

Welcome to 9th National Labour History Conference

CONFERENCE VENUE

With the exception of the Beer, Wine and Chasser Evening at NSW Parliament, all events associated with the 9th National Labour History Conference will be held at the Camperdown Campus of the The University of Sydney. Conference sessions will be held in the Holme Building (Map Ref: G2), the Great Hall (Map Ref: J2) and the General Lecture Theatre (western side of Main Quadrangle, Map Ref: H3).

GETTING TO 9th NATIONAL LABOUR HISTORY CONFERENCE

A map guide can be found in your conference satchel. This guide includes information regarding parking as well as accessing the campus via public transport and the University security shuttle between campus and Redfern station.

REGISTRATION

Conference registration will begin on Thursday 30 June 30 at 9am, Friday 1 July at 10am onwards, and Saturday 2 July from 8.45am onwards in the Withdrawing Room, Holme Building (Map Ref: G2).

CONFERENCE TIMES

The conference begins at 9am on Thursday, 10am on Friday and 8.45am on Saturday. It concludes at 5pm on Thursday and Saturday and at 6pm on Friday. This year we have a very tight program and as such sessions will begin and end as scheduled in the program. Presenters are asked to keep their presentations to a maximum of twenty minutes to allow for five minutes of questions from colleagues. There will be time at the end of each session for a general discussion. Chairs will be strictly monitoring the timing of sessions. The PhD forum will begin at 9am and conclude at 4pm on Saturday 2 July. It will be held in the Board Room of the Holme Building (Map Ref: G2). Please see the program for the detailed paper schedule.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESENTERS

The AV facilities include projection screen, and overhead projector in all rooms. Other AV facilities are available only through prior arrangement with the conference organisers. Some basic technical assistance will be available, however, presenters choosing to use powerpoint/datashows are reminded that technical facilities can sometimes fail and are encouraged to bring overhead projector slides as back up.

CONFERENCE FUNCTIONS

Trivia Night

This will be held at the Grandstand Bar (Opposite Oval No. 1, Map Ref: E9) on the evening of 30 June. The function will begin at 6.30pm. Hosted by the Sydney Branch of the Australian Society for the Study of Labour History.

Beer, Wine, Food and Chaser Evening

This will be held in NSW Parliament, Macquarie St, Sydney on the evening of 1 July. The function will begin at 7pm.

DISPLAYS AND LABOUR HISTORY MEMORABILIA

Banner Displays

These will be on display throughout the conference during conference hours, in the Refectory, and will conclude on Saturday at 2pm.

BANKS AND POST OFFICE

A branch of the Commonwealth Bank is located in the Holme Building (Map Ref: G2), the Post Office is located nearby (Map Ref: H3).

LUNCH – THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Lunch is not provided on Thursday and Friday. There are a number of eateries on campus (see Map).

SECURITY

The NSW police, ambulance and fire service can be reached in case of emergency on 000. The University of Sydney security services can be reached 24hrs on 1800 063487 (free call) or 9351 3333 in case of emergency.

We wish you a stimulating and enjoyable 9th National Labour History Conference!

Conference Convenors

Greg Patmore and John Shields

THURSDAY 30 June

9:00–9:30	REGISTRATION (Withdrawing Room)			
9:30–10:30	WELCOME, Chair: Greg Patmore (Great Hall)			
	Meredith Burgmann, President, the NSW Legislative Council: Opening address <i>Labour history and the labour movement</i>	Wendy Brady, Koori Centre, The University of Sydney: Welcome <i>Acknowledgement of Country</i>	Sid Gray School of Business, The University of Sydney: Welcome	
10:30–11:00	MORNING TEA (Refectory)			
11:00–1:00	Stream 1 – Arbitration, Chair: Nikola Balnave (Board room)			
	Geoff Robinson Arts, Deakin University <i>Labourism in action: Jack Baddeley, the Trade Union Secretaries' Association and the New South Wales Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Bill 1931</i>	Mark Hearn Work and Organisational Studies, School of Business, The University of Sydney <i>Justice Higgins and his witnesses</i>	Michael Lyons School of Management, University of Western Sydney <i>Shopping around: Extended retail trading hours and the Retail Trade Industrial Tribunal in New South Wales in the 1980s</i>	Bob Gould Sydney <i>History repeats itself, Bruce and Howard compared: John Howard's attempts to repeat the industrial relations changes of Melvin Stanley Bruce and how the labour movement may well be able to repeat the successful defence of useful industrial relations systems.</i>
	Stream 2 – Practicing Labour History, Chair: John Shields (MacCallum & Cullen Rooms)			
	Simon Booth & Verity Burgmann Political Science, University of Melbourne Stuart Macintyre History, University of Melbourne Andrew Milner & Matthew Ryan Centre for Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies, Monash University <i>Vanguards and avant-gardes: The 'Reason in Revolt' online project on political and cultural radicalism</i>	Nick Dyrenfurth School of Historical Studies, Monash University <i>Class, language and labor tradition: Towards the synthesis of discourse and experience</i>	D Frank, G Kealey, L Kealey & W Parenteau University of New Brunswick, N Lang & N Ouellet Université de Moncton, R Leger Canadian Union of Public Employees, Canada <i>Re-connecting with the History of Labour in New Brunswick: Historical perspectives on contemporary issues</i>	Winfried R Garscha Internationale Tagung der Historiker der Arbeiterbewegung (ITH), Austria <i>Networking labour studies: The ITH experience (1965–2005)</i>
	Stream 3 – Lives of Labour, Chair: Rae Cooper (Holme & Sutherland Rooms)			
Lucy Taksa School of Organisation and Management, University of New South Wales <i>'Beacon of unity?': J.S.T. McGowen, premier of NSW, 1910-1913</i>	John Kellett Economics, University of New England <i>Annie Lane, "Lucinda Sharpe", first wave feminism and utopian socialism</i>	Harry Knowles Work and Organisational Studies, School of Business, The University of Sydney <i>Leadership in trade unions How history and biography can help</i>	Deborah Jordan Australian Studies Centre, University of Queensland <i>Léontine Cooper to Rose Scott, the Queensland suffrage movement</i>	
1:00–2:00	LUNCH (Own Arrangements)			

2:00–3:30	Stream 1 – Mutuality and Co-operation Group 1, Chair: Philip Deery (Board Room)		
	<p>Nikola Balnave Employment Relations, School of Management, University of Western Sydney</p> <p>Greg Patmore Work & Organisational Studies, School of Business, The University of Sydney <i>Rochdale consumer co-operatives and Australian labour history</i></p>	<p>Leanne Cutcher Work and Organisational Studies, School of Business, The University of Sydney <i>How sustainable is mutuality? The case of two Australian credit unions</i></p>	<p>Maxine Darnell Economics, University of New England <i>'Freehold property for mechanics': A brief insight into Starr-Bowkett societies</i></p>
	Stream 2 – Nineteenth Century Labour, Chair: Frank Bongiorno (MacCallum & Cullen Rooms)		
	<p>Bradley Bowden Management, School of Business, Griffith University <i>A world dominated by youth: Child and youth labour in Queensland, 1885-1900</i></p>	<p>Robert Walshe Sydney <i>The many gains that have flowed from Eureka</i></p>	<p>Michael Wright Work and Organisational Studies, School of Business, The University of Sydney <i>“Angry disputings”- violence, strikes and demarcation: Relations between paid and unpaid firefighters in Sydney Prior to 1884</i></p>
	Stream 3 – Race and Work, Chair: Rae Frances (Holme & Sutherland Rooms)		
	<p>Jim Hagan Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies</p> <p>Andrew Wells Arts, University of Wollongong <i>The British and rubber in Malaya, c 1890 – 1940</i></p>	<p>Paul Jones History, University of Melbourne <i>“A consequent gain in the tempo of effort”: Chinese labour and Chinese industrial activism in Australia, 1941-45</i></p>	<p>James Wolfinger History and Education, DePaul University, USA <i>Liberty ... That’s a lot of bunk!?: The meaning of the 1944 Philadelphia Transit Strike to Black Philadelphia</i></p>
3:30–4:00	AFTERNOON TEA (Refectory)		
4:00–5:00	Stream 1 – Locating Labour Women’s Activism, Chair: Bradon Ellem (Holme & Sutherland Rooms)		
	<p>Cathy Brigden Management, RMIT University <i>Missing women: a historical examination of female activism in the Melbourne Trades Hall, 1880-1920</i></p>	<p>Rosemary Webb School of Social Sciences, Southern Cross University <i>“You could go to the Trades Hall and meet organisers”: Labour precincts and labour women in interwar Sydney</i></p>	
	Stream 2 – Mutuality and Co-operation Group 2, Chair: Nikola Balnave (Board Room)		
	<p>Bob James Newcastle <i>Mateship – its secret world: Re-visiting the Australian identity</i></p>	<p>Tony Laffan Newcastle <i>Co-operatives and the Newcastle Labour Movement 1860-1940</i></p>	
	Stream 3 – Actors, Chair: Melanie Oppenheimer (MacCallum & Cullen Rooms)		
	<p>K Kevyne Baar Saybrook Graduate School and Research Centre, USA <i>Actors’ Equity Association, the McCarthy era blacklist, and managing the common good</i></p>	<p>Genevieve Picot Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance <i>Equity foundation, media, entertainment and arts alliance</i></p>	
6:30 onwards	TRIVIA NIGHT/DINNER Hosted by Sydney Branch of ASSLH, with Senator John Faulkner as MC (Grandstand Bar)		

FRIDAY 1 July

REGISTRATION (Withdrawing Room)

10:00–10:30

MORNING TEA, BOOK LAUNCH (Refectory)

(by Verity Burgmann of *A Turbulent decade: Social protest movements and the labour movement, 1965-1975*, eds Beverley Symons & Rowan Cahill)

10:30–11:00

11:00–1:00

Stream 1 – Communism, Chair: John Shields (MacCallum & Cullen Rooms)

Christine de Matos

Humanities, University of Western Sydney

From the ‘people’s war’ to the ‘people’s occupation’: Australian and Japanese Communists, 1945-52

Phillip Deery & Doug Jordan

School of Social Sciences, Victoria University, Australia

Fellow-travelling in the Cold War: The Australian Peace Movement

Bobbie Oliver

Social Sciences, Curtin University of Technology

Shades of the Cold War: The role of Communist workers at the Midland Railway Workshops

Kerry Taylor

History, Philosophy and Politics, Massey University, New Zealand

The making of a New Zealand communism? The rise and fall of the Workers’ Communist League

Stream 2 – Indigenous Labour, Chair: Greg Patmore (Holme & Sutherland Rooms)

Michael Bennett

Sydney

A long time working – Aboriginal labour on the Coolangatta Estate, 1822-1901

Julia Martinez

Centre for Asia Pacific Social Transformation Studies, University of Wollongong

When wages were clothes: Dressing down Aboriginal workers in the Northern Territory

Jeannie Rea

Communication, Culture and Languages, Victoria University

The ACTU and the struggles of Indigenous Australians

Sue Taffe

Historical Studies, Monash University

The WWF and the Aboriginal Rights movement of the 1960s: A North Queensland case study

Stream 3 – Documentary Films (General Lecture Theatre, see insert for further details)

1:00–2:00

LUNCH (Own Arrangements)

2:00–3:30

Stream 1 – Managing Labour, Chair: Nikola Balnave (MacCallum & Cullen Rooms)

Ruth Barton

School of Management, University of Tasmania

‘Communal life, common interests and healthy conditions’: Industrial welfarism at Electrolytic Zinc, Hobart 1918-27

Sandra Cockfield

Management, Monash University, Australia

Arbitration, business strategy and labour management at Mort’s Dock

Melissa Kerr

Work and Organisational Studies, School of Business, The University of Sydney

The Importance of Consent: Labour management practices at Australian Abrasives 1945-62

Stream 2 – Gender at Work, Chair: Julie Kimber (Holme & Sutherland Rooms)

Diana Covell

History, The University of Sydney

Why women took on BHP: Gender bias and the Wollongong jobs for women campaign 1980-1994

Robyn Hanstock

Professional Development and Leadership, University of New England

Emerging from the silence: A history of women as adult educators in Australia

Margaret Ritchie

History, University of Strathclyde, UK

‘It was a partnership, really. A partnership in the true sense of the word’: Working relationships and gender balance in Scottish fishing families

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3:30–4:00	AFTERNOON TEA (Refectory)	
4:00–5:00	Stream 1 – Local and Regional Labour History, Chair: Bowden Bradley (General Lecture Theatre)	
	Frances Laneyrie Management, University of Wollongong Ray Markey , Employment Relations, School of Business, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand <i>Exploring the role of “Region” in working class organisation through film: The South Coast Labour Council (Australia)</i>	John Shields & Bradon Ellem Work and Organisational Studies, School of Business, The University of Sydney <i>Electoral Politics and the Broken Hill Labour Movement, 1921-50</i>
	Stream 2 – Women Entrepreneurs, Chair: Lucy Taksa (MacCallum & Cullen Rooms)	
	Joanne Scott Arts and Social Sciences, University of the Sunshine Coast <i>Intersections of gender and class: Female employers and self-employed workers in interwar Queensland</i>	Glenda Strachan Centre for Work, Community and Leisure Research and Department of Management, Griffith Business School Lindy Henderson Newcastle Business School, University of Newcastle <i>Assumed but rarely documented: Women’s entrepreneurial activities in late Nineteenth Century Australia</i>
	Stream 3 – Australia and the UK, Chair: Harry Knowles (Holme & Sutherland Rooms)	
	Frank Cain ADFA, University of New South Wales, Canberra <i>NSW Labor Governments at the hands of their hostile British governors</i>	Keith Gildart Humanities, Languages and the Social Sciences, University of Wolverhampton, UK <i>An Australian Socialist in England: Kim McKay, the British Left, and European Federalism, 1934-60</i>
5:00–6:00	PLENARY ADDRESS, Chair: Rae Frances (General Lecture Theatre)	
	Marcel van der Linden International Institute of Social History, The Netherlands Plenary address (sponsored by Unions NSW) <i>Labour history: An international movement</i>	
7:00 onwards	BEER, WINE, FOOD AND CHASER EVENING (Parliament House, Macquarie St., Sydney)	

SATURDAY 2 July

8:45–9:30	REGISTRATION (Withdrawing Room)		
9:00–10:30	Postgraduate forum, welcome and presentations, Chair: Rae Frances (Board Room)		
	Diana Covell History, The University of Sydney <i>Women campaigning for jobs in steel in Canada and Australia: A comparative study</i>	Kate Deverall History, University of New South Wales <i>Sisterhood and solidarity: Annie Golding, Kate Dwyer and the NSW ALP</i>	Danielle Thornton History, University of Melbourne <i>“We were sick of being treated like animals”: Class, gender and activism in the Melbourne Tailoresses’ Strike, 1882-83</i>
9:30–10:30	Stream 1 – The State, Chair: Harry Knowles (Holme & Sutherland Rooms)		
	Damien Cahill Political Economy, School of Economics and Political Science, The University of Sydney Rowan Cahill Bowral <i>Civilian Responses to peace-time military occupation: The 1978 Bowral call-out and its implications for the ‘War on Terrorism’</i>	Chris F Wright Work and Organisational Studies, School of Business, The University of Sydney <i>Industry policy and industrial relations in the Australian automotive sector: Explaining the present through the past</i>	
	Stream 2 – Culture in the Making, Chair: Julie Kimber (MacCallum & Cullen Rooms)		
	Sarah Gregson Organisation and Management, University of New South Wales <i>Titanic memorials in Australia: The myth and the message</i>	Rod Noble Health, University of Newcastle <i>Class and tradition in singing together: From Europe to New South Wales</i>	
	Stream 3 – More Rough Reds – Reflections on Communist Activism (General Lecture Theatre, see Insert for further details)		
10:30–11:00	MORNING TEA (Refectory)		
11:00–1:00	Postgraduate forum, presentations, Chair: Sarah Gregson (Board Room)		
	Robert Bollard History, Victoria University <i>“The solidarity was misapplied”: The historiography of the Great Strike of 1917</i>	Troy Sarina Law, The University of Sydney <i>The call for reform: Explanations for the introduction of non-union collective agreement making</i>	Nathan Wise History, University of New South Wales <i>Different worlds, different lives: Labour history approaches to histories of the military</i>
	Stream 1 – Labour Politics Chair: Bowden Bradley (Holme & Sutherland Rooms)		
	Robert Corcoran Melbourne <i>The Labor Split revisited: Old memories and new evidence</i>	Bob Gould Sydney <i>The longest “Third Period” in history: How the Democratic Socialist perspective, one Socialist sect, has maintained “Third Period” opposition to labourism without the direct pressure from Moscow that sustained the Communist Party’s well-known “Third Period” experience in the 1930s</i>	Tony Harris History, University of New South Wales <i>“A sort of Brigadoon”? ALP politics and the Residents’ Advisory Committee of the Glebe Estate during the time of federal government administration, 1974-85</i>
	Shelton Stromquist History, University of Iowa, USA <i>Making space: Municipal Socialists challenge to elite rule in New Zealand, Australia and the United States, 1890-1920</i>		

	Stream 2 – Trade Unions, Chair: Neale Towart (MacCallum & Cullen Rooms)			
	Drew Cottle, Angela Keys & Kristie Martin History, Politics and Philosophy, University of Western Sydney, <i>The end of the line: An examination of the 1990 Victorian rram dispute</i>	Marjorie Jerrard Management, Monash University <i>Exporting animals, exporting jobs: Thirty years of campaigning against live export</i>	Peter Love Politics, Swinburne University of Technology <i>An invitation to a discussion of trade union and workplace culture</i>	Ray Markey Employment Relations, School of Business, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand <i>White collar radicals: The NSW Public Service Association, 1899-1939</i>
	Stream 3 – More Rough Reds – Reflections on Communist Activism (General Lecture Theatre, see insert for further details)			
1:00–2:00	LUNCH, BOOK LAUNCH (Refectory) (by Jack Munday of Greg Mallory's <i>Unchartered Waters</i>)			
2:00–3:30	Stream 1 – Women Activists and Equal Pay, Chair: Lyndall Ryan (General Lecture Theatre)			
	Lenore Coltheart History Program, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University <i>Jessie Street and the pursuit of equal pay</i>	Rosemary Francis Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre, University of Melbourne <i>Muriel's engagement: Muriel Heagney and the struggle for equal pay in Australia</i>	Wendy Paterson Canberra <i>Ultimate ambition: Eileen Powell's contribution to equal pay activism in Australia, 1929 to 1969</i>	
	Stream 2 – Work and Unionism in Building and Construction, Chair: Bradon Ellem (MacCallum & Cullen Rooms)			
	John Elder Work and Organisational Studies, School of Business, The University of Sydney <i>The 1979 Commission of Inquiry into self-employed contractors in the NSW Housing Industry – Was it the Last Hurrah??</i>	David Kelly Work and Organisational Studies, School of Business, The University of Sydney <i>Industrial relations in a deregulated era: Reappraising nineteenth century building unions</i>	Liz Ross Melbourne <i>Dare to struggle, dare to win! The 1986 deregistration of the BLF</i>	
2:00–4:00	POSTGRADUATE FORUM, Chair: Julie Kimber (Board Room)			
	2:00–3:00 Publishing in Refereed Journals 3:00–4:00 Finding Employment			
3:30–4:00	AFTERNOON TEA (Holme & Sutherland Rooms)			
4:00–5:00	MUSICAL FINALE (General Lecture Theatre)			