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Bruce Gorring

Co-Chair

Bruce Gorring is Director, National Indigenous Business Development Hub, First Nations Portfolio, ANU, He holds a BA from the University of Newcastle and a Master of Social Sciences from RMIT. His professional experience includes senior positions with the Kimberley Land Council, the WA Department of Indigenous Affairs, the Marrugeku Dance Theatre Company and most recently as Manager of the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owners Corporations. The common thread throughout his career has been a profound interest in the relationship between 'Country', people, the sustainability of cultural and natural landscapes, and forms of governance that foster transformative social, cultural, political and economic change in remote Australia.

Antonia Agreda

Presenter

Antonia Agreda, is a linguist and writer who currently serves as Advisor on Indigenous Affairs and Linguistic Heritage at the Ministry of Culture of Colombia. She is a member of the Inga community who was born in the Sibundoy Valley, Putumayo Department. She has the distinction of being the first indigenous woman to obtain a doctor's degree at the national level and has since gained extensive experience at various universities in Colombia. Her work has focused on strengthening intercultural education, seeking and promoting the preservation, recognition and dialogue between indigenous and nonindigenous cultures through the exchange of knowledge, languages and stories.

Dianne Appleby

Presenter

Dianne Appleby is a proud Karajarri and Yawuru Traditional Owner from Broome in Western Australia. Currently, she serves as the Cultural Coordinator at Nyamba Buru Yawuru, the Registered Native Title Body Corporate for the Yawuru community, where she has worked tirelessly to promote, revitalize and re-establish the Yawuru language. Dianne has spent many years learning from, and working with, Elders in her community to enhance and promote her cultural beliefs and values. This experience has been invaluable and assisted her to advocate on behalf of Kimberley Traditional Owners with regard to a broad range of First Nations issues.



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Speakers and co-chairs



Noel Campbell

Co-Chair

Noel Campbell (BA, LL.B (Hons) ANU, MA (Okla)), is Co-Director, Australian Centre for Latin America Studies, ANU, and former Australian Ambassador to Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay (2014-2018). He served as Official Secretary to the Governor of New South Wales (2009-2012) and Australian Ambassador to Spain (2006-2009), the United Arab Emirates (2002-2005) and the former Yugoslavia (1994-1997). From 1998 to 2002 he was Chef de Cabinet to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency. He has also served at Australian Embassies in Buenos Aires, Lima, Geneva and Washington.





Nirma Amelia Arellano

Presenter

Nirma Amelia Arellano Nuevo is currently Director of Intercultural Bilingual Education in the Ministry of Education of Peru, a position she has held since 2019. She has a doctorate in educational sciences and a master's degree in management of social projects. She also draws on more than 30 years of experience as a secondary school teacher, regional coordinator of rural education and coordinator of curricular diversification - and draws on extensive study and training in social programs, public sector management, train the trainer programs, skills assessment, education in rural areas and intercultural bilingual education.



Sharon Davis

Presenter

Sharon Davis is from both Bardi and Kija Peoples of the Kimberley, and is the Director of Education and Ethics at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. Sharon holds a Bachelor of Education specialising in Aboriginal education, and a Masters in Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition from the University of Oxford, UK.



Juan Salvador Gonzalez

Presenter

Juan Salvador Gonzalez is President of the Q'anjob'al linguistic community and President of the Academy of Mayan languages of Guatemala. He has a degree in Management and Sustainable Development in Mayan culture from the University of the Autonomous Regions of the Caribbean coast, Nicaragua and diploma in Geographic Information Systems from the University of San Carlos, Guatemala. From 2019-20 he was tutor in literacy in bilingual and intercultural environments at the University of the Valley, having previously served as municipal councillor, course facilitator, consultant and teacher in bilingual education (Spanish-Q'anjob'al).



Marleen Haboud Bumachar

Presenter

Marleen Haboud Bumachar is a Professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador (PCU). She is a graduate in linguistics from PCU and has a Masters degree in anthropology from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú and a PhD from the University of Oregon. She has particular expertise in the study of indigenous languages in Ecuador, the relationship between linguisticeducational policies, intercultural bilingualism and communications. She has also collaborated with UNESCO and UNICEF in areas of documentation and revitalization of indigenous languages in the Andean region. She has more than 70 publications and received numerous awards for her academic and scientific work.



Javier Lopez Sanchez Presenter

Javier Lopez Sanchez is a member of the maya-tseltal community from the state of Chiapas in Mexico. His academic background is the study and teaching of indigenous languages, having graduated from the Universidad Pedagogica Nacional and the Instituto Multidisciplinario de Especializacion in Mexico. He also draws on practical experience as a primary teacher and lecturer in the maya-tseltal language at various universities in Mexico, Europe, North America and Latin America. He has co-author of several publications about intercultural, student training, indigenous languages and served from 2010-2016 as the Director General of the National Institute of Indigenous Languages (INALI).

Ana Noemi Maillanao

Presenter

Ana Noemí Millanao Contreras has been Special Advisor for Indigenous Affairs, in the Chilean Ministry of Social Development since 2020-the first Mapuche woman in history to fulfill this role. She holds an undergraduate degree in journalism from the University of Temuco and a Master's degree in Government Management from the Autonomous University of Chile. Prior to her current appointment she served as Advisor to the Municipality of Padre Las Casas, Chief of Staff of the Undersecretariat of National Assets, Advisor on indigenous matters in the Ministry of the Interior, Head of Communications for members of Congress from the National Renewal party and Head of Communications for the Ministry of Mining.