



## The City After Dark



**Wednesday**  
**12th August 2009**  
**4.00-7.00pm**

**Lord Mayor's**  
**Reception Room,**  
**Sydney Town Hall**

Much of the research, comment and news concerning cities like Sydney is not surprisingly about the daytime activities of commerce, commuters and culture. However, the city has another important dimension – its life at night. This involves a considerable amount of economic and entertainment activity, and also anti-social activity which gives rise to community resentment and calls for action. Researchers from both Sydney and Melbourne draw on specific experience to provide us with a better understanding of the city at night.

**4.00pm**  
**Dr Bob Solomon**  
Chairman AIUS (NSW)

**Welcome: John McInerney, Independent Councillor**

**Stephen Tomsen**  
Prof of Criminology and  
Criminal Justice, UWS

**“Navigating by Neon: Inclusion and Diversity in the City after Dark”**

**David Rowe**  
Prof of Cultural Research,  
UWS

Attempts to engineer change within Sydney's night-time economy collide with community concerns and economic interests, providing a series of dilemmas for social policy, urban design and cultural planning. The researchers from this ARC project will explore the shifting legislative and political landscape that governs Sydney's night life.

**Nathaniel Bavinton**  
Research Officer, UWS

**Anne Malloch**  
Team Leader City Issues  
City of Melbourne

**“The City from Dusk to Dawn: Policy, Partnerships and Policing”**

The paper tells how local government can manage the city environment at night, this challenge beginning in 1995 with community concern about alcohol-related violence in the west end. The new policy for the 24-hour city recognises this work.

**Bridget Smyth**  
Design Director,  
City of Sydney Council

**“A City of Sydney Perspective”**

As part of the Sustainable Sydney 2030 initiative the City is looking at the potential of lane-ways and small bars, the improvement of pedestrian amenity and the public domain in the city centre. Late night trading and the rights of residents are also examined.

**Nicholas Knezevic**  
Specialist Planner

**5.30pm**

**Light Refreshments**

**Discussion**

**Panel Discussion**

**7.00pm**

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