

International Conference Encountering Australia: Transcultural Conversations

European Association for Studies on Australia (EASA)

Monash University's Faculty of Arts is delighted to be hosting the 2014 international conference of the European Association for Studies on Australia (EASA) at the Monash Prato Centre in Italy.

Call for Papers

Where and how do we encounter Australia? This conference will explore sites of contact, connection and exchange between Australia and the world, with a particular emphasis on Europe. Monash's Prato campus, situated in the heart of Italy, provides an ideal meeting-place for such transcultural conversations. We invite papers and panels that engage with ideas of encountering Australia – imaginatively, theoretically, institutionally, politically, socially, historically, pedagogically, symbolically. This conference will provide the opportunity to instigate new ways of talking together about Australia, past and present, and will highlight the importance of cross-cultural dialogue. Topics for papers and panels may include:

- documentary encounters
- migration, mobility and diaspora
- environment and climate change
- histories of war and violence
- experimental and avant-garde encounters
- personal, national and collective memory
- embodied encounters
- gendered and sexual encounters
- expatriate communities and collectives
- narrative and performative encounters

The organising committee welcomes submissions from disciplines including literary studies, film studies, cultural studies, historical studies, Indigenous studies, translation studies, media, journalism and communications, performance studies, gender and women's studies, legal studies and social sciences.

Abstracts for papers or panel proposals of 300 words should be submitted to EASA@monash.edu by 10 March 2014. Please include a biographical statement of no more than 200 words.

Conference Organisers

Associate Professor Chandani Lokuge (Chair), Professor Kate Rigby, Dr Therese Davis, Associate Professor Rita Wilson, Dr Anna Poletti, Professor Susan Kossew, Professor Lynette Russell, Associate Professor Nathalie Nguyen, Sharon Elliott (Event Coordinator)

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