



AUSTRALIAN FESTIVAL  
OF  
**DEMOCRACY &  
HUMAN RIGHTS**  
1-5 JUNE 2026

Join us for a week-long  
festival of free events  
bringing together scholars,  
advocates and activists,  
exploring key challenges  
facing democracy today



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## Monday 1 June

- **11am-12noon: Music, democracy, human rights & protest.** Online panel discussion. [Register.](#)
- **3-6pm: Music and spoken word concert.** Dr Mary Mahoney AO Amphitheatre, UQ St Lucia. No need to register, just come along on the day – all welcome!

## Tuesday 2 June

**Workshops (GCI Room 271 or online) – register for any or all, as you wish**

- **9-10am: From emotions to action: Democracy & human rights activism and advocacy for beginners.** [Register.](#)
- **1-2pm: Bridging now to next in activism and advocacy.** [Register.](#)
- **2:30-3:30pm: Democracy and the polycrisis.** [Register.](#)

## Wednesday 3 June

- **10:30am-12noon: Wellbeing in difficult times: Understanding trauma and distress and managing difficult thoughts and feelings.** GCI Room 271 or online. [Register.](#)
- **1-2pm: Using digital communications to build Tight Knit communities: The antidote to fascism.** GCI Room 275 or online. [Register.](#)
- **5-6:30pm: Seminar – Inequality and democracies: What we know and what we don't know.** GCI Room 275 or online. [Register.](#)
- **7-8pm: Faith in democracy?** Online panel discussion. [Register.](#)

## Thursday 4 June

- **9am-5pm: National Interdisciplinary Conversation on Democracy and Human Rights (NICDHR).** GCI Room 273 or online. [Register.](#)
- **5:30-6:30pm: The repression of protest.** Online panel discussion. [Register.](#)

## Friday 5 June

- **12-1pm: Tackling the rise of the far right: Equality, truth and democratic legitimacy.** Online panel discussion. [Register.](#)
- **5:30-7:30pm: Solidarity Salon.** A writing salon on democracy and human rights hosted by the UQ Writing Society. See the website for more details.
- **7-8pm: Making democracy real for women.** Online panel discussion. [Register.](#)
- **8-9pm: Ending impunity.** Online panel discussion. [Register.](#)

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