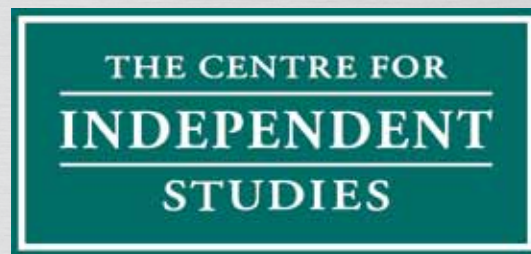




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Editions of
POLICY

8,000

EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS



120,000

WEBSITE VISITORS



139 WasteWatch
blog posts



Goals and Aims

The Centre for Independent Studies (CIS) is Australia's leading independent public policy research think tank.

Founded in 1976, the CIS has been a long-term advocate for market economy and a free civil society under a democratic government. The CIS promotes smaller government, which we believe is the key to unlocking individual responsibility, liberty, choice and enterprise.

Through a solid research program and wide-ranging activities, the CIS encourages serious debate among academics, politicians, media and stakeholders with the aim of assisting in the formulation and development of evidence-based policy recommendations for Australia's future prosperity and wellbeing.

THE CIS CHAMPIONS:

- individual liberty and choice, including freedom of association, religion, speech and the right to property
- an economy based on free markets
- democratic government under the rule of law
- an autonomous and free civil society.

THE CIS AND ITS RESEARCH ARE:

- funded by private donations – from individuals, companies and charitable trusts – as well as subscriptions, events and book sales
 - politically non-partisan
 - driven by the Executive Director and the research team. The CIS does not do commissioned research.
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Independence is of utmost importance to us.

From the Executive Director

The highly charged political environment throughout 2013 reinforced yet again the need for an organisation like The Centre for Independent Studies as a leading forum for dialogue and ideas on the future of the nation.

Politics, especially at the national level, has intruded into every corner of our lives and dominates the media cycle as if there is no other type of news. You'd have to think that the poor decision-making by governments over the past decade will likely see the next decade struggling to be much better. It's very much a David and Goliath conflict, with the CIS battling the Goliath of big government for nearly 40 years – and will continue to do so with vigour.

And let's not forget, David won in the end.

This year was as active a year for the Centre as I can remember. A key component was the founding of our TARGET30 program focusing on the size and role of government with the aim of bringing down spending at all levels to less than 30% of GDP over the next 10 years. Launched in March, TARGET30 publications and events have been a dominant feature of our activities throughout the year – and will continue to be. It's not only a question of numbers and balancing the books. Although economic difficulties may force tough decisions by governments, it is imperative that governments also reflect on what it is they should responsibly do as custodians of the nation. The list of demands by one vested group or another on government can no longer be delivered. Regrettably, governments of all persuasions not only find it difficult to shorten the list, but continually add to it for short-term political gains. The burden already imposed on future generations is becoming intolerable.

TARGET30 is not, of course, the only component of our challenging schedule. The events program, for instance, continues to grow with a record number of activities added to

the regular program of Consilium, the Big Ideas Forum, and the John Bonython Lecture. The monthly Leadership Lunches, held mostly at our St Leonards premises, were particularly noteworthy as we heard from senior leaders in politics, government, business and the world of ideas. Other notable events were a forum on literacy led by Research Fellow Jennifer Buckingham and on charity regulation led by Research Fellow Peter Kurti. The 2014 agenda is already starting to fill.

Sadly, 2013 saw the passing of three of our cherished academic advisers, Helen Hughes, Naomi Moldofsky, and Kenneth Minogue. Notes on their lives and contributions to the CIS are included in this issue of PréCIS.

This year also saw a few changes to the Board of the Centre with Deputy Chairman Belinda Hutchinson and Director Chum Darvall stepping down. Chum remains on the Centre's Capital Fund investment committee. I have very much appreciated working with both Belinda and Chum. Michael Rennie has assumed the vacant Deputy Chairman position. Iluka Managing Director David Robb has joined as



a Director. The Centre is fortunate in the high quality of its Board membership and I thank them all for their commitment over the years.

Support for the Centre's work continues to grow with a fundraising record in 2012/13 (apart from the years when the Capital Fund was established). The increased support has been devoted to developing the Centre's research team and increasing our multimedia presence. It is people that make the difference in any organisation, and supporters and observers of the CIS should be well pleased with our great team.

With our strengthening research capacity, our ability to take on even more issues, whether TARGET30 or more generally, has been substantially enhanced. Indeed, the times are demanding that we do.

As the year headed to its end and with a new government in Canberra, various organisations, including the CIS, have signalled their concerns about government expenditure, the looming debt crisis, and more. It's not good enough to say that

Australia's situation isn't as bad as country X's. Not so long ago, Country X wasn't as bad as it is now.

There's also an important moral dimension to this. Government borrowings to fund current spending with an uncertain economic outlook is wrong and, frankly, stupid. Some are calling for increases in taxation whether by rates or broadening the tax base. This too is wrong. Australians pay plenty of tax. Governments need prudence and discipline in their approach to spending. Tax fixes that give them more revenue will just continue a habit that badly needs a cure. TARGET30 is a good place to start.

So, overall a good year for CIS in 2013 thanks to the many supporters who make and have made it possible. There are many challenges in the years ahead and, step by step, we will meet them.

TARGET30

The CIS's TARGET30 campaign was launched in March to promote the benefits of smaller government and combat the increasing reach of government into the lives of ordinary Australians. The aim of TARGET30 is to cut government spending to less than 30% of GDP in 10 years.

Questioning government spending has been one of the cornerstones of CIS research during 2013.

RESEARCH

There have been five TARGET30 publications in 2013 on the key themes of welfare, health and taxation. The foundation paper, *Towards Smaller Government and Future Prosperity* by Research Fellow **Simon Cowan**, with contributions from Senior Fellows **Professor Peter Saunders** and **Robert Carling**, garnered widespread media coverage, including being highlighted in *The Australian*.

Tax Welfare Churn and the Australian Welfare State by Research Fellow **Andrew Baker** was released in March, and outlined targeted and pragmatic reforms to reduce the size of the welfare state.

In April, *Saving Medicare But NOT As We Know!* by Research Fellow **Dr Jeremy Sammut** highlighted practical policies to help cut the size of the Medicare behemoth and control long-term health costs.

Senior Fellow **Robert Carling's** report *Shrink Taxation by Shrinking Government*, released in August, illustrated the removal, reduction and restructuring of taxation at federal and state levels that would be possible if TARGET30 were to be achieved. **Robert Carling** also presented to the Reform Club on *Stop the Government Spending Juggernaut* in May and the Business Council of Australia's Economics and Competitiveness Committee on controlling government spending in October.

The *Emergency Budget Repair Kit* was released in November. The multi-author publication offered solutions to save

the federal government more than \$20 billion annually, including reducing corporate welfare, refocusing family tax assistance, and addressing duplication across government.

Strengthening Australia's Fiscal Institutions was released in December as the last TARGET30 report of 2013, and offered fiscal rules for smaller government.

The CIS has elicited positive media for the TARGET30 campaign across a number of media outlets this year. *The Australian* endorsed the TARGET30 campaign in editorials throughout the year, and other notable publications such as the *Australian Financial Review*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Herald Sun*, the *Canberra Times*, and *Business Spectator* covered the campaign.

Spearheaded by TARGET30 Program Director **Simon Cowan**, the research and themes of the campaign have also been frequently cited on radio and television to further the public's awareness of the growth of government and to provide solutions to counter this worrying trend.

EVENTS

A number of successful TARGET30 events were held throughout 2013. The TARGET30 campaign was launched in Sydney in March, with speeches by **David Murray AO**, **Maurice Newman AC**, and **Simon Cowan**. More than 100 people, including key political and business leaders, attended the launch.



CIS Research Fellow Simon Cowan, Dean at the University of Western Australia Business School Phillip Dolan, Professor The Hon. Christian Porter, CIS Executive Director Greg Lindsay, and CIS Research Fellow Dr Jeremy Sammut at the Perth launch of TARGET30



David Murray AO at the Sydney launch of TARGET30



Audience at the Sydney launch of TARGET30

RELATED INITIATIVES

The **WasteWatch** blog was launched in 2013 and has developed into an important tool to highlight the myriad small ways government wastes taxpayers' money.

Political engagement increased this year with CIS researchers visiting Canberra politicians in July to introduce TARGET30. The success of the first trip led to another visit in December. Further events are planned in 2014 to continue highlighting CIS research among politicians and policymakers.

LOOKING FORWARD

In 2014, **Robert Carling** will contribute to a forthcoming TARGET30 publication on restructuring federalism. This publication is also intended as an input to the Coalition government's proposed white paper on federalism. CIS researchers are working on a number of TARGET30 reports on education, health, industry assistance, public sector workforce productivity, and paid parental leave.

A number of interesting TARGET30 events are planned in 2014, including a multi-city event to set a productivity agenda for the Coalition government.



Economics

The size of government in Australia has tipped far beyond the scales of what is acceptable. Reducing government expenditure and waste has been a core focus of the CIS throughout 2013.

The economics team has focused on drawing attention to the TARGET30 campaign and policy solutions that would lead to smaller government and a more prosperous future for Australia.

Other economic issues have also featured in 2013, particularly corporate welfare, anti-dumping, industrial relations, and taxation.

INDUSTRY

CIS Research Fellow **Simon Cowan** has been a highly sought-after commentator on the future of the Australian car manufacturing industry following his article, 'The Spectre of Protectionism Still Haunts Australia's Economy,' in the Summer issue of *Policy* magazine. In a number of opinion editorials in *The Australian*, the *Australian Financial Review*, *Business Spectator*, and ABC's *The Drum*, he argued that government should not be propping up failing industries.

Research Fellow **Dr Stephen Kirchner** released *Time to Dump Australia's Anti-Dumping System* in June, arguing that Australia should scrap its anti-dumping and countervailing system.

Simon Cowan's research into the negative impact on the economy of industry assistance and corporate welfare will be published in 2014.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

CIS Policy Analyst **Alexander Philipatos** featured in a *Meet the Researcher* presentation in April on *Relics of a Byzantine Industrial Relations System* based on his report with the same title released in May. His research shows how the award system is one of the major obstacles to

a more flexible and productive labour market, and should be abolished. He has had opinion editorials on industrial relations issues in *The Australian*, the *Australian Financial Review*, *Business Spectator*, and *The Drum*.

PUBLIC SECTOR

Our economics researchers discussed public sector efficiency throughout 2013. Research Fellow **Simon Cowan** spoke at a roundtable event on public sector workforce productivity, and Policy Analyst **Alexander Philipatos** is writing a report highlighting ways to enable a more productive public sector workforce and reduce waste (to be published in 2014).

TAXATION

Taxation has featured in the TARGET30 campaign, with *Shrink Taxation by Shrinking Government* by Senior Fellow **Robert Carling** released in August. He has written opinion editorials for the *Australian Financial Review* and *Business Spectator*, and has featured in articles in newspapers such as *The Australian*, the *Daily Telegraph*, *Herald Sun*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*.

In 2014, **Robert Carling** will be updating his highly influential report *Tax, Borrow, Spend: How the States*

Compare (February 2011). The updated version will rank the fiscal performance of the states over a three-year period.

Robert Carling will also be making the case for automatically indexing personal income tax thresholds in a report that will elaborate on a TARGET30 proposal to automatically index taxes so governments cannot rely on the proceeds of 'bracket creep' to fund increasing government spending.

FISCAL POLICY

Research Fellow **Dr Stephen Kirchner's** report on fiscal rules, which has already attracted the attention of the Coalition government, was released in December.

MONETARY POLICY

Dr Kirchner wrote a feature article in the Autumn issue of *Policy* magazine titled 'How Economists Succeed

(and Fail) to Influence Policy,' arguing that think tank economists can successfully influence public policy in ways that generate large social benefits at low cost. He also contributed a chapter, 'Lessons from the Australian Experience,' to the Fraser Institute's *Federalism and Fiscal Transfers: Essays on Australia, Germany, Switzerland, and the United States* (October).

This year, **Dr Kirchner** has been quoted in articles in *The Australian*, the *Australian Financial Review*, the *Daily Telegraph*, *Herald Sun*, the *Courier Mail*, and *The Advertiser*, among others. He has also spoken on radio and at numerous events, including the Economics Society of Australia's Sydney University Economists Q&A (May); Griffith University's Business School Superannuation Seminar (May); and *The Economist* magazine's Sydney Bellwether conference (July).



Matthew Taylor joined the CIS in December as a Research Fellow in the TARGET30 program and is focusing on economic and welfare issues.



William Shrubbs joined the CIS in July to uncover the ways in which government wastes taxpayer dollars. His articles are posted on the CIS's highly effective and entertaining new blog, WasteWatch.



Social Foundations

Health, welfare and education have played a dominant role in the CIS's TARGET30 campaign in 2013, and the social policy team has been devoted to investigating the implications of growing government spending, and how we can counteract the upward trend.

Other social policy issues have also featured in 2013, including governance of public hospitals, the welfare state, the National Disability Insurance Scheme, child protection, and literacy.

HEALTH

CIS Research Fellow **Dr Jeremy Sammut** released a TARGET30 report in May, *Saving Medicare But NOT as We Know It!* which proposed a range of 'small bang' reforms involving better targeting of public health spending and increasing the efficiency of public health services. The report proposed transforming Medicare into a Health Savings Account/Insurance Voucher scheme for generations X and Y, which would allow Medicare to be transformed into an age-limited program for the current generation of retirees or near retirees.

In May, **Dr Jeremy Sammut** participated as a panel member at the Australian Medical Association's national conference on the politics of health in an election year. He also spoke at the national conference of Catholic Healthcare Australia and the inaugural conference of the Deeble Institute making the case for market-based health reform.

In October, **Dr Sammut** published a report titled *Overcoming Governance and Cost Challenges in Australian Public Hospitals: The Foundation Trust Alternative*. Co-authored with **Professor Peter Phelan**, the report argued that the rising cost of the public hospital system can be contained by productivity increases, which could be facilitated by emulating the Foundation Trust model used to run the National Health Service Hospitals in England.

Adapting the Trust model to the Australian health system would create a more competitive and efficient public hospital sector.

Future CIS research in health will include a major report on the consequences of nurse-to-patient ratios. **Dr Sammut** is also writing a TARGET30 report on the reasons why government health spending is much lower in Singapore and the policy lessons for Australia.

THE WELFARE STATE

CIS Research Fellow **Andrew Baker's** TARGET30 report, *Tax-Welfare Churn and the Australian Welfare State*, was released in March and received widespread coverage, featuring on the front page of *The Australian*. His research on welfare reform has been cited by former Treasurer **Wayne Swan** and commentator **Janet Albrechtsen**.

Professor Peter Saunders has continued his research work for the CIS from the United Kingdom. In March, his occasional paper, *Remoralising the Welfare State*, outlined three basic rules for a fair welfare state. He was also featured in an article in the Dutch newspaper *NRC Handelsblad* discussing his work *Is Capitalism Good for the Soul?* **Professor Saunders** was interviewed on 2GB about being more discriminatory when offering

welfare support to people in need. He has continued to offer insights to the CIS research team as the primary reviewer of research publications.

Professor Saunders also co-authored with Research Fellow **Andrew Baker** a foreword to **Tom Palmer's** *After the Welfare State* (March), which highlighted the state of welfare reform in Australia.

Andrew Baker wrote a submission to a Senate inquiry into the adequacy of the Newstart Allowance and featured on Channel Ten's *The Project* as the only person in the country providing a dissenting argument to the campaign to raise the base rate of unemployment benefits. He was also a panellist at the Australian Social Policy Conference on income management policies in Australia.

In July, the CIS released *Not looking for Work: The Rise of Non-jobseekers on Unemployment Benefits* by **Andrew Baker**, which received broad media coverage, including in *The Australian*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Daily Telegraph*; radio stations 2UE, 2GB and 4BC; and ABC Television's *Lateline*.

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

Andrew Baker's research on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) featured in numerous newspapers and radio stations in 2013, including 7:30 and 2GB, *The Australian*, the *Herald Sun*, the *Australian Financial Review*, and the *Canberra Times*. He also wrote several submissions to inquiries during the development of the legislation establishing the NDIS.

CHILD PROTECTION

In March, **Dr Sammut's** report, *The Fraught Politics of Saying Sorry for Forced Adoption: Implications for Child Protection Policy in Australia*, was released to coincide with the national apology by the federal parliament to the Stolen Generations. His report argued that the federal parliament should endorse the appropriate use of adoption

for child protection purposes, and was reported in national media, culminating with an appearance on Channel Ten's *The Project*. As a result of the report, he was asked to address the board of National Adoption Week on strategies for promoting pro-adoption policies.

In 2014, **Dr Sammut** will release a report on the links between child abuse and family structure, which will address the key issues excluded from the terms of reference of the royal commission into institutional responses to child abuse. He is also updating the data on national child protection from his report *Do Not Damage and Disturb* (2011). This new report will highlight the lack of progress in addressing core problems in child protection, and re-state the case for fundamental reforms on greater use of adoption.

SCHOOL EDUCATION

CIS Research Fellow **Jennifer Buckingham** published *Keeping PISA in Perspective: Why Australian Education Policy Should Not Be Driven By International Test Results* in December 2012, arguing that the influence of international assessments on policy has become disproportionate. The goal of achieving a top five ranking in PISA is now even included in the *Australian Education Act 2013*!

Trisha Jha joined the CIS social policy team in July and became a Policy Analyst in November. She is focusing on family payments, the child care system, and self-funding models for family needs.



Jennifer Buckingham co-authored a *Policy* magazine article ‘Why Jaydon Can’t Read: The Triumph of Ideology Over Evidence in Teaching Reading,’ which investigated why billions of dollars have been spent on programs to improve literacy with little or no result. The article was highlighted in numerous radio interviews, including Radio National, SBS Radio, 6PR, 5AA, and 3AW, and received coverage in *The Australian*, *Herald Sun*, *The Advertiser*, the *Australian Financial Review*, the *Daily Telegraph*, and on Channel Ten’s *The Project*.

Jennifer Buckingham participated in the public debate over school funding, including the ‘Gonski’/Better Schools reforms, NAPLAN, school autonomy, and other education policy, through opinion pieces in mainstream media, radio, television and online media. She also featured in the *Australian Financial Review*’s federal budget commentary and spoke at a number of events such as the Association of Independent Schools’ NSW Executive Conference and the Queensland State Forum.

In October, **Jennifer Buckingham** returned to working three days a week at CIS, having submitted her PhD thesis for examination, to continue promoting effective literacy teaching to government and policymakers. She is also working on a TARGET30 publication on school funding, proposing ideas for governments to rein in spending and increase efficiency and productivity. In 2014, she will reprise CIS’s long-term interest in increasing educational freedom, looking at policies to diversify and expand access to non-government schools.

SKILLS, LANGUAGES AND CULTURE

In February, CIS Research Fellow **Benjamin Herscovitch** released *Australia and the Asian Ascendancy: Why Upskilling is Not Necessary to Reap the Rewards*. Making the case for a *laissez faire* approach to Australia’s economic engagement with Asia, the report was covered in *The Australian* and released to coincide with a *Meet the Researcher* presentation on the same topic.

In May, **Benjamin Herscovitch** released *A Fair Go: Fact or Fiction?* which showed that Australia remains a socially mobile ‘fair go’ country. The report led to interviews on Radio National and on ABC Television. He is working on research debunking the supposed connection between economic inequality and social immobility. The resulting report will show that much of the concern about rising levels of economic inequality is misguided and conceals the underlying causes of social immobility.



Helen Rittelmeyer joined CIS in October as a Policy Analyst and is working on issues relating to the charities sector with further research into issues of social policy to begin in 2014.

Research Fellow **Andrew Baker** left the CIS in October to take up a position in the Abbott government as a social policy adviser.





CIS Research Fellow Peter Kurti



The Hon. Kevin Andrews MP at a CIS lunch on the not-for-profit sector



Gary Johns speaking at 'The Charity Ball'

Religion and the Free Society

The CIS's Religion and the Free Society program (RFS) explores the place of religion and religious belief in a liberal society. The program also evaluates the nature of religion's contribution to social capital in a civil society.

RESEARCH

RFS research reflects upon questions of religious freedom in Australia and overseas. Anti-Semitism and religious hatred is an ongoing area of concern for the RFS program. Calls for anti-hate legislation must be balanced against the freedom of speech enjoyed by Australians. The program also looks at the implications of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign, and the impact of Islam and Islamism on Australia.

The program also examines broader questions of religious value and the demands of cultural and religious diversity in contemporary Australian society.

In the report *In the Pay of the Piper: Governments, Not-for-Profits, and the Burden of Regulation* (April), CIS Research Fellow **Peter Kurti** questioned the value and purpose of legislation establishing the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission. This topic will be developed in a forthcoming report by CIS Policy Analyst **Helen Rittelmeyer**.

In *Multiculturalism and the Fetish of Diversity*, released in December, **Peter Kurti** examined the extent to which a liberal society should, or can, accommodate cultural and religious diversity. It is the first in a series of reports

evaluating the extent to which Australian society provides for freedom of, and freedom for, religious beliefs and practices.

Throughout the year, **Peter Kurti** has published opinion pieces in *The Australian* and appeared on the ABC's *Religion & Ethics Report* and ABC Radio.

EVENTS

The RFS event highlights in 2013 were a roundtable seminar, *The Charity Ball*, involving **The Hon. Gary Johns**, **Rob McLean**, **The Hon. Dyson Heydon**, and **Peter Kurti**, and an address by **The Hon. Kevin Andrews MP** on the not-for-profit sector.

LOOKING FORWARD

While Australia has been committed to a policy of multiculturalism for more than 30 years, we are increasingly confronting pressing questions concerning the relationship between Islam and the West. Calls for freedom of religious expression and practice are likely to entail calls to curtail freedom of expression to avoid offending religious and cultural minorities. The RFS program will continue to explore the influence and impact of religion in Australia.

Indigenous Affairs

*This year marked major changes in the
Indigenous Affairs program.*

*In its eight years of existence, a suite of policy
research has been undertaken in Indigenous
Affairs, from health to education, employment
opportunities and private property rights.*

*The Indigenous Affairs portfolio was put on
hold temporarily this year following unforeseen
developments; however, the Centre will continue
its work in this area in coming years.*

RESEARCH

CIS Research Fellow **Sara Hudson** released a report titled *Panacea to Prison? Justice Reinvestment in Indigenous Communities* in January. She argued that Justice Reinvestment threatened to become a distraction from the fundamentals of education and employment necessary for long-lasting and meaningful change.

Sustainability of Indigenous Communities by **Ron Staples**, **Sara Hudson**, and **Wesley Aird** was published in December 2012. The occasional paper set out an alternative process, based on successful development methodologies used extensively around the world, for Indigenous communities to work with stakeholders to overcome disadvantage.

In 'Enabling Indigenous Prosperity,' a feature article in the Summer issue of *Policy*, **Sara Hudson** argued that Indigenous prosperity on Indigenous lands is possible only if we stopped treating Aboriginal people as inherently different. Her research also featured in opinion editorials on Indigenous violence in *The Punch*, and on overcoming disadvantage in *The Australian*.

EVENTS

Professor Marcia Langton, an Indigenous issues academic and activist, spoke in February on *Exceptionalism in Indigenous Education*, and was critical of Aboriginal children being treated differently to other students and of curriculums being modified to make lessons culturally sensitive.

Indigenous Affairs stalwart and distinguished economist **Professor Helen Hughes AO** passed away this year. For more on Helen's life and work, please refer to the Obituaries section.

After five years, Research Fellow **Sara Hudson** left the CIS to take up a consultancy position.

Professor Helen Hughes AO at 'Exceptionalism in Indigenous Education'



Noel Pearson at Kirribilli House



Professor Marcia Langton at 'Exceptionalism in Indigenous Education'

CIS Research Fellow Benjamin Herscovitch



'The Turmoil in the Middle East and its Aftermath'
with Professor Efraim Inbar



Foreign Policy and International Relations

CIS researchers contribute to public debate on a wide range of foreign policy issues, including US defence and foreign policy in Asia, the rise of China, global democratisation, and the effectiveness of foreign aid.

With the US strategic pivot to Asia and China's growing assertiveness in the Western Pacific complicating regional relations, the CIS will continue to advocate pragmatic and cautious foreign policy settings to safeguard a peaceful and prosperous Asia-Pacific.

RESEARCH

In October, CIS Research Fellow **Benjamin Herscovitch** released *Accountable Authoritarianism: Why China's Democratic Deficit Will Last*. The report, which took a sober look at the prospects for democratisation in China, was covered in dedicated articles in *The Australian* and numerous online blogs, and in interviews on Radio National and Al Jazeera.

Benjamin Herscovitch has published numerous opinion pieces on diverse foreign policy topics, including Sino-US relations, US foreign policy, Chinese political reform, the Syrian civil war, and Asia literacy. He regularly appears on television and radio, including Al Jazeera, Sky News, Radio National, 3AW, and 2GB. Of particular note is a series of interviews he conducted with Al Jazeera for the network's coverage of Chinese political reform.

EVENTS

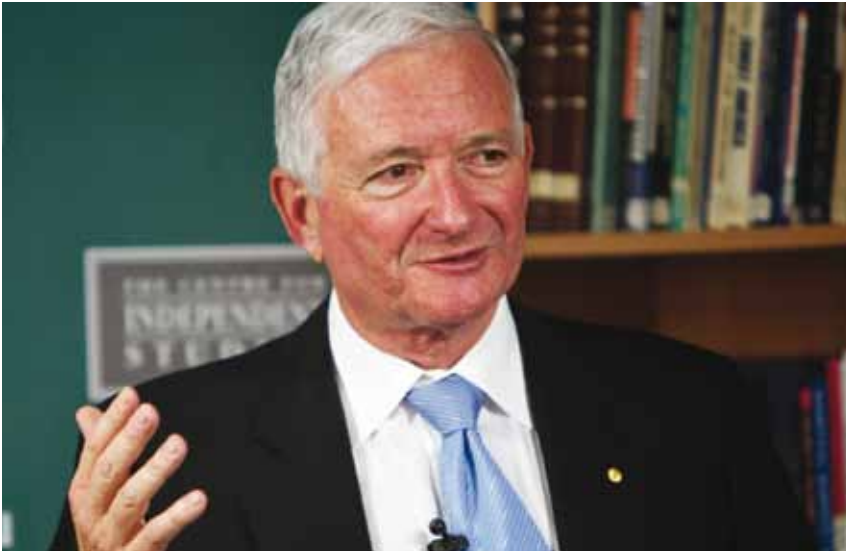
In addition to CIS events, such as the *Meet the Researcher* presentation on Asia literacy in February, **Benjamin**

Herscovitch is regularly invited to speak to external audiences. In May, he briefed the Left Right Think Tank about the Asia literacy debate, and in August, he spoke about China's tentative steps towards democracy alongside **Professor Francis Fukuyama** at Consilium and the CIS's annual Big Ideas Forum.

Another foreign policy highlight was the address delivered by **Professor Efraim Inbar** at the CIS on the turmoil in the Middle East.

LOOKING FORWARD

Benjamin Herscovitch is researching the psychology of China's communist regime and how Australia should respond to Chinese foreign policy and investments from China's state-owned enterprises. Drawing on a senate submission into Australia's foreign aid commitments, he also plans to publish a report in 2014 on how to make Australia's overseas development aid more efficient and effective.



Events Highlights

The CIS's events are an opportunity for our supporters and members to hear from renowned international and Australian speakers on a range of topics – from the economy to Indigenous policy, democracy and literacy to developments in the Middle East.

It was another busy year for the CIS's events program in 2013, with a range of public and private events showcasing a mix of external speakers and the CIS's own research scholars.

The CIS's TARGET30 campaign was launched early in the year and featured **David Murray AO**, former Future Fund Chairman, and **Maurice Newman AC**, former Chairman of the ABC. CIS Executive Director **Greg Lindsay AO** and Research Fellow **Simon Cowan** also spoke at the event on the importance of reducing the debt burden for future generations. TARGET30 has become a key focus of CIS events, with a launch and cocktail party in Melbourne and Perth, the latter featuring **Professor The Hon. Christian Porter**, recently elected as the federal Member for Pearce, and **Dr Jeremy Sammut**, CIS Research Fellow.

Our new Leadership Lunch series has proven popular among the business community, with strong interest in the talks by **The Hon. Chris Hartcher MP** (February), ABC Chairman **The Hon. Jim Spigelman AC** (March), Senator **The Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO** (June), **The Hon. Andrew Robb AO MP** (July), Senator **The Hon. George Brandis QC** (August), and **The Hon. Nick Greiner AC** and **Professor Gary Sturges AM** (September).

The final Leadership Lunch for the year was held in November at the Four Seasons Hotel in Sydney and featured **The Hon. Joe Hockey MP** in his first major public address as federal Treasurer. Joe outlined *The Task Ahead* for the new government, saying, '... to maintain our current standard of living, we now have to do the heavy lifting ...'

The 2013 Big Ideas Forum featured speeches on *Can Democracy Survive a Disappearing Middle Class?* by **Professor Francis Fukuyama**, author of *The End of History*;

demographer **Bernard Salt**; and CIS Research Fellow **Benjamin Herscovitch**.

Award-winning author and Distinguished Professor of Economics, **Deirdre McCloskey**, presented an insightful 2013 John Bonython Lecture on bourgeois dignity (November).

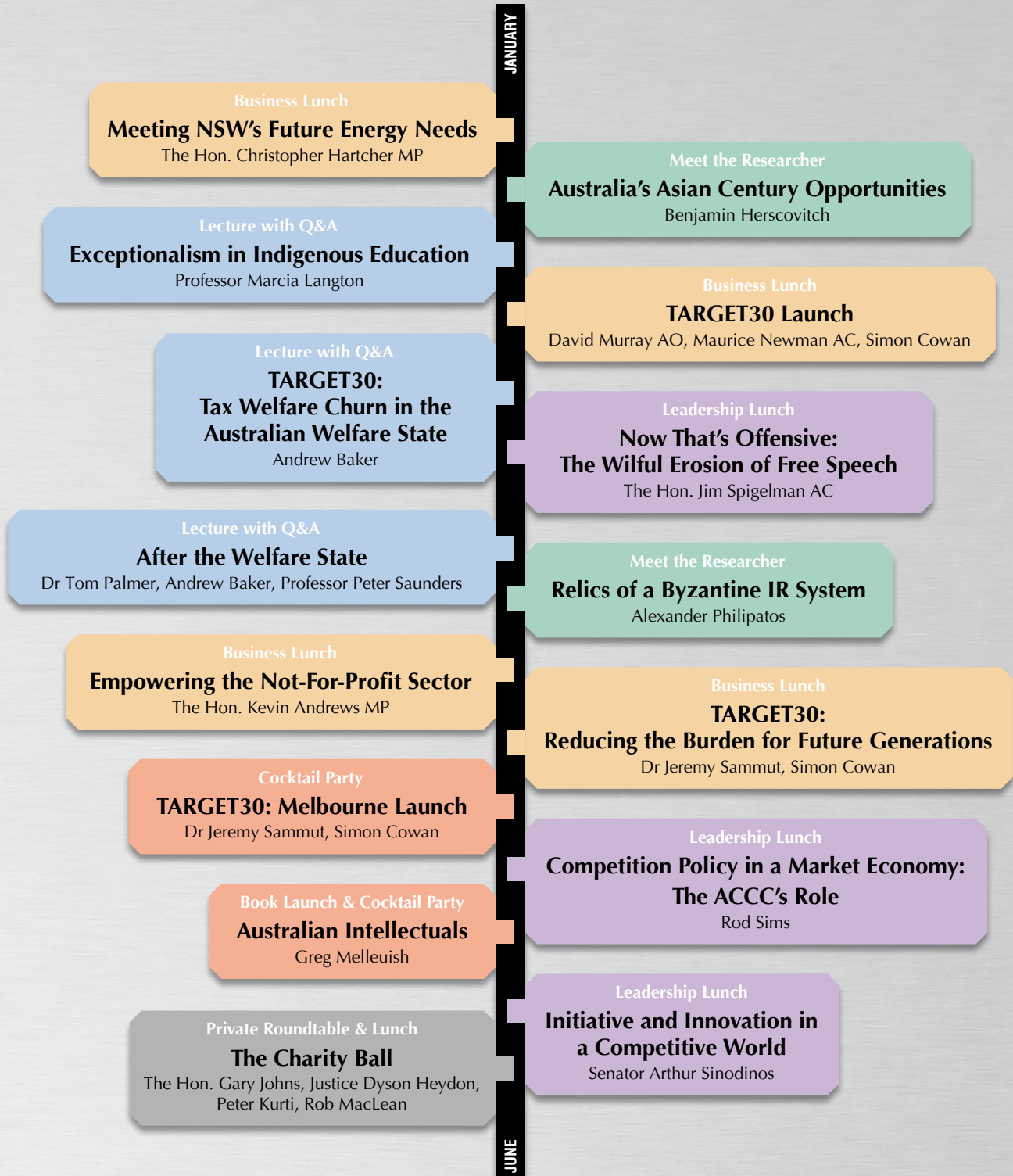
A variety of other events were held during 2013, including a roundtable on charity regulation convened by CIS Research Fellow **Peter Kurti** with guest speakers **Chief Justice The Hon. Dyson Heydon AC QC** and **Adjunct Professor The Hon. Gary Johns** from QUT's Business School; a talk on *Exceptionalism in Indigenous Education* by **Professor Marcia Langton**, an academic and activist on Indigenous issues; a book launch of **Associate Professor Gregory Melleuish's** *Australian Intellectuals*; and a discussion on Middle East issues by visiting Israeli academic **Professor Efraim Inbar**.

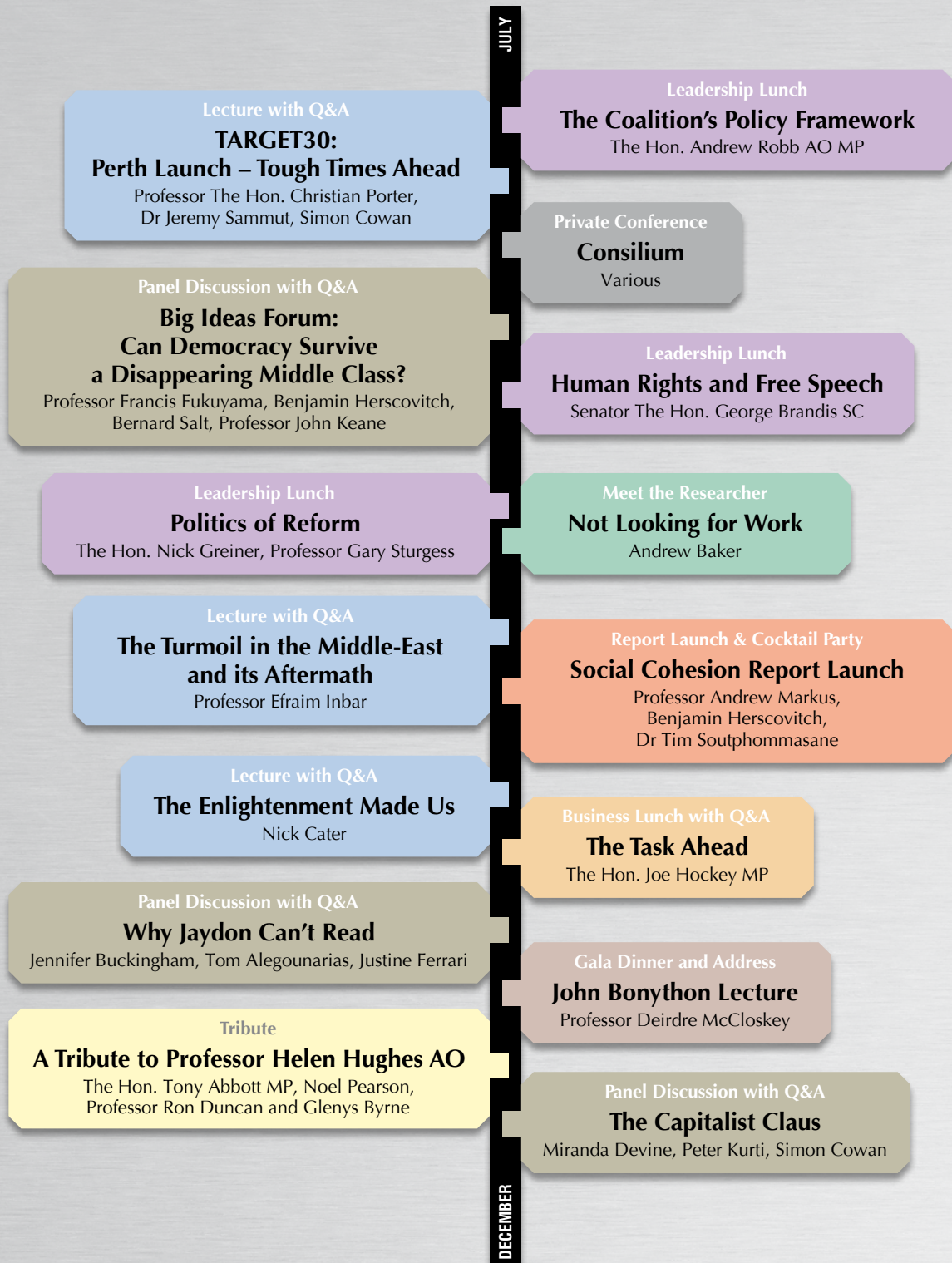
In November, a policy forum was held on the importance of literacy for children with **Jennifer Buckingham**, CIS Research Fellow; **Justine Ferrari**, *The Australian's* national education correspondent; and **Tom Alegounarias**, President of the NSW Board of Studies.

A special event was held in December at Kirribilli House to honour and celebrate the work of distinguished economist **Professor Helen Hughes AO** with speeches from Prime Minister **Tony Abbott**, **Noel Pearson**, **Professor Ron Duncan** and **Glenys Byrne**.

The year ended with the annual CIS Christmas party for members and friends, with light-hearted talks on *The Capitalist Claus: Why Commercialism is Good for Christmas* by the *Daily Telegraph* columnist **Miranda Devine** and CIS Research Fellows **Simon Cowan** and **Peter Kurti**.

Events at a Glance







Consilium

The CIS's Consilium conference is an important event on the national public policy calendar. Guests are invited to the conference from a mixture of spheres such as business, policy, research, media and politics. The 2013 conference included significant debates among participants on the future of Australia; fixing the debt burden, managing cyber security, the future of drone technology, inflation, higher education, and democracy.

After being held at the Hyatt Regency Coolum (now the Palmer Coolum Resort) for more than a decade, Consilium moved to a new location this year – the InterContinental Sanctuary Cove Resort on the Gold Coast.

We were pleased to welcome back to Australia **Professor Francis Fukuyama** from Stanford University, who opened the conference and talked about *The China Model: Implications for Asia's Future*.

The CIS's TARGET30 campaign had its debut Consilium session in *Strangling Prosperity: Reducing the Debt Burden for Future Generations*. Featuring **The Hon. Bill English MP**, New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance; **The Hon. Peter Costello AC**, former federal Treasurer and now Managing Director of ECG Financial; **Dr Oliver Hartwich**, Executive Director of The New Zealand Initiative; and **Simon Cowan**, CIS Research Fellow, the session covered the economic, social and moral imperatives behind small government.

A powerhouse panel featured in *Cyber Attack: Implications for Domestic Governance and International Law and Order*: **David Irvine AO**, the Director-General of ASIO; **Christopher Joye**, columnist for the *Australian Financial Review*; **Major General Stephen Day DSC AM**, Deputy Director of Cyber and Information Security at the Australian Signals Directorate; and **Professor Bill Caelli** from QUT's science and engineering faculty. The session

highlighted the need for in-depth global policy discussions on managing cyber security.

Delegates were enthralled as the latest advances in drone technology were discussed in *Dull Dirty and Dangerous: Advances in Drone Technology*. **Professor Mandyam Srinivasan AM**, Professor of Visual Neuroscience at the Queensland Brain Institute, gave the participants an intriguing look into the study of bees and how these findings apply to unmanned aerial vehicle design. Joining Mandyam were **Air Marshal (Ret'd) Errol McCormack AO**, Chairman of the Sir Richard Williams Foundation; **Professor Duncan Campbell**, Director of the Australian Research Centre for Aerospace Automation; and **Professor Salah Sukkarieh** from the Australian Centre for Field Robotics at the University of Sydney.

Professor Scott Sumner from Bentley University flew in from the United States to discuss *Monetary Policy, Inflation and Interest Rates* post GFC with CIS Research Fellow **Dr Stephen Kirchner**; **Professor Prasanna Gai** from the University of Auckland Business School; and **Professor Ian Harper**, a partner with Deloitte Access Economics.

In *The Academic Spring: The Future of Higher Education*, **Dr Sean Gallagher**, chief executive of the United States Studies Centre; **Michael Mann AM**, Managing Director of Laureate Education Asia Ltd; **Professor John Niland AC**, former Vice-Chancellor of the University of NSW; and **Professor Steven Schwartz**, a Fellow at Balliol College at the University of Oxford, CIS Senior Fellow, and former Vice-Chancellor of Macquarie University, discussed the rapidly changing landscape of higher education, with particular reference to online educators and for-profit universities.

Author of *The End of History*, **Professor Francis Fukuyama**, headlined the final session on *Can Democracy Survive a Disappearing Middle Class?* He was joined by CIS Research Fellow **Benjamin Herscovitch** who flew in from Beijing; **Professor John Keane**, Director of the Institute for Democracy and Human Rights at the University of Sydney;

and **Bernard Salt**, media commentator, demographer and a partner at KPMG. The conversation centred on whether the bonds of democracy entwined with middle-class prosperity are fraying, with particular emphasis on the Chinese experiment of accountable authoritarianism.

Optional breakfast sessions included a special screening of the documentary *FrackNation*; an examination of life as an economic blogger by **Dr Stephen Kirchner** and **Professor Scott Sumner**; a philosophical examination of the Enlightenment and Australia by journalist and author **Nick Cater**; and a prediction of what lies ahead for the Middle East by **Daniel Pipes**, President of the Middle East Forum.

Consilium delegates had the privilege of hearing **Professor Gary Banks AO**, Dean of the Australian and New Zealand School of Government, on *The Unfinished Reform Agenda* in the Neville Kennard Address closing the conference.





Liberty & Society

Liberty & Society (L&S) is a unique weekend conference program for undergraduates, postgraduates, and recent graduates to explore ideas and opinions about what makes a free society.

In 2013, two L&S conferences were held (April and September). Both were received well, with the maximum number of delegates in attendance in the history of the program.

L&S delegates are chosen from a broad range of interested applicants.

As the aim of the program is to foster interest in ideas, the CIS encourages participation from delegates who are intellectually curious and active in the community. The majority of participants are already reading and thinking about classical liberal ideas before attending the conference, where they are involved in a deeper exploration of the ideas of freedom with peers and classical liberal scholars.

In 2013, delegates came from all states and territories, as well as seven from New Zealand.

CONFERENCES

The success of the L&S program is because of the dedication of its alumni and guest lecturers.

At the April conference, **Dr Ben O'Neil** from UNSW Canberra, **Professor Jason Potts** from RMIT, **Dr Darryn Jensen** from the University of Queensland, and **Andrew Norton** from the Grattan Institute delivered stimulating lectures on property rights, liberty, Indigenous affairs, and campaign financing, respectively. Delegates were also fortunate to witness a discussion on liberty between **Ayaan Hirsi Ali** from the women's rights organisation, AHA Foundation, and commentator **Cassandra Wilkinson**.

September delegates were privileged to hear from **Dr Tom Palmer**, a tireless freedom fighter from the Atlas Foundation, and commentator **Janet Albrechtsen**, as well as **Dr Jeremy Shearmur** from the ANU and **Professor Suri Ratnapala**

from the University of Queensland on social justice, liberalism and law. CIS researchers **Dr Stephen Kirchner**, **Simon Cowan**, and **Andrew Baker** spoke on economics, government spending, and disability policy, respectively.

GOING FORWARD

Over the last 18 years, the CIS has been delighted to have introduced liberal ideas to 915 delegates at L&S conferences, with many alumni continuing to be actively involved with the CIS. This year, an alumni group page was established on Facebook and invitations sent to all past attendees. We hope this group will soon become a conduit for conversations about public policy.

In 2014, the CIS is planning one introductory and one advanced L&S conference to explore the theme of government spending.



**In the words of
delegates at the 2013
Liberty & Society
conferences:**

A weekend dedicated to considering the importance of government, the economy, and law in theory and modern-day society ... The liberal views that you will be exposed to will make you a better, more informed member of society.

It was a rare opportunity to get a crash course in the fundamentals of classical liberalism, with a bunch of 30 other bright young minds. I wish it could have gone for another day – it seemed over before it began!



Media and Communications

The CIS has an impressive media record and a robust public profile built over many years. Our research team is frequently invited to comment in national and local media publications, on television and radio, and in online media outlets. The CIS is well regarded for its considered and insightful commentary on issues across the public policy spectrum.

RESEARCH

Research is the backbone of the CIS's media and communications output. With 24 publications in 2013, our research team has had an active voice in serious policy discussions throughout the year, and has provided insight into the implications of policy changes for Australian society.

CIS researchers have been involved in frequent media articles and appearances on their research and as commentators on panel shows such as ABC News 24's *The Drum* and Sky News' *Showdown* and *Contrarians*.

As part of our ongoing attempts to present our research in innovative ways and increase our media profile, this year we developed Snapshots, an overview of each research report containing the key conclusions in an easy-to-read format. Snapshots are promoted on the CIS website and are proving to be a success among journalists, policymakers and members.

With the commencement of new research staff in late 2013, the CIS is well placed to continue promoting the CIS brand and awareness of CIS research.

EVENTS

Through the CIS's extensive events program, we have had the privilege of hearing from high-profile speakers, both from Australia and abroad, during the year. There has been widespread media coverage of key events from international speakers, including **Professor Francis Fukuyama**, **Dr Tom Palmer**, and **Professor Deirdre McCloskey**, on democracy, rampant welfarism, and bourgeois dignity.

Australian speakers **Professor Marcia Langton** and **Senator The Hon. George Brandis QC** spoke on Indigenous affairs and freedom of speech, while **The Hon. Joe Hockey MP** delivered his first public address in Australia after becoming Treasurer to the CIS. *The Australian Financial Review* described it as his 'most important speech so far.'

NEWSLETTERS

The CIS's regular communications tools include our weekly newsletters ideas@thecentre and events@thecentre, which are emailed weekly and fortnightly respectively to more than 8,000 subscribers.

With the launch of the TARGET30 campaign and the WasteWatch blog this year, the CIS's online newsletters have expanded to include a TARGET30 update sent with the release of a report and a fortnightly WasteWatch newsletter.

Distribution lists for our email updates include supporters, members, politicians, and the media to ensure we reach key stakeholders and those interested in policy issues.

NEW MEDIA

With the ever-increasing reach of the Internet, multimedia is becoming an important tool to promote CIS's research; this year, we continued to reach and engage with existing and new audiences through multimedia and social media.



The CIS's website received a facelift this year, and more than **120,000 visitors** came to the site in 2013. Additionally, the CIS blog was revamped into WasteWatch, a blog dedicated to tracking the wasteful ways in which government spends taxpayers' money.

The communications team will continue to leverage the growth of video and produce engaging content in a competitive online environment. The launch of engaging health research in October marked the start of a new approach to our video content production, an approach that will continue to evolve during 2014.

On the CIS's YouTube channel, one of our most popular videos this year was 'A Conversation with Ayaan Hirsi Ali,' with more than 2,800 views. Other content was broadcast on the Australian Public Affairs Channel (A-PAC).

Our approach to new forms of media continues with the evolution of the CIS podcast. In this weekly audio production, Research Fellows **Simon Cowan** and **Peter Kurti** discuss recent research and current affairs, and also interview guests for topical opinions.

In social media, the CIS continues to explore ways to expand our engagement with new audiences and fields. Twitter and Facebook are actively used to promote our research and commentary to wide-ranging audiences.

Looking forward, the CIS will continue to engage in new communications methods to reach our members and supporters, and the wider Australian community.

The CIS was pleased to ramp up its multimedia output in 2013, with the appointment of a part-time multimedia coordinator, **Matthew O'Connell**.

CIS WEBSITE

The CIS website is our core online communications platform.

All new publications are uploaded to the website on the day of release, so our supporters can easily access the latest research.

The website also hosts information on upcoming and past events, and guests can reserve their events tickets via the site.

You can also find information on our opinion and commentary, our staff, our history, and how to get involved with the CIS.

cis.org.au

E-News

Fresh ideas are delivered to your inbox via our weekly Ideas@TheCentre.

Stay up-to-date with the latest CIS events via our fortnightly Events@TheCentre.

Receive updates on our TARGET30 campaign.

WasteWatch provides a dose of entertaining enlightenment on the ways government is wasting taxpayers' dollars.

To sign up to any or all of our **e-news**, go to **cis.org.au**

PODCAST

The podcast is a new addition in 2013 and provides an audio update of what is happening at the CIS, and perspectives on the week's current affairs.

You can subscribe through **iTunes** or look for the link on the CIS website.

VIDEOS

Our events and commentary are recorded and uploaded to our **YouTube channel**, so if you miss any of our events, you can catch up there.

You might also catch one of our events on A-PAC and Big Ideas TV.

youtube.com/user/CISAus



Publications

The cornerstone of the CIS is our publishing department, which produces high-quality research and special publications. From January to December 2013, the CIS published six Issue Analyses, five Policy Monographs, five TARGET30 reports, six Occasional Papers, one Policy Forum, one Foreign Policy Analysis, four editions of Policy magazine, and two Submissions.

TARGET30: TOWARDS SMALLER GOVERNMENT AND FUTURE PROSPERITY

Simon Cowan, Peter Saunders, Robert Carling

Australia will face budgetary pressures in the coming decades from an ageing population, falling economic growth, and rising costs. To counter these challenges, TARGET30 proposes policy solutions to reduce the level of government expenditure to less than 30% of GDP over the next 10 years.



RE-MORALISING THE WELFARE STATE

Peter Saunders

A just welfare system should express the moral instincts of caring and proportionality. Three simple rules appeal to our instinctive sense of fairness. Applying them to our welfare system would ensure it is just and compassionate.



ACCOUNTABLE AUTHORITARIANISM AND DEMOCRACY'S DETERIORATING GLOBAL PROSPECTS

Benjamin Herscovitch

The Chinese Communist Party's evolving model of 'accountable authoritarianism' is set to prove that prosperity need not produce democracy. By pursuing a moderate reformist agenda within the framework of one-party rule, the CCP is securing its grip on government.



THE FRAUGHT POLITICS OF SAYING SORRY FOR FORCED ADOPTION: IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILD PROTECTION POLICY IN AUSTRALIA

Jeremy Sammut

The apology on forced adoption will delegitimise the use of adoption for child protection purposes, and make it more difficult for the community to effectively address child abuse and family dysfunction.



TAX WELFARE CHURN AND THE AUSTRALIAN WELFARE STATE

Andrew Baker

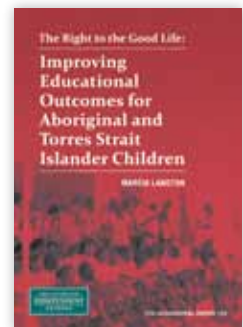
In 2010–11, Australia's welfare state, which includes health, education and welfare, accounted for approximately \$316 billion in government expenditure, of which \$158 billion can be attributed to tax-welfare churn. This report suggests targeted and pragmatic reforms to reduce the size of the welfare state and tax welfare churn.



THE RIGHT TO THE GOOD LIFE: IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN

Marcia Langton

Attempts to improve Indigenous education have involved continual experiments and programs that have not worked. Indigenous students should be treated not as incommensurately different but like all other students and should be required to become competent in the national curriculum.



SHRINK TAXATION BY SHRINKING GOVERNMENT!

Robert Carling

The link between tax reform and smaller government is a big part of the CIS's TARGET30 campaign. This report shows how much the tax burden can be reduced if TARGET30 was achieved and explains the importance of such a reduction in delivering the benefits of smaller government.



RELICS OF A BYZANTINE IR SYSTEM: WHY AWARDS SHOULD BE ABOLISHED

Alexander Philipatos

Is it possible to reform our industrial relations system and keep the 'fair go' alive? This report argues that the award system, which has been the bedrock of our industrial relations system since federation, is a major obstacle in the way of a more flexible and productive labour market.



IN THE PAY OF THE PIPER: GOVERNMENTS, NOT-FOR-PROFITS, AND THE BURDEN OF REGULATION

Peter Kurti

Reforms intended to boost confidence in Australian charities risk turning the charitable sector into just another arm of government. This publication argues that charities appear to have lost confidence in the true concept of charity and have become dependent on government funding.



PANACEA TO PRISON? JUSTICE REINVESTMENT IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Sara Hudson

In the fight against Indigenous disadvantage and incarceration, Justice Reinvestment threatens to become a distraction from focusing on the fundamentals such as education and employment that will lead to change, says this report.



STRENGTHENING AUSTRALIA'S FISCAL INSTITUTIONS

Stephen Kirchner

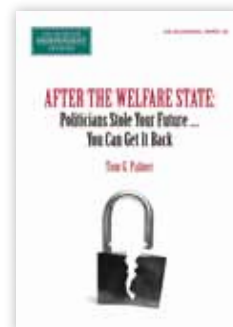
A failure to balance the budget over time can be costly in terms of the burden of public debt interest and the need to increase future taxes in the absence of offsetting expenditure restraint. Independent fiscal institutions and fiscal rules can lead to improvements in budget outcomes.



AFTER THE WELFARE STATE: POLITICIANS STOLE YOUR FUTURE ... YOU CAN GET IT BACK

Tom Palmer (ed.)

Young people today are being robbed of their rights, their freedom, and their futures. The culprits? The previous generation and its predecessors, who either created or failed to stop the welfare state. This book is a collection of essays by eminent political economists from around the world.



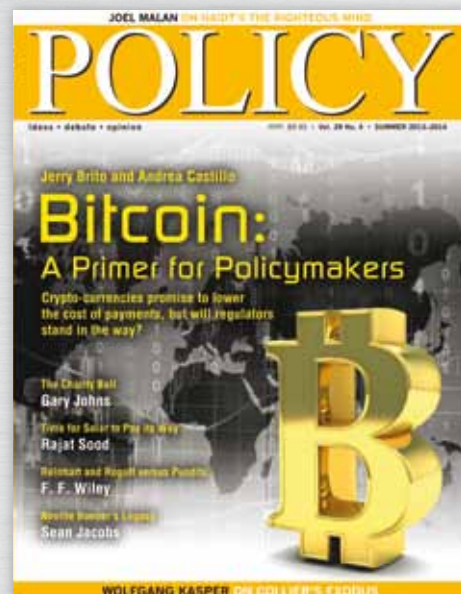
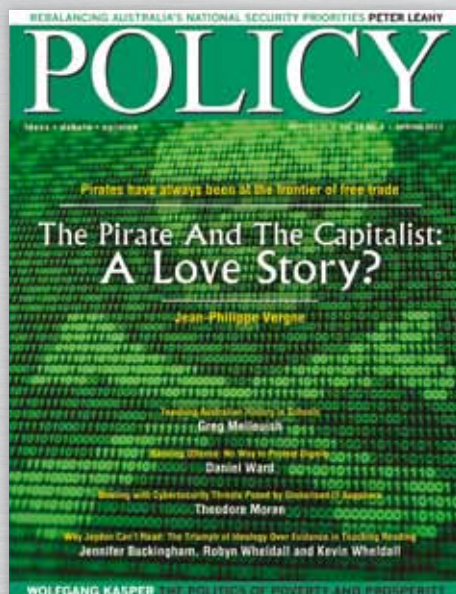
Policy Magazine

Policy is a quarterly publication of the CIS bringing you new ideas, debates and opinion.

The CIS was delighted to appoint Dr Stephen Kirchner, a Research Fellow at the CIS since 2008, as the Editor of Policy in 2013. Under his guidance, a digital edition of Policy was rolled out this year, but hard copies are also distributed for each issue.

The magazine has also transitioned to an online colour publication.

Policy is available at cis.org.au and select newsagents.



Publications in 2013





Fundraising

The CIS would like to thank all those who have supported the Centre throughout 2013. Your financial assistance allows us to keep fighting for smaller government and individual liberty on your behalf and to improve the quality of public policy. We are particularly thankful for your support to our crucial TARGET30 campaign. This campaign seeks to reduce government spending to create a better future for generations to come.

The CIS raises all its funds from membership subscriptions, events, book sales and donations from individuals, foundations and the corporate sector. By relying solely on private donations, we are able to freely challenge poor public policy and present practical ideas for reform without the restrictions of toeing a party line.

DONATIONS

Our End of Financial Year Appeal was generously supported by members and donors, each of whom remain committed to the goals of the CIS and supporting the important research the Centre produces. We are also thankful for the support shown in annual donations by many of our members and donors. The money you give goes directly to funding our research programs and improving the ways we communicate our research with you.

MEMBERSHIPS

Membership of the CIS benefits our supporters by giving them access to thought-provoking, high quality, and impartial research that questions how governments manage public policy, and offers solutions that promote a free and open society.

To coincide with our TARGET30 launch this year, we have also upgraded our corporate membership tiers. We now offer a new range of support / benefits packages for corporates to ensure the business community can become more engaged with the CIS.

Your membership supports our research and communications so we can continue making the case for improved public policy, liberty and enterprise.

CAPITAL FUND

The CIS Capital Fund was established in 2006 with a five-year target to raise \$5 million and ensure the long-term future of the Centre. The Centre met its initial target via Capital Fund pledges and the reinvestment of interest accrued. Conservative management of the fund has ensured that our investments have performed well. We continue to welcome contributions to the Capital Fund.

BEQUESTS

If you would like to make a tangible and lasting gift, you can support the CIS with a bequest – by a single gift of cash, property, shares or even a percentage of your estate.

The CIS has received ongoing interest in bequests from our membership base and we encourage more supporters to convert that interest into pledges.

For those generous supporters who have donated to the CIS over many years, a bequest is a means of supporting the Centre beyond your current membership and donations structure, and in a way that may not have been possible during one's lifetime.

We thank you for your donations. They are appreciated by all who work for the CIS.

Donations are the lifeblood of our work, and we therefore ask all our donors for their continued support.

Please remember that all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Every donation makes a difference!

For further information on memberships, donations, bequests or the capital fund please call us on (02) 9438 4377 or go to cis.org.au.

Cassandra Wilkinson joined the CIS in December as our new External Engagement Manager, with a focus on fundraising and marketing.

Di Kennedy after four years left the CIS as Development Manager in November to focus on family commitments.



Accounts

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Income & Expenditure Statement

Ending Financial Years 30/06/2013 and 30/06/2012

INCOME	To June 2013 AUDITED (\$)	To June 2012 AUDITED (\$)
Donations	1,940,221	1,397,028
Book Sales and Subscriptions	128,012	141,302
Consilium/Seminar/Lecture Income	650,072	765,937
Investment & Sundry Income (includes Capital Fund Income)	245,066	309,099
TOTAL INCOME	2,963,371	2,613,366

EXPENSES	To June 2013 AUDITED (\$)	TO JUNE 2012 AUDITED (\$)
Research, Functions, Publishing	545,059	491,070
Fundraising & Development	95,767	106,602
Salaries (includes Research)	1,772,318	1,873,326
Administration & Rent	306,000	413,143
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,719,144	2,884,141

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	244,227.00	(270,775.00)
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Capital Fund	\$5,022,676	\$5,036,715
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Obituaries

HELEN HUGHES AO



CIS Senior Fellow and renowned economist Helen Hughes was a tough and passionate economist whose work ethic and intelligence inspired everyone at the CIS. Her death at the age of 84 has left us with a formidable legacy.

Born in Prague in 1928, Helen moved to Australia with her family in 1939. Helen earned a doctorate from the London School of Economics and went on to become perhaps Australia's most eminent female economist.

Helen was a passionate advocate for the poor and the powerless. Exploitation angered her, but over time, she came to realise that the poor are never more vulnerable than when at the mercy of politicians and government bureaucrats. Towards the end of her life, she was arguing that private property rights and the free market were crucial to solving poverty.

I first met Helen in 1985 and our paths crossed again in 1994 when we both attended a conference in Jakarta. She had begun to participate in the work of the CIS, focusing on development economics, particularly in the Pacific, where she became an authority on Nauru.

Helen grew to become aware of the many problems in Indigenous communities after a meeting with Jenness Warin, a nurse educator, and Kathy Marawili from Baniyala in East Arnhem Land.

In 2005, Helen published her first report on Indigenous affairs, *A New Deal for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in Remote Communities*, co-authored with Jenness. For the next eight years, Helen wrote on Indigenous reform in education, housing, property rights, health, and crime and justice.

Perhaps the most important of all her works in Indigenous affairs was *Lands of Shame* (2007), an assault on the many vested interests that had, as she saw it, resulted in shameful prospects for some of our poorest fellow Australians. The book has been immensely influential and its targets have been more than a little discomfited, as they should be, by her telling description of the national disgrace Indigenous policy had become.

Helen was a tough and uncompromising observer of the world and the battle of ideas. Her standards were the highest, but if you were willing to learn, argue and persevere, she was encouraging and liberal with praise. Colleagues, both at the CIS and elsewhere, will attest to the benefits of Helen's mentoring, hectoring and guidance, which helped shape the careers of many young researchers.

KENNETH MINOGUE



Ken Minogue was an Australian political theorist, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, and Honorary Fellow at the London School of Economics. Ken was an important friend and supporter of the CIS and his death this year on a plane returning from a conference in the Galapagos Islands, where he had delivered an address, has been felt.

Ken was born in New Zealand in 1930 and came to Australia for his education. In the 1950s, he left Australia for London where he became an aspiring writer, schoolteacher and university lecturer. Ken went on to teach at the London School of Economics for almost 50 years.

Throughout Ken's life, he returned to Australia and New Zealand regularly to write and lecture. He was awarded Australia's Centenary Medal for services to political science. He always considered himself an Australian.

Through his network, Ken became an ally to Margaret Thatcher in her early days which continued throughout her prime ministership. Ken became a prominent public intellectual and was regularly invited onto television debate programs.

As a writer, Ken's books have included *The Liberal Mind*; *Alien Powers*; and *The Servile Mind*.

In addition to his academic duties, Ken gave generously of his time and experience to organisations including the Michael Oakeshott Society, the Centre for Policy Studies, the Bruges Group, and the Mont Pelerin Society, of which he was president from 2010 to 2012.

Ken delivered the CIS's John Bonython Lecture in 1992, *How Much Justice Does a Society Need?* Most recently, Ken delivered an entertaining introduction to the CIS's 2012 John Bonython Lecture, which threatened to overshadow the keynote speaker, Dr Charles Murray.

NAOMI MOLDOFSKY



Naomi Moldofsky was one of the earliest supporters of the CIS and played an active role in the Centre in its early days. Naomi was a champion of liberty and we are all the better for her endeavours.

Born in Tel Aviv, Naomi Gross came to Australia to join her father in Melbourne. Naomi undertook her commerce studies at the University of Melbourne, before winning a scholarship to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Naomi completed an economic history master's degree at McGill University and went on to complete a PhD on problems of economic development. She married Sydney businessman Jona Moldofsky in 1958 and they had two daughters, Shira and Leora.

Naomi became a university lecturer at the University of Melbourne from 1969 to 1990, and taught microeconomics, comparative economic systems, and Marxian economics. She discussed ideas with Friedrich August Hayek and Sir Karl Popper, and was instrumental in bringing Hayek to Australia in 1976.

Naomi was a life member of the Mont Pelerin Society and a vigorous advocate for freedom. We were honoured to have her speak at the first CIS conference held in 1977.



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'I note that the CIS TARGET30 campaign has the same ultimate goal of restraining government's share of the economy so that the private sector has room to grow — and I commend CIS's work in that regard.'

— THE HON. JOE HOCKEY MP



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