The Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, in conjunction with the University of Western Sydney, is pleased to present the inaugural Fay Gale Lecture:

**A Provocation from the Periphery: Rethinking ‘The Human’ in Memory of Fay Gale**

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In 1972, the late Fay Gale (AO) published a characteristically self-styled book titled *Urban Aborigines*. It launched a richly diverse career that delivered an exceptional legacy to the academic discipline of Geography, Aboriginal justice, university administration, and women’s professional advancement. This lecture honours Fay’s intellectual contribution to one of these fields. It pursues her critical interest in the clash of indigenous/settler cultures in Australia through a fresh account of the notorious head-measuring practices of 19th century racial craniometry. Probing the western premise that ‘mind’ is the assured marker of human distinction from nature, the lecture asks: are there fresh prospects for reconciling settler and indigenous values on this continent if the conceit of this distinction can be overcome? This fundamental question for the Anthropocene is provoked from a ‘southern’ perspective in the spirit of the insistently geographic project that was *Urban Aborigines*.

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Professor Janice Reid, AM, Vice-Chancellor, University of Western Sydney and Professor Barry McGaw, ASSA cordially invite guests to stay for refreshments at the conclusion of the lecture.