

## PROFESSOR MARTHA MACINTYRE

Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*

Professor Martha Macintyre is among Australia's most eminent anthropologists. Beginning with her groundbreaking work on the famous Kula exchange of Papua New Guinea, through paradigm-shifting publications on gender and domesticity in the Pacific, to an astonishing range of engaged research on some of the most wicked contemporary problems facing people of Oceania today, Macintyre has demonstrated an unflinching willingness to challenge theoretical orthodoxies and voice uncomfortable truths. She has demonstrated enormous intellectual integrity and considerable personal courage, whether undertaking extended fieldwork in remote areas of Papua New Guinea or venturing into profoundly male-dominated industries like mining and policy, opening the path for the next generation of female anthropologists. Her attention to the profound impact of colonialism, analysis of shifting forms of patriarchy, and sustained focus on socio-economic inequality revolutionised the way that we understand inequality, personhood, agency, and gender in the contemporary Pacific Islands.

Professor Macintyre completed her BA at the University of Melbourne, where she was deeply engaged in activism and feminism. She encountered social anthropology at Cambridge, completing a Certificate (distinction) in the discipline and working as a research assistant to Sir Edmund Leach. She returned to Australia to complete her PhD in anthropology at ANU. Following her extended fieldwork on Tubetube in the Massim region of Papua New Guinea, she led a generation of scholars who insisted on attending not only to social functions and structures, but also to profound historical changes that had occurred through European colonialism. Macintyre held positions at the Australian National University, Monash University, and LaTrobe University before returning to the University of Melbourne as a Senior Lecturer in Medical Anthropology and Director of Gender Studies. In these roles, she led or contributed to four ARC-funded research projects, ranging from socio-economic and environmental sustainability in mining to the migration and settlement experiences of El Salvadorian women and children. Simultaneously, she led scores of applied research projects, mainly in Papua New Guinea, focusing on the social impact of mining, access to health care, policing, gender inequality, and much more. Her publications include 9 authored or edited books and dozens of articles and chapters in top journals and presses in her disciplines. Macintyre combined these very different research foci with uncommon skill and used them to support emerging researchers. She supervised nearly fifty post-graduate research students, many of whom have gone onto successful careers in academia and industry, and mentored many others in Papua New Guinea, Australia, and around the world.

Macintyre is currently an Adjunct Professor at the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining at the University of Queensland and an honorary Principle Research Fellow in Anthropology in the School of Social and Political Sciences in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Melbourne. Her impact in the academy has been recognised in her distinguished appointments: she was appointed as Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences of Australia in 2012 and was awarded a Life Fellow of the Society for Social Anthropology in Oceania in 2014. Due to both her generous dedication to service in her discipline and the academy and the high esteem in which she's held by her peers, Professor Macintyre was elected and served as President of the Australian Anthropological Society (the premier anthropological association in the country) from 2005 to 2007, and has served on the ARC's College of Experts.

In summary, Professor Martha Macintyre has been a wonderfully generous scholar whose work continues to make a difference.