ASSA announces the winner of the Paul Bourke Award for Early Career Research and Panel Awards for Early Career Research

The President of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, Professor Deborah Terry, is pleased to announce the winner of the Paul Bourke Award for Early Career Research 2013, and the winners of the Panel Awards for Early Career Research 2013.

The Academy honours Australians in the early part of their career who have achieved excellence in scholarship in one or more fields of the social sciences from a shortlist of four outstanding early career researchers for the Panel Awards for Early Career Research (one from each panel of the Academy), from whom will be selected one exceptional researcher to be the recipient of the Paul Bourke Award for Early Career Research.

PAUL BOURKE AWARD FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCH 2013 RECIPIENT

Dr Anina N Rich, Macquarie University

Dr Anina Rich studies how the brain integrates information across the senses. Rich has made a significant contribution to our understanding of processes involved in integrating sensory information, particularly through her research on synaesthesia. People with synaesthesia experience a ‘mixing of the senses’ (e.g. sound elicits colour), giving a unique window into processes that link our senses. Rich’s work is original and innovative. Her research has potential application in real-world settings requiring integration of multiple sources of information.

RECIPIENTS OF THE PANEL AWARDS FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCH 2013

Panel A - Dr Assa Doron, College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University

Dr Assa Doron is a leading international scholar of South Asia. Doran’s recent books with Robin Jeffrey captured international acclaim as a ‘path breaking’ and ‘pioneering’ contribution to understanding media, globalisation and everyday life.

Panel B - Professor Richard Holden, Australian School of Business, University of New South Wales

Dr Richard Holden is an outstanding early-career scholar and has had made exceptional research contributions. He is a Fellow of the US National Bureau of Economic Research and an editor of Journal of Law and Economics, a top journal in the field. His research interests also include Contract Theory and Political Economy.

Panel C - Dr Peter Burdon, Adelaide Law School, University of Adelaide

Dr Peter Burdon has assumed a crucial international role in the development of a new branch of law: Wild Law. Dr Burdon’s particular contribution has been to show law’s complicity in environmental destruction, especially through the uses of property law. In response, through a multi-disciplinary approach, he is developing a new idea of law based on human duties to nature.

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