

Workers of the world conference program & chairpeople

Saturday 23 September, morning

Time	Outside/Ref	Riverview Room	Seminar Room 1	Seminar Room 2
8:30-9:15	Registration			
9:15-9:45		<p>Welcome to Country: Sam Watson, Murri elder</p> <p>Conference opening: Michael Clifford, Assistant General Secretary, Queensland Council of Unions</p>		
9:45-11:00		<p>Keynote: John Maynard: 'The men only worked when necessary, we called no man master and we had no King'</p> <p>Chair: Julia Martinez</p>		
11:00-11:30	Morning tea			
11:30-1:15		<p>Internationalism and the Australian labour movement</p> <p>Diane Kirkby: Seafarer Internationalism: the Indian Seamen's Strike in Australia in 1939</p> <p>Jimmy Yan: Revolutionary Ireland and transnational labour solidarity in the Victorian railways: the case of Alex Morrison and Tom Wilson, 1921-22 (R)</p> <p>Daniel Hannington-Pinto: Australian contributions to union building in Timor-Leste (R)</p> <p>Chair: Emma Robertson</p>	<p>Unionising and de-unionising the Pilbara</p> <p>Alexis Vassiley: Workers of the Pilbara: Building union strength in an emerging mining region 1965-1972 (R)</p> <p>Bradon Ellem: Remaking the Pilbara: the geography and politics of de-unionisation, 1986-2003</p> <p>Al Rainnie: FIFO: Work, workers, workplace and community in the WA resources sector</p> <p>Chair: Cathy Brigden</p>	<p>Visionaries and intellectuals</p> <p>Brian Howe: William Morris and the "clever country"</p> <p>Martie Lowenstein: Revealing interviews: the unpublished legacy of Wendy Lowenstein</p> <p>Rhianne Grieve: The Revolutionary Vanguard; an analysis of Thomas Spence's Rights of Infants (1796) and its commitment to the political agency of women</p> <p>Chair: Andrew Bonnell</p>
1:15-2:15	Lunch	Book launch		

NOTE: Greyed-out papers indicate the presenter has had to withdraw from the conference. Papers marked (R) have been refereed

Saturday 23 September, afternoon

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2:15-4:00		<p>Impact of the Russian Revolution on the Australian labour movement</p> <p>Peter Love: Frank Anstey's Red Europe Carole Ferrier: Kollontai Down Under: Jean Devanny in Australasia James Morris: Alexander Zuzenko, the Communist International and the formation of the Communist Party of Australia (R)</p> <p>Chair: Bradon Ellem</p>	<p>Historicising Chinese workers in Australia</p> <p>Julia Martinez: The Chinese cook's life in Queensland during WW1 Claire Lowrie: Historicising 'houseboys': Chinese domestic workers in Darwin, 1870s-1910s Peter Gibson: Voices of Melbourne's Chinese furniture factory workers, 1890-1920</p> <p>Chair: Christina Ealing-Godbold</p>	<p>Strikes and organising</p> <p>Phoebe Kelloway: Rothbury shootings 1929: a reappraisal John McCollow: The battle for TAFE: teachers and the Newman Government, 2012-2015: a brief history (R) Warwick Eather and Drew Cottle: Preparing for battle: farmers, wheat lumpers and the 1917 general strike</p> <p>Chair: Alexis Vassiley</p>
4:00-4:30	Afternoon tea			
4:30-5:40		<p>Indigenous Australians and the left</p> <p>Lisa Milner: The unpopular cause: Indigenous members of the Union of Australian Women Padraic Gibson: "Struggle with the Aborigines against Australian imperialism!" - the making of the Communist Party of Australia's 1931 manifesto on Aboriginal oppression</p> <p>Chair: Jon Piccini</p>	<p>Unwanted immigrants</p> <p>Phil Griffiths: Class analysis and the "coolie labour" crisis in late colonial Queensland Paul Macgregor: Chinese mining labour on the gold and tin fields of 19th century Australasia</p> <p>Chair: Claire Lowrie</p>	<p>Brisbane union activism</p> <p>Lesley Syngge: A Visual Biography of Wal Stubbings (1913- 2014), Waterside Workers Federation (WWF) activist for 40 Years Carol Corless: Valour among the vats</p> <p>Chair: Greg Mallory</p>
5:40-6:00	Winding down, chat, and walk to dinner venue			
6:30-9:30	Conference dinner, Saint Lucy Caffè e Cucina, Blair Drive, University of Queensland			

Sunday 24 September, morning

Time	Outside/Ref	Riverview Room	Seminar Room 1	Seminar Room 2
9:00+	Coffee			
9:30-10:40		<p>Unions and refugees Kevin Bates (QTU): The QTU campaign for refugee rights Jon Piccini: Labour, refugees and Australia's human rights imagination in the 1940s Chair: John McCollow</p>	<p>Labour mobility Andrea Ringer (Memphis): Big top labor: understanding labor mobility and global markets through nineteenth-century animal trainers (R) Jayne Persian: "A Hot Siberia": Displaced labour in post-war Australia Chair: Paul McGregor</p>	<p><i>New timeslot</i> How to get published in Labour History: a workshop for postgrads and early career academics Come and meet members of the Labour History Editorial Board and editor, Prof Diane Kirkby. Bring a draft abstract for instant constructive feedback!</p>
10:40-11:10	Morning tea			
11:10-12:30		<p>Keynote: Ruth Milkman: Populism, precarity and xenophobia in the Trump era Chair: tbc</p>		
12:30-1:30	Lunch			

Sunday 24 September, afternoon

Time	Outside/Ref	Riverview Room	Seminar Room 1	Seminar Room 2
1:30-3:15		<p>Organising immigrant workers Craig Buckley (AMIEU Qld): How the meatworkers' union responded to the introduction of long-term temporary workers in the meat processing industry Imogen Beynon (NUW Qld): Organising 417 backpacker workers Luke Vitale: Organising Italian workers in fin de siècle Australia Chair: tbc</p>	<p>Socialist organising Andrew Bonnell: German Social Democracy before 1914: Reflections on debates and critiques of a mass working-class party Greg Mallory: Turmoil in the Communist Party of Australia: issues involved in the formation of the Socialist Party of Australia 1971 Chair: Bob Russell</p>	<p>Culture and work Cathy Brigden and Lisa Milner: Workers' Struggles on Stage: Australian Radical Theatre (R) Ron Lambert: Creating Culture at APM P/L 1936 to 1953 (incl 10 min film) Mathin Biswas, Marjorie Jerrard & Julian Teicher: Photoelicitation, Metaphors and Memories: The Meaning of the Fence for Former SECV Employees Chair: Heather Goodall</p>
3:15-3:45	Afternoon tea			
3:45-4:55		<p>Unions & globalisation Bob Carnegie (MUA, Qld): Dealing with global stevedoring companies: the MUA experience Verity Burgmann: Workers of the World in the Twenty-First Century Chair: tbc</p>	<p>Mobile militants David Faber: FG Fantin: a complex sense of belonging (R) Duncan Money: Ain't I a bastard, well I received my training in Aussie: The life of Frank Maybank, an Australian trade unionist on the Central African Copperbelt Chair: Andrea Ringer</p>	<p>Workers of the world Peter Uledi: Central African labour history from 1946 to 1948 in relation to Southern Rhodesia labour needs (R) Emmet Gillespie: Refusing "to work and also starve": The Federal Workers Section in conflict with the Minneapolis Welfare Board Chair: Martie Lowenstein</p>
5:00	End of day's proceedings			

Monday 25 September: Morning

Time	Outside/Ref	Riverview Room	Seminar Room 1	Seminar Room 2
8:30+	Coffee			
9:00-10:10		<p>Women in the class struggle Emma Robertson: When women supersede men!: Transgressive Femininity on the Railways during World War One Deborah Jordan: Queensland Anti-war feminists during World War One (R) Chair: Lisa Milner</p>	<p>How to get published in Labour History: <i>Moved to Sunday 9:30</i></p>	<p>Malcolm Abbott: Common interests: the origins of the relationship between the Australian Labor Party and the margarine industry Georgina Murray and David Peetz: The history of the future of cyborgs, society and work Chair: Brad Bowden</p>
10:10-10:40	Morning tea			
10:40-12:25		<p>We the workers A new film by Wen Hai on labour activism in China Introduced by: Phil Griffiths</p>	<p>The immigrant experience Anna Shnukal: Greek and Okinawan divers in the post-war Australian pearling industry Marjorie Jerrard & Patrick O'Leary: Migrants and the Meat Processing Industry in Australia: A Continuous Contribution Max Kaiser: An Antifascist Anti-Migrant Campaign: The Jewish campaign against German Migration to Australia 1950-1952 Chair: Jimmy Yan</p>	<p>Change in the union movement Bob Russell: Possession, provider, organiser: three eras in an Australian white-collar union (R) Brad Bowden: The decline and transformation of Australian unionism (R) John Martin: Centralisation in three large Australian unions (R) Chair: Carol Corless</p>
12:25-1:30	Lunch			

Conference attendees wishing to leave luggage in a safe place can use the Stevens Bonnin Room.

Monday 25 September: Afternoon

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1:30-2:40		<p>Women, work and unions Heather Goodall and Devleena Ghosh: Workers, women and unions: India & Australia 1940s Renate Howe: "But I wouldn't want my wife to work here...": Assessing the impact of a 1975 study of migrant women workers in Melbourne Chair: John Martin</p>	<p>Cold war attacks on the labour movement Phillip Deery and Julie Kimber: "A menace to America": the deportation case of Harry Bridges Raymond Markey: Cleaning Out the Reds: The Cold War in the NSW Public Service Association, 1947-54 Chair: Peter Love</p>	<p>Labour activists Christina Ealing-Godbold: Andrew Spink - All for the Worker Martin Sullivan: A Catholic priest, railway navvies, secondary schooling for girls from the labouring population of Charters Towers, 1880-1910 Chair: Deborah Jordan</p>
2:40-3:30		<p>Closing panel: Summing up the Workers of the World conference Ruth Milkman Frank Bongiorno Jimmy Yan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does labour history have to offer in an age of rising nationalist chauvinism and angry populist revolt? • How do we do labour history in Australia, and Australian labour history, in an era of globalisation? • What is the relevance of labour history to young people today? <p>Facilitator: Diane Kirkby</p>		
3:30 on	Post-conference drinks. Venue: TBC			