



# AUSTRALIAN SENATE

## OCCASIONAL LECTURE SERIES

### Political engagement among the young in Australia

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Theatre, Parliament House

Friday 20 September 12.15pm to 1.15pm

It is often alleged that young Australians are disengaged from politics on a number of levels. The commonly held view is that young people do not vote, they do not trust politicians and have low levels of political interest. But is this true, and to what extent?

In this lecture Dr Aaron Martin will discuss political engagement among the young in Australia as well as discussing new tools such as Vote Compass and the Citizens' Agenda project and their potential to engage the electorate.

Aaron Martin was educated at the Australian National University, the Paris Institute of Political Studies, Stanford University and the University of Melbourne. He returned to Melbourne University as Lecturer in the School of Social and Political Sciences in 2011.

Aaron also sits on the Australian Electoral Commissioner's Advisory Board on Electoral Research and is a member of the Steering Committee for Vote Compass.

Aaron's research focuses on young people and politics, political participation, public opinion and policy and citizens' agendas. He is the author of *Young People and Politics: Political Engagement in the Anglo-American Democracies* (Routledge, 2012).



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