



# Making Connections: Multiculturalism and Interculturalism in Australia Conference

**March 9-10, 2023, Melbourne**  
Swinburne University of Technology

Australia is widely recognized as a successful multicultural society. However, global migration and geopolitical trends in the 21st century are throwing up new diversity challenges.

Hosted by Swinburne University over two days, this policy-focused conference will bring together Australian and international practitioners, policymakers and researchers to explore whether and how combining multicultural and intercultural approaches could enrich diversity policy in Australia.

## Keynote Speakers:

**Prof Fethi Mansouri**, Director,  
Alfred Deakin Institute for  
Citizenship and Globalisation

**Ms Irena Guidikova**, Head of  
Department, Council of Europe,  
Founding manager of  
Intercultural Cities

**Assoc Prof Anthony Moran**,  
Latrobe University

**Ms Lynda Ford**, iGen Foundation,  
ICC Expert, Australia

**Ms Vesna Haracic**, City of  
Salisbury

**Mr Pete Appleton**, City of Ballarat

**Dr Glenda Ballantyne**, Swinburne  
University of technology

**Prof Bob White**, University of  
Montreal

**Prof Ricard Zapata-Barrero**,  
University of Pompeu Fabra,  
Barcelona

**Prof Robyn Eversole**, Bucknell  
University, US

**Dr David Radford**, University of  
South Australia

**Dr Kiros Hiruy**, Swinburne  
University of Technology

Globally, intercultural approaches have been adopted primarily at the city level, and since 2017, several Australian cities have embraced an intercultural policy framework.

The *Making Connections* conference will explore the role the 'intercultural cities' approach could play in addressing rising diversity challenges internationally and in Australia.



International and local experts will explore the complementarity of multiculturalism and interculturalism and showcase the experience of intercultural cities in Australia, Canada and Spain.

We invite practitioners, stakeholders, policymakers at all levels of government and academics to be a part of the conversation.

Register [here](#)

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Program details available on the International Intercultural Cities Comparative Study Website: [IICCS](#)

### Day 1: Multiculturalism and Interculturalism: alternatives or mutually supporting approaches?

- What is the difference – in theory and in practice - between multicultural and intercultural approaches to diversity policy?
- Does Australia need an intercultural component in its diversity policies?
- How could multicultural and intercultural approaches be combined in Australia?

### Day 2: Intercultural Cities in Global Context: Australia, Canada and Spain

- Australian Intercultural Cities showcase: Salisbury (South Australia) and Ballarat (Victoria).
- Preliminary findings of the International Intercultural Cities Comparative Study: Ballarat and Salisbury (Australia), Sherbrooke (Canada) and Sabadell (Spain).

The *Making Connections Conference* is an initiative of the *International Intercultural Cities Comparative Study* and *Embedding Intercultural Cities in the Antipodes* project supported by the Erasmus+ program of the European Union.