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## Tay, Alice Erh-Soon

(1934 - 2004)

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<b>Born</b>	1 January, 1934, Singapore
<b>Died</b>	26 April, 2004, Australia
<b>Occupation</b>	Academic, Human rights activist, Lawyer

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### Summary

Alice Erh-Soon Tay was born in Singapore in 1934. She practised as a criminal lawyer before completing her PhD in Soviet Russia, and then arriving in Australia in the 1960s to take up a position at the Australian National University. Among the highlights of Tay's distinguished career as an academic lawyer at the University of Sydney, was her appointment as president of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC), a position she occupied from 1998 to 2003.

Read more about Alice Erh-Soon Tay in our sister publication [The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia](#).

### Published resources

#### Site Exhibition

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