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The World Since 1945: An Australian Perspective

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is a survey of the chief world developments influencing Australian history from 1945 to the present. Principle interest will focus on: a) Europe from post-war crisis and decline to present day resurgence, with themes of particular interest to Australia including migration, ideological trends, economic integration and decolonisation; b) the United States of America in its period of peak world power, with special attention to the politics and economics of the Cold War era and to the spread of American cultural values; c) East Asia (principally China and Japan) from post-war settlement to economic transformation with special reference to trade ties and accompanying Australian cultural adjustments.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

A broad overview of world history since 1945, including the role of the United States, Europe and China, and the major events of the Cold War and post-Cold War period
A conceptualisation of the Australian nation that places it in its global context, emphasises the interconnectedness of Australian history, and highlights the ways global ideas are changed by exposure to local cultural and political conditions when they are adopted by Australians.

Discipline-specific skills, and an understanding of how to use discipline-specific tools to identify relevant material and use it to make an original argument in response to set questions.

An approach to historical knowledge that acknowledges that such knowledge is constructed, contains assumptions in line with contemporary political and social debates, and is thus not values-free.

The ability to form informed opinions about the past, backed by evidence and tested through peer review and debate with peers in class.

The ability to gather, engage with and synthesise a historical information, form an evidence-based argument from it, and communicate that argument with clarity in writing.

General Assessment Information

Research Essay topics

1. How did local Australian politics reflect the international ideological conflict between Communism and Capitalism between 1945 and 1959?
2. What is the difference between Australian public representations of 'displaced people' before 1960 and 'boat people' after 1975?
3. In what ways were Australian and American ideas about domesticity in the immediate post-war period different, and how would you explain this difference?
4. Should we understand Australian radicalism during the 1960s as a genuinely Australian movement or part of an international counterculture?
5. What is the difference between Civil Rights and Land Rights in Australia between 1960 and 1980?
6. What did 'economic rationalism' do to the Australian Labor Party?
7. Why was the Australian response to the global HIV/AIDS epidemic "world-leading"?

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Seminar Quiz</u>	20%	Ongoing

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Secondary Source Exercise</u>	15%	Friday 12th August
<u>Research skills peer review ex</u>	5%	14th August
<u>Primary Source Analysis</u>	15%	Friday 4th September
<u>Essay Draft</u>	15%	Monday 4 October
<u>Research Essay</u>	30%	Friday 4 November

Seminar Quiz

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **20%**

Each week in class you will be asked two questions about that week's reading and lecture. That means that you must prepare both before the weekly seminar.. There will be ten quizzes in total, and no quiz for the reading week, or for the essay writing workshop. Each quiz is thus worth 2% of your final grade. You must get both questions right to earn the marks for that week's tutorial. External students will have a week to complete the quiz online.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- An approach to historical knowledge that acknowledges that such knowledge is constructed, contains assumptions in line with contemporary political and social debates, and is thus not values-free.
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Secondary Source Exercise

Due: **Friday 12th August**

Weighting: **15%**

This exercise consists of five short answer comprehension questions on two set readings. You will complete it after the week one discussions, and hand it in (electronically through turnitin) on the Friday of week two. The aim of this exercise is to produce a synthesis of two historical

articles. A detailed description of the task, including the short answer questions, is available on iLearn.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Discipline-specific skills, and an understanding of how to use discipline-specific tools to identify relevant material and use it to make an original argument in response to set questions.
- An approach to historical knowledge that acknowledges that such knowledge is constructed, contains assumptions in line with contemporary political and social debates, and is thus not values-free.
- The ability to form informed opinions about the past, backed by evidence and tested through peer review and debate with peers in class.
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Research skills peer review ex

Due: **14th August**

Weighting: **5%**

This week you will watch a short video about Library resources and practise using them to locate useful sources for your essay. Then, in small groups, you will select and assess journal articles that will aid you in writing your essay. External students can collaborate online using turnitin.

The assessment exercise requires you to locate a single journal article that will be useful for your essay and upload it through the peer-review task on I learn. Then you will read over two of your classmates' chosen articles and rate them for usefulness.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Discipline-specific skills, and an understanding of how to use discipline-specific tools to identify relevant material and use it to make an original argument in response to set questions.
- The ability to gather, engage with and synthesise a historical information, form an evidence-based argument from it, and communicate that argument with clarity in writing.

Primary Source Analysis

Due: **Friday 4th September**

Weighting: **15%**

This exercise consists of four short answer comprehension questions on two set primary sources. You will hand it in (electronically through turnitin) on the Friday of week six. The aim of this exercise is to analyse two primary sources in light of the two secondary sources you

synthesised in the first assessment task. A detailed description of the task, including the short answer questions, is available on iLearn.

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- The ability to form informed opinions about the past, backed by evidence and tested through peer review and debate with peers in class.
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Essay Draft

Due: **Monday 4 October**

Weighting: **15%**

This task concentrates on your writing. You will write a draft of your essay that you will need to share with your tutor and peers. In Week 8 you will provide a soft copy of your essay draft for peer review. From that draft do the following:

- Write a thesis statement in response to your essay question. It should be no longer than one sentence, and it must answer the question.
- Choose two consecutive paragraphs to include as representative of your work.

A full description of the task is available on iLearn. External students will attach a soft copy to the tutorial discussion and also submit a second copy electronically through turnitin by the end of Friday of Week 9 9th October.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Discipline-specific skills, and an understanding of how to use discipline-specific tools to identify relevant material and use it to make an original argument in response to set questions.
- An approach to historical knowledge that acknowledges that such knowledge is constructed, contains assumptions in line with contemporary political and social debates, and is thus not values-free.
- The ability to gather, engage with and synthesise a historical information, form an evidence-based argument from it, and communicate that argument with clarity in writing.

Research Essay

Due: **Friday 4 November**

Weighting: **30%**

The major assessment task for this unit is a 2000-word essay. You will build on the work from the previous four assessment tasks to write an essay in response to your set question. You are expected to do research beyond the set texts for this question. It is due the Friday of Week 12. You will submit it electronically through Turnitin.

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Delivery and Resources

This unit will be taught as a flipped unit for the first time. All lecture content will be provided online and internal students will attend a 1/12-2 hour seminar. All students will need to have watched/listened to lectures before coming to class. All students will need a high speed internet connection to watch video lectures, listen to audio presentations and to participate in online learning exercises. At the end of face-to-face tutorials, internal students will be required to reflect on their learning in their OU blogs. External students will do this online. OU blogs will be accessible via the unit's I learn pages. Students can use laptops or mobile devices to record these reflections at the end of class each week.

External students will contribute to seminar discussions online.

Unit Schedule

Date	Global theme:	Australian experience explored:	Your contribution:
Week ONE	<i>Legacies of War & Empire: Post war 'reconstruction'?</i>	Australia in the Post War World: A new world for sure?	Prepare, then Answer two in class quiz questions, one on lecture, one on seminar reading then Reflect upon your learning on ilearn
Week TWO	<i>The First Cold War: new enemies discovered?</i>	Australian Anticommunism	Likewise+ Submit Secondary Assessment Exercise due Friday via turnitin
Week THREE	<i>Research Methods</i>		Complete Research Skills Peer Review Exercise & Meet your essay group in your usual tutorial rooms and places
Week FOUR	<i>Atomic Domesticity: the cold war kitchen?</i>	Australians at home in the 1950s	Prepare, then Answer two in class quiz questions, one on lecture, one on seminar reading Reflect upon your learning on ilearn
Week FIVE	<i>Decolonisation in Asia: nationalism and communism.</i>	Australia Looking Towards Asia in the 50s	Prepare, then Answer two in class quiz questions, one on lecture, one on seminar reading Reflect upon your learning on ilearn.
Week SIX	<i>Decolonisation in Settler States: Comparative perspectives on indigenous experiences.</i>	Aboriginal Land Rights In the 60s & 70s	Prepare, then Answer two in class quiz questions, one on lecture, one on seminar reading Reflect upon your learning on ilearn Submit primary source exercise via turnitin on Friday
Week SEVEN	<i>The International Counterculture: Anti-Americanism learned from America?</i>	Protesting Vietnam in Australia	Prepare, then Answer two in class quiz questions, one on lecture, one on seminar reading Reflect upon your learning on ilearn
Week EIGHT	<i>Essay Writing Workshop</i>		Read resources & bring along essay draft to your usual tutorial times and places then post essay draft for peer review

Week NINE	<i>Crises in the 70s: the dismal decade?</i>	Australian Cultural Nationalism	Prepare, then Answer two in class quiz questions , one on lecture, one on seminar reading Reflect upon your learning on ilearn Submit Draft Essay by Friday midnight
Week TEN	<i>Globalisation & rise of 'Asia': tiger economies</i>	Australia after the White Australia Policy	Prepare, then Answer two in class quiz questions , one on lecture, one on seminar reading Reflect upon your learning on ilearn
Week ELEVEN	<i>NeoLiberalism: end of post war Keynesian consensus?</i>	Capitalism gone Wild?	Prepare, then Answer two in class quiz questions , one on lecture, one on seminar reading Reflect upon your learning on ilearn
Week TWELVE	<i>Living in the New World Order: Conspicuous Consumption?</i>	Australians Abroad: Tourism in Asia	Prepare, then Answer two in class quiz questions , one on lecture, one on seminar reading Reflect upon your learning on ilearn Submit Essay due Friday midnight
Week THIRTEEN	<i>21st Century Challenges: Terrorism, GFC, climate change and people on the move worldwide</i>	Australia & the War on Terror	Prepare, then Answer two in class quiz questions , one on lecture, one on seminar reading Reflect upon your learning on ilearn then Reflect upon it

Week 1: Legacies of War and Empire: Australia in the Post-War World

Readings:

- Bell, Philip and Bell, Roger. "Cultural Shifts, Changing Relationships: Australia and the United States", in *Australian Cultural History*, Vol. 28, Nos. 2-3 (August/December 2010), pp.283-297

Tute Questions:

- How do Australians differently characterise ties with the United Kingdom and with the

United States?

- What do you think is the relationship between geopolitical or strategic explanations of these ties, and cultural explanations?
- Why do narratives of “Americanisation” make sense in post-war Australia?

Week 2: *The First Cold War: Australian Anticommunism in the First Cold War*

Readings:

- Murphy, John. *Imagining the Fifties: Private Sentiment and Political Culture in Menzies' Australia*, Ch. 7, “A War-Haunted World”, UNSW Press, 2000, pp. 91-104.

Tute Questions:

- What Cold War anxieties worried Australians in the immediate post-war period?
- How did different Australians respond to these anxieties?
- Why did Menzies' attempt to ban the Communist Party fail?

Secondary sources Assessment exercise is due Friday

Week 3 : Research Methods

Complete Research skills Peer Review exercise and meet your essay group in your usual tutorial times and places

Week 4 : *Atomic Domesticity: Australians at Home in the 1950s*

Readings:

- Arrow, Michelle, *Friday on our Minds: Popular Culture in Australia Since 1945*, Ch. 2, “Popular Culture and Family Life in the Postwar Years”, UNSW Press, 2009, pp. 14-43.

Tute Questions:

- How did Television change Australians' home lives?
- How did Australian gender relations change in the 1950s, and why?
- What impact did television have on Australians' view of the world outside their borders?

Week 5: *Decolonisation in Asia: Looking Towards Asia in the 1950s*

Readings:

- Walker, David, "Nervous Outsiders: Australia and the 1955 Asia-Africa Conference in Bandung", in *Australian Historical Studies*, vol. 36, no. 125, (2005), pp. 40-59.

Tute Questions:

- Why were Australian observers of the proceedings at Bandung "nervous" about the outcome of the conference?
- How were Australian attitudes towards the "Third World" filtered through assumptions about race?
- How were Australian attitudes towards Bandung shaped by the Cold War?

Week 6: *Decolonisation in Settler States: Aboriginal Land Rights in the 1960s and 1970s*

Readings:

- McGregor, Russell, "Another Nation: Aboriginal Activism in the late 1960s and Early 1970s", in *Australian Historical Studies*, Vol. 40, No. 3, 2009.

Tute Questions:

- How did Aboriginal Australians understand themselves in relation to the Australian

nation?

- How did they understand themselves in relation to the rest of the world?
- How are ideas of citizenship rights and land rights different when talking about colonised people?

Week 7: *The International Counterculture: Protesting Vietnam in Australia*

Readings:

- Curthoys, Ann, "The Anti-War Movements", in Grey, Jeffrey and Doyle, Jeff (eds.), *Vietnam: War, Myth and Memory*, Allen & Unwin, 1992.

Tute Questions:

- In what ways were the American and Australian anti-war movements similar?
- How did the movements differ?
- To what extent was the Australian movement dependent on the American movement for its ideas?

Week 8: Essay Writing Workshop. Bring along your essay draft to your usual times and places.

Read resources and post essay draft for Peer review

Readings:

- Submit your Draft Writing Task online for Peer Review Comment and then for submission in the following week

Week 9: *Crises in the 70s: Australian Cultural Nationalism in the 1970s*

Submit Draft Essay by Friday midnight turnitin

Readings:

- Curran, James and Ward, Stuart. *The Unknown Nation: Australia After Empire*, Melbourne University Press, 2010. Ch. 1, “A Salutary Shock’: Abandoned Britons”, pp. 26-57.

Tute Questions:

- How did culture-makers and politicians try to reinvent Australian national identity in the 1960s and 1970s?
- What drove them to attempt this renewal?
- In what ways were these attempts a legacy of decolonisation?

Week 10: *Globalisation & the rise of ‘Asia’: Australia After the White Australia Policy*

Readings:

- Moran, Anthony. “Multiculturalism and Nation-Building in Australia: Inclusive national identity and the Embrace of Diversity”, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, Vol. 34 No. 12 (December 2011), pp. 2153-2172.

Tute Questions:

- In what ways was ‘multiculturalism’ a legacy of the White Australia Policy?
- How did Australia’s colonial past and the presence of indigenous people complicate multiculturalism as a political project?

Week 11: *Neoliberalism: Capitalism Gone Wild?*

Readings:

- Turner, Graeme, *Making it National: Nationalism and Australian Popular Culture*, Ch. 2: “Bond-ing: Business, Boats and the National Character”, Allen & Unwin, 1994.

Tute Questions:

- How were global trends towards neo-liberal capitalist economics reflected in Australian capitalism in the 1980s?
- What do the experiences of Bond, Skase and other failed Australian millionaires tell us about Australia’s place in a globalising world?

Week 12: *Living in the New World Order: Australians Abroad: Tourism in Asia*

Submit Essay due Friday midnight

Readings:

- Sobocinska, Agnieszka, “Innocence Lost and Paradise Regained: Tourism to Bali and Australian Perceptions of Asia”, in *History Australia*, Vol. 8 No. 2, 2011.

Tute Questions:

- How did tourism shape Australians’ attitudes towards Asia before the Bali Bombings?
- How did the Bali Bombings change Australians’ attitudes towards travel and tourism in Asia, and why?
- How has travel and tourism shaped Australian assumptions about Australia’s place in the world?

Week 13: 21st Century Challenges: Australia and the War on Terror

Readings:

- Burke, Anthony. *In Fear of Security: Australia's Invasion Anxiety*, Cambridge University press, 2008. Ch. 6, "The Wages of Terror, 2001-2007", pp. 207-233.

Tute Questions:

- What was the relationship between the *Tampa* 'crisis' and September 11?
- How were Australian responses to these two moments contingent on the perceived relationships between Australians and 'Asia'?
- Is race always a factor in Australian foreign relations?

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

New Assessment Policy in effect from Session 2 2016 http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy_2016.html. For more information visit http://students.mq.edu.au/events/2016/07/19/new_assessment_policy_in_place_from_session_2/

Assessment Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

Late penalties, Extensions and Disruption to Studies

Assessments handed in late in this subject will be penalised at 2% per day late, with Saturday and Sunday counting as one day. Assessments handed in after the Post Date on Turnitin (ie the date on which assessments are returned to students) will not be accepted without a Disruption to Studies application.

Informal extensions of up to one week need to be approved by the course convener. Extensions of more than one week need to be made via the Disruption to Studies policy, outlined above.

No extensions are available on the weekly quiz. If a Disruption to Studies application covers a weekly quiz, then alternative arrangements will be made in that case.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- Discipline-specific skills, and an understanding of how to use discipline-specific tools to identify relevant material and use it to make an original argument in response to set questions.

Assessment tasks

- Primary Source Analysis
- Essay Draft
- Research Essay

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- An approach to historical knowledge that acknowledges that such knowledge is constructed, contains assumptions in line with contemporary political and social debates, and is thus not values-free.

Assessment tasks

- Secondary Source Exercise

- Research skills peer review ex
- Essay Draft
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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them

competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- The ability to form informed opinions about the past, backed by evidence and tested through peer review and debate with peers in class.
- The ability to gather, engage with and synthesise a historical information, form an evidence-based argument from it, and communicate that argument with clarity in writing.

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- A conceptualisation of the Australian nation that places it in its global context, emphasises the interconnectedness of Australian history, and highlights the ways global ideas are changed by exposure to local cultural and political conditions when they are adopted by Australians.

Assessment tasks

- Research skills peer review ex
- Research Essay

Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Assessment task

- Research Essay

Changes from Previous Offering

This unit will be delivered as a flipped unit.