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INVITATION

**‘Establishing a Research
Centre in the Humanities
that is an International
Centre of Excellence’**

27 January 2016

You are invited to attend a seminar which is to be held at the **Centre for Advanced Scholarship in Old College House** on the **Hatfield Campus**. The seminar will be presented by **Professor Gary Dowsett** from the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society at La Trobe University.

Professor Dowsett is a sociologist and he has long been interested in sexuality research, particularly the rise of modern gay communities. Since 1986, he has been researching the HIV epidemic, particularly in Australia's gay communities. He has worked on many international HIV/AIDS and sexual health projects since the late 1980s. He published six books, 97 refereed journal articles and book chapters, 32 research reports, and 70 other publications.



DATE: 27 January 2016

TIME: 16:00 - 18:00

VENUE: Old College House, Hatfield Campus,
University of Pretoria

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ABSTRACT

Prof. Dowsett's research centre, Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society at La Trobe University, has just received a score of 5 (the highest - - 'evidence of outstanding performance well above world standard') on the Australian national research excellence assessment (like the RAE in the UK). They have scored a 5 in this assessment for the second time in succession.

Prof Dowsett will discuss his experience of establishing and sustaining such an outstanding research centre and will engage with the audience on the strategies that can be used to ensure that a Centre of this kind flourishes and becomes recognised as a world class centre of research excellence.