

'Why should we trust you? Thinking through the role of evidence in making difficult decisions'

School of Social and Political Sciences 'Critical Issues' series

# **Free Public Event**

## Professor Fiona Haines in conversation with Professor Andrew Day Moderated by Associate Professor Juliet Rogers

In an era of fake news, alternative facts, and opinion being conflated with expertise in the interests of maintaining 'balance', the need for evidence has never been more important. Despite this urgency, it is often challenged, contested, and – when competing political demands intervene – used selectively or ignored altogether. How did we get into the position where evidence has lost the capacity to help deal with society's intractable problems? And what are some of the ways out of this dilemma?

In this conversation, two prominent criminologists will unpack: what constitutes evidence with 'integrity', its various dependencies, and where its legitimacy comes from. With backgrounds in corporate and white-collar crime and forensic psychology, they will draw on recent research to explore what these considerations mean for decision-making both within, and beyond, their particular domains of expertise.



**Fiona Haines**, BA(Hons), PhD FASSA is a Professor of Criminology in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne. She explores how businesses generate harm and commit crime and how to get them to act in the public interest. Her work is diverse and includes research into industrial disasters, grievances against multinational enterprises, and community responses to coal seam gas.

Andrew Day is an Enterprise Professor (Criminology) in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne. He is a registered psychologist with a background in clinical and forensic psychology and has research interests in the areas of offender rehabilitation and reintegration.



### **EVENT DETAILS**

Date: Tuesday 10 September

Time: 6.15pm - 7.30pm

#### Venue:

The Forum Theatre, Level 1 Arts West Building The University of Melbourne Parkville VIC 3010

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#### **Bookings:**

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