



Conference Program

(subject to change)

MONDAY 30 June 2025

10.00am – 4.30pm	Postgraduate Day X205, NUspace
10.00am – 4.30pm	IAG Council Meeting X207, NUspace
5.00pm – 6.00pm	Urban Geography Study Group AGM X205, NUspace

TUESDAY 1 July 2025

10.00am – 4.00pm	Urban Geography	X401 (level 4)
10.00am – 4.00pm	Rural Geography	X321 (level 3)
10.00am – 4.00pm	Legal Geography	X207 (level 2)
1.00pm – 4.00pm	Indigenous Peoples Knowledges and Rights	X320 (level 3)
3.00pm – 4.00pm	Critical Development	X204 (level 2)
2.00pm – 4.00pm	Cultural Geography	X301 (level 3)
5.00pm – 6.30pm	Welcome Drinks & Conference Registration	NUspace Foyer

WEDNESDAY 2 July 2025

8.00am – 9.00am	Conference Registration	Concert Hall Foyer City Hall
9.00am – 11.00am	Session 1 – Opening Plenary	Concert Hall City Hall
Acknowledgement of Country & Message Stick Conference Welcome , Professor Alex Zelinsky AO Conference Welcome , Dr Ross Kerridge, <i>Lord Mayor of the City of Newcastle</i> Opening Keynote Address , Professor David Bissell (he/him/his)		
11.00am – 11.30am	Morning Tea	Banquet Room City Hall
11.30am – 1.00pm	Session 2 – Concurrent	NUspace
Emergent geographies of (sub)urban inhabitation		X803 (level 8)
New directions in Political Geography		X502 (level 5)
Navigating the emergent geographies of 'Future Made in Australia' Panel		X201 (level 2)
Contests of place naming and claiming in the cultural landscapes of everyday life		X204 (level 2)
Emergent Antipodean Legal Geographies		X205 (level 2)
New and emerging research in environmental geographies		X207 (level 2)
Surface and groundwater in a changing climate: Challenges and opportunities & Storying and repairing water places by centring Indigenous knowledges		X208 (level 2)
Emergent Geographies of Decarbonisation Transitions		X301 (level 3)
Weaving Circle - Indigenising practices in Geography		Watt Space Gallery (cnr Auckland & King St)
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch , Banquet Room, City Hall	
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Palestine Action Group Meeting	Cummings Room, City Hall
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Session 3 – Plenary	Concert Hall City Hall
The Wiley Keynote Address: Dr Sasha Engelmann (she/her)		
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	Banquet Room City Hall
3.35pm – 5.35pm	Session 4 – Concurrent	NUspace
Emergent Geographies Children and Young People		X803 (level 8)
New directions in Political Geography		X502 (level 5)
New theories and practices for climate change, adaptation, and work		X204 (level 2)
Emergent Antipodean Legal Geographies		X205 (level 2)
New and emerging research in environmental geographies		X207 (level 2)
Trivial Pursuits or Moments to Resist Institutional Expectations? Passion Projects within the academy		X208 (level 2)
New and Emerging Research in Cultural Geography		X301 (level 3)
Weaving Responsibilities		Watt Space Gallery (cnr Auckland & King St)

5.35pm – 6.30pm	Session 5 – Plenary	Concert Hall City Hall
Keynote Address , Associate Professor Siobhán McGrath (she/they)		
6.35pm	Weaving Emergent Geographies Exhibition Launch and Creative Geographies: Creative Practices and Arts-Based methodologies in contemporary geography Book launch with canapes and drinks	Watt Space Gallery (cnr Auckland & King St)

THURSDAY 3 July 2025

8.00am – 8.30am	Conference Registration	Concert Hall Foyer City Hall
8.30am – 9.30am	Session 6 – Plenary	Concert Hall City Hall
The IAG Equity Keynote Address: Dr Crystal Arnold (she/her)		
9.35am – 11.05am	Session 7 – Concurrent	NUspace
Emergent Indigenous geographies		X803 (level 8)
Emergent Rural Geographies: exploring rural futures in a transforming world		X502 (level 5)
Co-design in environmental governance and natural resource management Panel		X201 (level 2)
Smallholder livelihoods and the paradox of SDG2: Agrarian Change and Rural Development		X204 (level 2)
Geographies of acceptance		X205 (level 2)
Careful Circularities		X207 (level 2)
Emerging Issues in Migration Geographies		X401 (level 4)
New theories and practices for climate change, adaptation, and work		X101 (level 1)
11.05am – 11.35am	Morning Tea	Banquet Room City Hall
11.40am – 1.10pm	Session 8 – Concurrent	NUspace
Indigenisation and Emergent geographies in conversation Panel		X803 (level 8)
Emergent geographies of collapse and apocalypse		X502 (level 5)
Smallholder livelihoods and the paradox of SDG2: Agrarian Change and Rural Development		X204 (level 2)
Geographies of acceptance		X205 (level 2)
Careful Circularities		X207 (level 2)
Emerging Issues in Migration Geographies		X401 (level 4)
Open Weaving Space		Watt Space Gallery (cnr Auckland & King St)
1.10pm – 2.00pm	Lunch	Banquet Room City Hall
1.10pm – 2.00pm	Geography Mentorship Program – Mentors and Mentees!	Cummings Room City Hall

2.00pm – 3.00pm	Session 9 – Plenary	Concert Hall City Hall
The Faye Gale Keynote Address: Dr Sophie May-Kerr (she/her)		
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	Banquet Room City Hall
3.30pm – 5.30pm	Session 10 – Concurrent	NUspace
Indigenous led research: Geographies & more-than-human kin (3.30pm – 5.00pm)		X803 (level 8)
Hidden Geographies		X502 (level 5)
Political Ecologies – Relations, justice and emergence		X201 (level 2)
New research in urban geography: emergent geographies		X205 (level 2)
Critical Circularity		X320 (level 3)
Emerging vectors for anti-racism: geographies of purpose		X401 (level 4)
Emergent elemental geographies - theory, practice, advocacy		X101 (level 1)
Open Weaving Space		Watt Space Gallery (cnr Auckland & King St)
Learning from TF/TK an introduction to production studies Panel (5.00pm – 6.30pm)		X803 (level 8)
6.30pm – 11.00pm	Conference Dinner , (additional cost & ticket required)	Concert Hall City Hall

Friday 4 July 2025

8.00am – 8.30am	Conference Registration	Concert Hall Foyer City Hall
8.30am – 9.30am	Session 11 – Plenary	Concert Hall City Hall
Keynote Address: Dr Angela Smith		
9.30am – 11.00am	Session 12 – Concurrent	NUspace
Energy transitions: Navigating people, place and change		X803 (level 8)
Dwelling in the conjuncture		X502 (level 5)
Securing Urban and Rural Futures by Crossing Boundaries, Barriers and Binaries		X201 (level 2)
Emergent pedagogies and educative priorities		X204 (level 2)
Queer Counter Geographies		X301 (level 3)
Infrastructures for Uncertain Times		X320 (level 3)
11.00am – 11.35am	Morning Tea	Banquet Room City Hall
11.40am – 1.10pm	Session 13 – Concurrent	NUspace
Energy transitions: Navigating people, place and change		X803 (level 8)
Emergent Research in Human Geography		X502 (level 5)
Solidarity Cities: Confronting Racial Capitalism Panel		X205 (level 2)
Emergent Geographies of Public Health		X204 (level 2)
Emergent carceral geographies		X301 (level 3)
Infrastructures for Uncertain Times		X320 (level 3)
Equity in Turmoil: (Con)trolling the Narrative		X401 (level 4)

1.10pm – 2.00pm	Lunch	Banquet Room City Hall
1.10pm – 2.00pm	Afghan Embroidery Session	Watt Space Gallery
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Session 14 – Plenary	Concert Hall City Hall
Keynote Address: Dr Priya Kunjan (they/them)		
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	Banquet Room City Hall
3.30pm – 5.30pm	Session 15 – Concurrent	NUspace
Mining the Void: anti-landscape or hopeful vision for the future?		X803 (level 8)
Emergent Research in Human Geography		X502 (level 5)
Enchanted Cities, Nostalgic Spaces: Rethinking Urban Inclusivity		X401 (level 4)
Emergent geographers? Early Career advocacy in urban research		X204 (level 2)
Emergent carceral geographies		X301 (level 3)
Infrastructures for Uncertain Times		X320 (level 3)
5.30pm	Conference Closed	

Saturday 5 July 2025

8.30am – 2.00pm	Field Trip: The Yuelarbah Walking Track Tour Arrive at Nuspace by 8.15am	
10.00am – 1:00pm	Field Trip: Inner Newcastle Working Tour Arrive at Nuspace by 10:00am	
9.30am – 3.30pm	Academy of Sciences Committee Meeting	X803 (level 8)