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# PETER KARMEL LECTURE

As part of [Social Sciences Week](#), The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA), in conjunction with the Australasian Council of *Deans of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities* (DASSH) is pleased to present the 2018 Peter Karmel Forum:

## ‘Experts? Who needs ‘em?’

### Promoting the Value of Expertise in Decision-Making in Australia’s Future

#### FEATURING:

**Sarah Burr**—Senior Adviser, Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet

**Linda Botterill**—FASSA, Professor, School of Government & Policy, UC

**Carolyn Hendriks**—Associate Professor, Crawford School Public Policy, ANU

**Deborah Lupton**—FASSA, Professor, Faculty of Arts & Design, UC

#### FACILITATOR:

**Michael Wesley**—Prof & Dean of the College of Asia & the Pacific, ANU

#### ABSTRACT

British MP Michael Gove recently said, “*I think the people have had enough of experts with organisations from acronyms saying that they know what is best and getting it consistently wrong*”. With integrity and trust in institutions at an all-time low, his comments reflect a society feeling fed up with experts who, they think, are out of touch.

This forum seeks to examine how experts can effect positive change and remain relevant in a post-truth society. What can we do to ensure those with the power to make the decisions that will shape our future are equipped with the necessary knowledge and research (particularly in relation to the social sciences) to give our nation the best shot and restore public confidence?

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**Wednesday 12 September 2018**

**12 noon for 12.30pm—1.30pm**

**The National Portrait Gallery**

Terrace Room 1, Kind Edward Terrace, Parkes ACT 2600

**Light Lunch Served - FREE Admission RSVP Essential by Monday 10 Sept 2018**

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