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FAIR SHARE: COUNTRY AND CITY IN AUSTRALIA

SEGRA is proud to announce leading political commentator, **Professor Judith Brett** will be a headline speaker at this year's SEGRA conference in Geelong.

Published this month in the prestigious political journal ***Quarterly Essay***, Professor Brett's article *Fair Share* probes the complicated relationship between the country and the city. Despite the three independents wrestling the spotlight back for the regions at the last election, a twenty-first century compact between country and city Australia is yet to be defined.

"Once the problems *of* the country were problems *for* the country as a whole. But then government stepped back ... The problems of the country were seen as unfortunate for those affected by not likely to have much impact on the rest of Australia. The agents of neoliberalism cut the country loose from the city and left it to fend for itself." – Judith Brett, *Fair Share*.

Professor Brett is professor of politics at La Trobe University and author of two previous *Quarterly Essays*, along with award winning

book *Robert Menzies' Forgotten People*. She has also authored *Ordinary People's Politics* (with Anthony Moran) and *Australian Liberals and the Moral Middle Class: From Alfred Deakin to John Howard*.

SEGRA 2010 attracted a record number of delegates and widespread national media coverage, as issues impacting regional Australia dominated the national agenda.

This year's conference hosted by the city of Geelong looks to build the momentum with a diverse and inspirational line up of speakers exploring the opportunities for non-metropolitan Australia in the new century.

For more information about the program for this year's **SEGRA** visit www.segra.com.au

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