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Laura Mackay is a Laboratory Head and Senior Lecturer at The University of Melbourne and holds an Adjunct appointment at the Singapore Immunology Network at A*STAR. She is a Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) and Bill & Melinda Gates International Scholar, an National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Career Development Fellow, recipient of The Michelson Prize for Human Immunology and The Victorian Young Tall Poppy Science Award and serves on the council of the Australian Society of Immunology as the representative for The Federation of Immunological Societies of Asia-Oceania (FIMSA). Laura obtained her PhD from The University of Birmingham, U.K., in 2009, before taking up a post-doctoral position with Prof Francis Carbone at The University of Melbourne. Laura established an independent group at the Peter Doherty Institute in 2016, where her laboratory studies memory T cell responses, with a focus on the signals that control resident memory T cell differentiation, with a view to harness these cells to develop new treatments against infection and cancer.