



## Chancellor's Lecture

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It is all too easy in today's world to gather information. I see us developing a tendency to jump from observation to action. We often skip critical analysis and interpretation. Through the 'quick fix', we are putting ourselves in danger of developing a herd mentality.

It is all too easy to look down – at our phones, our computers. Our mission as a university, is to encourage our students, our staff, our partners in research and industry, to look up.

Look up and encourage and develop new ways of thinking. Look up and understand the world. Look up and think about consequences.

Look up and ponder the question, 'what is our human place in the future?'

And so we welcome our distinguished guest, Professor Genevieve Bell.

Professor Genevieve Bell is a cultural anthropologist, futurist and technologist widely recognised for her work at the TJ [(t)-4 Tc 0.002 Tw T.1 (he TJ T



In 2017, she returned to Australia, to join the Australian National University as the inaugural Director of the 3A Institute, Florence Violet McKenzie Chair and a Distinguished Professor.

At the 3A Institute Professor Bell is leading a program to tackle complex problems around artificial intelligence, data and technology and managing their impact on humanity.

It is my honour to invite Professor Genevieve Bell to the podium, to deliver the Chancellor's Lecture for 2019.

