

# Guest Lecture

## ‘Off Script, On Point: Improvisation for Inspired Leadership’

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1:45pm to 4:00pm (Jakarta time)

Indonesian graduates and scholars of Australian tertiary institutions who are interested in attending this event, please RSVP by Wednesday, 2 July, via this link: <https://oz.link/rsvpGL4JUL>

*\*Due to the limited availability of places, early registration is recommended. A link to this event will be shared with you after registration.*

## Lecture overview

In today’s dynamic business and policy environment, leaders are often required to go ‘off script’ to achieve their objectives. But leading without a script doesn’t mean improvising without direction—rather, it requires a different kind of preparation. In this interactive session, we’ll explore key principles from comedy improvisation, discovering how these techniques can enhance leadership and collaboration. Through a series of simple (and fun) improvisation activities, participants will gain first-hand experience before reflecting on how these principles can be effectively applied to leadership and teamwork in contemporary organisations.

Dr Jesse Olsen, who holds a PhD in Organisational Behaviour, is a Senior Lecturer in Management in the Department of Management and Marketing and serves as the Academic Program Director for the Master of Business. His research explores the intersections of hobbies and work, improvisation, diversity and inclusion, and leadership. His work has been published in leading academic journals and featured in prominent media outlets, including the BBC, Harvard Business Review, SBS World News, and Forbes.

Dr Olsen has also worked with a range of organisations such as Perpetual, the Australian Workplace Gender Equality Agency, McDonald's, the Queensland Government, and the Asian Development Bank. Prior to his academic career, he held professional roles in higher education and banking.



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