Dr Sev Ozdowski OAM, Director of Equity and Diversity invites you and your colleagues to the

**UWS Open Forum**

**Should Australia Keep Growing?**
**Sustainability, Immigration and Multiculturalism**

**MC**
**Dr James Arvanitakis**

**Special Guest speakers**
**Dr Tanveer Ahmed**
**Professor Andrew Jakubowicz**
**Ms Sandra Kanck**

Date:  Wednesday 16th February  
Time:  5:30pm – 8pm  
Venue: UWS Parramatta Campus  
Building EA Room G.19  
RSVP:  Register on line at [Equity and Diversity](#)  
       or Phone: 9678 7374
About MC and the Speakers

Dr James Arvanitakis is a senior lecturer in the Humanities at the University of Western Sydney and is a member of the University’s Centre for Cultural Research. His research areas include hope, trust, political theatre, comic books and citizenship. James has worked as a human rights activist throughout the Pacific, Indonesia and Europe. He is currently working with the Whitlam Institute looking at issues confronting Australia’s democracy. James was a former banker and advocate for free trade, but having witnessed child and indentured labour, has worked to develop sustainable, socially just and equitable economic policies with organisations such as the Centre for Policy Development, where he is a research fellow. James has worked extensively with a number of non-government organizations, including Oxfam International Youth Partnerships and Youth Engagement Program as well as Aid/Watch. He is also on the board of Vibewire and works extensively with a number of other justice-based organisations.

Dr Tanveer Ahmed is a psychiatrist and opinion columnist at the Sydney Morning Herald. He left medicine briefly to work as a cadet television journalist for SBS. As well as being a doctor and writer, he holds a number of representative positions including an appointee to the Advertising Standards Board, a Governor of the Smith Family and was a national representative for junior doctors within the Australian Medical Association. He is a UN ambassador for White Ribbon Day and travelled to Pakistan in 2009 for AusAid to help promote the campaign combating violence against women. He has co-hosted a prime time game show, been chosen by GQ magazine as a “young man of influence” and as one of 100 Future Leaders of Australia by a PM’s committee. He was born in Bangladesh and raised in western Sydney.

Dr Andrew Jakubowicz is Professor of Sociology at the University of Technology Sydney. He has an Honours degree in Government from Sydney University and a PhD from UNSW. Since the early 1970s he has been involved in action research and race relations, and has been centrally involved in the development of materialist theories of cultural diversity. He has taught at universities in the USA, Europe and Asia, and was the foundation director of the Centre for Multicultural Studies at the University of Wollongong. He has published widely on ethnic diversity issues, disability studies and media studies. He was historical adviser to the exhibitions on the Jewish communities of Shanghai, at the Sydney Jewish Museum (2001-2002), the National Maritime Museum (2001-2003) and the national travelling exhibition "Crossroads: Shanghai and the Jews of China" (2002-2003). He was foundation chair of the Disability Studies and Research Institute.

Ms Sandra Kanck was a primary school teacher in the Hunter Valley for three years, having gained a Diploma in Teaching from Nepean College of Advanced Education (now UWS) in 1977. After moving to South Australia at the end of 1980 she worked as a staff member for a number of MPs, was administrative officer of the Conservation Council of South Australia and a member of parliament in South Australia for 15 years from 1994 - 2009. Her maiden speech in parliament was about the need to limit Australia’s population, and she managed to raise the matter again in her last speech to the parliament. She has been the National President of Sustainable Population Australia for almost two years and is currently seeking a third term.
Map – Getting to University of Western Sydney
Parramatta Campus – Building EA
Room G.19

Travelling by train
Take the Carlingford line to Rydalmere railway station, which is next to the Campus. Information about the Sydney rail system and timetables are available from the Cityrail website.

Travelling by bus
Sydney Bus Routes 520, 523 and 524 operate between Parramatta railway station and the campus. For more information and timetables, please see the Sydney Buses website.

Travelling by car
From Sydney CBD, take the M4 Western Motorway and take the exit at the James Ruse Drive interchange. Note that the M4 is a tollway. Turn right onto James Ruse Drive. Take the Victoria Road exit and turn right at the traffic lights. Turn right again from Victoria Road to enter the campus.