



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE



Understanding Australia: History, Culture, & Society Lecture Series 2016

19 September – 24 October

What is it?

Every Monday night for 6 weeks, there will be two lectures on Australian society and culture. Each lecture will be 20 minutes and delivered by a University of Melbourne academic. The lectures will be followed by a break for some tea, coffee and food, then a small group discussion about the topic with student volunteers from the University. Each week there will be a different topic. All the lectures will be in English, but the student volunteers can provide assistance in the small group discussions if you do not understand something.

Who can attend?

The lectures are designed for asylum seekers and refugees who have arrived in Australia recently. However, anyone who is interested in understanding more about Australian culture, history and society is welcome. You can come to one or many lectures.

Other information

Participation is Free

Food, tea and coffee are provided

You will receive a certificate of participation if you attend 3 or more lectures.

If you would like to register for updates and reminders or ask questions please email:

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“ Before the lectures I heard that the University of Melbourne was very closed, no one can get in there. Afterwards I felt that everyone is friendly, so that was different than before. The University of Melbourne want to assist asylum seekers – good steps from Melbourne.” — 2015 Lecture Series Attendant

2016 Lecture Series Program 19 September – 24 October

Date	Topic
19 September	Lecture 1: Historical Perspectives: Indigenous Histories Learn about the past and present situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
26 September	Lecture 2: Immigration to Australia Australian society is made up of people from many different national and cultural backgrounds. In this lecture you will learn more about the challenges, history, and changes brought about by various waves of migration.
3 October	Lecture 3: Contemporary Australia Explore Australia’s workplace culture, and how art and community development is being used and represented in Australia.
10 October	Lecture 4: Languages There are many different languages past and present in this country’s long history. These lectures will focus on indigenous languages and mother tongue languages.
17 October	Lecture 5: Australian Systems - Education and Politics Come and learn the basics of Australia’s political and education systems.
24 October	Lecture 6: Human Rights and Equal Opportunities These lectures will investigate how human rights are spoken about, institutionalised and delivered upon in Australia.

All lectures will be between 5:30-7:30pm in room G08 (ground floor) at Melbourne Law School



How to get to the lecture:



From Flinders Street station or Melbourne Central station



Catch trams 1, 5, 6, 8, 16, 64, 67 or 72 towards Melbourne University



Get off at stop 3 (Lincoln Square) and walk to Melbourne University Law School located on 185 Pelham Street Carlton.