

# AFTER THE GFC: THE FUTURE OF LAISSEZ-FAIRE CAPITALISM

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**ST PAUL'S COLLEGE SYMPOSIUM with Faculty of Economics & Business, Departments of Government & International Relations, and Political Economy; University of Sydney Union**

On Friday, 14 August the two-yearly, day-long, St Paul's academic symposium was held in the Rogers Room. The focus was the impact of the Global Financial Crisis, with sessions on the role of regulation of financial markets, the impact of the GFC on society, and the US as post-crisis hegemon. The opening address, given by Alan Cameron AM – Deputy Chancellor of the University, lawyer and company director, Chairman of ASIC 1993-2000 – was followed by three sessions featuring papers from leading academics, business leaders, professionals, with a paper by an outstanding current student included in each session.

## **PROGRAMME**

### **SESSION ONE: Governing Financial Markets: Regulation and Control**

#### **Speakers:**

Mr David Kent, Financier & Company Director: *Regulating a Response to the GFC*

Professor Alex Frino, Department of Finance, Faculty of Economics & Business, University of Sydney: *The sub-prime crisis and equity markets: Bandaid solutions for a bleeding jugular?*

Mr Chris Angelos, St Paul's Foundation Scholar, Final Year Law/Commerce: *The New Regulatory Regime for Market Misconduct*

**Chair:** Mr Alan Cameron AM, Deputy Chancellor, University of Sydney; Lawyer & Company Director; Chairman ASIC 1993-2000

### **SESSION TWO: The State of Welfare after the GFC**

#### **Speakers:**

Professor Julian Disney AO, Professor & Director of the Social Justice Project, University of New South Wales: *The Corruption of Capitalism: A Victim Impact Statement*

Professor Dick Bryan, Department of Political Economy, Faculty of Arts, University of Sydney: *Beyond Moralism: What's systematic about the exploitation of labour in the GFC*

Mr Nik Kirby, St Paul's College Foundation Scholar, University Medal in Philosophy 2005, Rhodes Scholar 2009: *The Market for Meaning: Philosophical reflections on the Global Financial Crisis*

**Chair:** Mr Fergus Rourke, St Paul's College Foundation Scholar, Student Dean, St Paul's College 2009

### **SESSION THREE: America as Post-Crisis Hegemon**

#### **Speakers:**

Dr Michael Wesley, Executive Director, Lowy Institute: *The Waning of American Primacy?*

Professor Linda Weiss, Department of Government and International Relations, Faculty of Arts, University of Sydney: *America's Exceptional Power: From ideological model to military developmentalism*

Mr Patrick Bateman, St Paul's College Foundation Scholar, Final Year Government Honours, President, University of Sydney Union: *Implications of the GFC for US foreign policy*

Mr Will Clegg, St Paul's College Foundation Scholar, Final Year International Relations Honours: *Pax Americana and the GFC: Financialisation, Crisis and State Power*

**Chair:** Mr Tom Nicholls, Sometime Sub-Warden, St Paul's College; Adviser, Office of National Security, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet