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Occupation Businesswoman, Lawyer

Summary

Dr Natasha Cica is the founding director of Kapacity.org.

Natasha's professional experience spans public administration (including as a legal and policy analyst advising Australia's national parliament), crisis management, corporate law, and the higher education and non-government sectors. She has held policy-focused roles at think tanks and led strategy at start-ups in Australia and Europe – and is an award-winning author, broadcaster and public commentator.

In 2013 Natasha was recognized by the Australian Financial Review and Westpac banking group as one of Australia's 100 Women of Influence, in the category of innovation. She was an inaugural recipient of a Sidney Myer Creative Fellowship in 2011, rewarding outstanding talent and exceptional courage in the field of thought leadership. She was a selected participant in the Australian Future Directions Forum – a leadership forum sponsored by Telstra, Qantas, BHP Billiton, the National Australia Bank and Australia Post, under the patronage of the Prime Minister of Australia.

Until 2014 Natasha was founding director of the Inglis Clark Centre, which she established in 2011 to advance the University of Tasmania's engagement agenda.

In Europe, Natasha has provided professional services to the British Council, the Salzburg Global Seminar, the Serbian Investment and Export Promotion Agency (SIEPA) and Serbia's Commission for the Protection of Equality. She has led and supported a range of capacity-building initiatives in partnership with local entrepreneurs across the business sector and civil society.

In Australia, she has served as a member of the Topic Advisory Panel on Governance Progress for Measures of Australia's Progress, Australian Bureau of Statistics; as an adviser to Creative Partnerships Australia and the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce + Industry; as a member of the advisory committee to the Tasmanian Government developing a Tasmanian Cultural Policy; as a member of Tasmania's Educational Attainment Working Group; as a consultant to the Legislative Amendment Review Reference Committee established by the Tasmanian Government in response to Sharing Responsibility for Our Children, Young People and their Families; as co-founder of the Sandy Duncanson Social Justice Fund; as a member of the management committee of homeless men's shelter Bethlehem House; as a juror of the Australian Institute of Architects Architecture Awards; as adviser to the Alcorso Foundation fostering cultural exchange between Europe and Australia; as a member of the steering committee of Arts Tasmania's Design Island Program; and as an advisor to a coalition of Australian arts organisations on their successful campaign against the sedition provisions in the Anti-Terrorism Bill 2005 (Cth).

Natasha is an adjunct professor at the ANU College of Law at the Australian National University, and has been visiting professor at the University of Belgrade's Faculty of Law, and visiting academic at the Alvar Aalto Academy in Helsinki. She was the inaugural Rubin Research Fellow at the School of Public Policy at University College London.

Natasha holds a doctorate in law from the University of Cambridge (as a WM Tapp scholar at Gonville and Caius College), a masters in law and ethics from King's College London (awarded the Professor Sir Eric Scowen Prize for the best masters candidate), and a BA LLB (Hons) from the Australian National University (awarded the Blackburn Medal for research in law, the Tillyard Prize for the honours student 'whose personal qualities and contributions to University life have been outstanding', and a Lionel Murphy Overseas Postgraduate Scholarship). In 2014 she presented the ANU College of Law graduating address as a distinguished alumna.

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