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“International Relations/History – ‘International society’ and the discourse of international relations in Australia to the 1940s”

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Applications are invited for the above scholarship for research studies into Australian understandings of international relations. It is available immediately.

The background to this project is the current global re-examination of the character of international thought between the wars, a re-examination that is re-shaping the history of the international relations discipline. From the early 20th Century and increasingly in the period between the Wars, Australian intellectuals confronted major changes in Australia’s international role. By the 1920s, Australia was a dominion within a now decentralised Empire-Commonwealth, a member state of the (global) League of Nations, and a nation located in a region distant from Imperial power and weak in institutionalisation. Leading thinkers on international issues advanced the idea that Australia should be seen as part of an emerging ‘international society’, the commitments to which they understood as tending to reconcile Australia’s international roles. These issues were also pondered by members of the Round Table, of the League of Nations Union, and especially of the Australian Institute of International Affairs. The aim of this project is to examine selected aspects of these arguments regarding international society, to determine how these ideas were rendered consistent with continuing Imperial ties and the requirements of national security, and how they were challenged by the disorder of the 1930s. This study will be facilitated by the availability of major collections of papers in the National Library of Australia, including those of Eggleston, Latham, Hall, Piesse, Watt, the Australian Institute of International Affairs and The League of Nations Union.

The Postgraduate Student will be enrolled for a PhD degree at UNSW@ADFA, based in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. The stipend (\$ 21,627 per annum) is available for up to 3.5 years subject to satisfactory performance. Applicants should have an honours degree (1 or 2.1), or equivalent, in Politics, International Relations, History or a related subject. People from EEO groups are encouraged to apply.

To apply, please send a copy of your CV and academic record with a covering letter of application outlining your proposed approach to the project to:

Ms Shirley Ramsay,
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Applicants should request two academic referees to send confidential reports at the time of application. A contribution to relocation expenses and travel expenses may be available.

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