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MEDIA ALERT

Australia’s health and welfare system includes major social insurance schemes like Medicare and the National Disability Insurance Scheme. While social insurance has not been a major part of Australia’s welfare system historically, interest in introducing additional schemes persists.

SOCIAL INSURANCE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY? EXPLORING PATHWAYS FOR A SUSTAINABLE, EQUITABLE AND EFFECTIVE WELFARE SYSTEM

The Academy of Social Sciences in Australia’s Annual Symposium will be held on Tuesday November 17 2015 at 8.45am in Shine Dome, Canberra

- The Symposium will consider aspects of national and international social insurance schemes.
- Past and contemporary experience and current priorities
- Advice from Australian and leading international experts that will provide Australia’s researchers and policy makers with valuable insights for ongoing reform in Australia’s welfare system.

Organised by the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA) in conjunction with Department of Social Services, La Trobe University and Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC) University of New South Wales.

Presenters include international guest speakers Professor Sara Arber, University of Surrey, United Kingdom, and Professor Daniel Beland, University of Saskatchewan, Canada, and leading Australian experts Emeritus Professor Bettina Cass, Emeritus Professor Alan Borowski and Ms Serena Wilson Deputy Secretary Department of Social Services amongst other.

The Academy’s Cunningham Lecture featuring The Hon Dr Andrew Leigh, MP FASSA on the theme ‘The Luck of Politics’ will be presented at 5.30pm Tuesday 17 November 2015 Shine Dome Canberra. This is a free public lecture.

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