



Lecture Series in Social Anthropology

Full
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2026

Tuesday, 8 December 2026 | 4.15 p.m. | Room PEA-E-23 (Ethnographic Museum)

Colonialism and the Representation of Indigenous Australians

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Much of my research has been focused on the Aboriginal history of the Brisbane region in south-east Queensland, with a particular focus on photographic history. Through photographs, I have documented the effects that our British Colonial past has had on the lives of Aboriginal people, while also documenting how Indigenous history has been portrayed by the Colonisers. In my presentation I will discuss the representation of Aboriginal people at international exhibitions in England during the 1800s and a Royal Visit to Brisbane in 1901. Considering the Colonial context of these events, there was significant Aboriginal presence and good documentation of what was exhibited. I will discuss how objects and images from these events can now be found in museum collections around the world.

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