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# GEORGE NEGUS OAM

After 40 years globe-trotting for television programs like Nine's *60 Minutes*, the ABC's *Foreign Correspondent* and SBS TV's *Dateline*, George Negus is regarded as Australia's iconic international journalist.



## PRESENTATION TOPICS

- Australia: Are we ready for the third way?
- Life as a foreign correspondent
- The personalities of power
- The world was never going to be the same: a perspective and reminder of how much change—which may often seem unimaginable—always emerges and change lives in the most extraordinary and exciting way

## KEY POINTS

- George's list of interviewees and profiles over the years, both nationally and internationally, spans politics, the arts and sport. George has interviewed the entire last generation of Australian Prime Ministers and a myriad of national icons.
- George has also covered a huge gambit of community issues, addressing the treatment of the intellectually disabled, the scandal of uranium dump sites in outback Aboriginal settlements and the economic fortunes of 'Down Under'.
- An exceptional communicator, George is a sought after speaker and facilitator for his warmly delivered, articulate and incisive insights into Australian political and social affairs.
- George continues consulting and facilitating for government and industry and hosts *Travel for the Mind* in collaboration with World Expeditions, specializing in hosted journeys to destinations like The Kimberley, Africa, Russia, Cuba, South America and Italy.
- His books include the most recent bestsellers *The World From Down Under*, *The World From Italy* and *The World from Islam* produced with Negus Media and publisher Harper Collins.

## BIOGRAPHY

Author, journalist, and television personality George has branched out from his illustrious career into that of public speaking, providing informational, engaging, and incredibly well-received presentations.

It all began in his home in Queensland where as a schoolboy, George played interstate cricket and was junior soccer ball-juggling champion. After teachers college and studying arts at the University of Queensland, George taught high school maths and English in Brisbane schools and in the UK.

Armed with a diploma in journalism, his media career commenced at 28 with *The Australian newspaper*, moving to its Canberra bureau, later, the *Australian Financial Review* and onto television current affairs, via the ABC's *This Day Tonight* and a decade with Channel Nine's historically successful *Sixty Minutes*.

He briefly hosted his own television shows, first on ABC with his evening news show *Foreign Correspondent*, for seven years and then on Channel Ten with *6:30 with George Negus*.

George has worked independently via Negus Media International since the early 1990s as a presenter/interviewer and reporter for Channel Seven's coverage of both Gulf Wars; SBS TV's flagship international affairs program *Dateline* and Ten Network's 2011 news analysis program at 6/630pm and its innovative Rove Productions edgy take on news, *The Project*, working closely with comedian Charlie Pickering.

His career in journalism has given him the opportunity to meet and interview a variety of national and international public figures, including George Soros, James Wolfensen, Richard Branson, Al Gore, Imran Khan, General Wesley Clark, and Shimon Peres.

In between traveling the world and interviewing some of the biggest newsmakers of our time, George has also written several books, starting with a series for children that he co-wrote with his wife Kirsty Cockburn.

In 2004, he published *The World from Islam*, describing his experience with the Middle East based on his travels, and debasing the myth that Islam is made up of extremists.

Incredibly articulate and with life experiences many can only dream of, George is the ideal facilitator for a variety of events.

His featured topics include the future of his country, living as a foreign correspondent, and how power affects personalities.

He loves facilitating group discussions for corporates and government which is not surprising given his professional need to always adapt to extremely varied environments culturally, politically and geographically during his decades of globetrotting.

## **TESTIMONIALS**

*George Negus was excellent. Facilitated discussion very well, challenged us and was also very entertaining.*

**BP Australia**

*Excellent. George was very well received by all the delegates. He added the professionalism that we needed.*

**AL Marketing**

*Excellent. George gave an excellent presentation that was both humorous and thought provoking. He tailored his presentation to suit the needs of the audience and as a result was a real 'hit' with those who were present.*

**Local Government Association of SA**

*Excellent. George was great to work with, very approachable and above all, professional. He exceeded all of our expectations and we would love to work with him again.*

**Conference Solutions**

*You will be pleased to hear that evaluations received showed that this year's Forum was considered to be 'very entertaining and useful', 'thought provoking', 'a good overview of current issues facing Local Government', 'well thought out and presented in this climate of litigation' and 'motivational, good fun and informative'.*

**LGMA**

*Excellent. George gave a very 'personal' presentation specifically tailored to our conference theme. An excellent*

*start to our conference.*

**SA Primary Principals Association**

*Apart from their great words on stage, their presence in the room added a real buzz. Both offered themselves freely to guests who wanted to mix and meet two great speakers.*

**Ballarat Innovation Festival**

**George Negus's categories:**

\* Master of Ceremonies (MC's) \* World Affairs Speakers \* Celebrity Speakers \* Media Speakers \* Facilitators \* Hypothetical Facilitators \* Current Affairs Speakers \* Political Speakers



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