## Nauru Mark II: The politics of seeking asylum in Australia

The Centre for Human Rights Education invites you to a panel discussion with **Dr Savitri Taylor, Andrew Bartlett,** and **Dr Caroline Fleay.** 

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Chaired by Associate Professor Mary Anne Kenny, join us to also hear **the voices** and experiences of asylum seekers who were held on Nauru under the Howard Government.

As Australia **once again sends asylum seekers** to Nauru for offshore processing, it is **timely to reflect** on the offshore policies implemented by the Howard Government as well as those recently adopted by the Gillard Government. **What were the effects** last time and in what way, if any, will the policy be different on this occasion?

Join our expert panel to discuss past and present government **policies**, their **impacts** on those arriving to Australia seeking asylum, and the recent report of the Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers. Panel members will offer their expertise on how **Australia can join with the region** on addressing the issue of **providing protection** to those fleeing persecution. Date Tuesday 9 October 2012 6:00 - 8:00pm

Venue Tim Winton Lecture Theatre Building 213.104 Curtin University Kent St, Bentley

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If you have any special requirements to enable you to attend this event please advise when you RSVP. We will contact you to provide assistance. Please also see <u>disability.curtin.edu.au/</u> **Dr Savitri Taylor** is an Associate Professor and the Director of Research in the School of Law at La Trobe University. Her research over the past 20 years has focused on refugee law and asylum policy at the national, regional and international level. Her most recent projects include an exploration of refugee protection cooperation in the Asia Pacific region.

Andrew Bartlett has extensive experience in the political arena, as a researcher, advisor, organiser, candidate and campaign manager, firstly with the Australian Democrats and more recently with the Greens party. He served as a Senator for Queensland from 1997-2008 with the Democrats and is currently Convenor of the Qld Greens. Andrew visited Nauru four times from 2003 – 2006.

**Dr Caroline Fleay** is Lecturer at the Centre for Human Rights Education at Curtin University. She has written extensively on asylum seekers in Australia including authoring Australia and Human Rights: Situating the Howard Government. Caroline has advocated on behalf of asylum seekers for over a decade. This has included being a regular visitor to detention centres in Western Australia.



