### Program – Friday 26 April, Adams Auditorium

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| 09.00 – 09.15 | Welcome:  
Professor Harvinder Sidhu - Deputy Rector, UNSW Canberra  
Ms Catherine Raper - First Assistant Secretary, Europe and Latin America Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Mr Bertrand Pous - Head of Culture Education, Science & Technology, Embassy of France in Australia |
| 09.15 – 09.55 | Keynote: France and Australia in History  
Professor Colin Nettelbeck - University of Melbourne |
| 09.45 – 09.55 | Discussion |
| 09.55 – 10.55 | Session I: Missing In Action - the experience of warfare and conflict from the domestic perspective  
Dr Irene Rogers - Central Queensland University  
A Gift for France: the Australian Bluebird nurses of WWI |
| 10.15 – 10.25 | Discussion |
| 10.25 – 10.45 | Ms Pauline Georgelin - University of Melbourne  
French Australian Soldiers during the First World War – Questions of identity |
| 10.45 – 10.55 | Discussion |
| 10.55 – 11.30 | Morning Tea |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | Session II: Writing the Great War  
Professor Véronique Duché - University of Melbourne & Associate Professor Amanda Laugesen - ANU  
Remembering Place in Australian Post-war Periodical Print Culture |
| 11.50 – 12.00 | Discussion |
| 12.00 – 12.20 | Elaine Lewis - Co-Editor and Book Review Editor: The French Australian Review  
French-Australian Encounters: An Introduction to Australian Literature Relating to World War 1 |
| 12.20 – 12.30 | Discussion |
| 12.30 – 13.30 | Lunch |
| 13.30 – 14.10 | Keynote: Co-Memoration of the Great War: Tourists and remembrance on the Western Front  
Dr Caroline Winter – William Angliss Institute |
| 14.00 – 14.10 | Discussion |
| 14.10 – 15.10 | Session III: France and Australia - a regional and global relationship  
Dr Paul Soyez  
Australia and France’s Mutual Empowerment, the Strategies of two Middle Powers for Pacific and Global Challenges |
| 14.10 – 14.30 | Discussion |
| 14.10 – 15.00 | Dr Elizabeth Rechniewski - University of Sydney  
Australia’s bid to become ‘the watchdog of the Pacific’ in the early twentieth century |
| 14.30 – 14.40 | Discussion |
| 14.40 – 15.00 | Dr Lewis Frederickson - Chief of Airforce Fellow, UNSW Canberra  
Henri ‘Digger’ Hemene Tovell |
| 15.00 – 15.10 | Discussion |
| 15.10 – 15.40 | Session IV: D’un dévouement exceptionnel - the human side of service |
| 15.10 – 15.30 | Dr Lewis Frederickson - Chief of Airforce Fellow, UNSW Canberra  
Henri ‘Digger’ Hemene Tovell |
| 15.30 – 15.40 | Discussion |
| 15.40 – 16.00 | Closing remarks  
Topic: Summary of Day 1; framing of Day 2  
Professor Peter Stanley |

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Chair: Prof Colin Nettelbeck |
| 09.30 – 09.50 | Mr Joseph Zimet - President Mission du Centenaire |
| 09.50 – 10.10 | Dr Romain Fathi - Flinders University and Centre d’Histoire de Sciences Po  
A French perspective on Australian military history in the Somme |
| 10.10 – 10.20 | Discussant: Dr Caroline Winter |
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| 11.10 – 12.30 | Session VI: Panel - Contemporary Perspectives on Commemorating War  
Chair: Prof Peter Stanley  
Brad Manera - Senior Historian and Curator Anzac Memorial  
Interpreting the 1934 Anzac Memorial for a 21st-century generation |
| 11.10 – 11.30 | Dr Romain Fathi - Flinders University and Centre d’Histoire de Sciences Po  
A French perspective on Australian military history in the Somme |
| 11.30 – 12.00 | Mr Gilles Prilasux - Somme Patrimoine  
Archaeology of underground traces of the Great War in France: Australian signatures in the caves of Naours |
| 12.00 – 12.20 | Discussion |
| 12.20 – 12.30 | Closing remarks - Prof Peter Stanley |
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Speakers

Professor Harvinder Sidhu
Deputy Rector of UNSW Canberra

Professor Harvinder Sidhu is the Deputy Rector of UNSW Canberra. His research specialties are Applied and Industrial Mathematics. He has a BSc (First Class Honours and University Medal) and a PhD in Mathematics from the University of Queensland. He also has a Dip. Ed. from the National Institute of Education (Singapore). Harvinder has authored over 150 research articles, and has obtained numerous competitive grants.

Catherine Raper
First Assistant Secretary, Europe and Latin America Division

Catherine Raper is First Assistant Secretary, Europe and Latin America Division. She is a senior career officer in Australia’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) with over 25 years’ experience. In her current position, Ms Raper is responsible for promoting and protecting Australia’s prosperity, security and values through DFAT’s engagement with Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Previously, Ms Raper served as Australian Representative (Head of Post) in Taipei, Taiwan from 2014-2017. Her overseas experience has also included Minister-Counsellor (Trade) in the Australian Embassy in Washington DC (2010-2012), Counsellor to Australia’s Permanent Mission to the WTO in Geneva (2003-2006) (working principally on WTO dispute settlement) and Third Secretary in the Australian Embassy in The Hague (1996-1998).

M. Bertrand Pous
Embassy of France in Canberra

M. Bertrand Pous has been a career diplomat for over twenty years and has served in four countries, including Canada, Paraguay and Singapore. He has served as France’s Conseiller de cooperation et d’action culturelle to Australia since September 2016.

Professor Peter Stanley
UNSW Canberra

Professor Peter Stanley was appointed Research Professor at UNSW Canberra in 2013 after a 30-year career as a public historian, notably as Principal Historian at the Australian War Memorial, where he worked from 1980 to 2007. He has published over 30 books, mainly in the field of Australian military-social history, including Bad Characters: Sex, Crime, Mutiny, Murder and the Australian Imperial Force, which jointly won the Prime Minister’s Prize for Australian History in 2011. Over the past decade Peter has published ten books on the Great War. His latest book is ‘Terriers’ in India: British Territorials 1914-19 (Helion UK). Peter has been active in community history groups such as Honest History and ‘the Estaminet’ (the Canberra Great War Study Group).

Colin Nettelbeck
University of Melbourne

Colin Nettelbeck is Emeritus Professor at the University of Melbourne, where he held the A. R. Chisholm Chair of French and was Head of the School of Languages. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, Officier des Palmes Académiques and Chevalier de la Legion d’honneur. Founder and past president of the Institute of the Study of French Australian Relations and co-founder of The French Australian Review, he is currently the chair of the ISFAR Research Committee. He has published numerous studies of modern and contemporary French cultural history and of the links between Australia and France. He is currently working on a history of French Australian Relations from 1788 to the present.

Romain Fathi (PhD)
Flinders University

Romain Fathi (PhD) is Lecturer in Australian History at Flinders University and a chercheur associé at the Centre d’Histoire de Sciences Po, Paris. He has taught and researched at Sciences Po in France, Yale in the United States, and the University of Queensland in Australia. His primary research interests focus on the First World War, war commemorations and Australian identity.

Pauline Georgelin
University of Melbourne and Université Paris Nanterre

Pauline Georgelin is a PhD candidate at the University of Melbourne and Université Paris Nanterre. Her research examines the activities of the French in Australia during the First World War and how perceptions and representations of French identity were expressed in the context of the war.

Véronique Duché FAHA
University of Melbourne

Véronique Duché FAHA is A.R. Chisholm Professor of French at the University of Melbourne. She has extensively published on French literature, in particular fictional works published between 1525 and 1557, and edited several 16th century novels. Her research interest include translation into French during the Renaissance; chivalric novels; the history of the book and print culture; and French-Australian relations during the First World War.

Associate Professor Amanda Laugesen
Australian National University

Associate Professor Amanda Laugesen is director of the Australian National Dictionary Centre at the ANU. She is a historian and lexicographer, and is the author of a number of books and articles. She is also chief editor of the Australian National Dictionary. Her research includes the social and cultural history of war; the history of the book and print culture; and the history of Australian English.

Elaine Lewis
Co-Editor and Book Review Editor: The French Australian Review

**Speakers**

**Dr Irene Rogers**
Central Queensland University

Irene Rogers spent many years as a humanitarian nurse in places as diverse as Timor Leste, Kosovo, Pakistan, Indonesia and Afghanistan. She returned to life in Australia and embarked on a PhD to look more closely at the relationship between Australian military and non-military nurses in situations of conflict. Her thesis was a microhistory of the 21 Australian Bluebird nurses of WW1 who worked for the French Army. Her research interests are in the history of medicine and nursing. Irene is an Adjunct Senior Lecturer at CQU but continues to provide support for NGOs in the developing world.

**Dr Lewis Frederickson**
Chief of Airforce Fellow, UNSW Canberra

Wing Commander Lewis Frederickson has completed 28 years enjoyable service in the Royal Australian Air Force. Lewis has degrees in the Arts (modern history and literature) and a Master of Letters in military history. He completed a PhD on an aspect of Australia’s involvement in the Great War in 2015. In 2016, Lewis deployed twice in conjunction with the Australian War Memorial as an ADF officer in support of the Australian Historical Mission to the Middle-East Region. The mission collected and collated oral histories, artefacts and information of historical significance to current ADF operations.

**Dr Paul Soyez**
Author

Dr Paul Soyez is a Doctor of International Relations from the University of Melbourne and the Paris-Sorbonne University. His research analyses the renewal of the French-Australian bilateral relationship since the end of the Cold War and was recently published by Palgrave Macmillan. Paul has taught History and International Relations at Sciences Po Paris, the Sorbonne and the University of Melbourne. He is “Professeur agrégé” in History in France. Paul is now the Press Attaché of the Embassy of France in Australia.

**Dr Elizabeth Rechniewski**
University of Sydney

Elizabeth Rechniewski is an Honorary Senior Lecturer in the School of Languages and Cultures at the University of Sydney. She has a long-standing research interest in nationalism and in the discourses that surround and support it in the media, and in the political uses of the national past. Over the last decade she has published widely on remembrance of twentieth century war in Australia, France and New Caledonia, including on the commemoration of the role of Indigenous soldiers from these countries, with recent publications including “Remembering the Black Diggers: from the ‘great silence’ to an ‘excess of commemoration’?” in War Memories (McGill, 2017); “Resénégalisation and the Representation of Black African Troops during World War One” in Commemorating Race and Empire (Liverpool University Press, 2018); and “Why the War in Cameroon Never Took Place” in Seeking Meaning, Seeking Justice in the Post-Cold War World (Brill, 2018).

She was commissioned (with Judith Keene) by Olivier Wiewiorka to write the official report for the French Ministry of Defence on war commemoration in Australia (Wiewiorka 2009) and was invited by Nicholas Offenstadt to give a seminar at the French Ministry of Defence in the series “Observatoire du Patrimoine” in June 2014, on the Black Diggers. She was a consultant on Wesley Enoch’s production “Black Diggers” in 2014.

She was awarded the title of Chevalier des palmes académiques by the French government in 2009, and the Ordre national du mérite in 2010.

**Mr Joseph Zimet**
President Mission du Centenaire

Joseph Zimet is a historian and senior French official. The son of a Yiddish singer who escaped deportation by the Nazis, he was appointed to the position of President of the Mission du Centenaire by former President Nicolas Sarkozy. The latter spotted Joseph Zimet at the time when he advised the Secretary of State for Cooperation, then Veterans Affairs, Jean-Marie Bockel. Passionate about the time of the Second World War, he has written on eminent figure of the French resistance, Jacques Bingen. His previous positions have included managing relations with NGOs within the French Development Agency; the office of the Mayor of Paris; the office of Deputy Christian Sautter; and the Embassy of France in New York.

**Dr Caroline Winter**
William Angliss Institute

Dr Caroline Winter currently works as a Lecturer in research methods and tourism at William Angliss Institute in Melbourne. In 2006, Caroline began researching the involvement of tourists in creating social memories of the Great War through their practices of remembrance, in France and Belgium. Her research includes an analysis of the visitor books for the Tyne Cot cemetery, and several studies conducted with tourists at the war museums on the Somme and in Ieper. Caroline’s most recent paper was a study of the votives (such as poppies, wreaths and crosses) placed at three major war memorials. Her favourite cemeteries in France are the AIF Burial Ground near Fliers, the Arras memorial, Coureclette, and the Pozières British cemetery.

Dr Winter’s qualifications include a PhD, Master of Arts, Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Bachelor of Business (Tourism) and Bachelor of Business (Accounting).

**Brad Manera**
Senior Historian and Curator Anzac Memorial

Brad Manera is the senior historian and curator at the Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park Sydney. His career began at the Western Australian Museum followed by the National Museum of Australia and the Australian War Memorial. He curated the exhibitions at the Anzac Memorial Centenary Project that opened in November and his most recent publication is co-authoring NSW and the Great War (2016).

**Mr Gilles Prilaux**
Sommepatrimoine

Gilles Prilaux is a French archaeologist specialising in the archaeology of the Great War. His research led him to discover in 2014 the largest concentration of soldiers’ signatures in an underground tunnel on the Somme, in Naours. Of the more than 3200 signatures, more than 2000 were made by Australian soldiers during the Great War. A major preservation and enhancement project is currently underway. He is the author of a book published in 2016 in Australia “Silent Soldiers of Naours” and a more global book on his work “Great War Archaeology”.

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