



**Social Sciences Week.**  
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# Social Sciences Week Student Symposium The Backbone of Democracy

Save the Date:  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
9.30am to 2.30pm  
JCU Douglas Campus

*“The social sciences and humanities produce knowledge and insights about our societies and our past, our complex relations to each other and to our environment. They are crucial to building, understanding and improving those institutions that are the backbone of democracy. They enrich our understanding of how modern economies function or, as during the recent financial crisis, how and why they fail. They critically reflect on the consequences of industrialisation, urbanisation and population growth. They provide the intellectual power to respond to some of the most pressing challenges facing our world.”*

*—Professor Helga Nowotny, President of the European Research Council*

**Social Sciences Week** is a chance to highlight the relevance and diversity of social sciences research and employment. It aims to strengthen the links between universities and the broader public.

Interested Year 9 students and teachers are invited to join an interactive problem-solving symposium. Students will spend the day with experts across social science disciplines including Anthropology, Archaeology, Criminology, Education, History, Political Science, Sociology, and more.

The day will include:

- Short talks from experts in a range of disciplines about a contemporary social issue
- Small group activities as students are guided in social inquiry & problem-based learning
- Links to the Year 9 HASS Australian Curriculum disciplines
- Conversations between teachers and Social Sciences at JCU
- Recognition of teacher development and participation on the day

Register your interest via email to receive more information.

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