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Institute for Lifecourse and Society - ILAS International Research Training Series



Research Event:

Community Collaborations: Building Research Evidence for Policy Impact Across the Lifecourse.

Speakers:

Linda Steele, University of Technology Sydney

Harry Rutner, Australian Centre for Disability Law

This event will focus on how to design, develop and implement research in partnership with the communities we serve - including disabled people and older people.

DATE: Tuesday, 28 November ILAS

TIME: 10:00am-13:00pm

VENUE: G006, ILAS Building, University of Galway

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How can we develop impactful and meaningful research partnerships?

Researchers working closely with communities impacted by policy developments across the lifecourse often struggle to balance their commitments to obtain research evidence with the expectations of the groups they work with that their research will impact directly on policy reform. In this seminar we will explore how to balance these competing commitments as ethical and inclusive researchers working in partnership with communities.

INVITATION

Speakers



**Linda
Steele**

Linda Steele is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney (Australia). She is a socio-legal scholar leading a program of research ‘Truth Justice Repair’ on redress and social repair of violence, institutionalisation and segregation experienced by people with disability. Linda is author of *Disability, Criminal Justice and Law* (2020, Routledge) and co-editor of *Sites of Conscience: Place, Memory and the Project of Deinstitutionalization* (forthcoming UBC Press, with E. Punzi) and *The Legacies of Institutionalisation: Disability, Law and Policy in the ‘Deinstitutionalised’ Community* (2020, Hart Publishing, with C. Spivakovsky and P. Weller).



**Harry
Rutner**

Harry Rutner has a double degree in Law and Social Work (Honours) and has been a practising Lawyer in Australia since 2019. Harry has worked in the disability sector for over 14 years as an advocate, social worker and solicitor. Harry currently works for the Australian Centre for Disability Law and the Consortium for Street Children (UK). As a solicitor, Harry represented clients with disability at the Australian Human Rights Commission, courts and tribunals, providing advice on human rights matters, specialising in disability discrimination matters. As a solicitor in Australia, Harry also created the Disability Legal Service to support people with disability across Western Sydney. Harry is currently the Co-Chair of the Australian Lawyers for Human Rights Disability Subcommittee and represented Civil Society in Australia at the 16th Session Of The Conference Of States Parties To The CRPD in New York in 2023.

Schedule

Time	Details	Speaker
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome & Introductions	Eilíonóir Flynn Director, School of Law
10:10 – 10:50	Evidence-Based Research and Disability Law Reform.	Linda Steele
10:50 – 11:30	Creating Meaningful Community Partnerships.	Harry Ruthner
11:30 – 12:30	Discussion	
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch	