# FROM ALFRED KINSEY TO ORLANDO AND BEYOND

The role of Research In Confronting Homophobia



Join the Centre for Human Rights Education for a public lecture and Curtin LGBTIQ Collaborative Research Network launch and panel discussion with

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## The Honourable Michael Kirby AC CMG

### THE LECTURE

In the wake of the Orlando massacre of 50 LGBTIQ people in June 2016, Michael Kirby will examine the important and crucial role that universities play in supporting research to end homophobia (and all forms of LGBTIQ phobia). He will refer to Dr Alfred Kinsey's research, which helped to revolutionise our conceptions of human sexuality. Michael Kirby will argue that Kinsey's research was a powerful change-agent. "At the fault line of ideas competing for human acceptance in the present age, Dr Kinsey stands, beckoning us forward to greater rationality and knowledge about ourselves."

#### CURTIN LGBTIQ COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH NETWORK LAUNCH

Following Michael Kirby's lecture, a panel of 6 Curtin LGBTIQ researchers will showcase their current research projects. This will include senior and early career researchers as well as PhD and Masters researchers. Michael Kirby will respond to the presentations with his thoughts on the various projects.

#### THE SPEAKER: THE HONOURABLE MICHAEL KIRBY AC CMG

Michael Donald Kirby AC, CMG was Australia's longest serving judge from 1996 to 2009. In addition to his judicial duties, he served on three university governing bodies and was Chancellor of Macquarie University in Sydney from 1984-1993.

Michael Kirby also served on many national and international bodies, including being a member of the World Health Organisation's Global Commission on AIDS (1988-92); President of the International Commission of Jurists, Geneva (1995-8); UN Special Representative Human Rights in Cambodia (1993-6); member of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee (1995-2005); member of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' Judicial Reference Group (2007-) and member of the UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights.

In 2010, he was awarded the Gruber Justice Prize. Between 2010 and 2012, he served on the UNDP Global Commission of HIV and the Law (2010-12). In 2013, he was appointed a Commissioner of the UNAIDS Commission on Sustainable Health. Later in 2013 he was appointed by the President of the UN Human Rights Council, pursuant to a resolution of the Council, to head the Commission of Inquiry on Alleged Human Rights Violations in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

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Time: 1.00pm Registration 1.15pm Lecture 2.00pm - 3pm Panel with Q&A 3.00pm - 3.30pm Refreshments

**Curtin University** 

- Venue: Tim Winton Lecture Theatre Building 213.104, Curtin University Kent Street, Bentley
- Parking: Carpark D3: Please enter via Kent Street entrance and follow the signs to Carpark D3.

#### **RSVP**:

As seating is limited, please RSVP by Wednesday 24 August 2016 at CHREmichaelkirby2016.doattend.com

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