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The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, in conjunction with The Australian Centre at The University of Melbourne, is pleased to present the Academy’s 2013 Fay Gale Lecture:

On the Liberal Arts in Asia

by

Professor Jane M. Jacobs, Yale-NUS College Singapore

In the last decade liberal arts colleges have sprung up across Asia. What accounts for this sudden interest in the liberal arts? What aspirations do they serve? What models are being drawn upon? And what do these new initiatives say about the nature of higher education in Asia and the future of the liberal arts more generally?

These questions will be examined by Professor Jane M. Jacobs, a distinguished Australian academic who has worked in a range of university settings, in a number of national contexts, and who has been linked to various internationalization ventures in higher education.

Professor Jane M. Jacobs is part of the inaugural Faculty of the Yale-NUS College Singapore where she is Professor of Urban Studies and Divisional Director for the Social Sciences.

Professor Jacobs taught and researched at the University of Melbourne from 1991 to 2002, before taking up a position at the University of Edinburgh. She is an urban and cultural geographer who has researched various themes, including architecture and geography, difference and the city, comparative and qualitative urban methodologies, postcolonial geographies, and indigenous and settler relations. She has published widely including Edge of Empire: Postcolonialism and the City, Cities of Difference (with Ruth Fincher), Uncanny Australia (with Ken Gelder) and, forthcoming, Architecture Must Die (with Stephen Cairns).

The Fay Gale Lecture honours the late Professor Gwendoline Fay Gale AO (1932-2008), the first female President of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and an eminent social scientist.

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EVENT DETAILS
Date: Thursday 6 June
Time: 6 pm - 8 pm, with light refreshments from 7pm
Venue: Old Arts Building, Theatre A
University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus.
Ground Floor Entrance. Building No 149. Map Ref G14 Campus Map.
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Professor Mark Considine, Dean the Faculty of Arts, on behalf of the University of Melbourne and The Australian Centre at the University of Melbourne, and Professor Barry McGaw AO, on behalf of the President, the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, cordially invite guests to stay for refreshments at the conclusion of the lecture.