



The Australian Festival of Democracy and Human Rights (June 1 to 8)

List of events as of – 19/5/25 – All times AEST

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Interested in hosting? Check out our [guide for hosts](#).

Sunday June 1

Monday June 2

Tuesday June 3:

- 12 noon – 1pm: [Constructive Discussion for Australia's Democracy](#) [online] – How to have the conversations we need to have
- 6:30pm – 8pm: [Disinformation in the Digital Age](#) - Interactive workshop - how disinfo spreads, by whom, and how to build collective resistance.

Wednesday June 4:

- 9am – 5:30pm: 3rd annual [Conference on Democracy and Human Rights](#) [UMelb and online] – Presentations by interdisciplinary scholars and advocates
- 2pm – 3pm: [Democracy and Human Rights in the North](#) [online] – How do democracy and human rights work in the northern half of the country?
- 6pm – 7pm: [Advocacy on campus](#) [online] – The shifting roles of universities in relation to protest and freedom of expression
- 7pm – 8pm: [Why do they go after universities? Feedback loops between academic repression and democratic backsliding, and advice from the coalface](#) [online]

Thursday June 5:

- 12 noon – 1pm: [Democracy in Danger?](#) [online] – Scholars on contemporary threats
- 2pm – 3:30pm: [Hidden Influences on Media and Democracy](#) [online] – Scholars on media and social media
- 5:30 – 7pm: [Democratic representation in a multicultural society](#) [UCanberra] – Who is seen, who is heard, and who remains invisible in Australian democracy?

Friday June 6:

- 10am – 11am: [Democracy on Country](#) – What would it take for Australian democracy to listen and respond to Indigenous voices and concerns?
- 10:30am – 12 noon: [Accessible democracy: What we know about barriers to political inclusion and how we can work together to remove those barriers](#).

Saturday June 7

Sunday June 8