

## Good Times, Hard Times? Making Australian Labour History, Remaking Australian Society

13th Biennial National Labour History Conference, 11-13 July 2013, Unions NSW, Trades Hall, 4-10 Goulburn Street, Sydney.

### Draft Conference Program

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

10.30-11.00	Conference Registration	
11.00-11.30	Welcome: Nikola Balnave (President, Australian Society for the Study of Labour History) and Morning Tea	
11.30-12.30	Keynote Speaker: Maurice Glasman (London Metropolitan University): '1945 and all that'	
12.30-14:00	Lunch	ASSLH Federal Executive Meeting
14.00-15.30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Resistance</b></p> <p>Phoebe Kelloway (University of Melbourne): The 1932 Textile Workers' Strike: Struggle during the Depression</p> <p>Sarah Gregson, Michael Quinlan and Ian Hampson (UNSW): 'Industrially seeking status': the costs and benefits of professionalism in aircraft maintenance work</p> <p>Ruth Barton and Bernhard Mees (RMIT): Telecom's Vision 2000: Academic Agency and Trade Union Resistance in Organisational Cultural Change</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Activism (1)</b></p> <p>Cathy Brigden (RMIT University): Union records and family trees: constructing a trade union activist's working-class identity</p> <p>Nick Dyrenfurth (Monash University): William Guthrie Spence: A Reassessment</p> <p>Stephen Holt (Unaffiliated): Billy Hughes' Radical Son</p>
15.30-16.00	Afternoon tea	
16.00-17.30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Labor in Vain?</b></p> <p>Peter Love (Swinburne University): A Culture of Corruption? The 1928 Royal Commission on Political</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Labouring Against the State</b></p> <p>Julie Kimber (Swinburne University): Offensive behaviour: public order, policing and the assimilationist vision</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Corruption</b></p> <p>Alex Chorowicz (University of Melbourne): Labor's New Look: The ALP's 1946 Federal Election Campaign</p> <p>Geoff Robinson (Deakin University): Zombie labourism? Julia Gillard and labour traditions</p>	<p>Phillip Deery (Victoria University): Transnational solidarity? The Australian campaign to save the Rosenbergs</p> <p>Phillip Deery and Lachlan Clohesy (Victoria University): Hot Science, Cold War: Australian scientists in the 1940s</p>
17.30-18.30	Welcome Drinks	
19.00-20.00	Australian Fabians Event with Maurice Glasman: 'Blue Labour and the politics of the common good' (Trades Hall Auditorium)	

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

9.30-10.30	Keynote Speaker : Professor Greg Patmore (University of Sydney): Beyond Representative Democracy: Communities and Co-operatives	
10.30-11.00	Morning tea	
11.00-13.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Labour Culture</b></p> <p>Tony Moore (Monash University) – Bohemians in the Street: Artists, Politics and Cultural Activism</p> <p>Nick Dyrenfurth (Monash University) – Australian Labour and the Politics of Mateship</p> <p>Mark Gregory (Newcastle University) – The working songs and poems of Australian Railway workers</p> <p>Lisa Milner (Southern Cross University) – Creative Radicalism: Newcastle's Post-war Cultural Activists</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Activism (2)</b></p> <p>Andrew Gunstone (Monash University) – The Campaign for a Stolen Wages Compensation Fund in Victoria</p> <p>Jan Richardson (Monash University) – Stan Davey: White activist for remote area Kimberley Aboriginal communities 1975 to 1980'</p> <p>Drew Cottle (UWS) – 'Reapers of the Wealth? The Labour Process in Open-Cut Coal Mining in Australia and its Consequences</p> <p>Doris Le Roy (Victoria University) – Questions regarding the assimilation process for early Chinese settlers and workers into Australia</p>

13.00-14.30	Lunch and Banner Room Tour	ASSLH Editorial Board Meeting
14.30-16.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Protest</b></p> <p>Rob Bollard (Victoria University) – Raising a different army to the one they expected</p> <p>Liam Byrne (University of Melbourne) – ‘workers of the world have one common enemy to fight’: The Anti-Militarist Left in the Victorian Campaign against Conscription</p> <p>Wil Wallace (Unaffiliated) – Occupy’s Digital Dilemma: Issues with New Media sources for Future Researchers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Global Ports/Global Labour</b></p> <p>Paula de Angelis (University of Adelaide) – Port Workers as Links in the Chain: World Class Solidarity and Marine Transport in Tom Barker’s <i>The Story of the Sea</i></p> <p>David Palmer (Flinders University) – Labour Democracy / Labour Slavery: World War II Shipyard Workers in the Ports of Philadelphia and Nagasaki</p> <p>Lisa Milner (Southern Cross)– Cockatoo Island Shipyard Workers and the Port of Sydney</p> <p>Chair: Ray Markey</p>
16.00-16.30	Afternoon tea	
16.30-18.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Plenary Session–</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A People’s History?–</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Popularising academic labour and radical history</b></p> <p>Michelle Arrow (Macquarie University)</p> <p>Tony Moore (Monash University)</p> <p>Catherine Freyne (ABC Radio National’s Hindsight)</p> <p>Paul Clarke (Bombora Film and Television Co.)</p> <p>Chair– Nick Dyrenfurth</p>	
19.00-	Conference Dinner: Nine Dragons, 39 Dixon St Haymarket (Please book through the conference website, BYO)	

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

9.00-10.00	HDR Mentoring Session	
10.00-11.30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Organising</b></p> <p>Samuel Russell (University of Sydney) – Testing the edges of class organisation: Federation of Australian University Staff Associations in the 1950s and 1960s</p> <p>Greg Patmore (University of Sydney) – Fighting Employee Representation Plans: Union-Management Co-operation in the Interwar Period</p> <p>Bradon Ellem (University of Sydney) – The Making of Iron Ore Unionism in the Pilbara</p>	
11.30-11.45	Morning Tea	
11.45-13.00	Union and Community Organising Panel (TBC)	
13.00-14.00	Lunch and Farewell	