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Think Outside: Leading designers explore design and conflict

State Library of Queensland (SLQ) is asking leading designers to step outside their comfort zone and apply their way of thinking in new contexts.

Think Outside is a free annual talk series hosted by SLQ's Asia Pacific Design Library, which invites local, national and international design thinkers to contemplate a problem outside their area of expertise, offering new and unexpected solutions for discussion.

This year's series looks at the intersection between design and conflict, challenging panellists to consider how design might counteract the ongoing social, environmental and psychological impacts of conflict.

The series kicks-off on Wednesday 30 September, with panellists being asked: *how might design employ acts of repair before, during and after conflict?*

State Librarian Janette Wright said design thinking is a creative, future-focussed problem-solving process that matches needs with opportunities.

"Design thinking is becoming increasingly recognised as a powerful process for creatively exploring the challenges of the 21st century, beyond the traditional realm of designing products," Ms Wright said.

"We're curious to explore what happens when powerful minds are challenged to think outside their comfort zone and apply their way of thinking to the context of conflict in its many forms.

"By asking leading design thinkers these significant questions, we hope to ignite discussion that inspires new ideas and possibilities, leading to broader conversations and action on this issue," she said.

Each speaker will have 15 minutes to be as provocative and evocative as they wish, setting the platform for a considered debate and discussion with the audience, around the practical implications of these new ideas.

2015 marks the third year of State Library's Think Outside series, which has developed a strong track record of attracting outstanding panellists, and generating engaging and thought-provoking discussion.

Visit slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on for more details and to book tickets.

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Think Outside talk series

When: 30 Sep, 14 Oct and 11 Nov, 6.30pm
Where: The Edge Auditorium, State Library of Queensland
Tickets: Free, bookings slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on

- 30 Sep **Repair:** How might design employ acts of repair before, during and after conflict?
Panellists: Tristan Schultz and Rebecca Barnett (Redirective Practice, Brisbane) and Dr Grace McQuilten (The Social Studio, Melbourne)
- 14 Oct **Communicate:** exploring the relationship between communication and conflict.
Panellists: Jason Grant (Inkahoots, Brisbane) and Min Choi (Sulki and Min, South Korea)
- 11 Nov **Remember:** What role might design play in the commemoration and memorialisation of conflict?
Panellists: Susan Freeman (Freeman Ryan Design, Sydney) and Dongsei Kim (axu studio, South Korea)