

Southern Worlds: South Africa and Australia Compared

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Foreword

It is a pleasure to welcome to Monash South Africa's campus all those who will participate in the *Southern Worlds: South Africa and Australia Compared* Conference.

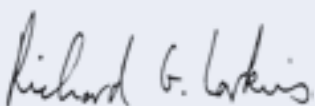
There are longstanding associations between South Africa and Australia across a broad range of experience and activity. The two countries have histories and contemporary interaction in many fields. These include trade; migration; military involvement; colonial settlement experience; ethnic diversity and reconciliation; and (most intensely) sporting engagement.

Monash is proud that, through the growing campus at Monash South Africa, it is playing a constructive part in strengthening the ties between our two nations, and helping create the additional new skills on which South Africa and its continent's future will depend.

The Conference which the Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements and the National Centre for Australian Studies have organised in co-operation with Monash South Africa promises to be excellent. It features an impressive array of speakers from each country across a well ordered range of topics relating to both history and modernity in the two nations. A publication will ensue from the Conference.

The Southern Worlds Conference is part of Monash's celebration of its 50th year, and is financially supported by the 50th Anniversary Project.

I should like once more to welcome all delegates to Monash South Africa, and to thank those concerned for organising the Conference. I look forward to hearing of its outcome, and trust that you will enjoy the excellent facilities and ambience of our Monash South Africa campus.



Professor Richard Larkins AO
Vice-Chancellor and President
Monash University



Pre-conference – Tuesday 25 November 2008

- 5:00 – 5:30 pm **Registration**
- 5:30 – 7:00 pm **Cocktail reception**
La Scala Restaurant
Montecasino
- Professor Tyrone Pretorius
Pro Vice-Chancellor and President, Monash South Africa
- Chair: Professor John Nieuwenhuysen AM**
Director, Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements

Day 1 – Wednesday 26 November 2008

- 8:30 – 9:00 am **Registration**
- 9:00 – 9:30 am **Conference Welcome**
Dr David Dunstan National Centre for Australian Studie, Monash Universitys
The Hon Philip Green OAM Australian High Commissioner
Chair: Professor Tyrone Pretorius Pro Vice-Chancellor and President, Monash South Africa
- 9:30 – 10:00 am **Opening Address**
Not just Sisters of the South: South Africa & Australia – An historical perspective
Dr Jim Davidson University of Melbourne
Chair: Dr Bhadra Ranchod Former SA High Commissioner to Australia, University of Stellenbosch
- 10:00 – 10:30 am **Morning tea**
- 10:30 – 12:00 pm **Plenary Session One**
The 19th Century Imperial Past
Emeritus Professor Norman Etherington University of Western Australia
Professor Carl Bridge Menzies Centre, King's College London
Chair: Professor David Welsh University of Cape Town
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 2:30 pm **Plenary Session Two**
1890–1940 – Issues of race, gender and ethnicity
Professor Marilyn Lake La Trobe University
Professor Jonathan Hyslop University of Witwaterstrand
Chair: Associate Professor Dina Burger Monash South Africa
- 2:30 – 4:00 pm **Plenary Session Three**
1940-2008 – Issues of race, gender and ethnicity
Pat Turner National Indigenous Television
Professor David Welsh University of Cape Town
Chair: James Lekoma Monash South Africa
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm **Plenary Session Four**
Immigration and Population Movements
Associate Professor Dharma Arunachalam Monash University
Dr Robert Crawford Menzies Centre, King's College London & Monash University
Chair: Professor Elsabe Loots Monash South Africa

Day 1 – Conference Dinner

6:30 – 10:00 pm **Dinner**
Montecasino Palazzo Inter-Continental Hotel

Day 2 – Friday 24 October 2008

8:30 – 9:00 am **Registration**

9:00 – 10:30 am **Plenary Session Five**
Modern History Wars
Dr Anna Clark University of Technology Sydney
Professor Siphon Seepe South African Institute of Race Relations
Chair: Professor Peter Vale The Nelson Mandela Professor of Politics, Rhodes University

10:30 – 11:00 am **Morning tea**

11:00 – 12:30 pm **Plenary Session Six**
Trade and Economic Relations
Professor Tony Dingle Monash University
Horst Brammer Australasia and Pacific Islands, Department of Foreign Affairs, South Africa
Chair: Nontyatyambo (Ntyaty) Petros Business Report, Independent Newspapers

12:30 – 1:15 pm **Lunch**

1:15 – 3:00 pm **Plenary Session Seven**
Truth and Reconciliation with indigenous and multicultural communities
Dr Andrew Gunstone Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies, Monash University, Gippsland
Dr Bhadra Ranchod University of Stellenbosch
Nicole Watson Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, University of Technology Sydney
Chair: Professor Michael Neocosmos Monash South Africa

3:00 – 3:15 pm **Afternoon tea**

3:15 – 4:45pm **Plenary Session Eight**
The sporting life: rugby, cricket and other clashes
Professor Bruce Murray University of Witwatersrand
Professor Andre Odendaal University of Western Capetown
Participating Chair: Professor Carl Bridge Menzies Centre, King's College London

4:45 – 5:00 pm **Conclusion**
Professor John Nieuwenhuysen AM Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements

Day 3 – Friday 28 November 2008

9:00 - 2:30 pm **Tour of Soweto**
(optional – includes travel time)

Biographies

Dharma Arunachalam is an Associate Professor in the School of Political and Social Inquiry at Monash University. He received his PhD in Demography from the Australian National University in 1992 and was a Rockefeller Postdoctoral Fellow at the Population Studies Centre, University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, USA) from 1991-1994. Before joining Monash University in January 2006, he taught at the Department of Societies and Cultures, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand from 1995-2005. Dharma's research focus is in the field of social demography including fertility, family formation and change, family/household structure, health and migration.

Horst Brammer is the Director for Australasia and Pacific Islands at the Department of Foreign Affairs, South Africa. He has written articles on security issues (among those 'In search of an effective regional security mechanism for southern Africa', in *Global Dialogue* (1999)) and Brammer frequently attends conferences on these and related topics.

Carl Bridge is Professor of Australian Studies and Head of the Menzies Centre for Australian Studies, King's College London. He specialises in Australian political, diplomatic, military and intellectual history. His latest book is 'A Delicate Mission: The Washington Diaries of R.G. Casey, 1940-42' (National Library of Australia, 2008). He is joint editor of *Reviews in Australian Studies*.

Dina Burger is the Deputy Pro Vice-Chancellor Research at Monash South Africa. She was previously the Director of Research at the University of South Africa in Pretoria, where she published numerous journal articles, contributed to a book on project management, was involved in research projects and supervised postgraduate students. Her broad research interests include leadership, HIV and AIDS management, disaster management, policy analysis and research management.

Anna Clark is a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Technology, Sydney. She co-wrote 'The History Wars' with Stuart Macintyre in 2003, an examination of historical debates in Australia. She is also the author of 'Teaching the Nation: the Politics and Pedagogy of Australian History' (2005) and 'History's Children: History Wars in the Classroom' (2008). Her current project looks at popular conceptions of national identity in Australia.

Robert Crawford is a Research Fellow with the Menzies Centre for Australian Studies and with the Monash Institute for the Studies of Global Movements. His work has largely focused on media history and issues pertaining to national identity. He is currently working on a project examining South Africans in London from 1994 through to the present day.

Jim Davidson is an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Centre in the School of Historical Studies at the University of Melbourne. He was editor of the literary journal *Meanjin* (1974-1982), and wrote the prizewinning musical biography 'Lyrebird Rising: Louise Hanson-Dyer of Oiseau-Lyre' (1994). His life of the historian W.K. Hancock will be published by Melbourne University Press in 2010.

Tony Dingle is Associate Dean, Education, in the Faculty of Business and Economics at Monash University and was appointed to this position at the beginning of 2005. He was formerly Head, Department of Economics at Monash University and also taught economic history. He has written and edited 10 books including 'Settling', Vol 2 of the three volume 150th anniversary history of Victoria (1984) and 'Vital connections: Melbourne and its Board of Works', 1891-1991, (1991) (with Carolyn Rasmussen). Professor Dingle's research interests include the general areas of urban, environmental and economic history, especially of Australia.

David Dunstan is a Senior Lecturer, National Centre for Australian Studies, Caulfield Campus. David has taught Australian History and Australian Studies at the University of Melbourne, RMIT University and at Monash and Deakin universities. He worked with the Government of Victoria in heritage administration and with Museum Victoria prior to joining Monash University as a staff member in 1994. He is an occasional reviewer and contributor to the Australian press and a frequent contributor to Australian Studies conferences internationally and in Australia. He completed his PhD at the University of Melbourne in 1983 and the Graduate Diploma in Editing and Publishing at RMIT University in 1995.

Norman Etherington was educated at Yale University and appointed to the Chair of History at the University of Western Australia in 1989. The author of nine books and more than fifty articles and book chapters, he is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, a past President of the Australian Historical Association, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical and Royal Historical Societies of the UK, and member of the Council of the Heritage Council of Western Australia. His most recent, 'Mapping Colonial Conquest: Australia and Southern Africa', was published by the University of Western Australia Press in 2007.

Philip Green is the Australian High Commissioner to South Africa. He is a senior Australian diplomat who from 1998 to 2000 was Australia's High Commissioner to Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda and Ambassador to Ethiopia and Eritrea. He has also worked on African affairs in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. He escorted President Mandela on his historic first visit to Australia following his release from prison in 1990. Philip has been High Commissioner to South Africa since August 2004. He was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2002 for his involvement in the response to the Bali tragedy.

Andrew Gunstone is a Senior Lecturer in Australian Indigenous Studies at the Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies at Monash University. His main research interests are in the politics of reconciliation and the contemporary and historical political relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Australia. He has written extensively on the Australian national reconciliation process. His books include 'Unfinished Business: the Australian Formal Reconciliation Process' (2007) and 'History, Politics and Knowledge: Essays in Australian Indigenous Studies' (2008) (ed). He is also the founder and editor of the *Journal of Australian Indigenous Issues*.

Jonathan Hyslop is Professor of Sociology and History at the University of the Witwatersrand and Deputy Director of the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research. He has published numerous articles on aspects of 19th and 20th century British Empire and South African social history and is the author of 'The Classroom Struggle: Policy and Resistance in South Africa 1940-1990' (University of Natal Press, 1999), 'The Notorious Syndicalist: J.T. Bain – A Scottish Rebel in Colonial South Africa' (Jacana, 2004) and editor of *African Democracy in the Era of Globalisation* (University of the Witwatersrand Press, 1999). In 2007-8 he was a member at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.

Marilyn Lake is a Professor in the history program at La Trobe University. She was appointed to a Personal Chair in History at La Trobe University in 1994; in 1997 she held a Visiting Professorial Fellowship at Stockholm University; and between 2001 and 2002 the Chair in Australian Studies at Harvard University. She has published 12 books and numerous essays and articles on subjects ranging from citizenship and nationalism to sexuality and feminism. Her biography 'Faith: Faith Bandler, Gentle Activist' won the HREOC award for non-fiction. Her recent books include 'Memory, Monuments and Museums' (MUP, 2006) and 'Connected Worlds: History in Transnational Perspective' (ANU Press, 2006). 'Drawing the Global Colour Line: White Men's Countries and the Question of Racial Equality' co-authored by Henry Reynolds won the Queensland Premier's Award for History in 2008.

James Lekoma is the Executive Director of Operations and Services at Monash South Africa. Previously he was a senior human resources consultant with Shell South Africa and Executive Director of Human Resources at the University of the Western Cape. James has acted as a tribunal member with the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration. As a student James joined the struggle against apartheid through the South African Students' Organisation.

Elisabe Loots is Professor in Economics and Head of the School of Business and Economics at Monash South Africa. Her research interests are official development assistance flows to Africa, foreign direct investment in Africa, South African sectoral analysis and the 2010 Soccer World Cup impact analysis. Her most recent publications include 'Co-movement between South Africa and SADC countries: Is trade a predominant factor?' (Economic Modelling, Vol. 24, No 5, September 2007), and African Peer Review Mechanism Background Report on 'Economic Governance and Management for Malawi' commissioned by the Nepal Secretariat (September 2007). She is also a former President of the Economic Society of South Africa.

Bruce Murray is Professor Emeritus of History at the University of the Witwatersrand. He is the author of several books, including 'Wits: The Open Years' (1997) and co-author with Christopher Merrett of 'Caught Behind: Race and Politics in Springbok Cricket' (2004).

Michael Neocosmos received his doctorate in 1982 from Bradford University UK. He has taught at various universities in Britain and in Africa. His main fields of research have included rural development in both Latin America and Africa; development, migrant labour, ethnicity, citizenship, state and civil society, political transition, all in Southern Africa. His publications include 'Social Relations in Rural Swaziland' (ed) 1987, 'The Agrarian Question in Southern Africa' (1993), 'From Foreign Natives to Native Foreigners' (2006) and numerous articles.

John Nieuwenhuysen is the Founding Director of the Monash Institute for the Study of Global Movements. In 2003 he received an award in the Order of Australia (AM) for service to the community through contributions to independent academic, public and private sector research, to debate on immigration, cultural diversity, equity, economic development, taxation, Indigenous, labour and industry issues, and to reform of the liquor laws of Victoria.

Andre Odendaal is Honorary Professor in History and Heritage Studies at the University of the Western Cape and Chief Executive of the Western Province Cricket Association. He has written seven books, including *Vukani Bantu! The beginnings of black protest politics in South Africa to 1912* and *The Story of an African Game*.

Nontyatyambo Petros is the Executive Editor of *Business Report*. She has spent the past two years at *Financial Mail*. She started her media career as a web journalist, working as assistant editor for *Metropolis*, before joining *Business Day* as online news editor in 2000. Petros has attended a UN fellowship for journalists and broadcasters and presented papers at various national and international conferences. She graduated from Rhodes University in 1996, with a joint honours degree in journalism, media studies and industrial sociology.

Tyrone Pretorius commenced as Pro Vice-Chancellor, Monash South Africa in April 2005. Before joining Monash he was Deputy Vice-Chancellor (academic) at the University of the Western Cape (UWC) and spent 10 years as Dean of Community and Health Sciences at UWC. With a background in psychology, Pretorius has doctorates from UWC and the University of the Orange Free State in South Africa and a postdoctoral fellowship from Yale University, USA. In 2001 he received an award from the Psychology Society of South Africa recognising his contribution to the field of psychology. He has published extensively on coping and stress, statistics and research methodology, and remains an active researcher. He is a past Associate Editor of the *South African Journal of Psychology*.

Bhadra Ranchod was born in Port Elizabeth and studied law at Cape Town University where he obtained the B.A. and LL.B degrees (1967). He was awarded a postgraduate scholarship to study at Leiden University in The Netherlands where he completed a Master of Laws in 1969. Thereafter he proceeded to Queens' College Cambridge to conduct research on his doctoral thesis. In 1972 he obtained the Doctor of Laws degree from Leiden. In June 1996 Dr. Ranchod was appointed by former President Nelson Mandela as High Commissioner to Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands.

Sipho Seepe is President of the South African Institute of Race Relations. He was formerly Director of Henley Management College. Holding degrees in physics and mathematics, his research interests include the cultural, social and political dimensions of mathematical and scientific knowledge. He has published several books and has written extensively on current affairs in the *Mail & Guardian*.

Pat Turner, an Arrernte and Gurdanji woman, has had a long and varied career in the Australian Public Service. She has been in the senior executive ranks since 1985, when she became Director of the DAA in Alice Springs. She was CEO of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission from 1994-98. She has also held the position of Monash Chair in Australian Studies at Georgetown University in Washington DC. In 2002 she took up the position of Deputy CEO, Centrelink, Canberra. She has a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Canberra. Since 2007 she has held the position of CEO of National Indigenous Television.

Peter Vale is the Nelson Mandela Professor of Politics, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa. He is an Elected Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa and an Elected Member of the Academy of Science of South Africa of which he is currently the Treasurer. Educated in South Africa and in the UK (Leicester University), Peter Vale has been widely published at home and abroad. His research focus has moved towards social theory and the predicament faced by the humanities in South Africa and elsewhere. Professor Vale has enjoyed visiting appointments in Germany, Norway, the Netherlands, the United States and, most recently, in Australia. In 2004 he was awarded the International Medal of the University of Utrecht.

Nicole Watson is a member of the Birri-Gubba People and the Yugambah language group. Nicole has a bachelor of laws from the University of Queensland, a master of laws from the Queensland University of Technology and is currently enrolled in the PhD program at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, ANU. Nicole was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1999. She has worked for Legal Aid Queensland, the National Native Title Tribunal and the Queensland Environmental Protection Agency. Nicole is also a former editor of the *Indigenous Law Bulletin*.

David Welsh is Emeritus Professor of the University of Cape Town. David Welsh was educated at UCT and Oxford and taught at UCT from 1963 to 1998. Professor Welsh is a fellow of UCT and has published widely on South African affairs, including two books and over 100 papers. He is a frequent commentator in the foreign media and was rated as one of South Africa's leading political analysts by the influential *Financial Mail*. His major interest, both as a scholar and human rights activist, is the system of apartheid and how it ended.

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Information for delegates

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Welcome reception

TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2008 5:30 – 7:00 pm

La Scala Restaurant
Monte Casino, Montecasino Boulevard
Cnr William Nicol and Witkoppen Roads
Fourways, Sandton, Johannesburg

You are able to walk out of the side gate of the Palazzo Hotel and into the Monte Casino complex.

Session times

WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 9:00 – 5:00 pm

THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER 9:00 – 5:00 pm

Program updates

Changes or updates to the Conference program will be recorded on the Southern Worlds website at www.southernworlds.com

Conference dinner

WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 6:30 – 10:00 pm

Montecasino Palazzo Inter-Continental Hotel
Dining Room

Catering

Morning and afternoon teas and lunches will be served at Monash South Africa.

Optional tours

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 9:00 – 2:30 pm

An optional tour of Soweto and Johannesburg (including Mandela House Museum) has been organized. All are welcome on the tour. To guarantee a spot, please book and pay in advance when submitting your registration form.

Name tags

Delegates are requested to wear their conference nametag at all times.

Messages

Messages for delegates will be left on the bulletin board next to the Conference Secretariat and Registration Desk.

Time difference

South Africa (Johannesburg) is currently nine hours behind Australian eastern daylight savings time; two hours ahead of GMT; 3.5 hours behind New Delhi; and seven hours ahead of Toronto. When it is 12 noon in Johannesburg, it is 9.00pm in Melbourne and Sydney; 5am in Toronto; 3.30pm in New Delhi; and 10am in the United Kingdom.

Currency

The monetary unit used in South Africa is the Rand. Foreign currency or travellers' cheques can be freely exchanged at banks, hotels and the airports. Automatic teller machines are located in central locations in Johannesburg and credit cards are readily acceptable at most restaurants, shops and all conference hotels.

Climate

In November it is summer in Johannesburg. The weather is, on average, around 25°C (77°F). Delegates are advised that warmer temperatures may occur. Evenings are usually cooler, approximately 14°C on average.

Incidental expenses

The organisers of the Conference will not be responsible for any incidental expenses incurred by delegates during the Conference.

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All information provided above is correct at the time of writing.

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