Nura Gili is delighted to present our Research Seminar Series for Semester 2. Everyone is welcome to attend. Morning Tea will be served.

All seminars take place from 10.30am to 12 noon on Mondays, in the Nura Gili boardroom, Balnaves Place, Lower Ground floor of the Electrical Engineering Building, UNSW Kensington Campus.

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Monday 31 July

Dr Paul Irish (Consultant archaeologist)

Archaeology of Aboriginal Sydney

Paul Irish is an archaeologist and historian who has spent the past fifteen years working with local Aboriginal people on projects about Sydney’s Aboriginal archaeology and history. He has worked on the presentation of Aboriginal history at Sydney Living Museums, and has also contributed to the Dictionary of Sydney and the City of Sydney Barani website. His recently released book is titled Hidden in Plain View: The Aboriginal People of Coastal Sydney.

Monday 28 August

Dr Johanna Perheentupa (Nura Gili, UNSW) and Dr Sacha Davis (History, University of Newcastle)

Examining Biocultural Elimination: Comparing Forced Romani and Indigenous Child Removal in the Hapsburg Empire and Australia

While the history of the Stolen Generations has become the subject of a growing scholarly literature in recent decades, policies of Romani child removal in the Habsburg Empire have received comparatively little attention. This paper compares forced removal of Indigenous children in Australia with attempts to assimilate ‘nomadic, non-European’ Romani populations via their children as forms of biocultural elimination. We assess motivations such as European understandings of civilisation, productivity, parenthood and morality, and an increasing need to centralise State control.
Monday 18 September  Jessica Russ-Smith (Scientia PhD candidate, Social Work, UNSW)

**The Politics of Aboriginal Confirmation. In the eyes of a witness:**

Am I only Black when you say so?

*Confirmation Certificates and processes of Aboriginality are a controversial, sensitive and complex issue within contemporary society. At present the Confirmation processes are based upon the legal three-point definition of an Aboriginal person. These terms include self-identification, descent and community acknowledgement. Through an Indigenous and decolonising lens, this conceptual study explores the discourse of Aboriginality that is embedded within the Confirmation Certificates and processes, in order to investigate the meaning and effect of the issue upon the identities of Aboriginal people.*

Monday 23 October  Bruce Pascoe

**Author of Dark Emu. Black seeds: agriculture or accident?**

*Bruce Pascoe is a Bunurong man from the Kulin nation. He is an award-winning author noted for his work on Indigenous history, as well as young adult and children’s fiction. He has worked as a teacher, farmer, a fisherman, archaeologist and an Aboriginal language researcher, working to preserve the Wathaurong language, and he has been the Director of the Australian Studies Project for the Commonwealth Schools Commission. His most recent book, Dark Emu, challenges the claim that pre-colonial Australian Aboriginal peoples were hunter-gatherers, using early settler accounts of grain cultivation, flour, wells, and dams.*

Monday 13 November  Dr Nick Apoifis (Politics and International Relations, UNSW)

**Noble Athlete, Savage Coach – How Racialised Representations of Aboriginal Athletes affect opportunities for Aboriginal coaches**

27 November  Dr Laura Rademaker (History ACU)

**Found in Translation: Aboriginal languages on the missions**

*While missionaries all over the globe were busy learning and translating Indigenous languages, there was relatively little activity in Australia. Most missionaries in Australia presumed that the future, for Aboriginal people, would be in English. Based on my research with communities on Groote Eylandt, this presentation examines why Aboriginal languages were relatively disregarded in Australia.*

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