

Mr Paul John Kelly

The degree of Doctor of Science in Economics (honoris causa) was conferred upon Paul John Kelly at the Faculty of Economics and Business graduation ceremony held at 11.30am on 18 May 2007.



Vice-Chancellor Professor Gavin Brown reading the citation for Paul Kelly, photo, copyright Memento Photography.



Pro Chancellor John McCarthy conferring the honoray degree of Doctor of Science in Economics upon Paul Kelly, photo, copyright Memento Photography.

Citation

Presented by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Gavin Brown

I have the honour to present Paul Kelly for admission to the degree of Doctor of Science in Economics, honoris causa.

For over thirty years, Paul Kelly has been one of Australia's most respected political writers and commentators. He is Editor-at-Large of The Australian newspaper. He writes on Australian and international issues and is a regular commentator on ABC television.

Paul Kelly has a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Education from the University of Sydney and holds

honorary degrees from many Australian universities. After graduating from Sydney University, Paul Kelly worked in the Prime Minister's Department in Canberra from 1969 to 1971 before switching to journalism. His positions as a journalist have included Chief Political Correspondent with The Australian from 1974 to 1975, and The National Times from 1976 to 1978, Deputy Editor of The National Times from 1978 to 1979 and Chief Political Correspondent for The Sydney Morning Herald from 1981 to 1984. He was national affairs Editor of The Australian from 1985 to 1991, and Editor in Chief from 1991 to 1996 before being appointed to his current position of Editor-at-Large.

Paul Kelly is the author of a number of successful books: The Unmaking of Gough published in 1976, later titled The Dismissal; The Hawke Ascendancy in 1984; The End of Certainty in 1992; November 1975 in 1995 and a collection of articles Paradise Divided published in 2000. The End of Certainty was described in The Times Literary Supplement as "the most comprehensive account of the Australian policy since that of Sir Keith Hancock half a century ago". He wrote and presented the 2001 five-part television documentary for the ABC on Australian history and character '100 Years - The Australian Story' and wrote a book with the same title. He has covered federal governments from Whitlam to Howard. In 2003 he co-edited Hard Heads, Soft Hearts, a new domestic reform agenda for Australia. The book came out of the 2002 Economic and Social Outlook Conference which considered the most serious economic problems facing Australia.

Paul Kelly is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and in 2005 he delivered the Academy's annual Cunningham Lecture on governance in the Howard era. He has been a Shorenstein Fellow at the Kennedy School at Harvard University and a visiting lecturer at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard. Paul is a former member of the Australia-Indonesia Institute Board, and former director of The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute. He was an Adjunct Professor of Journalism at the University of Queensland from 1999 and a participant in the Australian American Leadership Dialogue. He was awarded the Sir Edward (Weary) Dunlop Asia Medal in 2005. In 2006 he was a Visiting Fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy where he wrote a research paper, 'Howard's decade: an Australian foreign policy reappraisal' in which he evaluates John Howard's foreign policy. Paul has also served on the Advisory Council for the University of Sydney's Graduate School of Government.

Paul Kelly was Graham Perkin Journalist of the Year in 1990 and was a double Walkley award winner for journalistic excellence in 2001. He has written widely on international affairs in America, Europe and Asia and has interviewed world leaders including Tony Blair, Lee Kuan Yew, George W Bush and Jiang Zemin. In every way, Dr Kelly has had an outstanding career and has contributed to the self-understanding of Australians of their place in the world and of how their society operates. He is truly one of the greatest social and political commentators to have come from the University of Sydney.

Pro-Chancellor, I present Paul John Kelly for admission to the degree of Doctor of Science in Economics, honoris causa, and I invite you to confer the degree upon him.