AIX290 Australia Today 2019 Summer Guide to Readings and Seminar Focus Questions

Teaching in this unit is by a combination of lectures (one hour) and seminars (one hour) at Deakin’s Waterfront (Geelong) campus and site visits to locations that exemplify key aspects of Australian life and history.

Location of readings

Links to readings are available via the Reading List on Cloud Deakin.

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Outline of topics, readings and site visits

Tuesday, 8 January 2019 - Topic 1 Creating a Nation: Australia to 1901

1 PM: Lecture D3.211
2 PM: Seminar 1 D4.203
3 PM: Seminar 2 D4.203
4 PM: Seminar 3 D4.203

Compulsory Readings


Ann Curthoys, “Men of All Nations, except Chinamen”: Europeans and Chinese on the Goldfields of New South Wales’, in *Gold: Forgotten Histories and Lost Objects of Australia*, ed. by Iain McCalman, Andrew Cook, and Andrew Reeves (Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 2001);

Optional Readings:


Focus questions

Why did the British settlers in Australia after 1788 deny aboriginal rights to land? Could the outcome have been different?
What were the drivers of hostility towards Chinese goldminers?
Wednesday 9 January 2019 - Topic 2 A nation for a continent: Australia from Federation to the 1970s

1 PM: Lecture D2.330
2 PM: Seminar 1 D4.203
3 PM: Seminar 2 D4.203
4 PM: Seminar 3 D4.207

Compulsory Readings:


Optional Readings:


Focus questions:

What were some of the major policy initiatives of the Whitlam government?

What have been main themes in Australian immigration history from British settlement up to 1972?
Thursday 10 January 2018

Visits to Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre

Compulsory Reading

Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative
http://www.wathaurong.org.au/purpose-vision-values

Friday 11 January 2019

Visits to Immigration & Australian Chinese museums in Melbourne CBD.
Monday 14 January 2019 - Topic 3 Indigenous Australians

1PM: Lecture D3.211
2 PM: Seminar 1 D3.206
3 PM: Seminar 2 D3.207
4 PM: Seminar 3 D3.207

Compulsory Readings


Optional readings:


Focus questions

What does Uluru statement advocate?

What is pattern of income growth among indigenous people?

What are the economic opportunities for remote indigenous communities?
Tuesday 15 January 2019 - Topic 4 Australian politics

1 PM: Lecture D3.211
2 PM: Seminar 1 D4.203
3 PM: Seminar 2 D4.203
4 PM: Seminar 3 D4.203

Compulsory Readings:


Optional readings:


Focus questions

Why is there no American Labor Party?

According to Pung what has been the significance of racism and of Pauline Hanson for recent Australian politics?

Would a Labor government fundamentally change Australian politics?
Wednesday 16 January 2019 - Topic 5 sexuality and gender,

1 PM: Lecture D2.330
2 PM: Seminar 1 D4.203
3 PM: Seminar 2 D4.203
4 PM: Seminar 3 D4.207

Compulsory Readings:


Recommended Readings:


Rebecca Shaw, ‘Tolerance No Longer Enough for LGBTQI

Focus questions:

How significant is the idea of the ‘gay community’ to contemporary younger Australian gay men?

Why were gay activists divided in their view of the marriage equality plebiscite?
Thursday 17 January 2019

Geelong walking tour and National Wool Museum.

Compulsory Readings:


Friday 18 January 2018

Visit to National Gallery of Victoria, Australian Collection and Shrine of Remembrance.

Compulsory Readings:


Recommended readings:

Mark McKenna & Stuart Ward (2007) “‘It was really moving, mate’: The Gallipoli pilgrimage and sentimental nationalism in Australia', Australian Historical Studies, No. 129.

Monday 21 January 2019 - Topic 6 inequality in a restructured Australia

1PM: Lecture D3.211
2 PM: Seminar 1 D3.206
3 PM: Seminar 2 D3.207
4 PM: Seminar 3 D3.207

Readings


Recommended readings:


Focus questions

Why has income inequality increased in Australia since the 1970s?

Is there an East Asian educational model and what impact has it on the experience of students in Australia?
Student Consultation: Wednesday 23 January 2019

1-3 PM in D2.211