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## Key dates

### 2009

Friday 27 March

Friday 8 May

Friday 17 July

Friday 21 August

Friday 30 October

### 2010

TBA

### Time and Venue

Sessions will be held from 1-5pm  
Holme & Sutherland Rooms,  
Holme Building,  
Science Road,  
University of Sydney 2006.

They are free and open to the public, but registration is essential. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Regular updates will be posted on the Sawyer website.  
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## The Antipodean Laboratory: Humanity, Sovereignty and Environment in Southern Oceans and Lands 1700-2009

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## About the Sydney Sawyer Seminar

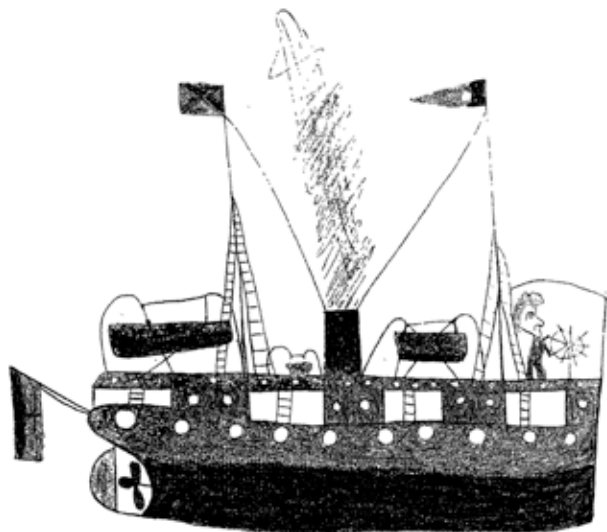
The University of Sydney is the proud host of the first Mellon Sawyer Seminar to be held in Australia.

The Sydney Sawyer Seminar explores the history of how the Antipodes – and especially the Indo-Pacific lands and oceans – has constituted a laboratory for the Atlantic world over a broad intellectual, geographical and temporal scale.

The seminar covers three centuries from 1700 to 2009, and focuses on Atlantic-derived conceptions and experiences within the Antipodes that bear especially on the themes of humanity and cultures, sovereignty and imperialism, and environment and ecology.

The seminar will consist of eight special seminar sessions and one international conference.

Please visit our website to be put on the mailing list for session updates and registration details.



## The Program

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### Session 1 Friday 27 March 2009

*The Impact of the Antipodes on Anthropological Thought: Histories of Human Order*

**Convenor: Jude Philp**

Panel: Elena Gover (ANU), Shino Konishi (ANU), Ron Day (MICC), Helen Gardner (Deakin)

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### Session 2 Friday 8 May 2009

*The Impact of the Antipodes on Ecological Thought: Landscape, Evolution, and Sustainability*

**Convenor: Iain McCalman**

Panel: Julia Horne (Syd), Martin Thomas (Syd), Peter Denney (Syd) Richard Waterhouse (Syd)

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### Session 3 Friday 17 July 2009

*Atlantic Justice in the Pacific World: Property, Rights, and Indigeneity*

**Convenors: Andrew Fitzmaurice and Duncan Ivison**

Panel: Sankar Muthu (Chicago), Jennifer Pitts (Chicago), Andrew Fitzmaurice (Syd)

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### Session 4 Friday 21 August 2009

*The Experience of the Ocean: Transformative Voyages in the Antipodes from Convicts to Royalty*

**Convenors: Cassandra Pybus and Emma Christopher**

Panel: Jeff Bolster (New Hampshire), Hamish Maxwell-Stewart (Tas), Iain McCalman (Syd), Cindy McCreery (Syd)

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### Session 5 Friday 30 October 2009

*Varieties of Empire in the Antipodes: Taking Over & Letting Go*

**Convenor: Kirsten McKenzie**

Discussant: Angela Woollacott (Macq)  
Panel: Emma Christopher (Syd), Mark McKenna (Syd), James Curran (Syd), Kirsten McKenzie (Syd)

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### Session 6 Semester 1 2010

*Human Biology and Health in the Pacific Field*

**Convenor: Warwick Anderson**

Panel: Barbara Brookes (Otago), Hans Pols (Syd), Warwick Anderson (Syd)

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### Session 7 Semester 1 2010

*Sexuality in the South Seas*

**Convenor: Robert Aldrich**

Panel: tba

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### Session 8 Semester 1 2010

*The Antarctic Laboratory: Science, Culture, and Law*

**Convenor: Andrew Fitzmaurice**

Panel: tba

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### Conference mid-2010 (date tba)

*The Atlantic World in a Pacific Field*

A major international conference, convened by the committee will consider how scientific exchanges and cultural encounters between the peoples of the Atlantic world and the Pacific reshaped knowledge of humanity, human systems, and the environment.