

nus national conference 2008

when

Sunday 14 December to Thursday 18 December 2008 *

where

University of Ballarat, Ballarat, Victoria.

registration fees

Delegates - \$695.00 (+GST)

Observers - \$795.00 (+GST)

includes

- Accommodation at University of Ballarat, from 14 December to 18 December
- All meals from lunch on 14 December to breakfast on 18 December
- Coach transfers from NUS National Office on 14 December to University of Ballarat and return on 18 December

Registrations close on 7 November 2008. In 2008, no payment = no votes!

accommodation

Single room accommodation will be provided at Peter Lalor Halls of Residence, University of Ballarat.

Peter Lalor Halls are a short walk from the conference venue.

Linen and towels are provided.

Room keys will only be issued to the registered attendee.

bond

Each person is required to provide a bond of \$50. Each person must bring this with them in order to receive their room key and towels. This bond will be refunded at the discretion of the NUS Conference Organisers. Please note that only you can pick up your refunded bond. NUS reserves the right to pursue individuals conference attendees and their student organisation for any damage to property. Cheques only by prior arrangement - please contact Conference Organisers on conference@nus.asn.au

air travel

Qantas is the official carrier for the conference. Book online with Qantas and save time and money. Online airfares are cheaper than booking over the phone. Plus, you'll have access to the latest news. Visit our conference webpage - <http://www.qantas.com.au/content/dyn/conference/nusDec08>



pre and post conference accommodation

The cheapest and closest accommodation option to NUS is Victoria Hall. For more information contact Victoria Hall on 1800 670 611. NUS does not pay for your pre or post conference accommodation.





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coach transfers

Only those who book their place on the registration form will get a seat!

Depart NUS - 9.30 AM SHARP Sunday 14 December

Depart Ballarat University - 9.30 AM SHARP Thursday 18 December

Buses leave from NUS National Office, Trades Hall, 54 Victoria Street (cnr. Lygon Street), Carlton South.

letting people into the accommodation

NUS and University of Ballarat stress that it is not acceptable to allow non-registered attendees into the accommodation areas. University of Ballarat reserve the right to charge the person for whom the room is registered to accommodation costs for any other persons found in your room. Anyone found in breach of this rule will be removed from the campus. Regular security checks will be conducted to ensure compliance in this matter.

identity cards

All conference attendees must bring their student identity cards. Without these, NUS will be unable to register you and you will not receive your accommodation access or conference floor pass.

shared behaviours and grievance procedures

As at previous NUS National Conferences there is an expectation that all participants will approach the conference with an attitude of tolerance and respect towards other conference participants. Detailed grievance procedures will be made available to all conference attendees.

Any participants failing to comply with the reasonable direction of conference organisers and/or University of Ballarat may be removed permanently from the campus for the duration of National Conference.

Participants are also reminded that the University of Ballarat will be enforcing a policy of removing unauthorised persons from the campus. Any persons found to be damaging or have damaged property will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and held personally liable for costs arising from that damage.

special needs and childcare

If you have any special needs, including special access requirements or childcare enquiries, please contact the Conference Coordinators on conference@nus.asn.au

further information

If you require any further information, please contact the Conference Coordinators, Matt Rocks and Steve Michelson on conference@nus.asn.au

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REGISTRATION FORM

TAX INVOICE ABN: 23 787 356 622

Family Name _____

Given Name _____

University _____

Campus _____

Faction
for accomodation _____

Postal Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Do you require bus transport to and from Ballarat? Yes No

Conference Status Delegate Observer Media Observer

Dietary Needs Vegetarian Vegan Halal Kosher

Other (please detail) _____

Emergency Contact _____

Relationship _____

Contact Number _____

Registration Fees

Delegates - \$695.00 +GST (\$764.50 including GST)

Observers - \$795.00 +GST (\$874.50 including GST)

No registrations will be accepted without full payment (including GST) and a completed statutory declaration. In 2008, no registration payment = no votes!

Registrations close Friday 7th November 2008

PLEASE SEND FULL PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION TO:

Conference Coordinators, National Union of Students,
Suite 64 Trades Hall, 54 Victoria Street, CARLTON SOUTH VIC 3053

To assist in the planning of future conferences, if you are not attending it would be appreciated if you could email the reasons why to conference@nus.asn.au



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Commonwealth of Australia

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I,

Insert address of person making the declaration

of

Insert address of person making the declaration

do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will abide by the guidelines and policies for the operation of the NUS National Conference as may be amended from time to time.

I acknowledge that NUS reserves the right to remove registered participants that are deemed by the NUS Conference Organisers to have breached NUS conference guidelines and / or grievance procedures and / or shared behaviours, and that persons so deregistered and removed from the conference shall forfeit their bond and registration fees.

I made this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act 1959 and subject to the penalties provided by that Act for the making of false statements in Statutory Declarations, conscientiously believing the statements contained in this declaration are true in every particular.

Signed

Signature of the person making the declaration

Declared at

On the day of

_____ 2008.

Before me

Signature of the person before whom the declaration is made

Title

Insert the title of the person before whom the declaration is made





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UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

NUS DETERMINES UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR TO BE:

- Directing any comment(s)/visual display(s)/ action(s) regarding (or in reference to) individual speakers and not through the chair
- Any comment(s)/visual display(s)/ action(s) (public or private) that are of a sexist, racist, homophobic or discriminatory of any nature
- Violence of any kind
- Any behaviour that is considered (within reasonable boundaries) in the minds of grievance parties, to be offensive, intimidating, harassing, or discriminatory to any member/attendee of conference

This code of behaviour is applicable on conference floor and all areas and time of NUS National Conference at the University of Ballarat.

As a member of the NUS National Conference there are standards of behaviour that **MUST** be complied with or else your rights at this conference **WILL** be forfeited.

The NUS National Grievance Procedures, are put in place by the NUS National Women's Department, in order to **ELIMINATE** unacceptable sexist, racist, homophobic and other discriminatory behaviour that has occurred at previous conferences.

Women's departments oversee such procedures as an acknowledgement that forms of structural oppression manifests as the disadvantages and discrimination many suffer within the political process and organizations such as student unions. While the women's department is overseeing this procedure it is the responsibility of all attendees to create an ethical and respectful conference environment. Participants most at risk of harassment and discrimination unfortunately are women students, queer students, indigenous students, students with disabilities and students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

This behaviour will not be tolerated **AT ALL!**

Due to inconsiderate, intimidating, discriminatory, and offensive behaviour that has been considered "the norm" at National Conference many participants are disenfranchised and traumatised to the point of total withdrawal from student unionism and activism. This obviously has significant ramifications for NUS and the student movement and their reputations.

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GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

For the health of the union, the maintenance of student activism, for a better education system and for the utmost defence of ALL students' rights to participate free from discrimination in our union the following Grievance Procedures apply to all 2008 NUS Conference Delegates and Observers:

Five grievance officers will be elected from NUS National Conference as people whose role is to be a contact for lodging grievances.

They may also be required to contact people on the behalf of the mediator to advise them of times that they may be required to attend grievance sessions. They have no decision making power. They must act in an appropriate way so as to facilitate the process being one that is respected by conference delegates.

At least 3 of the grievance officers must be women.

NUS will if required employ an independent mediator to assist Delegates and Observers implement the following guidelines in relation to behaviour during National Conference

The mediator may come to any number of the following outcomes for redress:

REPRIMANDS

- Public and personal apology
- Suspension of the defendant's speaking, moving and seconding rights for the duration of the conference effective immediately
- Suspension of the defendant's presence in particular areas of the conference venue effective immediately
- Warnings

- Expulsions must be brought to conference floor through business committee and requires a vote on conference floor
- The mediator must make a report to the morning session of conference, which should not include details eg. names, on matters raised and actions taken
- The mediator should bring any matter that they feel need to be raised to delegates and observers on conference floor

EXPULSIONS

- Expulsion is an available solution in circumstances where the mediator believes the extent of the grievance warrants grave punishment

Criminal matters will be brought to the attention of the police where the complainant agrees

Authorised by Claire Tatzyo, National Womens Officer (2008)



