

## Introduction to the 2017 Lyceum Lecture presenter



Professor Mandy Thomas

Professor Mandy Thomas is the Executive Dean of the Creative Industries Faculty at QUT. In her present role since February 2014, Mandy is responsible for leading the Faculty as it consolidates its position as one of Australia's premier locations for study across such fields as Architecture, Film, Media, Journalism, Interactive Visual Design, Creative Writing, Acting, Fashion, Visual Arts, Music and Dance.

From 2006-12 Mandy was Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Research Training) at the Australian National University, and from 2004-6 she was Executive Director, Humanities and Creative Arts, at the Australian Research Council. An anthropologist by training, Mandy has undertaken research both in Vietnam and Australia, and published widely on living under a communist regime, and on the migration experience. She did her PhD at the ANU and then went on to an ARC research fellowship at the University of Western Sydney where she worked closely with different migrant groups to try to understand the issues related to young people growing up in two cultures. She has published numerous books and many journal articles, as well as curating an arts exhibition.