Australia's Deep Human Past in the Context of Global History
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Aboriginal Australians have lived on the Australian continent for up to 60,000 years. And yet Australia's place in world history, to judge by the canons of the field, begins with the arrival of the first Europeans in the late eighteenth century. This conference asks a simple question: how can we research and narrate Australia's deep past as *history*? To begin to answer this question, we have brought experts in Australian history together with specialists in archaeology and the science of the human past for two days of open-ended discussion.

Wednesday, September 28
5-7pm
Fong Auditorium, Boyston Hall

Speaker: David Christian, Macquarie University
Title: Australian History in Deep Time
Respondents:
Michael McCormick, Harvard University
Ann McGrath, Australian National University
John Maynard, University of Newcastle

Thursday, September 29
Barker Center, Thompson Room

9-12
Session 1: Australia in Global History: Frames and Cosmologies
Featuring Christian, Hiscock, Lydon, Liebmann, McGrath, and Spriggs

12-2 Lunch

2-5
Session 2: Origins, Contacts, and Journeys
Featuring Bashford, Davidson, Maynard, McCormick, Paterson, Russell, Spriggs, and Tuross

Friday, September 30
Barker Center, Thompson Room

9-12
Session 3: Art, Material Culture, Technology
Featuring Davidson, Hiscock, Liebmann, Lydon, McNiven, Paton, Paterson, and Smail

12-2 Lunch

2-5
Session 4: Landscapes, Bodies, Languages
Featuring Bashford, Bowern, Maynard, McNiven, Russell, Smail, Spriggs, and Tuross

Participants:

Alison Bashford, Cambridge University
Claire Bowern, Yale University
David Christian, Macquarie University
Iain Davidson, University of New England
Peter Hiscock, University of Sydney
Matthew Liebmann, Harvard University
Jane Lydon, University of Western Australia
John Maynard, University of Newcastle
Michael McCormick, Harvard University
Ann McGrath, Australian National University
Ian McNiven, Monash University
Alistair Paterson, University of Western Australia
Rob Paton, Australian National University
Nick Patterson, Broad Institute
Lynette Russell, Monash University
Daniel Lord Smail, Harvard University
Matthew Spriggs, Australian National University
Noreen Tuross, Harvard University

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