The sovereignty of Indigenous people encompassed a variety of economies which were displaced by colonisation. Ownership and control of our lands and resources was an integral part of our economic development and sustained our way of life. Since colonisation Indigenous people’s status and relationship to the new economy has primarily been at the bottom of the socio-economic ladder. In the twenty-first century our unemployment rate continues to be the highest in the nation. Current government policy to improve our socio-economic position is designed to change our ‘passive welfare’ through mutual obligation agreements and to allow private ownership of land where communal title currently exists. This symposium seeks papers that will debate, discuss and analyse the variety of ways Indigenous people are engaged or disengaged in the various economies that have emerged. We welcome participation from a broad range of disciplines. Keynote speakers for the plenary session of the symposium are Indigenous scholars Dr Maggie Walter, Sociology Department, University of Tasmania and Mr Stephen Hagan, University of Southern Queensland. Abstracts should be emailed to Mr Kelly Roberts at k.roberts@qut.edu.au by the 30th of June.

INDIGENOUS STUDIES MASTER CLASS 27th and 28th September.

Session leaders include: Professor Aileen Moreton-Robinson, Dr Maggie Walter and Dr Karen Martin. The Indigenous Studies Masterclass is aimed at postgraduates and early career researchers. Each of the session leaders will conduct a workshop to facilitate discussion on each participant’s research program. The master-class will provide opportunities for participants to undertake advanced study on issues surrounding research in the field of Indigenous studies and establish research networks for the future. Participants are expected to contribute actively to the Masterclass by actively discussing their current research or broader research program within workshops. A book of readings will be made available to participants. Registration forms are available from Mr Kelly Roberts on k.roberts@qut.edu.au