INAUGURAL NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Indigenous Research in the 21st Century

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Since the 1990s Indigenous academic research has been steadily growing as a field of study, forged through struggle within the realm of western academic knowledge production. In 1999, Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith’s book *Decolonising Methodologies* broke new ground and compelled Indigenous researchers to challenge western ways of knowing and researching. Despite the intervention of this work the most common critique of Indigenous research methodologies is that they are based in the metaphysical and lack objectivity. Yet western methodologies also have metaphysical origins that can be traced to Greek mythology and philosophy and later Judeo Christianity. Just as Indigenous research is predisposed to how we understand ourselves in and of the world, these distinct metaphysical origins are embedded within social research paradigms and orient Western researchers to particular ways of understanding and interpreting the world.

This symposium brings together Indigenous researchers and academics to assess and engage the assumptions, motivations and values that inform and underpin our research practices and to discuss the future of Indigenous research agendas, methodologies, ethics and protocols. Please join us.

Date: Thursday 3rd October 2013
Time: 8:30am – 5:00pm (8:00am doors open for registration)
Where: Central Queensland University, Rockhampton Campus, Bruce Highway  
(The lecture theatre is located in Building 32 /1.28)
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Registration is free and open until 20th September
Symposium Venue:
Office of Indigenous Engagement/Social Sciences Theatre
(The lecture theatre is located in Building 32/1.28)

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