

INTRODUCTION

The Thirtieth Conference of the Philosophy of Education Society of Australasia was held at Claremont Teachers College on 30 November to 2 December 2001. Claremont Teachers College, now part of Edith Cowan University, celebrates 100 years of teacher education in 2002 and the University was pleased to host and support the Conference. PESA acknowledges and appreciates the generous support provided by the University. Those who attended the Conference remarked on the quality of the facilities they enjoyed (not the least of which was the dinner provided by Felicity Haynes).

Members of PESA and other philosophy of education societies were invited to submit papers for peer review by 1 August 2001. A number of philosophers of education from New Zealand, Asia and North America who submitted papers for review were unable to attend the Conference as a result of the events of September 11. The Conference was enhanced by the attendance of some philosophers of education from Scandinavia who were also presenting at AARE. A number of local graduate students were able to benefit from the presentations and discussions at the Conference.

PESA members were invited to present papers as work in progress and some have subsequently been developed for publication. NESTA Devine's paper is given permission for inclusion in her forthcoming book to be published by Bergin and Garvey. Martin Bibby's paper has been revised for publication in *Res Publica*. Patrick Fitzsimons paper 'Globalisation and the communitarian world' has been accepted for publication in the forthcoming journal *Globalisation*.

The Thirtieth Conference of PESA was a small and convivial event and the lack of concurrent papers enabled an extended conversation to develop as the Conference proceeded. Some members expressed the view that it was the best conference they had attended.

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Conference Convenor
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