

# THE PROJECT

HISTORY EXTENSION  
SEMINAR 2018

## ANNUAL EVENT FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Friday 9 November 2018, 8.30am–3.15pm

Presented by Sydney Living Museums and the State Library of New South Wales

### PROGRAM

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#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

##### DR TAMSON PIETSCH

Historian and Director of the Australian Centre for Public History,  
University of Technology Sydney; host of the History Lab podcast

##### **The History Lab podcast: Why what lies below the waterline of the history iceberg really matters**

Podcasting is a growing phenomenon in Australia and the History Lab offers a new kind of history podcast – an experiment in investigative history. It draws the listener into the thrill of historical research, with all its uncertainties. In doing so it takes them into the historian's struggle to make sense of the traces the past has left behind.

Dr Pietsch's talk will discuss why podcasting matters to historians. Using examples from different kinds of podcasts, it will examine the difference between telling a historical narrative and undertaking a historical investigation. Her talk will explore how the processes of historical interpretation, source analysis and archival research, and the unanswered questions they sometimes involve, can be brought to life in ways that are accessible to a broad public audience.

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##### DR RUTH BALINT

Senior Lecturer, History, School of Humanities and Languages,  
University of New South Wales

##### **Mass migration and the making of a new Australia after World War II**

Clichés abound about the first wave of migrants who came from Europe after World War II: the Snowy Mountains labourer, the proxy bride, the Cold War fugitive from communist Eastern Europe, the 'wog' kid with the un-Australian salami sandwich. We celebrate them today in popular memory as the pioneers of a cosmopolitan Australia, figures of affection, even earlier colourful versions of ourselves.

But how do historians interpret this 'moment' in Australian history? Who were the postwar migrants, and what sort of Australia did they encounter when they came? What were their experiences of settlement and assimilation? And why have their stories, and the history of Australian immigration, been marginalised for so long? During this talk Dr Balint will share some of her research into Australia's history of postwar immigration, and the wonderfully rich and diverse archives available to students and historians of this topic.

Visit [slm.is/theproject](http://slm.is/theproject) or [sl.nsw.gov.au/HEP2018](http://sl.nsw.gov.au/HEP2018) for the full list of 2018 presenters.

## HISTORIOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS WITH SYDNEY LIVING MUSEUMS

- Each participant will be allocated to ONE of these workshops. All workshops are skills-based, focusing on historical inquiry and critical thinking.
- Workshop numbers are strictly limited. The State Library of New South Wales will allocate places according to preferences expressed at the time of registration and order of receipt, and advise you of your workshop allocation when your booking is confirmed.
- Some school groups may need to be split between different workshops. Sydney Living Museums staff will supervise the movement of students where required.

### **The ancient world through modern eyes | *The Mint***

Dr Craig Barker | Classical archaeologist and Manager, Education and Public Programs, Sydney University Museums

During this hands-on workshop, students will handle and investigate genuine Mediterranean artefacts, and learn about the development of archaeological investigation from antiquarianism through to the modern scientific inquiry practised today.

### **Museums and curators as producers of history | *The Mint***

Dr Bruce Dennett | Historian, author, former Supervisor of Marking for History Extension

In this workshop, students will review how museums and their curators construct and represent the past by conserving, recording, displaying and interpreting aspects of past reality. Can the resultant exhibits ever be neutral? Students will interrogate specific examples by viewing them through the lens of historical thinking.

### **More than just an object | *Hyde Park Barracks Museum***

Dr Fiona Starr | Curator, Sydney Living Museums

Students will work in small groups to analyse artefacts and documentary sources, teasing out some of the stories behind a selection of fascinating objects. They will also visit a new museum exhibit and investigate the role of artefacts in interpreting a little-known period of Australian history.

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## WORKSHOPS AT THE STATE LIBRARY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Walk away with a suite of new tools, advice, and the confidence to embark on your major project. All attendees will participate in BOTH workshops.

### **Workshop 1: Speed date the experts**

This is your opportunity to ask all your burning questions about the project. Talk with teachers, markers, librarians, and those for whom the experience is very fresh – former History Extension students. Bring along all your ideas and test them out on a receptive audience.

### **Workshop 2: Rich resources from the State Library of New South Wales**

Discover the remarkable research resources on the State Library website. State Library staff will provide a valuable insight into the hidden web, assisting students to find primary sources, academic articles and abstracts to use in their History Project. Sign up for a library card so you can access resources wherever you are. BYO device to participate in this interactive workshop.

## REGISTRATION

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### VENUES

Each participant will spend a half-day at each venue. Please refer to your booking confirmation for the location of your morning session.

**State Library of New South Wales**  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

**The Mint**  
10 Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

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### COST

Teachers and students: \$25 plus Eventbrite booking fee  
*This includes admission and morning tea. Lunch is not provided.*

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### 2018 BOOKINGS

Bookings will open on 19 October and are managed by the State Library of New South Wales, via Eventbrite. The link to the Eventbrite page can be found at [sl.nsw.gov.au/HEP2018](http://sl.nsw.gov.au/HEP2018)

To avoid disappointment, we recommend that you book early. If you have any inquiries about your booking, please contact Learning Services at the State Library of New South Wales on 02 9273 1778 or [learning.library@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:learning.library@sl.nsw.gov.au)

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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