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2025 Biennial Conference

Australian Studies in the 21st Century: Human and More-Than-Human Worlds

Exploring interactions, perspectives, and futures

**Macquarie University
Sydney, Australia**

5-7 February 2025



PROGRAM

This program lists sessions, panellists, and titles of presentations. Full details of abstracts and presenters are available on the conference website.

DAY 1 Wednesday 5 February

8.00 – 9.00 Registration and coffee

9.00 – 9.30 Smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country – Dr Chris Tobin, Dharug Country Elder

9.30 – 9.40 Welcome by Professor Chris Dixon, the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts

**9.40 – 10.40 Plenary 1: Professor John Maynard, ‘Across Koori Time and Space’
Chair:**

11.00 – 12.30 Parallel Session 1

1A Destination Downunder: The United States 'Rest & Recreation' Scheme in Sydney during the Vietnam War	1B Economy, Prosperity, Bankruptcy	1C Settler colonialism in Australian literature	1D Title China and Australia - historical and contemporary connections	1E Title Film and Indigenous Australians	1F Title Ecology, sustainability, creativity
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chris Dixon, "The Pause that Refreshes": Preconceptions and Experiences of R&R' 2. Lisa Featherstone, 'Rape and R&R: Americans in Australia during the Vietnam conflict' 3. Jon Piccini, 'Chinese indentured workers on an Australian cocoa plantation in Vanuatu (New Hebrides)' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Matthew Bailey, "The vast economy of time": Australian department stores, mass production and the environment' 2. Lucie O'Brien, "The realm of happy prosperity": bankruptcy law and the credit economy in 1920s Australia' 3. Catherine Bishop, 'Enabling Entrepreneurship? Environmental impacts on female business in Australia' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rebecca Lindsay, 'Gleaning and Labouring at the Edges: Reading Ruth 2 with Natalie Harkin's "Domestic"' 2. Tony MacGregor, 'Writing himself out of the picture: Randolph Stow and the settler-colonial wound' 3. Jayden Xuefeng Wang, 'Shame and Shaming in Kate Grenville's <i>The Secret River</i> and Sara Thornhill' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daozhi Xu, 'Representations of Indigenous Australians in Chinese Racial Discourse, 1895-1912' 2. Renzhe Zhang, 'Shaping of New and Old Cultures: Perspectives of the Chinese Diaspora in Australia, 1916-1927' 3. Patricia Plummer, 'Ambiguity and Modernity: A 21st-Century Perspective on Quong Tart' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alec Morgan, 'The Menace of Cinema: film censorship, eugenics and Aboriginal spectatorship in Australia's Northern Territory 1928-1950' 2. Murray van de Veer, 'Land and Identity: Navigating the enduring impact of colonisation in the Southern Monaro' 3. Sergio Perez Torres, 'Between Two Worlds: Representation of Contemporary Indigenous Issues in Australian and Taiwanese Cinema' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nicholas Herriott, "Ecology is trade union business": The 1975 Radical Ecology Conference, uranium and Australian labour-environmentalism' 2. Jim Singleton, Tina Nyoni Milambo, 'Australia and the Global Sustainability Challenge' 3. Tania Leimbach, Jane Palmer, 'Carbon_Dating: Building Communities of Care and more-than-human commons through transdisciplinary creative practice'

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

13.00 – 13.45 Book Launch: *Chinese Colonial Entanglements* edited by Julia Martinez, Claire Lowrie, and Gregor Benton (Chair: Heather Goodall)

14.00 – 15.00 Plenary 2: Professor Frank Bongiorno, ‘An Australian Biculturalism? National Identity and Belonging in the Age of the Voice Referendum’

Chair:

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.30 Parallel session 2

2A Australian Studies and the Histories and Futures of Extinction, Resilience and Survival	2B Settler Colonialism and More-Than-Human Histories in Australia	2C Chinese Colonial Entanglements: Commodities and Traders in the Southern Asia Pacific	2D “Wog” and its many meanings: beyond a bad word made good	2E Feminists, activists	2F Encounters with place and history
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kate Darian-Smith, ‘Australian Studies and the Histories and Futures of Extinction, Resilience and Survival’ 2. Rachel Weaver, ‘Unnatural Extinction in Colonial Australia’ 3. Katrina Schlunke, ‘Unnatural Museums and the Production of Endlings’ 4. Rebe Taylor, ‘Human Extinction, Survival and Resurgence’ 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harrison Croft, ‘More-Than-Human Encounters in Australia’s Port Phillip Bay and Bass Strait, 1798–1804’ 2. Ruby Ekkel, “Gentle-Men Are Made of Gentle Boys”: Shaping Young Settler-Citizens in the Australian Animal Protection Movement, 1890–1923’ 3. Amanda Wells, ‘Settler Colonial Trees?: Making and Remaking More-Than-Human Worlds in Renmark, South Australia’ 4. Simon Farley, ‘Novel Ecosystems in an Ambivalent Nation’ 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Julia T. Martinez, ‘Chinese indentured workers on an Australian cocoa plantation in Vanuatu (New Hebrides)’ 2. Natalie Fong, ‘Chinese Transnational, Transfamilial Business Practices: The Man Sun Wing Enterprise’ 3. Mei-fen Kuo, ‘Chinese entrepreneurs connecting rural Australia to Asia: Harry Fay of Hong Yuen Pty Ltd.’ 4. Claire Lowrie, ‘Chinese indentured labor and phosphate mining on Christmas Island’ 5. Sophie Loy-Wilson, ‘Chinese Business in Australia and across the Southern Asia Pacific’ 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zora Simic, ‘In honour of Lex Marinos: ruminating on wog nostalgia’ 2. Andonis Piperoglou, “‘Wog” and Diasporic Mediterraneanness’ 3. Daphne Arapakis, “‘Wog” in practice: the diasporic χωριό/village on Country’ 4. Maria Giannacopoulos, ‘Gadigal Land as Marrickville and Marrickville as “Little Greece”’ 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bridget Brooklyn, ‘Creating the more than human? Australian feminists’ embrace of eugenics’ 2. Simon Dowsett, ‘Lillie Beirne and the Fight for Economic Freedom: From Suffragette to Social Creditor’ 3. Michelle Arrow, ‘Creating feminist worlds: Anne Deveson, ‘The Train’ and the biographical possibilities of the unmade film’ 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hamish Sewell and Virginia Madsen, ‘Portland as storied-land: re-animating an Australian industrial town through voice, history and memory’ 2. Ingrid Ryan, ‘Interwar women’s photography and the landscape as a “more-than-human” element in settler national culture: A case study on Joyce Waterhouse’ 3. Jiayang (Ken) Hu, ‘Navigating Australian Multicultural Spaces: Chineseness, Community, and Council Initiatives in Burwood, Sydney’

17.30 – 18.15 Evening reception – foyer, 10 Hadenfeld Avenue, Macquarie University

18.15 – 20.00 Film screening – Alec Morgan’s multi-award-winning documentary film, Ab blaze, Theatre 1, 10 Hadenfeld Avenue (next to reception foyer).

DAY 2 Thursday 6 February

9.00 – 10.30 Parallel session 3

3A Anthropocenic crossings in the colonial Antipodes	3B Decolonising settler colonial history	3C Translations and exchanges: Asia and Australia	3D The colonial past in Indigenous art and writing	4D Australian poetry	3F InASA ECR/HDR workshop
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Penny Edmonds, 'Anthropocenic Antipodean Crossings: The Uncanny McCleay Museum Bunyip' 2. Katrina Schlunke, 'Of Mutton and Tigers: Naturising Country and Feeding "Home"' 3. Jude Philp, 'Movements and Migrations: Natural History and the Antipodes' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fiona Gatt, 'The Queen vs Jacky Jacky: Inter se violence in the Port Phillip Protectorate' 2. Myhka Kennedy, 'Violence, Capitalism and Marxism: Rethinking colonial liberation for the Australian context' 3. Sunil Menon, 'Decolonial praxis and the complex position of migrants of colour within political movements' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Qinglong Peng, 'Memories and Their Literary Representations: A Comparative Reading of <i>Red Sorghum</i> and <i>True History of the Kelly Gang</i>' 2. Sonia Broad, 'Between academia and advocacy: Interviews with scholar translators of Australian literature in Japan' 3. Megumi Kato, 'Voices from the Detention: Refugee Narratives in Australia and in Japan' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Suja Kurup, 'Echoes of the Past: Aboriginal Memory and Intergenerational Trauma in Melissa Lucashenko's <i>Too Much Lip</i>' 2. Tiarni Miller, 'Painting Against Pirate Ship Time: Topological temporality, history-painting, and history-making in Gordon Hookey's <i>Xanthorrhoea</i> takes over the suburban backyard' 3. Lars Jensen, 'Colonialism Everywhere: The Venice Biennale 2024 and its Indigenous Australian Artworks' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Toby Davidson, 'The Soul of the Patient: Reappraising Francis Webb as Australia's First Poet of Mental Health Hospitalisation' 2. Thomas H. Ford, 'Gallop Rhymes' 3. Jess Clancy, 'Concrete poetry as a pathway towards sustainable coexistence with more-than-human entities' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anna Johnston 2. Jess Carniel 3. Chris Hay 4. Geoffrey Rodoreda 5. Daozhi Xu

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 Plenary 3: Associate Professor Nancy Cushing, 'Why Look at Whales?'
Chair:

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

12.30 – 13.30 Lyndall Ryan Prize Announcement and InASA AGM

13.30 – 15.00 Parallel session 4

4A Archives and print cultures	4B Indigenous Country	4C Asia and Australia - social/media connections	4D Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination	4E Violence, war and carcerality	4F Indigenous Literature
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anna Johnston, 'Developing Decolonising Reading Practices and Rethinking Colonial Archives' 2. Willa McDonald, 'Representations of Nature in Australian Colonial Literary Journalism' 3. Nicole Moore, 'The Australasian Book Society: Community and Dissent in Australia's cultural Cold War' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stephen Muecke and Jennifer Eadie, 'Welcome to Country/Walking Country: Pragmatics of Knowing' 2. Ben Silverstein, 'Fish, Authority, Country: Yawuru stories of wirli-wirli-ngan (fishing) at Jangu/Thangoo Station' 3. Jo Rey, 'Firing Up Country Futures: Uncovering hidden gems beyond the Concrete' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tom Baudinette, 'Are We Asian Yet? (Auto)Ethnographic Reflections on Asian Media Fandom in Australia' 2. Hyeji (Emily) Noh, 'Exploring Perceptions of Koreanness Among Fans of K-pop in Australia' 3. Chavalin Svetanant, 'Exploring the emotional dynamics of online communication through Twitter data analysis: A cross-cultural investigation of Australians and Thais' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Max Brierty, 'The Sovereignty of Country and the Problem of Possession' 2. Sam Dalgarno, "'The right to decide their own future": the Keane Reports and the early years of Aboriginal self-determination in New South Wales' 3. Alison Holland, 'Part of the Solution? Indigenous Women, Agency and Power in Governance: the case study of ATSIC' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sue Kossew, 'Rethinking global networks of war: two recent Australian novels' 2. Anne Brewster, 'Yumna Kassab's <i>Politica</i>: temporality, rupture and narrative in the aftermath of war' 3. Dashiell Moore, 'Archipelagic Connections in Australian and Pacific Literatures' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Danica Čerče, 'The Poetry of Romaine Moreton and Lisa Belleair: Addressing Violence against Aboriginal Women and Girls' 2. Michael Duke, 'My Place Forty Years On' 3. Jean Page, 'Reflecting on "Solastalgia:" the lament (and search for) lost homes in poet Nandi Chinna (<i>The Future Keepers</i>, 2019) and indigenous novelist Melissa Lukashenko (<i>Mullimbimby</i>, 2013)'

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 16.30 Plenary 4: Professor Joseph Pugliese, 'Settler Aquacide and Mnemonic Bodies of Water'
Chair: Dr Ian Collinson

16.45-18.15 Parallel session 5

5A Television and popular culture	5B The multicultural past and present	5C Human-animal connections	5D Masculinity and gender relations	5E Romance and popular fiction	5F Grass widows and war brides
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Holly Randall-Moon 'More than human entanglements in Alone Australia (2023-)' Jess Carniel and Chris Hay, 'Australia's Eurovision Decade: A Retrospective' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Helen Singleton, 'An intrepid Polish Australian's multicultural bridge-building and transnational Cold War legacy' Mahin Wahla, 'The Political Veil and Politics of Veiling in Memoir: Mehreen Faruqi and Anne Aly as Australian Muslim Politicians' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Kerri Meehan, 'Reframing the History of Saltwater Crocodile Hunting in Arnhem Land' Mengying Sun, 'As Elizabeth Costello grows older' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew Allen, 'Legendary Drinking: Alcohol, The Australian Legend and the Democratic Political Imaginary' Mark Briskey, 'The "Cooyar" Tragedy – Murder, Masculinity and the 'unspeakable' in a 1920 South East Queensland Timber Cutter's encampment' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lauren O'Mahony and Kathryn Trees, 'Reimagining Romance and Happily Ever After in Rix Weaver's "New Holland" Colonial Romances' Alexandra Mulvey, "Let the Girls Skate: Australian Artistic Roller Skating's Heteronormativity Problem and the Sports Romance Solution' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sharni Brownbridge, "Grass widows" – the communities connected to the goldfields from afar' Fumie Yoshikawa, 'Bride School as a Reflection of Australian Society: Japanese War Brides in 1950s Kure, Hiroshima'

18.30 Conference dinner, Lachlan's at Lakeside, MGSM Hotel, 99 Talavera Rd. Macquarie University.

DAY 3 Friday 7 February

9.00 – 10.30 Parallel session 6

6A Public/private intimacies: the self and state in Australia Chair	6B Indigenous Voices and Silences Chair:	6C Symbols of national identity Chair:	6D Australian film Chair:	6E Indigenous epistemologies, research and representation Chair:	6F Creative ecologies: Music, writing Chair
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eve Vincent, 'The time of welfare; the time of parenting. Analysing the temporality of a recent conditional welfare measure' 2. Jessica Gerrard, 'Conservative affective relations of care: schooling and the heterosexual settler state in 1970s and 1980s Australia' 3. Kelli Burns, 'Personal and social hygiene in the 20th century Australian school' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lou Glover, 'Friendly Fire on Binary Battlegrounds: accidental anti-Indigenously during Covid and the Australian Voice to Parliament events' 2. Lois Gill, 'On Swans and Silence: Navigating Trauma Through Language' 3. Maggie Nolan, 'The politics of allegiance in Anita Heiss's <i>Dirrayawadha</i>' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constanza Bergo, 'Circling the line: the symbolic shark at the Australian settler-colonial border' 2. Tracy Mee, 'Australians and the Vexillological World: Information, Relationships, Identity' 3. Dave Kampers, 'Cultural Work and the Role of Sport in Indigenous Acceptance' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Azade Falaki, 'The Representation of Posthuman Subject in Social Science-Fiction Cinema' 2. Aswanth Chandrachoodan, 'Rhythms of Representation: A Comparative Analysis of the Men of the Fifth World and The Stave Genesis' 3. Caitlin Mahar, 'Re-Viewing Romper Stomper: Class, Youth Subcultures and Global White Nationalism' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Max Brierty and Stephen Muecke, "'Whitefella Mischief: Come on, let's be reasonable'" 2. Catherine Fargher, 'Yarning circles, consultation and re-writing Indigenous characters' erased histories. Interrogating the Colonial/Settler lens within The Jetty play's progress narrative' 3. Deirdre Osborne, "'[H]ow the human represents to itself the life that it lives..." (Sylvia Wynter 1995): A Comparative Arc Between Contemporary First Nations BLAK* and Black British Writers' Creativities.' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nicole Johnson, 'Listening to Materials and Sounds of Site: More-Than-Human Agency in Instrumental Music Practice' 2. Elizabeth Smyth, 'Writing Across a Cultural Interface: A Guide for Non-Indigenous Writers' 3. Ian Collinson, "'Through the trees I hear her calling": The Environmental Imagination of Australian Atmospheric Black Metal'

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 Plenary 5: Professor Anita Heiss, 'Wiradyuri Dreams of Heart and Home' In Conversation with Professor Hsu-Ming Teo

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 Parallel session 7

7A Bila/rivers: Arteries of Country	7B International Relations	7C Health and disability	7D Jewish Australian fiction and social media	7E Australian women's writing	7F Truth-telling and [the challenges of] settler public education – round table discussion
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geoff Rodoreda, 'Inscriptions of bila/bily (river) by Anita Heiss and Kim Scott' 2. Jakelin Troy, 'Bila, river, waterways in First Nations languages' 3. Michael Griffiths, 'Fluid Realisms: Writing the Birrarung, Writing Place in Tony Birch's Fiction' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Melanie Brand and Brian Cuddy, 'Looking Beyond Secrets and Surveillance: Analytic Reform in the Australian Intelligence Community' 2. Thai Hoang Hanh Nguyen, 'Digital Diplomacy in the Australia - ASEAN Relations' 3. Xi Chen, 'China Australia Antarctic Cooperation: Preservation and Development' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Samantha Grey, "Dregs of their professions": Debating Therapeutic Abortion and Professional Anxiety in the Mid-Century 2. Amanda Tink, 'Lawson, Marshall, and Australian Conceptions of Disability' 3. Jessica White, 'Adaptation and Disability: Navigating Australian Environments' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kim Swivel, 'From villain to victim: Stereotypes of Jews in popular Australian fiction' 2. Zac Roberts, "'Those introductions, they were happening on Tumblr": Social media platforms as a mechanism for Australian Indigenous and Jewish connections' 3. Jason Schulman, "'The Fearsome Battery of Surveillance Devices": Australian and American Jews and the Right to Privacy' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lindsay Helwig, 'Australian Crime Fiction: Postfeminism and Female Empowerment' 2. Tenille McDermott, 'ChatGPT in Deep Time: Technology and Temporality in Kate Mildenhall's <i>The Hummingbird Effect</i> 3. Beibei Chen, 'Brave New World: Representations of Transgenerational Memory and Identity Politics in <i>Behind the Moon</i>' 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Matthew Keynes 2. Amy Spiers 3. Ashley Barnwell 4. Lorena Allam

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 Plenary 6: Professor Anna Johnston, Professor Kate Darian-Smith, Professor Rodney Smith, 'Australian Studies in International Contexts'

17.00 Closing drinks