The way research is being conducted is changing. Researchers and research institutions are confronting the ‘grand challenges’, the large scale, tough and complex problems whose resolution requires new forms of research collaboration. But this is not just a matter for researchers. Research managers and administrators are confronting an increasingly complex research environment, with new challenges and new opportunities.

If you manage or administer research, engage in interdisciplinary collaborations, or need to facilitate complex research environments, then this workshop is for you!

**Thursday 14th November 2013, 1.30pm-4.45pm**

RMIT University Melbourne [City Campus](#)
Building 13, Level 2, Room 29
Emily McPherson College, Cnr Russell and Victoria Streets

Followed by networking!
Programme

Chair – Tania Tambiah (RMIT University), Co-Convenor Victoria & Tasmania ARMS Chapter

1.30 – 1.45pm  Setting the Scene
1.45 – 3.15pm  Presentations by Drs Jacques de Vos Malan, Simon Kerr and Lauren Rickards
3.15 – 3.35pm  Afternoon tea
3.35 – 4.45pm  Group discussion and report back - what we learned, what challenges we face
4.45 – 6pm    Networking!

Presenters

Dr Jacques de Vos Malan is the General Manager, Secretariat, Australian Council of Learned Academies. Jacques recently presented a paper at the 1st Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference in the Azores in April 2013 on Collaboration, Knowledge & the Trans-disciplinary Manager: Helping interdisciplinary research projects to flourish. He will discuss developing interdisciplinary research methods, emphasising research management as a key to success.

Dr Simon Kerr, Research Manager at the Melbourne School of Land and Environment, University of Melbourne and president-elect of ARMS, recently returned from an international Universitas 21 Scholarship to investigate the facilitation of collaborative interdisciplinary research behaviour in multidisciplinary and virtual research centres. Simon will discuss some of the key trends and best practices as well as some exciting innovations in facilitating research excellence.

Dr Lauren Rickards is a critical human geographer currently working as a Research Fellow in the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute at the University of Melbourne. Lauren leads the Melbourne Interdisciplinary Collaboration Exploration and is the author of several papers and reports on interdisciplinary collaboration.

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