethnography, cyber-sociality, culture theory, online gaming, virtual economies, and the philosophy of technology.

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### **Josephine Pryce**

Josephine (Jo) Pryce came to JCU in 1998 to continue her business studies, progressing to completion of a PhD in Organisational Behaviour in 2004. During that time, Jo became involved with the hospitality industry and developed a strong appreciation of the challenges faced by workers, employers and organisations in service industries. Her PhD extended understanding of service predispositions and organisational culture to address the construct of occupational culture. This notion has driven her interest in the idea of ‘developing professionals’ and consideration of how to bridge the gap from learner to practitioner. In particular, Jo is undertaking work which examines the nexus between student and Human Resource Management Professional. This work is supported by a WIL@JCU Grant 2011.

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### **K. Thirumaran**

Dr K. Thirumaran’s research focus has been on Singapore, Bali, Malaysia, Bhutan and studies on Chinese and Indian tourists. He has contributed articles in edited books, journal, encyclopaedia and newspapers. Dr. Thirumaran is a frequent guest lecturer in special interest tourism and civic education at public schools in Singapore. His teaching style provides many opportunities beyond classroom learning for students to undertake fieldwork and forge connections with the travel and hospitality industry.

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