

WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2015

9-9:30 AM **WELCOME AND REGISTRATIONS (EF)**

9:30-11 **SESSION 1A (LR)**
Culture and Memory
Chair: Bobbie Oliver

Mark Gregory
Songs and Poems of the Australian Anti-
Conscription Movement

Phil Roberts
Ballarat's Avenue of Honour

Jefferson Lee
From Gallipoli to Iraq – the anti war peace
poems of the late Denis Kevans (1939-2005)

SESSION 1B (SR)
War's beginning
Chair: David Palmer

Douglas Newton
At Daggers Drawn: The International Women's
Movement and the Struggle to Avert War, July-
August 1914

Graham Willett
Australian Opposition to the outbreak of the
Great War

Andrew Bonnell
Social Democratic anti-war protest in Berlin,
July 1914

11-11:30 **MORNING TEA (EF)**

11:30-1 PM **SESSION 2A (LR)**
Women's Peace Movements (I)
Chair: Judy Smart

Ellen Warne
"To voice the longing of the peoples for
disarmament, tranquillity and peace": Women's
transnational organisations negotiate for peace
in the 1930s.

Margaret Sampson
'So this is how the wealthy used to live, now it is
the workers.' Materialism and mobility in the
travel diary of an Australian Communist
delegate to the WIDF World Congress of
Women 'For peace' Copenhagen, June 1953

Heather Goodall & Devleena Ghosh
Women, Workers and Peace: India-Australia,
1946-86

SESSION 2B (SR)
Protestants and Peace
Chair: Sigrid McCausland

Kim Thoday
"A harder thing than dying": the Protestant left
and peace activism in Australia during the early
Cold War

Graeme Phillips
A Denial of the Judeo-Christian Tradition?
Norman Z. Alcock and the Canadian Peace
Research Institute, 1961-1975

Bobbie Oliver
The Peacemaker – an active or passive agent in
the anti-Vietnam war movement?

1-2 **LUNCH (EF)**

2-3:30

SESSION 3A (LR)

Views from the Inside

Chair: Lisa Milner

Des Files

Che Guevara and the Dandenongs: a view on the anti-conscription/ anti-Vietnam years

Val Noone

The Vietnam peace movement made a difference

David Faber

Today We Own the Streets: the Adelaide NoWar protests against the 2003 war on Iraq

SESSION 3B (SR)

Labour Struggles

Chair: Ray Markey

Warwick Eather and Drew Cottle

“A curse to the landowner, but a blessing to the poor man”: The rabbit industry in south-east Australia, 1870-1970

Cathy Brigden & Bernard Mees

Before industry super: trade union campaigning and superannuation

Ruth Barton

Deindustrialisation, Memory and Struggle at the APPM

3:30-4

AFTERNOON TEA (EF)

4-5

Keynote Address (JCR)

Chair: Frank Bongiorno

Marilyn Lake

Equality or Militarism: The Conflict of Founding Narratives

5-6

WELCOME DRINKS (JCR)

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2015

9-9:30 AM WELCOME AND DAY REGISTRATIONS (EF)

9:30-11

SESSION 4A (LR)
Cold War Shadows
Chair: Kerry Taylor

Lachlan Clohesy
Evatt's foreign policies and
Cold War conflict

Doris LeRoy
Worker for peace from behind
the Iron Curtain

Simone Battiston
The controversial deportation
case of Ignazio Salemi (1976-
1977): The National Archives
of Australia files

SESSION 4B (SR)
Literature and the Left
Chair: Andrew Bonnell

Greg Kealey
"Citizen" Grove, Oliver the
Spy, and The Great Bustard:
Spies in *The Making of the
English Working Class*

**Andrew Milner & Verity
Burgmann**
Tomorrow and Tomorrow
When The War Ended

Chloe Ward
Keeping in step': The Left
Book Club in Britain and
Australia

SESSION 4C (JCR)
Conscription & WWI
Chair: Liam Byrne

Scott Stephenson
Conscription and the First
World War: Power within the
Australian Workers Union

Nathan Wise
"I voted NO": The soldiers'
vote in the Australian
conscription plebiscites of the
First World War.

Peter Love
Anstey's War

11-11:30 MORNING TEA (EF)

11:30-1 PM

SESSION 5A (LR)
**Militarism, desertion and
POWs**
Chair: Sarah Gregson

Shane Cahill
From Shanghai to Sydney –
resisting and accommodating
Japanese militarism 1932-3

Steven R. Welch
"I didn't want to be a soldier
anymore": German Deserters
in World War II

David Palmer
Allied POWs in Nagasaki: The
Unresolved Issue of
Mitsubishi's Wartime Slave
Labour

SESSION 5B (SR)
**Neoliberalism & Political
Futures**
Chair: Alison Barnes

Verity Archer
Anti Welfare, Pro-Australia:
neoliberalism and Australian
national character in the 1970s

Elizabeth Humphrys
The Accord after Thirty Years:
Corporatism in the Neoliberal
Era

Geoff Robinson
Marxists in the age of Palmer:
a genealogy of 'anti-politics'

SESSION 5C (JCR)
**The politics of memory and
of forgetting**
Chair: Carolyn Rasmussen

Carolyn Holbrook
Protest or Propaganda?
Psychology and Australian
Memory of the Great War

Chris McConville
Local memories and the
politics of forgetting 1915-
2015

Frank Bongiorno
Peace, Anzac and Australia's
1980s

- 1-2 **LUNCH (EF)**
LABOUR HISTORY EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING (SR)
- 2-3:30 **SESSION 6A (LR)**
Researching and publishing today: pitfalls & possibilities
Chair: TBC
- Sigrid McCausland**
The traces of peace:
Documenting anti-war struggles
- John Shields**
On Editing *Labour History*:
reflections, regrets and
recommendations
- TBC*
- SESSION 6B (SR)**
Peace movements and Vietnam
Chair: Val Noone
- Greg Stevens**
Campaigning for peace in
Vietnam-the Adelaide
mobilization, 1967-1972
- Jennifer O’Dempsey**
Activism in Brisbane between
1966 and 1972 – Women’s
Struggle against War and
Conscription
- Nick Irving**
“Couldn’t we actually try and
do this in Australia?":
Reading the Vietnam
Moratorium in its Global
Context
- SESSION 6C (JCR)**
Conscription and WWI (2)
Chair: TBC
- Robert Bollard**
Economic conscription and
Irish discontent: the possible
resolution of a conundrum.
- Dianne Hall & Adrian Threlfall**
Fighting for loyalty?: Irishness
during the First World War in
Australia
- Liam Byrne**
The young John Curtin and
James Scullin: Fighting Labor’s
War, conscription, the split,
and Labor’s political culture
1914-1921
- 3:30-4 **AFTERNOON TEA (EF)**
- 4-5 **Keynote Address (JCR)**
Chair: Phillip Deery
- Bruce Scates**
The first casualty of war: contesting the Anzac centenary
- 6-7 **PRE-DINNER DRINKS (EF)**
- 7-11 **CONFERENCE DINNER (JCR)**
JUNIOR COMMON ROOM
MC: Peter Love
Music by the Victorian Trade Union Choir
Awarding of Prizes (Ferguson Prize, Gollan Prize and the Labour History Prize) by Nikki Balnave

FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2015

9:30-10AM **WELCOME AND DAY REGISTRATIONS (EF)**

10-11 **Keynote Address (JCR)**
Chair: Chris McConville

Verity Burgmann

Syndicalist and Socialist Anti-Militarism 1911-1918: How the Labour Movement Beat Conscription

11-11:30 **MORNING TEA (EF)**

11:30-1 PM **SESSION 7A (LR)**
The Press
Chair: TBC

Rhys Cooper

Heroes of the Fireplace:
Conscientious Objectors in
Australian Newspapers during
World War I

Anne Beggs-Sunter

Ballarat's Crusading *Evening
Echo*; fighting militarism in
World War One

Jackie Dickenson

Advertising and Progressive
Media, 1910-1935

SESSION 7B (SR)
The 'Race' Card
Chair: TBC

Phil Griffiths

White Australia: Did the
working class benefit?

Karen Agutter

"Italians Deported –
Australians Next"

Sarah Gregson

Racism in the trenches: the
experiences of Portuguese
soldiers in World War One

SESSION 7C (JCR)
**Policing the Labour
Movement**
Chair: Andrew Moore

David Baker

Police v workers: a two-way
"war"?

Phillip Deery & Lisa Milner

'Insidious Propaganda': the
New Theatre and State
Repression

Kerry Taylor

The Hidden Labour History of
Spooks: reflections from across
the Tasman

1-2 **LUNCH (EF)**
ASSLH FEDERAL EXECUTIVE MEETING (SR)

2-3:30 **SESSION 8A (LR)**
**Union and Labour
Campaigns**
Chair: Peter Love

Sam Oldham

Refusing the Sack: Rank-and-
File Resistance to
Retrenchments in Australia in
the 1970s

SESSION 8B (SR)
**Women Activists in the First
World War**
Chair: Judy Smart

Wendy Dick

Mobilising morale: some
responses of Ellen Mulcahy and
the North & West Melbourne
community to WWI

SESSION 8C (JCR)
**Political campaigns and
Imperial legacies**
Chair: TBC

Tom O'Lincoln

The Neighbour from Hell:
Rethinking Foreign Policy

Ray Markey
Recommencing the Forward
March of Labour

**Nikola Balnave & Alison
Barnes**

Back to Grass Roots: Peak
Councils and Community
Campaigning

Carolyn Rasmussen
Falling in and out of love:
Doris Hordern, Maurice
Blackburn and the Women's
Political Association, 1911-15

Jenny Debney
Venereal Disease in WW1

Toby Boraman
Strikes against war, the nuclear
threat and other 'political'
strikes in New Zealand from
the late 1960s to mid-1980s

Andrew Gunstone
A History of Stolen Wages
Practices at Lake Tyers,
Victoria

3:30-4

AFTERNOON TEA (EAKINS FOYER)

Those going on the Cemetery Walking Tour with Peter Love & Albert Littler should meet here at 4 pm.

4-5:30

SESSION 9A (LR)
Women's Peace Movements (II)
Chair: TBC

Geraldine Robertson
First World War Women
Working for Peace in
Melbourne 1914-1919

Kate Laing
Women's Internationalism
and the World Disarmament
Campaign of the 1930s

TBC

SESSION 9B (SR)
**Socialism and
Incrementalism**
Chair: TBC

Rhianne Grieve
Conceptions of Sociability in
Early British socialist thought;
Charles Hall's Effects of
Civilisation on the People in
European States

Alex Chorowicz
Labour Victories: A
comparison of labour
campaigns in 1945 in Britain
and 1946 in Australia

**Cassandra Devine & Frank
Bongiorno**
Australian Fabianism and the
Incrementalist Approach to
Reform: Some Historical
Reflections

SESSION 9C (JCR)
Against the Bomb
Chair: TBC

Michael Hamel-Green
The role of the Australian and
New Zealand peace and anti-
nuclear movements in
advocating and fostering the
negotiation of the 1985 South
Pacific Nuclear Free Zone
(SPNFZ)(Rarotonga Treaty).

Jonathan Strauss
"A revolt against all the forces
of darkness"? The 1980s
Nuclear Disarmament
Movement

Nic Maclellan
Popular opposition to nuclear
testing in the Pacific, 1945-
2015

5:30-6:30

CONFERENCE CLOSE (EF)