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These panel discussions bring artists and experts from various disciplines together to explore the ideas that inspire their works. Can people really change? Can society forgive? In conversation with artists, including J R Brennan, Co-Creator and Lead Artist of *The Chat*, this talk takes a deep dive into the stubborn issues around rehabilitation, regret and forgiveness. Looking critically at our social and penal systems, it asks whether real reform is possible and, if so, how it can be achieved.





SPEAKERS

JAMES BRENNAN (THE CHAT)

J R Brennan is an artist and former parole officer, working in theatre, video and music. He was previously an ensemble member of renowned avant-garde theatre company Gardzienice (Poland). In recent years his work has interrogated ideas of crime and virtue and has been presented locally and internationally in both arts and criminology contexts.

KIRSTEN GRAY

Kirsten Gray is a proud Murawari/Yuwaalaraay woman with family connections to northern NSW. She has a background representing vulnerable families as a solicitor in the child protection system, and is a former CEO of the NSW Reconciliation Council. Before joining Jumbunna, Kirsten was a member of the Indigenous policy unit at the Australian Human Rights Commission, and worked on the recent NT Royal Commission into Youth Detention.

PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER CUNNEEN (UTS)

Chris Cunneen is Professor of Criminology at Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research at the University of Technology Sydney. He is an honorary professor at the University of New South Wales, and an adjunct professor at the Cairns Institute, James Cook University. Professor Cunneen is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. Professor Cunneen has worked as a research consultant with a number of Australian Royal Commissions and Inquiries, with the Australian Human Rights Commission, and with various non-government Indigenous organisations in Australia. He has particular interests in racialisation and criminalisation, Indigenous legal issues, youth justice, justice reinvestment and penality. His recent books include (with White and Richards) *Juvenile Justice. Youth and Crime in Australia*, Oxford University Press (2015), (with Brown et al) *Justice Reinvestment. Winding Back Imprisonment*, Palgrave (2016) and (with Tauri) *Indigenous Criminology*, Policy Press (2016).

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR THALIA ANTHONY (UTS)

Associate Professor Thalia Anthony's expertise is in the areas of criminal law and procedure and Indigenous people and the law, with a particular specialisation in Indigenous criminalisation and Indigenous community justice mechanisms. Her research has had an impact on policy development and public debates in relation to remedies for wrongs inflicted on Indigenous peoples. Her work has been referred to in Senate committee reports, parliamentary debates, policy announcements and law reform committee reports. Dr Anthony has also provided research for High Court cases, written submissions for United Nations committees, prepared and reviewed research briefs for the Attorney-Generals' Indigenous Justice Clearinghouse, conducted research for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and appeared before several parliamentary inquiries on Indigenous redress schemes.

Associate Professor Anthony's scholarship is published in a number of books, including her influential monograph, *Indigenous People, Crime and Punishment* (Routledge 2013) and a forthcoming book with Professor Harry Blagg, *Decolonising Criminology* (Palgrave 2016). She has strong connections with justice and advocacy groups, including UTS' Jumbunna and Aboriginal legal services, and regularly provides expert opinion in the media and public debates.

MODERATOR

PROFESSOR LARISSA BEHRENDT (UTS)

Professor Larissa Behrendt holds the Chair of Indigenous Research at UTS, is a Board Director of Sydney Festival and the host of Speaking Out on the ABC Radio Network. She is an awardwinning author and filmmaker.









