



TASA The Australian
Sociological Association

About TASA

The Australian Sociological Association (TASA) is the peak professional body for sociologists in Australia. We actively promote sociology in Australia through our public lectures and the annual conference; managing publications such as the *Journal of Sociology*, *Health Sociology Review* and *Nexus*; and engaging in policy discussions around key issues affecting sociology in higher education (for example, the ERA and Learning Standards).

Sociologists have important perspectives and knowledge that allow for richer understandings of society; and the skills that sociologists use to research and document social dynamics are widely valued. TASA continues to promote the need for sociological thinking and skills to be placed at the centre of public life.

TASA is a network of postgraduates, academics, policy-makers and sociologists working outside of academe. In recent years, sociology has moved beyond being the domain of sociology departments to become a central component of multi-disciplinary teaching, learning and research. Sociologists are now just as likely to be found in schools of business, education, health, criminology or policy as they are in sociology departments. Outside of the university sector, sociologists work in research organisations, government departments, non-profit associations, private industry and social movements. TASA provides a range of opportunities for all sociologists to come together in ways which enhance their professional development and engage in intellectual life.

TASA operates on the strength of its membership. The decisions we make, the directions we take, and the influence we have depends on your level of engagement in sociology and the Association. We appreciate the contributions of our members and encourage their active involvement in TASA. If you are not already a member, please consider joining. The benefits of being a TASA member include reduced rates for conference registrations, eligibility to join the Thematic Groups, subscription to the *Journal of Sociology* (full members), copies of *Nexus* and access to the TASA E-list. Most importantly, you will contribute toward a more vibrant community of sociologists in Australia, and a more informed and imaginative public debate about social life.



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