

NEW WORLDS, NEW SOVEREIGNTIES
A cross-community interdisciplinary international conference
Melbourne, Australia, 6th-9th June 2008

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*The New Worlds, New Sovereignties conference is taking place on Wurundjeri land.
We pay our respects to Wurundjeri elders past and present.*

PROGRAMME

Day 1: Friday 6th June

12.30pm-7.00pm **Registration Desk Open**

1.30pm-3.00pm **Keynote Addresses**
Chair: Julie Evans

1.30pm-2.15pm **Bob Miller** (Lewis & Clark Law School, Oregon)
'The doctrine of discovery, international law, and Indigenous people'

2.15pm-3.00pm **Saree Makdisi (University of California, Los Angeles)**
'Sovereignty, self-determination and the future of Palestine/Israel'

3.00pm-4.00pm **Concurrent Panel Sessions**

Panel A. Sovereignty, governance and subjectivity
Chair: Andrew Gunstone

Jessie Mitchell (Australian National University)
'"Godless political experiments"? Governance and "civilisation" in the early Australian colonies'

Davina Woods (Victoria University)
'Sovereignties: Stolen by the desire for gold, a child and carrying on the family name'

Kirsty Duncanson (University of Melbourne)
'Realising constitutional sovereignty in bodies of a United States cinematic imagination'

Panel B. Land, property and sovereignty
Chair: Alexander Reilly

Lee Godden (University of Melbourne)
'Sovereignty: Mediations between communal governance and individual title'

Gareth Knapman (University of Melbourne)
'Liberalism, private property and Indigenous self-determination'

4.00pm-4.30pm **Afternoon tea**

4.30pm-5.30pm **Concurrent Panel Sessions**

Panel A. Settler discourses
Chair: Eve Lester

Justin Frewen (University of Melbourne)
'Aboriginal sovereignty and the end of history'

Melissa Lovell (Australian National University)
'Settler sovereignties and the UN Declaration on Indigenous Rights'

Panel B. Coexistent sovereignties
Chair: Kit Carson (La Trobe University)

Richard Pennell (University of Melbourne)
'Sovereignty from below: Native personalities and European colonial law'

Jordy Silverstein (University of Melbourne)
'Decentering Jewish sovereignty: Diasporism, Israel and the Holocaust in New York and Melbourne today'

Claire McLisky (The University of Melbourne)
'Fighting for "the free enjoyment of our possessions": Aboriginal and missionary interests in the Maloga petitions of 1881 and 1887'

5.30pm-6.30pm **Concurrent Panel Sessions**

Panel A. Order and control
Chair: Zora Simic (Australian National University)

Lisa Ford (Macquarie University)
'New nineteenth-century sovereignties: Jurisdiction and Indigenous people in anglophone settler polities'

Mark Minchinton (Victoria University)
'Stalking the undead: Vampire natives, criminals, and refugees'

Panel B. European genealogies of sovereignty
Chair: Carolyn D'Cruz

Aigul Kulnazarova (Tama University)
'Historical conceptions of sovereignty: Enlightenment and post-enlightenment thought'

Rachel Standfield (University of Otago)
'Warriors and wanderers: British constructions of Māori and Aboriginal sovereignty, 1769-1840'

Lorenzo Veracini (Monash University)
'The special sovereignty of settler collectives'

6.30pm-8.00pm **Welcoming Reception**

7.00pm-8.00pm **Book launch: Saree Makdisi, *Palestine Inside Out: An Everyday Occupation* (Norton), to be launched by Ella Shohat.**

Day 2: Saturday 7th June

9.00am-6.45pm	Registration Desk Open
9.30am-11.00am	Keynote Addresses Chair: Ann Genovese
9.30am-10.15am	Larissa Behrendt (University of Technology, Sydney) 'Overlapping and coexistent sovereignties: Natives, minorities and the nation-state'
10.15am-11.00am	Nin Tomas (University of Auckland) 'Native concepts and practices of sovereignty'
11.00am-11.30am	Welcome to Wurundjeri country. Joy Murphy-Wandin
11.30am-12.00pm	Morning coffee
12.00pm-1.30pm	Keynote Addresses: Local action for Aboriginal sovereignty Chair: Audra Simpson
	Tony Birch (University of Melbourne) 'The barbarians are at the gates': Camp Sovereignty and the 2006 Commonwealth Games protest'
	Gary Foley (Victoria University) 'The Aboriginal Embassy 1972: A history suppressed'
1.30pm-2.30pm	Lunch
2.30pm-3.30pm	Concurrent Panel Sessions
	Panel A. States of insecurity Chair: Tony Anghie
	Eve Lester (University of Melbourne) 'Constructing insecurity: Embedding race in jurisprudential constructions of sovereignty'.
	Jothie Rajah (University of Melbourne) 'Narrating "nation" through "law": Singapore's Vandalism Act'.
	Daniel Muriu (University of Melbourne) 'National sovereignty, transnational corporations and the limitations of human rights discourse'.
	Panel B. Settler discourses Chair: Richard Pennell
	Russell Marks (La Trobe University) 'Heritage protection and the destruction of Indigenous sovereignty'.
	Alexander Reilly (University of Adelaide) 'Sovereignty to steal? The inherent limits of the apology to the Stolen Generations'.
3.30pm-4.30pm	Concurrent Panel Sessions
	Panel A. Borders, refugees and national security Chair: Deborah Zion
	Angus Frith (University of Melbourne) 'Plurality, hybridity, sovereignty: Indigenous corporations in Australia'.
	Michael McGann (Monash University) 'The cultural rights of Iraqi refugees: Rethinking Kymlicka's ethnic-national distinction'.
	Panel B. Settler discourses: Chair: John Collins
	Jane Robbins (Flinders University) 'A divided nation? - Indigenous peoples and sovereignty in Australia'.
	David Yarrow (Queensland Bar) 'Relational sovereignty and the incoherence of the British conception of Indigenous sovereignty'.
	Judith Grbich (Griffith University) 'Reading for 'pride's criterion of prosperity' in the new sovereignties of globalisation and empire'.
4.30pm-5.00pm	Afternoon tea
5.00pm-6.00pm	Concurrent Panel Sessions
	Panel A. Sovereignty and the new world order Chair: Mark Minchinton
	John Collins (St. Lawrence University) 'Occupation, resistance and the logic of speed'.
	Michelle Sanson (University of Technology, Sydney) 'The sovereignty paradox'
	Nesam McMillan (La Trobe University) 'Bearing witness to inequality: Remembering the Rwandan genocide'.
	Panel B. Deconstructing sovereignty Chair: Shannon Woodcock
	Siuyin Ho (Independent scholar) 'An Indigenous response to the article "Hybridity or the third space and how shall we describe the kingdom of God"'. Carolyn D'Cruz (La Trobe University) 'Sovereignty, identity and the incalculable singularity of the refugee'.
	Ian Duncanson (Griffith University) 'Civility and politeness opposed to the meta-legal sovereign'.
6.00pm-6.45pm	Keynote Address Chair: David Yarrow
6.00pm-6.45pm	Tony Anghie (University of Utah) 'Western discourses of sovereignty'
	Paul McHugh (University of Cambridge) 'Histories (and historians) of Antipodean sovereignties'

Day 3: Sunday 8th June

9.00am-7.00pm	Registration Desk Open
9.30am-11.00am	Keynote Addresses Chair: Ann Curthoys (Australian National University)
9.30am-10.15am	Paul James (RMIT University) 'Sovereignty and the new global order: <i>Waiting for the Barbarians</i> , and civilizing the savages'.
10.15am-11.00am	Marilyn Lake (La Trobe University) 'White Australia as the declaration of Australian sovereignty: an investigation of the gendered and racial subjectivities of the self-governing male subject'
11.00am-11.30am	Morning coffee
11.30am-12.30pm	Concurrent Panel Sessions
	Panel A. Sovereignty and ecology Chair: Lorenzo Veracini
	Michael Davis (University of Technology, Sydney) 'Indigenous ecological rights and the settler nation-state'. Takele Soboka Bulto (University of Melbourne) 'State sovereignty and a human right to water in Africa: A viable alliance?'
	Panel B. Imagining sovereignty Chair: Lisa Ford
	Anthony Mihalopoulos (University of Melbourne) 'Valuing diversity: Ethnocultural groups, Indigenous peoples and the Australian state'. Tracey Banivanua-Mar (La Trobe University) 'Weathering the Storm: Indigenous sovereignties, land, and the assault of private property in Australia and the western Pacific'.
12.30pm-1.30pm	Concurrent Panel Sessions
	Panel A. Native alternatives Chair: Ben Silverstein
	Fran Edmonds (University of Melbourne), "Art is Us": Reclaiming southeast Australian Aboriginal arts practices as an expression of sovereignty'. Audra Simpson (Cornell University) 'Indigenous resistance and etiologies of consent: Mohawk nationalism, "proper citizenship" and settler emergency'.
	Panel B. Coexistent sovereignties Chair: David Williams (University of Auckland)
	Jean Robertson (University of Melbourne) 'Sovereignty, land and nation: the case of Kurdistan'. Jane McMillan (St. Francis Xavier University) 'Seeking Netukulimk: Mi'kmaq constructs of sovereignty'.
1.30pm-2.30pm	Lunch
2.30pm-3.30pm	Concurrent Panel Sessions
	Panel A. Geographies of exception Chair: Liz Conor (University of Melbourne)
	Luis Eslava (University of Melbourne) 'Sovereign development and the zoning of exclusion'. Olivia Barr (University of Melbourne) 'Beyond the boundaries: Sovereignty, law and war in the colony of New South Wales'.
	Panel B. The state and its reasons Chair: Lee Godden
	Stephen Turner (University of Auckland) 'Sovereignty, terror and second law'. Shannon Woodcock (La Trobe University) 'Does the blood stain of socialist terror fade faster than that of genocide? New Albanian history in independent Kosova'.
3.30pm-4.00pm	Afternoon tea
4.00pm-5.30pm	Keynote discussion: Practitioners' round table Chair: Paul James
	Joy Murphy-Wandin , Wurundjeri elder Pamela Curr , Campaign Coordinator, Asylum Seeker Resource Centre Melbourne Bob Miller , Judge, Western Shawnee tribal court Maher Mughrabi , Palestinian journalist
5.30pm-7.00pm	Keynote Addresses Chair: Tracey Banivanua-Mar
5.30pm-6.15pm	Kent McNeil (York University) 'Factual and legal sovereignty in North America: Indigenous realities and European pretensions'
6.15pm-7.00pm	Henry Reynolds (University of Tasmania) 'The question of sovereignty lies at the very heart of the relationship between settler and Indigenous Australia'
7.30pm	Conference Dinner. Café Italia.

Day 4: Monday 9th June

8.30am-1.00pm **Registration Desk Open**

9.00am-10.30am **Concurrent Panel Sessions**

Panel A. Sovereignty denied

Chair: **Luis Eslava**

Andrew Gunstone (Monash University)

'The failure of Australia's political and legal institutions to address Indigenous sovereignty'.

Ben Silverstein (La Trobe University)

'Submerged sovereignty: Native title within a history of incorporation'.

Panel B. Refugees and the body politic

Chair: **Jane Freemantle** (University of Melbourne)

Deborah Zion (Monash University)

'Asylum seekers, health-care and the human circle'

Lisa Elford (Monash University)

'On the margins: refugees, HIV and human rights'.

10.30am-10.59am **Morning coffee**

10.59am-11.00am Drafting and adoption of conference birthday resolution for the Queen of England.

Keynote address and farewell

Chair: **Patrick Wolfe**

Ghassan Hage (University of Melbourne)

'From recognition to negotiation: On the self-sovereignty of the other'

Ella Shohat (New York University)

'Eurocentrism and the denial of Indigenous agency'

1.00pm

Conference ends