

# ICAFSS Community of Practice Forum 2020

## Intercountry Adoption and Clinical Practice

*What clinicians, and other professionals, need to know when working with members of the intercountry adoption community.*

A series of webinars with insight and education from a range of people who have expertise as well as from those with lived experience!



With over **10,000 infants and children** relocated to Australia through intercountry adoption since the late 1960's, the chances of a member of this adoption cohort presenting for therapeutic, or other support is high.

Much is still to be learned about the impact of intercountry adoption for the adopted person, their birth family and their adoptive family, across the life course.

Increased awareness of the potential effects of separation from their birth family, 'trauma in care' experiences and relocation to a foreign country, can enhance the work of the practitioner when working with members of this community.

### Webinar 1

### Webinar 2

### Webinar 3

<p><b>Acknowledging Pre-adoption Trauma and Loss in the Intercountry Adoption Story</b> Nikki Hartmann Manager, Post Adoption and Forced Adoption Support Services, RASA</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><b>Impacts of Intercountry Adoption Across the Life Course</b> Dr Jeanette (Jenny) Conrick Lecturer-Department of Social Work Melbourne School of Health Sciences</p>	<p><b>Identity, Belonging and Family: The Experiences and Perspectives of Adult Intercountry Adoptees</b></p> <p>Dr Elizabeth Seong Goode Teaching academic with a PhD in Communication and Media Arts Southern Cross University</p>	<p><b>Race, Identity and the Therapeutic Relationship</b> Hana Crisp Former President of Korean Adoptees in Australia Network</p> <p><b>WITH</b></p> <p>Dr Ryan Gustafsson Postdoctoral researcher, Asia Institute, University of Melbourne</p> <p><i>Hosts of the podcast 'Adoption Feels'</i> <a href="http://adoptedfeels.wixsite.com/adoptedfeelspodcast">adoptedfeels.wixsite.com/adoptedfeelspodcast</a></p>
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Due to COVID-19 this is no longer an in-person event. Webinars will be available as recordings end December 2020. To register your interest or for more information please contact us at

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