

ALS 2019 Main conference themed panels

Linguistic diversity as a challenge to legal policy in Australia

Legal policy needs to respond to Australia's linguistic diversity, as interlingual miscommunication and linguistically-encoded prejudices cause inequitable access to the justice system and to legal bureaucracy, and inequitable treatment within them. Interdisciplinary law and linguistics research has emerged in response. This panel emerges from our aim to develop this field through dialogue between different research strands, laying groundwork for more impactful research dissemination. This will be a Q & A panel discussion engaging with the titular theme from diverse sub-disciplinary perspectives. The discussion will be structured around widely-sourced questions which will be sought from the Law and Linguistics Interdisciplinary Researchers' Network (LLIRN) and Twitter followers of the organisers and @lg_on_the_move.

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Discussant: The Hon Professor Peter Gray AM (former Federal Court judge and elected executive member of IAFL).

Panellists: TBC. Expressions of interest are being sought via the Law and Linguistics Interdisciplinary Researchers' Network (LLIRN). If you would like to join LLIRN, please contact Alexandra or Laura.