

# Hamer Oration on Good Government

A public symposium with David Karoly, Amanda McKenzie and Tim Colebatch

## Fiddling While Australia Burns: Will this be History's Judgement of Our Governments' Response to Climate Change?

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009 - 6:00pm for 6:30pm

Copland Theatre,  
Economics and Commerce Building, University of Melbourne



**Professor David Karoly** is an internationally recognised expert on climate change and climate variability with specialist knowledge in greenhouse climate change, stratospheric ozone depletion and inter-annual climate variations due to El Niño-Southern Oscillation. He played key roles in developing the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) which was released in 2007.



**Amanda McKenzie** is a graduate of both Monash and Melbourne Universities in Law and Politics. She has undertaken research, and been prominent as a student leader, at both. Since 2007, Amanda has been National Director of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition, highly respected for her skill, determination and success in negotiating with funding bodies, business and government – from Prime Ministerial level down. Amongst her many conference presentations are her representation of Australian youth at UN Climate Conference in Bali in 2007 and in Poznan in 2008. Amanda is also a consultant to PriceWaterhouseCoopers on carbon policy and strategies to reduce climate impact. Amanda was awarded both the Banksia Foundation's Young Environmentalist and the Rotary Young Achiever of the Year in 2009.



**Tim Colebatch** has been *The Age's* economics editor, based in the Canberra bureau, for the past 13 years. He has worked as a foreign correspondent in Washington, studied in Italy and has degrees in Arts and Commerce from Melbourne University, and in Asian Studies from the ANU. Tim has won numerous awards for his reporting and OpEd columns on economics and foreign policy issues. He began as a cadet at *The Age* in 1971 and has reported widely since on state politics, the environment, urban issues, federal politics and world affairs before specialising on the economy. In Tim was awarded the 2008 European Union/Qantas Journalism Award by the National Press Club.



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