

The Kurdish Question in 2016

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SPEAKERS



Dr. Gina Lennox has been working with Kurds since 1994, making radio programs (1994), writing a book *Fire, Snow and Honey* (Halstead, 2001), organising community workshops and an international conference at NSW Parliament House (2001) and arranging meetings between Kurdish and Australian politicians and academics ever since. She travelled through Kurdistan of Turkey in 1980, and visited Kurdistan of Iraq in 2013, returning to work in Erbil in 2014. On her return to Australia, she helped establish Kurdish Lobby Australia, a non-partisan group that made three presentations to Australian Parliamentarians in 2015.

Born in North Kurdistan (Turkish occupied part of Kurdistan). Came to Australia with his family in 1983. Received his doctorate in political economy in 2012. From 2012 to 2015 Worked as a lecturer in the political economy department at the University of Sydney. Has taught political economy and economics at various universities in Sydney. Currently teaches economics at UTS and UNSW on a casual basis. Roni has been actively involved in the Kurdish struggle since his youth and follows the developments in the region very closely.



The rise of the Islamic State (ISIS) has once again led Australia and its Western allies into a military engagement with the Middle East. This forum sheds light on the vital role of the Kurds, not only in fighting ISIS, but in their struggle to replace autocratic governments with democratic federalism.

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