

Australian Studies Bulletin

Welcome to the Australian Studies Research Network
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Events - Western Australia

2025 State Heritage Conference

12th - 13th May 2025, The Esplanade Hotel

The 2025 State Heritage Conference, hosted by the Heritage Council of Western Australia, the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Committee and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, will take place at The Esplanade Hotel, adjacent to Fremantle's historic West End precinct.

Delegates will have the chance to explore the stunning streetscapes of the West End, one of Australia's best-preserved 19th-century gold boom towns. It is among the largest sites permanently listed on the Western Australian State Register of Heritage Places.

The conference theme, The Heritage Ecosystem, highlights the evolving values of Western Australia's cultural heritage. Attendees will have valuable opportunities to network and discuss emerging trends and future projects in the sector.

EOIs due 520th January 2025, 5pm

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Professor Ronald M. and Dr Catherine H. Berndt Foundation Grant Applications Open Now

The BRF supports Australian Aboriginal social and cultural anthropology research. It was established from a sum of money bequeathed to the University of Western Australia by Professor Ronald and Dr Catherine Berndt for this purpose. Three awards will be offered for 2025.

All applications close 28 February 2025 and decisions will be communicated by 14 March 2025.

Contact berndt.foundation@uwa.edu.au to receive an application pack.

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Events

2025 Australian Heritage Festival

Registrations are now open for the 2025 Australian Heritage Festival with the theme: ***Unearthed – Revealing the Past, Empowering the Future***. “Your event doesn’t need to be big or fancy or boast of famous connections (although that’s always good!) it just needs to be a heritage event related to our 2025 theme, ***Unearthed***.

[Further Information](#)

The Melbourne Colonial and Post-Colonial Histories Symposium

ACU Melbourne Campus

20th March 2025

Postgraduate students researching any aspect of colonialism and post-colonial pasts are invited to apply to participate in this one-day symposium hosted by the Australian Catholic University and Victoria University. The workshop aims to provide collegial feedback on doctoral research and build scholarly networks. Student participants will pre-circulate an article manuscript or a thesis chapter. In addition to receiving feedback from the group, each student will be paired with an experienced academic who will provide detailed comments on their work in progress.

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Australian Gender Economics Workshop 2025

University of Wollongong, 6th - 7th February 2025

The 8th Australian Gender Economics Workshop (#AGEW2025) is hosted by the University of Wollongong in partnership with the Women in Economics Network and is organised by Alfredo Paloyo. The workshop will take place on 6–7 February 2025 in Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia. Wollongong is in Dharawal Country.

[Further Information](#)

News and Announcements

InASA 2025 Conference

Macquarie University, Sydney, 5th - 7th February 2025

This InASA conference will revolve around the theme ‘Australian Studies in the 21st Century: Human and More-Than-Human Worlds’. We welcome proposals for individual papers, 3 member

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submissions that prioritise Indigenous voices.

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AHA General History Thesis Prize

The AHA's General History Thesis Prize is awarded to the best postgraduate thesis in History (excluding Australian history). General History is understood to be any field of history with a focus that is not primarily Australian History. Theses primarily focused on Australian history are eligible for the Serle Award and other AHA prizes. The prize will next be awarded in 2025, for a thesis conferred in the period 1 January – 31 December 2024.

Applications close: 31st January 2025

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Expressions of Interest, Australian Intellectual History Network

Expressions of interest are invited for a new Australian Intellectual History Network, a collaborative endeavour for scholars interested in the study of ideas within their historical contexts. Intellectual history traces the development and transformation of concepts, ideologies, and theories across historical time.

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Jobs and Opportunities

Leah Armstrong Scholarship

The Leah Armstrong Scholarship provides scholarships worth up to \$20,000 per year for up to three years to First Nations women studying or looking to study at a tertiary level in a wide range of study areas including economics, finance, business or community governance.

The scholarship is provided by First Nations Economics and the First Nations Foundation, partners in driving social, cultural and economic prosperity for First Peoples. Both organisations are Aboriginal-led, Supply Nation-registered charities who work directly with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to provide economic development and capability uplift.

Applications close: January 31, 2025

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Storytelling and Recording: First Nations Project Fund

Program is open for applications until 4 February 2025. This program aims to support First Nations media organisations and individuals to create culturally significant storytelling and recording projects. National \$50,000 Max

Closes February 4, 2025

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2025 Graduate Research Program, Australian Centre

Applications are open for the Australian Centre's Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Program in Indigenous Settler Relations. The Program is open to graduate researchers in any faculty whose topic has relevance to the emerging field of Indigenous settler relations in Australia and the world.

Visiting Professor in Australian Studies, University of Tokyo

The International Australian Studies Association (InASA) is excited to announce applications are now open for the Australia-Japan Foundation Visiting Professor in Australian Studies at the University of Tokyo, 2025-26 and 2026-27. InASA is seeking individual appointments for both terms.

Applications close: February 14, 2025

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Social Media Editor, History Australia

History Australia is seeking a new social media editor.

Any questions can be directed to laura.rademaker@anu.edu.au, yves.rees@latrobe.edu.au, or alecia.simmonds@uts.edu.au

Editor-in-Chief, Australian Journal of Politics and History

Interested candidates should submit their CV and a cover letter to jganibegov@wiley.com as soon as possible.

Calls for Papers

2025 Australian Historical Association Conference, Townsville

The Australian Historical Association invites historians to come to Townsville for its annual conference to be held between 30 June and 4 July 2025. Co-hosted by James Cook University and Central Queensland University, the organisers welcome proposals for papers and panels on any aspect of history. Participants can identify conference streams relevant to their work, and all abstracts will be considered. Participants are encouraged to relate their work to the conference theme of looking up and applying the historian's toolkit to make a meaningful contribution to contemporary debate.

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Conference, Learning About Disaster: Children, Emotion, and Crisis'

Victoria University, Melbourne, 27th June 2025

This event is designed to explore how we have represented crises in art, literature, media, heritage and educational resources designed for children and young people and how they have, in turn, responded to such materials. We are particularly interested in the place of children's emotion in such representations, in how children respond to these resources, and as an analytical tool for reflecting on the crisis or disaster take form in works for children. We encourage papers from any time period, including the present, and from all relevant disciplines. We interpret 'children's literature' widely, including visual representations, film, new media, tv, and radio, as well as more traditional resources aimed at children and young people.

CFP closes 15th December 2024

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'Current Debates' Section, Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History

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imperial history, colonialism, imperialism, the legacies of empire and its associated historiography, in a broad sense. The editors welcome contributions on current affairs and contemporary discussions in these and related fields.

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The Privilege of Trailblazing Workshop

Australian National University, 28th March 2025

This workshop aims to critically investigate the figure of the trailblazing woman. We invite papers that investigate trailblazing women in a variety of fields of endeavour and historical time periods in Australia. We particularly welcome papers addressing questions such as: What has enabled trailblazing over time? In what ways other than gender were women trailblazers connected? What are the links between privilege, power, and trailblazing? To what extent did these women use their positions to make change for future generations? Why are we interested in these figures? And what are we trying to achieve in telling their stories in 2025? We encourage papers that provide comparative perspectives from other settings, particularly New Zealand and the Pacific, or that arise from disciplinary backgrounds other than history, such as biography, law, Pacific studies, or Indigenous studies.

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Australian Society for the Study of Labour History

Call for papers: Labour Archives and Methodologies

Closes 1st March 2025

We are interested in articles that demonstrate and reflect upon the practices of labour history and future trends in the field. We invite submissions that promote discussion of what labour historians do and how we do it, the opportunities and the challenges associated with labour history archives, and transnational research. Articles may include reflections on ethics, funding, politics and government policies, and new methods of dissemination (such as online exhibitions, blogs, websites and the like). We encourage submissions on the history of workers, of labour, and/or activism in diverse locations and eras. Our goal is to capture the future directions (or dilemmas) for the field of labour history.

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Human Rights Archives and the Problems of Provenance: Conference

University of Sydney

25th - 27th June 2025

We invite proposals for presentations, panels, workshops, and artistic contributions for an upcoming special issue of Archival Science focused on the evolving conceptions of provenance in relation to records documenting human rights abuses. Key questions include the implications of a survivor-centred approach, the effects of digitisation, and the role of trauma-informed and feminist ethics in archival practices. Contributors are encouraged to explore how these records can

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate](#) ▼**Closes Monday 25th November 2024**[Further Information](#)**Cultures Croisées: French-Australian Cultural Connections
Exploring the Dynamics of Intercultural Exchange Symposium
Friday 2nd May - Saturday 3rd May 2025**

The theme of the Symposium addresses the many and diverse cultural exchanges between France and Australia that have shaped both nations over centuries of migration, artistic collaborations and intellectual cross-pollination. This rich history of interaction has not only influenced the cultural landscapes of both nations but has also contributed to a deeper understanding of each other's societies. Building on the historical and conceptual frameworks and the diverse case studies presented in these works, this Symposium invites papers that further explore areas where French influence has been felt in Australia. Additionally, we encourage contributions that shift the focus to examine the sometimes overlooked presence of Australia in French society and culture.

[Further Information](#)**15th Annual Australian International Political Economy Network (AIPEN) Workshop
Adelaide University / Flinders University
February 6th - 7th 2025**

The world economy is increasingly challenged by wicked problems and acute questions produced by overlaps and tensions between security, knowledge, finance and production. These include: what security/investment trade-offs should be made to secure access to critical materials and protect critical infrastructure? How much data surveillance are we willing to give to the market in exchange for better knowledge and security? What is the most politically viable path to a renewable energy strategy? How are changes in global value and wealth chain management transforming the treatment of labour and environmental resources? How are trends toward derisking and the rise of private finance transforming inclusive growth? How will climate breakdown force a revaluation of assets? AIPEN 2025 is looking for answers to these and similar questions and invites papers on the above themes or any issues related to change in the international political economy.

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